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Water Resources Technical Reports



**ONE SAN PEDRO REVITALIZATION PROJECT**

**TECHNICAL REPORT: WATER RESOURCES**

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## **1. INTRODUCTION**

### **1.1. PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

One San Pedro, known herein as the “Project” is the revitalization of the existing Rancho San Pedro community located at the terminus of the 110 Harbor Freeway, in San Pedro California. The Rancho San Pedro housing development was initially constructed in 1942 and consisted of 284 units. After World War II, Rancho San Pedro was transferred and converted to Public Housing by the Housing Authority of the City of Los Angeles. Phase 2 was added in 1951. Today, Rancho San Pedro has 478 units of which are mostly two-story townhomes, stacked flats, or one-story structures and approximately 8,000 square feet of amenities, services and administration land uses. The existing development is bounded by Harbor Blvd to the East, N Mesa St to the West, W. 3rd St to the South, and W Santa Cruz St to the North.

The proposed development includes the expansion of approximately 1,600 residential units in a mix of construction types within the approximately 20-acre site, 85,000 square feet of Neighborhood Serving Uses and 45,000 square feet of commercial retail uses, as well as, redeveloping the existing infrastructure in support of the new development.

### **1.2. SCOPE OF WORK**

This report provides a description of the existing surface water hydrology, surface water quality, groundwater level, and groundwater quality at the Project Site. It also analyzes the Project’s potential impacts related to surface water hydrology, surface water quality, groundwater level, and groundwater quality.

## **2. REGULATORY FRAMEWORK**

### **2.1. SURFACE WATER HYDROLOGY**

*County of Los Angeles Hydrology Manual*

Per the City of Los Angeles (City) Special Order No. 007-1299, December 3, 1999, the City has adopted the Los Angeles County (County) Department of Public Works Hydrology Manual as its basis of design for storm drainage facilities. The Hydrology Manual requires that a storm drain conveyance system be designed for a 25-year storm event and that the combined capacity of a storm drain and street flow system accommodate flow from a 50-year storm event. Areas with sump conditions are required to have a storm drain conveyance system capable of conveying flow from a 50-year storm event.<sup>1</sup> The County also limits the allowable discharge into existing storm drain facilities based on the municipal separate storm sewer systems (MS4) Permit, which is enforced on all new developments that discharge directly into the County’s storm drain system. Any proposed drainage improvements of County owned storm drain facilities such as catch basins and

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<sup>1</sup> Los Angeles County Department of Public Works Hydrology Manual, January 2006, <http://ladpw.org/wrd/publication/index.cfm>, accessed April 27, 2021.

storm drain lines require approval/review from the County Flood Control District department.

#### *Los Angeles Municipal Code*

Any proposed drainage improvements within the street right of way or any other property owned by, to be owned by, or under the control of the City requires the approval of a B- permit (Section 62.105, Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC)). Under the B-permit process, storm drain installation plans are subject to review and approval by the City of Los Angeles Department of Public Works, Bureau of Engineering (BOE). Additionally, any connections to the City's storm drain system from a property line to a catch basin or a storm drain pipe requires a storm drain permit from BOE.

## **2.2. SURFACE WATER QUALITY**

### *Clean Water Act*

The Clean Water Act (CWA) was first introduced in 1948 as the Water Pollution Control Act. The CWA authorizes Federal, state, and local entities to cooperatively create comprehensive programs for eliminating or reducing the pollution of state waters and tributaries. The primary goals of the CWA are to restore and maintain the chemical, physical, and biological integrity of the nation's waters and to make all surface waters fishable and swimmable. As such, the CWA forms the national framework for the management of water quality and the control of pollutant discharges. The CWA also sets forth a number of objectives in order to achieve the above-mentioned goals. These objectives include regulating pollutant and toxic pollutant discharges; providing for water quality that protects and fosters the propagation of fish, shellfish and wildlife; developing waste treatment management plans; and developing and implementing programs for the control of non-point sources of pollution.<sup>2</sup>

Since its introduction, major amendments to the CWA have been enacted (e.g., 1961, 1966, 1970, 1972, 1977, and 1987). Amendments enacted in 1970 created the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA), while amendments enacted in 1972 deemed the discharge of pollutants into waters of the United States from any point source unlawful unless authorized by a USEPA National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit. Amendments enacted in 1977 mandated development of a "Best Management Practices" Program at the state level and provided the Water Pollution Control Act with the common name of "Clean Water Act," which is universally used today. Amendments enacted in 1987 required the USEPA to create specific requirements for discharges.

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<sup>2</sup> Non-point sources of pollution are carried through the environment via elements such as wind, rain, or stormwater and are generated by diffuse land use activities (such as runoff from streets and sidewalks or agricultural activities) rather than from an identifiable or discrete facility.

In response to the 1987 amendments to the CWA and as part of Phase I of its NPDES permit program, the USEPA began requiring NPDES permits for: (1) municipal separate storm sewer systems (MS4) generally serving, or located in, incorporated cities with 100,000 or more people (referred to as municipal permits); (2) 11 specific categories of industrial activity (including landfills); and (3) construction activity that disturbs five acres or more of land. Phase II of the USEPA's NPDES permit program, which went into effect in early 2003, extended the requirements for NPDES permits to: (1) numerous small MS4s,<sup>3</sup> (2) construction sites of one to five acres, and (3) industrial facilities owned or operated by small municipal separate storm sewer systems. The NPDES permit program is typically administered by individual authorized states.

In 2008, the USEPA published draft Effluent Limitation Guidelines (ELGs) for the construction and development industry. On December 1, 2009 the EPA finalized its 2008 Effluent Guidelines Program Plan.

In California, the NPDES stormwater permitting program is administered by the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB). The SWRCB was created by the Legislature in 1967. Its joint authority over water distribution and water quality protection allows the Board to provide protection for the State's waters, through its nine Regional Water Quality Control Boards (RWQCBs). The RWQCBs develop and enforce water quality objectives and implement plans that will best protect California's waters, acknowledging areas of different climate, topography, geology, and hydrology. The RWQCBs develop "basin plans" for their hydrologic areas, issue waste discharge requirements, enforce action against stormwater discharge violators, and monitor water quality.

#### *Federal Anti-Degradation Policy*

The Federal Anti-Degradation Policy (40 Code of Federal Regulations 131.12) requires states to develop statewide anti-degradation policies and identify methods for implementing them. Pursuant to the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), state anti-degradation policies and implementation methods shall, at a minimum, protect and maintain (1) existing in-stream water uses; (2) existing water quality, where the quality of the waters exceeds levels necessary to support existing beneficial uses, unless the state finds that allowing lower water quality is necessary to accommodate economic and social development in the area; and (3) water quality in waters considered an outstanding national resource.

#### *California Porter-Cologne Act*

The Porter-Cologne Water Quality Control Act established the legal and regulatory framework for California's water quality control. The California Water Code (CWC) authorizes the SWRCB to implement the provisions of the CWA, including the authority

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<sup>3</sup> A small MS4 is any MS4 not already covered by the Phase I program as a medium or large MS4. The Phase II Rule automatically covers on a nationwide basis all small MS4s located in "urbanized areas" as defined by the Bureau of the Census (unless waived by the NPDES permitting authority), and on a case-by-case basis those small MS4s located outside of urbanized areas that the NPDES permitting authority designates.

to regulate waste disposal and require cleanup of discharges of hazardous materials and other pollutants.

As discussed above, under the CWC, the SWRCB is divided into nine RWQCBs, governing the implementation and enforcement of the CWC and CWA. The Project Site is located within Region 4, also known as the Los Angeles Region. Each RWQCB is required to formulate and adopt a Basin Plan for its region. This Basin Plan must adhere to the policies set forth in the CWC and established by the SWRCB. The RWQCB is also given authority to include within its regional plan water discharge prohibitions applicable to particular conditions, areas, or types of waste.

#### *California Anti-Degradation Policy*

The California Anti-Degradation Policy, otherwise known as the *Statement of Policy with Respect to Maintaining High Quality Water in California* was adopted by the SWRCB (State Board Resolution No. 68-16) in 1968. Unlike the Federal Anti-Degradation Policy, the California Anti-Degradation Policy applies to all waters of the State, not just surface waters. The policy states that whenever the existing quality of a water body is better than the quality established in individual Basin Plans, such high quality shall be maintained and discharges to that water body shall not unreasonably affect present or anticipated beneficial use of such water resource.

#### *California Toxics Rule*

In 2000, the USEPA promulgated the California Toxics Rule, which establishes water quality criteria for certain toxic substances to be applied to waters in the State. The USEPA promulgated this rule based on the USEPA's determination that the numeric criteria are necessary in the State to protect human health and the environment. The California Toxics Rule establishes acute (i.e., short-term) and chronic (i.e., long-term) standards for bodies of water such as inland surface waters and enclosed bays and estuaries that are designated by the Los Angeles RWQCB (LARWQCB) as having beneficial uses protective of aquatic life or human health.

#### *Board Basin Plan for the Coastal Watersheds of Los Angeles and Ventura Counties*

As required by the California Water Code, the LARWQCB has adopted a plan entitled "Water Quality Control Plan, Los Angeles Region: Basin Plan for the Coastal Watersheds of Los Angeles and Ventura Counties" (Basin Plan). Specifically, the Basin Plan designates beneficial uses for surface and groundwater, sets narrative and numerical objectives that must be attained or maintained to protect the designated beneficial uses and conform to the State's anti-degradation policy, and describes implementation programs to protect all waters in the Los Angeles Region. In addition, the Basin Plan incorporates (by reference) all applicable State and Regional Board plans and policies



and other pertinent water quality policies and regulations. Those of other agencies are referenced in appropriate sections throughout the Basin Plan.<sup>4</sup>

The Basin Plan is a resource for the LARWQCB and others who use water and/or discharge wastewater in the Los Angeles Region. Other agencies and organizations involved in environmental permitting and resource management activities also use the Basin Plan. Finally, the Basin Plan provides valuable information to the public about local water quality issues.

#### *NPDES Permit Program*

The NPDES permit program was first established under authority of the CWA to control the discharge of pollutants from any point source into the waters of the United States. As indicated above, in California, the NPDES stormwater permitting program is administered by the SWRCB through its nine RWQCBs.

#### *The General Permit*

SWRCB Order No. 2012-0006-DWQ known as “The General Permit” was adopted on July 17, 2012. This NPDES permit establishes a risk-based approach to stormwater control requirements for construction projects by identifying three project risk levels. The main objectives of the General Permit are to:

1. Reduce erosion
2. Minimize or eliminate sediment in stormwater discharges
3. Prevent materials used at a construction site from contacting stormwater
4. Implement a sampling and analysis program
5. Eliminate unauthorized non-stormwater discharges from construction sites
6. Implement appropriate measures to reduce potential impacts on waterways both during and after construction of projects
7. Establish maintenance commitments on post-construction pollution control measures

California mandates requirements for all construction activities disturbing more than one acre of land to develop and implement Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plans (SWPPP). The SWPPP documents the selection and implementation of Best Management Practices (BMPs) for a specific construction project, charging owners with stormwater quality management responsibilities. A construction site subject to the

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<sup>4</sup> Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board. LARWQCB Basin Plan.

[https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/losangeles/water\\_issues/programs/basin\\_plan/](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/losangeles/water_issues/programs/basin_plan/) accessed April 2021

General Permit must prepare and implement a SWPPP that meets the requirements of the General Permit.<sup>5,6</sup>

#### *Los Angeles County Municipal Storm Water System (MS4) Permit*

As described above, USEPA regulations require that MS4 permittees implement a program to monitor and control pollutants being discharged to the municipal system from both industrial and commercial projects that contribute a substantial pollutant load to the MS4.

On July 23, 2021, , the LARWQCB adopted Order No. R4-2021-0105 under the CWA and the Porter-Cologne Act. This Order is the NPDES permit or MS4 permit for municipal stormwater and urban runoff discharges within Los Angeles County. The requirements of this Order (the Permit) cover 85 cities and most of the unincorporated areas of Los Angeles County, as well as the Ventura County Watershed Protection District, County of Ventura, and 10 incorporated cities within Ventura County. Under the Permit, the Los Angeles County Flood Control District (LACFCD) is designated as the Principal Permittee. The other permittees are 85 Los Angeles County cities (including the City of Los Angeles), Los Angeles County, the Ventura County Watershed Protection District, County of Ventura, and 10 incorporated cities within Ventura County. Collectively, these are the “Co-Permittees”. The Principal Permittee helps to facilitate activities necessary to comply with the requirements outlined in the Permit but is not responsible for ensuring compliance of any of the Co-Permittees.

#### *Stormwater Management Program (SMP)*

In compliance with the Permit, the Co-Permittees are required to implement a stormwater quality management program (SMP) with the goal of accomplishing the requirements of the Permit and reducing the amount of pollutants in stormwater runoff. The SMP requires the County of Los Angeles and the 85 incorporated cities to:

- Implement a public information and participation program to conduct outreach on storm water pollution
- Control discharges at commercial/industrial facilities through tracking, inspecting, and ensuring compliance at facilities that are critical sources of pollutants
- Implement a development planning program for specified development projects
- Implement a program to control construction runoff from construction activity at all construction sites within the relevant jurisdictions

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<sup>5</sup> State Water Resources Control Board. State Water Resources Control Board. July 2012, [http://www.swrcb.ca.gov/water\\_issues/programs/npdes/](http://www.swrcb.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/npdes/).

<sup>6</sup> USEPA. U.S. Environmental Protection Agency - NPDES. July 2012, <https://www.epa.gov/npdes>.

- Implement a public agency activities program to minimize storm water pollution impacts from public agency activities
- Implement a program to document, track, and report illicit connections and discharges to the storm drain system.

The Permit contains the following provisions for implementation of the SMP by the Co-Permittees:

1. General Requirements:

- Each permittee is required to implement the SMP in order to comply with applicable stormwater program requirements.
- The SMP shall be implemented, and each permittee shall implement additional controls so that discharge of pollutants is reduced.

2. Best Management Practice Implementation:

- Permittees are required to implement the most effective combination of BMPs for stormwater/urban runoff pollution control. This should result in the reduction of storm water runoff.

3. Revision of the SMP:

- Permittees are required to revise the SMP in order to comply with requirements of the RWQCB while complying with regional watershed requirements and/or waste load allocations for implementation of Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs) for impaired waterbodies.

4. Designation and Responsibilities of the Principal Permittee:

The Los Angeles County Flood Control District is designated as the Principal Permittee who is responsible for:

- Coordinating activities that comply with requirements outlined in the NPDES Permit
- Coordinating activities among Permittees
- Providing personnel and fiscal resources for necessary updates to the SMP
- Providing technical support for committees required to implement the SMP
- Implementing the Countywide Monitoring Program required under this Order and assessing the results of the monitoring program.

5. Responsibilities of Co-Permittees:

Each Co-Permittee is required to comply with the requirements of the SMP as applicable to the discharges within its geographical boundaries. These requirements include:

- Coordinating among internal departments to facilitate the implementation of the SMP requirements in an efficient way;
- Participating in coordination with other internal agencies as necessary to successfully implement the requirements of the SMP; and
- Preparing an annual Budget Summary of expenditures for the storm water management program by providing an estimated breakdown of expenditures for different areas of concern, including budget projections for the following year.

6. Watershed Management Committees (WMCs):

- Each WMC shall be comprised of a voting representative from each Permittee in the Watershed Management Area (WMA).
- Each WMC is required to facilitate exchange of information between co-permittees, establish goals and deadlines for WMAs, prioritize pollution control measures, develop and update adequate information, and recommend appropriate revisions to the SMP.

7. Legal Authority:

- Co-Permittees are granted the legal authority to prohibit non-storm water discharges to the storm drain system including discharge to the MS4 from various development types.

*City of Los Angeles Water Quality Compliance Master Plan for Urban Runoff*

On March 2, 2007, a motion was introduced by the City of Los Angeles City Council to develop a water quality master plan with strategic directions for planning, budgeting and funding to reduce pollution from urban runoff in the City of Los Angeles (City Council File 07-0663). The Water Quality Compliance Master Plan for Urban Runoff (Master Plan) was developed by the Bureau of Sanitation, Watershed Protection Division in collaboration with stakeholders to address the requirements of this Council motion. The primary goal of the Master Plan is to help meet water quality regulations. Implementation of the Master Plan is intended over the next 20 to 30 years to result in cleaner neighborhoods, rivers, lakes and bays, augmented local water supply, reduced flood risk, more open space, and beaches that are safe for swimming. The Master Plan also supports the Mayor and Council's efforts to make Los Angeles the greenest major city in the nation.

The Master Plan identifies and describes the various watersheds in the City, summarizes the water quality conditions of the City's waters, identifies known sources of pollutants, describes the governing regulations for water quality, describes the BMPs that are being implemented by the City, discusses existing TMDL Implementation Plans and Watershed Management Plans. Additionally, the Master Plan provides an implementation strategy that includes the following three initiatives to achieve water quality goals:

- Water Quality Management Initiative, which describes how Water Quality Management Plans for each of the City's watershed and TMDL-specific Implementation Plans will be developed to ensure compliance with water quality regulations.
- The Citywide Collaboration Initiative, which recognizes that urban runoff management and urban (re)development are closely linked, requiring collaborations of many City agencies. This initiative requires the development of City policies, guidelines, and ordinances for green and sustainable approaches for urban runoff management.
- The Outreach Initiative, which promotes public education and community engagement with a focus on preventing urban runoff pollution.

The Master Plan includes a financial plan that provides a review of current sources of revenue, estimates costs for water quality compliance, and identifies new potential sources of revenue.

### *City of Los Angeles Stormwater Program*

The City of Los Angeles supports the policies of the current Construction General Permit and the Los Angeles County NPDES permit through the *Development Best Management Practices Handbook. Part A Construction Activities*, 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition (Handbook), and associated ordinances were adopted in September 2004. *Part B Planning Activities*, 4<sup>th</sup> Edition was adopted in June 2011. The Handbook provides guidance for developers in complying with the requirements of the Development Planning Program regulations of the City's Stormwater Program. Compliance with the requirements of this Handbook is required by City of Los Angeles Ordinance No. 173,494. The Handbook and ordinances also have specific minimum BMP requirements for all construction activities and require dischargers whose construction projects disturb one acre or more of soil to prepare a SWPPP and file a Notice of Intent (NOI) with the SWRCB. The NOI informs the SWRCB of a particular project and results in the issuance of a Waste Discharger Identification (WDID) number, which is needed to demonstrate compliance with the General Permit.

The City of Los Angeles implements the requirement to incorporate stormwater BMPs through the City's plan review and approval process. During the review process, project plans are reviewed for compliance with the City's General Plan, zoning ordinances, and other applicable local ordinances and codes, including storm water requirements. Plans and specifications are reviewed to ensure that the appropriate BMPs are incorporated to address storm water pollution prevention goals. The Standard Urban Stormwater Mitigation Plan (SUSMP) provisions that are applicable to new residential and commercial developments include, but are not limited to, the following:<sup>8</sup>

- Peak Storm Water Runoff Discharge Rate: Post-development peak storm water runoff discharge rates shall not exceed the estimated pre-development rate for developments where the increased peak storm water discharge rate will result in increased potential for downstream erosion
- Provide storm drain system Stenciling and Signage (only applicable if a catch basin is built on-site)
- Properly design outdoor material storage areas to provide secondary containment to prevent spills
- Properly design trash storage areas to prevent off-site transport of trash
- Provide proof of ongoing BMP Maintenance of any structural BMPs installed

#### Design Standards for Structural or Treatment control BMPs:

- Conserve natural and landscaped areas
- Provide planter boxes and/or landscaped areas in yard/courtyard spaces
- Properly design trash storage areas to provide screens or walls to prevent off-site transport of trash

- Provide proof on ongoing BMP maintenance of any structural BMPs installed

Design Standards for Structural or Treatment Control BMPs:

- Post-construction treatment control BMPs are required to incorporate, at minimum, either a volumetric or flow based treatment control design or both, to mitigate (infiltrate, filter or treat) storm water runoff.

In addition, project applicants subject to the SUSMP requirements must select source control and, in most cases, treatment control BMPs from the list approved by the RWQCB. The BMPs must control peak flow discharge to provide stream channel and over bank flood protection, based on flow design criteria selected by the local agency. Further, the source and treatment control BMPs must be sufficiently designed and constructed to collectively treat, infiltrate, or filter stormwater runoff from one of the following:<sup>7</sup>

- The 85th percentile 24-hour runoff event determined as the maximized capture stormwater volume for the area, from the formula recommended in Urban Runoff Quality Management, WEF Manual of Practice No. 23/ASCE Manual of Practice No. 87, (1998)
- The volume of annual runoff based on unit basin storage water quality volume, to achieve 80 percent or more volume treatment by the method recommended in California Stormwater Best Management Practices Handbook—Industrial/ Commercial, (1993)
- The volume of runoff produced from a 0.75-inch storm event, prior to its discharge to a stormwater conveyance system
- The volume of runoff produced from a historical-record based reference 24-hour rainfall criterion for “treatment” (0.75-inch average for the Los Angeles County area) that achieves approximately the same reduction in pollutant loads achieved by the 85th percentile 24-hour runoff event.

*Los Angeles Municipal Code*

Section 64.70 of the LAMC sets forth the City’s Stormwater and Urban Runoff Pollution Control Ordinance. The ordinance prohibits the discharge of the following into any storm drain system:

- Any liquids, solids, or gases which by reason of their nature or quantity are flammable, reactive, explosive, corrosive, or radioactive, or by interaction with other materials could result in fire, explosion or injury.

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<sup>7</sup> City of Los Angeles Stormwater Program website, <http://www.lastormwater.org/green-la/standard-urban-stormwater-mitigation-plan/>; accessed April, 2021.

- Any solid or viscous materials, which could cause obstruction to the flow or operation of the storm drain system.
- Any pollutant that injures or constitutes a hazard to human, animal, plant, or fish life, or creates a public nuisance.
- Any noxious or malodorous liquid, gas, or solid in sufficient quantity, either singly or by interaction with other materials, which creates a public nuisance, hazard to life, or inhibits authorized entry of any person into the storm drain system.
- Any medical, infectious, toxic or hazardous material or waste.

Additionally, unless otherwise permitted by a NPDES permit, the ordinance prohibits industrial and commercial developments from discharging untreated wastewater or untreated runoff into the storm drain system. Furthermore, the ordinance prohibits trash or any other abandoned objects/materials from being deposited such that they could be carried into the storm drains. Lastly, the ordinance not only makes it a crime to discharge pollutants into the storm drain system and imposes fines on violators, but also gives City public officers the authority to issue citations or arrest business owners or residents who deliberately and knowingly dump or discharge hazardous chemicals or debris into the storm drain system.

Earthwork activities, including grading, are governed by the Los Angeles Building Code, which is contained in LAMC, Chapter IX, Article 1. Specifically, Section 91.7013 includes regulations pertaining to erosion control and drainage devices, and Section 91.7014 includes general construction requirements, as well as requirements regarding flood and mudflow protection.

#### *Low Impact Development (LID)*

In October 2011, the City of Los Angeles passed an ordinance (Ordinance No. 181,899) amending LAMC Chapter VI, Article 4.4, Sections 64.70.01 and 64.72 to expand the applicability of the existing SUSMP requirements by imposing rainwater Low Impact Development (LID) strategies on projects that require building permits. The LID ordinance became effective on May 12, 2012.

LID is a stormwater management strategy with goals to mitigate the impacts of increased runoff and stormwater pollution as close to its source as possible. LID promotes the use of natural infiltration systems, evapotranspiration, and the reuse of stormwater. The goal of these LID practices is to remove nutrients, bacteria, and metals from stormwater while also reducing the quantity and intensity of stormwater flows. Through the use of various infiltration strategies, LID is aimed at minimizing impervious surface area. Where infiltration is not feasible, the use of bioretention, rain gardens, green roofs, and rain barrels that will store, evaporate, detain, and/or treat runoff may be used.<sup>8</sup>

The intent of the City of Los Angeles LID standards is to:

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<sup>8</sup> City of Los Angeles. "Development Best Management Practices Handbook." May, 2016



- Require the use of LID practices in future developments and redevelopments to encourage the beneficial use of rainwater and urban runoff
- Reduce stormwater/urban runoff while improving water quality
- Promote rainwater harvesting
- Reduce offsite runoff and provide increased groundwater recharge
- Reduce erosion and hydrologic impacts downstream; and
- Enhance the recreational and aesthetic values in our communities.

The City of Los Angeles Bureau of Sanitation, Watershed Protection Division has adopted the LID standards as issued by the LARWQCB and the City of Los Angeles Department of Public Works. The LID Ordinance conforms to the regulations outlined in the NPDES Permit and SUSMP.

### **2.3. GROUNDWATER**

#### *Board Basin Plan for the Coastal Watersheds of Los Angeles and Ventura Counties*

As noted above, and as required by the CWC, the LARWQCB has adopted the Basin Plan. Specifically, the Basin Plan designates beneficial uses for surface and groundwaters, sets narrative and numerical objectives that must be attained or maintained to protect the designated beneficial uses and conform to the State's anti-degradation policy, and describes implementation programs to protect all waters in the Los Angeles Region. In addition, the Basin Plan incorporates (by reference) all applicable State and Regional Board plans and policies and other pertinent water quality policies and regulations. Those of other agencies are referenced in appropriate sections throughout the Basin Plan.

The Basin Plan is a resource for the Regional Board and others who use water and/or discharge wastewater in the Los Angeles Region. Other agencies and organizations involved in environmental permitting and resource management activities also use the Basin Plan. Finally, the Basin Plan provides valuable information to the public about local water quality issues.

#### *Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA)*

The Federal Safe Drinking Water Act, established in 1974, sets drinking water standards throughout the country and is administered by the USEPA. The drinking water standards established in the SDWA are referred to as the National Primary Drinking Water Regulations (Primary Standards, Title 40, CFR Part 141) and the National Secondary Drinking Water Regulations (Second Standards, 40 CFR Part 143). California passed its own Safe Drinking Water Act in 1986 that authorizes the State Regional Water Quality Control Board (SRWQCB) to protect the public from contaminants in drinking water by establishing maximum contaminants levels (MCLs), as set forth in the California Code of Regulations (CCR), Title 22, Division 4, Chapter 15, that are at least as stringent as those developed by the USEPA, as required by the federal SDWA.

## *California Water Plan*

The California Water Plan (the Plan) provides a framework for water managers, legislators, and the public to consider options and make decisions regarding California's water future. The Plan, which is updated every five years, presents basic data and information on California's water resources including water supply evaluations and assessments of agricultural, urban, and environmental water uses to quantify the gap between water supplies and uses. The Plan also identifies and evaluates existing and proposed statewide demand management and water supply augmentation programs and projects to address the State's water needs.

The goal for the California Water Plan Update is to meet Water Code requirements, receive broad support among those participating in California's water planning, and be a useful document for the public, water planners throughout the state, legislators and other decision-makers.

### **3. ENVIRONMENTAL SETTING**

#### **3.1. SURFACE WATER HYDROLOGY**

##### **3.1.1. REGIONAL**

The Project Site is in San Pedro, a community within the city of Los Angeles, located within the Dominguez Watershed. The Dominguez Watershed area covers approximately 120 square miles of the land and 13 square miles of water (floodways, harbors) extending from the Los Angeles international Airport to the Los Angeles Harbor, with regions of residential, commercial, and industrial land use. Almost all of the surface drainage within the watershed flows into the Dominguez Channel, a man-made concrete flood control channel that eventually discharges to the inner Port of Los Angeles waterway.

Cities within the watershed include Carson, Compton, El Segundo, Gardena, Hawthorne, Inglewood, Lawndale, Lomita, Long Beach, Los Angeles, Manhattan Beach, Palos Verdes Estates, Rancho Palos Verdes, Redondo Beach, Rolling Hills, Rolling Hills Estates, and Torrance. Large industrial areas within the watershed include both the Port of Long Beach, and Port of Los Angeles. Figure 1 shows the Dominguez Channel Watershed and some of the cities within it.

##### **3.1.2. LOCAL**

The project storm drain lines flow east towards S Harbor Blvd and south towards 3<sup>rd</sup> St. Based on aerial contour maps available through the City of Los Angeles' Navigate LA GIS database, it is estimated that slopes range from approximately 2% to 7% in the west-east direction. FEMA flood maps indicate that the property is located within Zone X defined as "areas determined to be outside of the 0.2% annual chance floodplain".

The location and size of existing public storm drain infrastructure was determined by using Navigate LA. Per the record information, public storm drain inlets are located throughout the street surrounding the project site at most intersections and connect to City of Los Angeles storm drain mainlines. The storm drain lines that run south along Mesa St, Centre St, and Palos Verdes St drains into the main line on 3rd St. The storm

drain lines that run east along Santa Cruz St, 1st St and 2nd St connect into the main line that runs south along Harbor Blvd.

### **3.1.3. ON SITE**

The Project Site is approximately a combined 20 acres of private buildings and open space, currently hosting 478 units of which are mostly two-story townhomes, stacked flats, or one-story structures. The existing developments are bounded by Harbor Blvd to the East, N Mesa St to the West, W. 3rd St to the South, and W Santa Cruz St to the North. The existing buildings between Santa Cruz St and 1<sup>st</sup> St appears to drain from West to East ultimately reaching the inlets located along Palos Verdes St and Beacon St.

Generally, the Project Site and it's surrounding streets slope from west to east, and drain surface runoff as sheet flow in the same direction. The approximately 20 acre site has been subdivided into 19 different hydrologic subareas; Figure 2 illustrates the existing on-site drainage pattern. Table 1 below shows the existing volumetric flow rate generated by a 50-year storm event in each of the 19 subareas.

Table 1- Existing Drainage Stormwater Runoff Calculations		
Drainage Area	Area (Acres)	Q50 (cfs) (volumetric flow rate measured in cubic feet per second)
E-1	1.73	5.16
E-2-1	1.09	3.25
E-2-2	0.68	2.03
E-3-1	1.03	3.03
E-3-2	1.47	4.32
E-4	0.97	2.85
E-5-1	0.73	2.18
E-5-2	1.09	3.25
E-6-1	0.91	2.72
E-6-2	0.65	1.94
E-6-3	1.23	3.67
E-7-1	0.53	1.58
E-7-2	0.44	1.31
E-8-1	1.47	4.39
E-8-2	0.68	2.03
E-9	1.48	4.34
E-10	0.64	1.91
E-11-1	1.56	4.66
E-11-2	1.3	3.88
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>19.68</b>	<b>58.51</b>

### 3.2. SURFACE WATER QUALITY

#### 3.2.1. REGIONAL

All discharges from point sources (a pipe or outfall) to surface waters are regulated by the federal National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permits. The Terminal Island Treatment Plant discharges tertiary-treated effluent to the outer Los Angeles/Long Beach harbor. Two generating stations discharge to the inner harbor areas.

As described above, the Project Site lies within the Dominguez Watershed. The Dominguez Channel drains a highly industrialized area with numerous nonpoint sources of pollution for PAHs and also contains remnants of persistent legacy pesticides as well as PCBs resulting in poor sediment quality. DDT is also pervasive throughout the harbors along with metals such as copper and zinc. Consolidated Slip, the part of Inner Harbor immediately downstream of Dominguez Channel, continues to exhibit a very impacted benthic invertebrate community. The Los Angeles/Long Beach Inner Harbor is on the 2010 Clean Water Act Section 303(d) list due to bacteria, impaired benthic community, sediment toxicity, DDT, copper, zinc, PAHs, and PCBs. Potential sources of these materials are considered to be historical deposition, discharges from the nearby POTW (especially for metals), spills from ships and industrial facilities, as well as stormwater runoff. Many areas of the harbors have experienced soil and/or groundwater contamination, which may result in possible transport of pollutants to the harbors' surface waters. Dredging and disposal, capping, and/or remediation of contaminated sediments and source control of pollutants in the harbors are current areas of focus by regulatory agencies.

### **3.2.2. LOCAL**

In general, urban stormwater runoff occurs following precipitation events, with the volume of runoff flowing into the drainage system depending on the intensity and duration of the rain event. Contaminants that may be found in stormwater from developed areas include sediments, trash, bacteria, metals, nutrients, organics and pesticides. The source of contaminants includes surface areas where precipitation falls, as well as the air through which it falls. Contaminants on surfaces such as roads, maintenance areas, parking lots, and buildings, which are usually contained in dry weather conditions, may be carried by rainfall runoff into drainage systems.

### **3.2.3. ON SITE**

A preliminary site investigation indicated that Best Management Practices (BMPs) were not present. In addition, the Bureau of Sanitation confirmed that their system shows no record of BMPs being installed at the Project Site. Refer to Figure 2 for the existing on-site drainage pattern.

## **3.3. GROUNDWATER HYDROLOGY**

### **3.3.1. REGIONAL**

Groundwater use for domestic water supply is a major beneficial use of groundwater basins in Los Angeles County. Most of the City of Los Angeles overlies the Los Angeles Coastal Plain Groundwater Basin (Basin). The Basin is comprised of the Hollywood, Santa Monica, Central, and West Coast Groundwater Subbasins. Groundwater flow in the Basin is generally south-southwesterly and may be restricted by natural geological features. Replenishment of groundwater basins occurs mainly by percolation of precipitation throughout the region via permeable surfaces, spreading grounds, and groundwater migration from adjacent basins, as well as injection wells designed to pump freshwater along specific seawater barriers to prevent the intrusion of salt water.

### **3.3.2. LOCAL**

San Pedro is within the West Coast subbasin, which underlies 160 square miles in the southwestern part of the coastal plain of Los Angeles County. Figure 4 shows the location and adjudicated boundaries of the subbasin. The Basin is bounded on the west by the Santa Monica Bay, on the north by the Ballona Escarpment, on the east by the Newport-Inglewood Uplift, and on the south by the San Pedro Bay and the Palos Verdes Hills. Twenty incorporated cities and several unincorporated areas overlie the Basin.

To prevent saltwater from intruding into the West Coast Basin, barriers have been constructed in between the ocean and mainland. One of these barriers, the Dominguez Gap barrier, lies just over a half of a mile north of San Pedro. As such, groundwater is not pumped for domestic consumption within San Pedro, due to its high salinity and potential contamination from industrial and commercial activities at the Port of Los Angeles.

### **3.3.3. ON SITE**

The Project Site is currently occupied by multiple residential building, and therefore does not contribute to groundwater recharge.

As described in the Preliminary Geotechnical Engineering Investigation Report by Group Delta, Inc., groundwater was encountered at 20 to 30 feet below ground surface in field explorations by Group Delta. Based on the California Division of Mines and Geology (CDMG) Seismic Hazard Zone Report 033, the historic high groundwater at the site is at elevation +10 (NAVD88). Groundwater levels are subject to change due to tidal fluctuations, as the waterfront to the LA harbor is only about 700 feet away at its closest point to the site.<sup>9</sup>

For design purposes, the groundwater level should be referenced at different levels based on what phase of the One San Pedro project is being designed and developed. For development east of S Beacon Street, design groundwater depth should be at the historic highwater level of +10 (NAVD88); for development west of S Beacon Street, design groundwater depth can be assumed to be from +10 to +15, and even upwards of +20 (NAVD88).

## **3.4. GROUNDWATER QUALITY**

### **3.4.1. REGIONAL**

As stated above, San Pedro overlies the Los Angeles Coastal Plain Groundwater Basin, which falls under the jurisdiction of the LARWQCB. According to LARWQCB's Basin Plan, water quality objectives applying to all ground waters of the region include bacteria,

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<sup>9</sup> Preliminary Geotechnical Engineering Investigation –One San Pedro Development Project, San Pedro, Los Angeles, California, July 23, 2019

chemical constituents and radioactivity, mineral quality, nitrogen (nitrate, nitrite), and taste and odor.<sup>10</sup>

### **3.4.2. LOCAL**

As stated above, the Project Site specifically overlies the West Coast Subbasin. Based upon LARWQCB's Basin Plan, constituents of concern listed for the West Coast Subbasin include boron, chloride, sulfate, salt/sodium chloride, and Total Dissolved Solids (TDS).

### **3.4.3. ON SITE**

The existing Project Site is fully developed with existing two-story buildings and an open space, and therefore does not contribute to groundwater recharge. Therefore, the existing Project Site does not contribute to groundwater pollution or otherwise adversely impact groundwater quality.

## **4. SIGNIFICANCE THRESHOLDS**

### **4.1. SURFACE WATER HYDROLOGY**

Appendix G of the State of California's CEQA Guidelines provides a set of sample questions that address impacts with regard to surface water hydrology. These questions are as follows:

Would the project:

- Substantially alter the existing drainage pattern of the site or area, including through the alteration of the course of a stream or river or through the addition of impervious surfaces, in a manner which would:
- Substantially increase the rate or amount of surface runoff in a manner which would result in flooding on- or off-site
- Result in substantial erosion or siltation on- or off-site
- Create or contribute runoff water which would exceed the capacity of existing or planned stormwater drainage systems or provide substantial additional sources of polluted runoff; or
- In flood hazard, tsunami, or seiche zones, risk release of pollutants due to project inundation;
- Conflict with or obstruct implementation of a water quality control plan or sustainable groundwater management plan.

In the context of these questions from Appendix G of the CEQA Guidelines, the City of Los Angeles CEQA Thresholds Guide (*L.A. CEQA Thresholds Guide*) states that a project would normally have a significant impact on surface water hydrology if it would:

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<sup>10</sup> Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board, Basin Plan, [https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/losangeles/water\\_issues/programs/basin\\_plan/](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/losangeles/water_issues/programs/basin_plan/) accessed April, 2021

- Cause flooding during the projected 50-year developed storm event, which would have the potential to harm people or damage property or sensitive biological resources;
- Substantially reduce or increase the amount of surface water in a water body; or
- Result in a permanent, adverse change to the movement of surface water sufficient to produce a substantial change in the current or direction of water flow.

#### 4.2. SURFACE WATER QUALITY

Appendix G of the CEQA Guidelines provides a set of sample questions that address impacts with regard to surface water quality. These questions are as follows:

Would the project:

- Violate any water quality standard or waste discharge requirements or otherwise substantially degrade surface or groundwater quality;
- Substantially alter the existing drainage pattern of the site or area, including through the alteration of the course of a stream or river or through the addition of impervious surfaces, in a manner which would:
- Result in substantial erosion or siltation on- or off-site;
- Create or contribute runoff water which would exceed the capacity of existing or planned stormwater drainage systems or provide substantial additional sources of polluted runoff;
- In flood hazard, tsunami, or seiche zones, risk release of pollutants due to project inundation;
- Conflict with or obstruct implementation of a water quality control plan or sustainable groundwater management plan;

In the context of the above questions from Appendix G, the *L.A. CEQA Thresholds Guide* states that a project would normally have a significant impact on surface water quality if it would result in discharges that would create pollution, contamination or nuisance, as defined in Section 13050 of the CWC or that cause regulatory standards to be violated, as defined in the applicable NPDES stormwater permit or Water Quality Control Plan for the receiving water body.

The CWC includes the following definitions:

- “Pollution” means an alteration of the quality of the waters of the state to a degree which unreasonably affects either of the following: 1) the waters for beneficial uses or 2) facilities which serve these beneficial uses. “Pollution” may include “Contamination”.
- “Contamination” means an impairment of the quality of the waters of the state by waste to a degree, which creates a hazard to the public health through



poisoning or through the spread of disease. “Contamination” includes any equivalent effect resulting from the disposal of waste, whether or not waters of the state are affected.

- “Nuisance” means anything which meets all of the following requirements: 1) is injurious to health, or is indecent or offensive to the senses, or an obstruction to the free use of property, so as to interfere with the comfortable enjoyment of life or property; 2) affects at the same time an entire community or neighborhood, or any considerable number of persons, although the extent of the annoyance or damage inflicted upon individuals may be unequal; and 3) occurs during, or as a result of, the treatment or disposal of wastes.<sup>11</sup>

#### 4.3. GROUNDWATER HYDROLOGY

Appendix G of the CEQA Guidelines provides a sample question that addresses impacts with regard to groundwater. This question is as follows:

Would the project:

- Substantially decrease groundwater supplies or interfere substantially with groundwater recharge such that the project may impede sustainable groundwater management of the basin;
- Conflict with or obstruct implementation of a water quality control plan or sustainable groundwater management plan?

In the context of the above question from Appendix G, the *L.A. CEQA Thresholds Guide* states that a project would normally have a significant impact on groundwater if it would:

- Change potable water levels sufficiently to:
  - Reduce the ability of a water utility to use the groundwater basin for public water supplies, conjunctive use purposes, storage of imported water, summer/winter peaking, or to respond to emergencies and drought;
  - Reduce yields of adjacent wells or well fields (public or private); or
  - Adversely change the rate or direction of flow of groundwater; or
  - Result in demonstrable and sustained reduction of groundwater recharge capacity.

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<sup>11</sup> City of Los Angeles.LA. CEQA Thresholds Guide. 2006  
<https://planning.lacity.org/eir/CrossroadsHwd/deir/files/references/A07.pdf>

#### 4.4. GROUNDWATER QUALITY

Appendix G of the CEQA Guidelines provides a set of sample questions that address impacts with regard to groundwater quality. These questions are as follows:

Would the project:

- Violate any water quality standards or waste discharge requirements or otherwise substantially degrade surface or groundwater quality;
- Conflict with or obstruct implementation of a water quality control plan or sustainable groundwater management plan;

In the context of the above questions from Appendix G pertaining to groundwater quality, the *L.A. CEQA Thresholds Guide* states that a project would normally have a significant impact on groundwater quality if it would:

- Affect the rate or change the direction of movement of existing contaminants;
- Expand the area affected by contaminants;
- Result in an increased level of groundwater contamination (including that from direct percolation, injection or salt water intrusion); or
- Cause regulatory water quality standards at an existing production well to be violated, as defined in the California Code of Regulations (CCR), Title 22, Division 4, and Chapter 15 and in the Safe Drinking Water Act.

### 5. METHODOLOGY

#### 5.1. SURFACE WATER HYDROLOGY

The Project Site is located within the community of San Pedro, a neighborhood of the City of Los Angeles, and drainage collection, treatment and conveyance are regulated by the City of Los Angeles. Per the City's Special Order No. 007- 1299, December 3, 1999, the City has adopted the Los Angeles County Department of Public Works (LACDPW) Hydrology Manual as its basis of design for storm drainage facilities. The LACDPW Hydrology Manual requires projects to have drainage facilities that meet the Urban Flood level of protection. The Urban Flood is runoff from a 25-year frequency design storm falling on a saturated watershed. A 25-year frequency design storm has a probability of 1/25 of being equaled or exceeded in any year. The L.A. CEQA

Thresholds Guide, however, establishes the 50-year frequency design storm event as the threshold to analyze potential impacts on surface water hydrology as a result of development. To provide a more conservative analysis, this report analyzes the larger storm event threshold, i.e., the 50-year frequency design storm event.

The Modified Rational Method was used to calculate storm water runoff. The "peak" (maximum value) runoff for a drainage area is calculated using the formula,  $Q = CIA$

Where,

$Q =$  Volumetric flow rate (cfs)

C = Runoff coefficient (dimensionless)

I = Rainfall Intensity at a given point in time (in/hr)

A = Basin area (acres)

The Modified Rational Method assumes that a steady, uniform rainfall rate will produce maximum runoff when all parts of the basin area are contributing to outflow. This occurs when the storm event lasts longer than the time of concentration. The time of concentration (T<sub>c</sub>) is the time it takes for rain in the most hydrologically remote part of the basin area to reach the outlet.

The method assumes that the runoff coefficient (C) remains constant during a storm. The runoff coefficient is a function of both the soil characteristics and the percentage of impervious surfaces in the drainage area.

LACDPW has developed a time of concentration calculator, Hydrocalc, to automate time of concentration calculations as well as the peak runoff rates and volumes using the Modified Rational Method design criteria as outlined in the Hydrology Manual. The data input requirements include: sub-area size, soil type, land use, flow path length, flow path slope and rainfall isohyet. The Hydrocalc Calculator was used to calculate the storm water peak runoff flow rate for the Project conditions by evaluating an individual sub-area independent of all adjacent subareas. See Figure 5 for the isohyet map, and Figure 6 for the proposed Hydrocalc Calculator results.

## **5.2. SURFACE WATER QUALITY**

### **5.2.1. CONSTRUCTION**

Construction BMPs specific to each phase of construction will be designed and maintained as part of the implementation of the SWPPP in compliance with the current Construction General Permit. The SWPPP shall begin when construction commences, before any site clearing and grubbing or demolition activity. During construction, the SWPPP will be referred to regularly and amended as changes occur throughout the construction process. The Notice of Intent (NOI), Amendments to the SWPPP, Annual Reports, Rain Event Action Plans (REAPs), and Non-

Compliance Reporting will be posted to the State's SMARTS website in compliance with the requirements of the current Construction General Permit.

### **5.2.2. OPERATION**

The Project will be required to implement the City's LID standards.<sup>12</sup> Under section 3.1.3. of the LID Manual, post-construction stormwater runoff from a new development must be

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<sup>12</sup> The Development Best Management Practices Handbook, Part B Planning Activities, 5th edition was adopted by the City of Los Angeles, Board of Public Works on May 9, 2016 to reflect Low Impact Development (LID) requirements that took effect May 12, 2012.

infiltrated, evapotranspired, captured and used, and/or treated through high efficiency BMPs onsite for at least the volume of water produced by the greater of the 85th percentile storm or the 0.75 inch storm event. The LID Manual prioritizes the selection of BMPs used to comply with stormwater mitigation requirement. The order of priority is:

1. Infiltration Systems
2. Stormwater Capture and Use
3. High Efficient Biofiltration/Bioretenion Systems
4. Combination of Any of the Above

Feasibility screening delineated in the LID manual is applied to determine which BMPs will best suit the Project. Specifically, LID guidelines require that infiltration systems maintain at least 10 feet of clearance to the groundwater, property line, and any building structure.

### **5.3. GROUNDWATER**

The significance of this Project as it relates to the level of the underlying groundwater table of the West Coast Groundwater Subbasin included a review of the following considerations:

#### *Analysis and Description of the Project's Existing Condition*

- Identification of the West Coast Subbasin as the underlying groundwater basin, and description of the level, quality, direction of flow, and existing uses for the water;
- Description of the location, existing uses, production capacity, quality, and other pertinent data for spreading grounds and potable water wells in the vicinity (usually within a one mile radius), and;
- Area and degree of permeability of soils on the Project Site, and;

#### *Analysis of the Proposed Project Impact on Groundwater Level*

- Description of the rate, duration, location and quantity of extraction, dewatering, spreading, injection, or other activities;
- The projected reduction in groundwater resources and any existing wells in the vicinity (usually within a one mile radius); and
- The projected change in local or regional groundwater flow patterns.

In addition, this report discusses the impact of both existing and proposed activities at the Project Site on the groundwater quality of the underlying West Coast Subbasin.

Short-term groundwater quality impacts could potentially occur during construction of the Project as a result of soil being exposed to construction materials, wastes, and spilled materials. These potential impacts are qualitatively assessed.

## **6. PROJECT IMPACT ANALYSIS**

### **6.1. CONSTRUCTION**

#### **6.1.1. SURFACE WATER HYDROLOGY**

Construction activities for the Project would occur over sequential phases, as residents need to be temporarily displaced while the existing housing units are demolished and the new buildings are constructed. As of April 2021, the One San Pedro development is expected to occur over 11 phases, with each phase relating to the construction of specific buildings and associated infrastructure. Street improvements are expected along the streets surrounding each block housing community, but these improvements would be designed such that the existing drainage conditions are maintained into the proposed development.

It is assumed that each phase of construction would require individual permitting for both construction activities and stormwater management. Each phase of construction that's larger than one acre is required to have a SWPPP to monitor and prevent stormwater runoff from being polluted through construction activities.

As noted above, each phase of the development project would implement an Erosion Control Plan and SWPPP (for phases larger than one acre) that specifies BMPs and erosion control measures to be used during construction to manage runoff flows and prevent pollution. BMPs would be designed to reduce runoff and pollutant levels in runoff during construction. The Erosion Control Plan measures are designed to (and would in fact) contain and treat, as necessary, stormwater or construction watering on the Project Site so runoff does not impact off-site drainage facilities or receiving waters. Construction activities are temporary and flow directions and runoff volumes during construction will be controlled.

In addition, the Project would be required to comply with all applicable City grading permit regulations that require necessary measures, plans, and inspections to reduce sedimentation and erosion. Thus, through compliance with all NPDES General Construction Permit requirements, implementation of BMPs, and compliance with applicable City grading regulations, the Project would not substantially alter the Project Site drainage patterns in a manner that would result in substantial erosion, siltation, or flooding on- or off-site. Similarly, adherence to standard compliance measurements in construction activities would ensure that construction of the Project would not substantially increase the rate or amount of surface runoff in a manner which would result in flooding on- or off-site. As construction activities would be limited to the Project Site, such activities would not conflict with implementation of a water quality control plan. Therefore, construction- related impacts to surface water hydrology would be less than significant.

#### **6.1.2. SURFACE WATER QUALITY**

Construction activities such as earth moving, maintenance/operation of construction equipment, dewatering, and handling/storage/disposal of materials could contribute to pollutant loading in stormwater runoff.

With implementation of the Erosion Control Plan and SWPPP, site-specific BMPs would reduce or eliminate the discharge of potential pollutants from stormwater runoff. In addition, the Project Applicant would be required to comply with City grading permit regulations and inspections to reduce sedimentation and erosion. Construction of the Project would not result in discharge that would cause: (1) pollution which would alter the quality of the water of the State (i.e., LA Harbors) to a degree which unreasonably affects beneficial uses of the waters; (2) contamination of the quality of the water of the State by waste to a degree which creates a hazard to the public health through poisoning or through the spread of diseases; or (3) nuisance that would be injurious to health; affect an entire community or neighborhood, or any considerable number of persons; and occurs during or as a result of the treatment or disposal of wastes. Furthermore, construction of the Project would not result in discharges that would cause regulatory standards to be violated in the Dominguez Channel Watershed. The Project would also not provide substantial additional sources of polluted runoff, nor would it conflict with the implementation of a water quality control plan. In addition, implementation of the Erosion Control Plan would ensure that construction activities would not result in substantial erosion or siltation on- or off-site, or risk release of other pollutants due to inundation. Therefore, temporary construction- related impacts on surface water quality would be less than significant.

### **6.1.3. GROUNDWATER HYDROLOGY**

Groundwater is expected to be encountered during construction due to the relatively high groundwater level and need for subterranean parking and related excavations. Temporary pumps and filtration would be utilized in compliance with all applicable regulations and requirements, including with all relevant NPDES requirements related to construction and discharges from dewatering operations. Temporary dewatering could lower the local groundwater table and impacts related to groundwater could be significant during construction. However, once all construction at One San Pedro is complete, there would be no impact to the groundwater level, and long-term impact to the groundwater hydrology is expected to be less than significant.

Dewatering operations are practices that discharge non-stormwater, such as groundwater, that must be removed from a work location to proceed with construction into the drainage system. Discharges from dewatering operations can contain high levels of fine sediments, which if not properly treated, could lead to exceedance of the NPDES requirements. If groundwater is encountered during construction, temporary pumps and filtration would be utilized in compliance with the NPDES permit. Any such temporary system would comply with all relevant NPDES requirements related to construction and discharges from dewatering operations.

Although groundwater is a water source used for distribution for public water utilities in LA County, groundwater near San Pedro is not ideal for collection due to its high salinity content from the ocean. The nearest well is over two and a half miles from the project site, and the underground water table is at a stable rechargeable depth due to the ocean close by. Although temporary dewatering operations may alter the local groundwater level near the project sites to aid in construction, temporary construction-related impacts

on groundwater hydrology are expected to be less than significant in both the short and long term time frame of the development.

#### **6.1.4. GROUNDWATER QUALITY**

As discussed above, the Project would include excavations for subterranean parking. Borings from the geotechnical investigation completed by Group Delta indicate that the upper approximate 20' of ground is clayey fill. Clayey soils are poor for drainage and are suspect to liquefaction in a seismic event, and it is anticipated that mass export of the existing soils would occur to remove part of the top clay layer. Better soils would then be imported to replace the upper 10-20 feet of clay. Import fill sources will be observed and tested prior to hauling onto the site to evaluate the suitability for use per local requirements. Imported fill materials will be nonhazardous and consist of granular soil with less than 35 percent passing the No. 200 sieve based on ASTM D1140 and an EI less than 20 based on ASTM D489. Although not anticipated at the Project Site, any contaminated soils found would be captured within that volume of excavated material, removed from the Project Site, and remediated at an approved disposal facility in accordance with regulatory requirements.

During on-site grading and building construction, hazardous materials, such as fuels, paints, solvents, and concrete additives, could be used and would therefore require proper management and, in some cases, disposal. The management of any resultant hazardous wastes could increase the opportunity for hazardous materials releases into groundwater. Compliance with all applicable federal, state, and local requirements concerning the handling, storage and disposal of hazardous waste, would reduce the potential for the construction of the Project to release contaminants into groundwater that could affect existing contaminants, expand the area or increase the level of groundwater contamination, or cause a violation of regulatory water quality standards at an existing production well. In addition, as there are no groundwater production wells or public water supply wells within one mile of the Project Site, construction activities would not be anticipated to affect existing wells. Therefore, the Project would not violate any water quality standards or waste discharge requirements or otherwise substantially degrade groundwater quality. As construction activities are not expected to encounter existing groundwater supplies, it would not conflict with the implementation of a sustainable groundwater management plan. Therefore, impacts on groundwater quality would be less than significant.

### **6.2. OPERATION**

#### **6.2.1. SURFACE WATER HYDROLOGY**

Stormwater surface runoff rates are not anticipated to increase from the existing conditions to the full build out of the One San Pedro development. Currently, the rainfall leaves all the sites as sheet flow to the surrounding streets, and it is collected in catch basins dispersed throughout the streets of the housing community. The proposed development would mimic this drainage pattern, and possibly include new catch basins to be constructed as the existing streets are improved for new pedestrian and bike access.

Table 2 shows the proposed 50-year frequency design storm event peak flow rate within the Project Site. Table 3 shows a comparison of the pre- and post-peak flow rates, and indicates that there would be a decrease in total stormwater runoff.



**Table 2-Proposed Drainage Stormwater Runoff Calculations**

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P-2-1	1.09	3.25
P-2-2	0.68	2.03
P-3-1	1.03	3.01
P-3-2	1.47	4.27
P-4	0.97	2.85
P-5-1	0.73	2.18
P-5-2	1.09	3.25
P-6-1	0.91	2.72
P-6-2	0.65	1.94
P-6-3	1.23	3.67
P-7-1	0.53	1.58
P-7-2	0.44	1.31
P-8-1	1.47	4.39
P-8-2	0.68	2.03
P-9	1.48	4.35
P-10	0.64	1.91
P-11-1	1.56	4.66
P-11-2	1.3	3.88
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>19.68</b>	<b>58.46</b>

Table 3 – Existing and Proposed Drainage Stormwater Runoff Comparison			
Project Site Area (Acres)	Pre-Project Q <sub>50</sub> (cfs) (volumetric flow rate measured in cubic feet per second)	Post-Project Q <sub>50</sub> (cfs) (volumetric flow rate measured in cubic feet per second)	Incremental Decrease from Existing to Proposed Condition
19.68	58.51	58.46	- 0.09%

As shown in Table 3, less runoff is expected between the proposed and existing condition. Therefore, the Project would not cause flooding during a 50-year storm event or result in a permanent adverse change to the movement of surface water on the Project Site.

As noted above, the Project would not increase the rate or volume of stormwater runoff. In other words, the Project would not substantially reduce or increase the amount of surface water discharged into the existing infrastructure or any waterbody, and would not substantially alter the pattern or quantity of runoff. Therefore, impacts related to stormwater infrastructure improvements would be less than significant, and the development would not alter the amount of surface water in a water body, nor alter its direction of flow..

The Project would not trigger any of the surface water hydrology thresholds listed in Section 4.1. Therefore, potential operational impacts to site surface water hydrology would be less than significant.

### 6.2.2. SURFACE WATER QUALITY

The Project Site will not increase concentrations of the items listed as constituents of concern for the Dominguez Channel Watershed.

Due to the incorporation of the required LID BMP(s)<sup>13</sup>, operation of the Project would not result in discharges that would cause: (1) pollution which would alter the quality of the waters of the State (i.e., LA harbors) to a degree which unreasonably affects beneficial uses of the waters; (2) contamination of the quality of the waters of the State by waste to a degree which creates a hazard to the public health through poisoning or through the spread of diseases; or (3) nuisance that would be injurious to health; affect an entire community or neighborhood, or any considerable number of persons; and occurs during or as a result of the treatment or disposal of wastes.

As is typical of most urban developments, stormwater runoff from the Project Site has the potential to introduce pollutants into the stormwater system. Anticipated and potential pollutants generated by the Project are sediment, nutrients, pesticides, metals,

<sup>13</sup> [https://www.lacitysan.org/cs/groups/sg\\_sw/documents/document/y250/mde3/~edisp/cnt017152.pdf](https://www.lacitysan.org/cs/groups/sg_sw/documents/document/y250/mde3/~edisp/cnt017152.pdf)

pathogens, and oil and grease. The pollutants listed above are expected to, and would in fact, be mitigated through the implementation of approved LID BMPs.

The LID requirements for the Project Site would outline the stormwater treatment post-construction BMPs required to control pollutants associated with storm events up to the 85<sup>th</sup> percentile, 24-hour storm event, per the City's Stormwater Program. The Project BMPs will control stormwater runoff with no increase in runoff resulting from the Project. Refer to Exhibit 2 for typical LID BMPs. The Project would not impact existing storm drain infrastructure serving the Project Site and runoff would continue to follow the same discharge paths and drain to the same stormwater systems. Furthermore, operation of the Project would not result in discharges that would cause regulatory standards to be violated. The existing Project Site appears to have no water quality treatment features; however, a portion of the Project Site will be allocated for stormwater BMPs specifically intended to control and treat stormwater runoff in compliance with LID requirements. As required by the County of Los Angeles LID manual, the Project would include the installation of LID BMPs, which would be designed to treat at minimum the first flush or the equivalent of the greater between the 85th percentile storm and first 0.75-inch of rainfall for any storm event. The installed BMP systems will be designed with an internal bypass or overflow system to prevent upstream flooding due to large storm events. The stormwater which bypasses the BMP systems would discharge to an approved discharge point in the public right-of-way. As such, the Project would not interfere with the implementation of a water quality control plan.

Therefore, with the implementation of the SWPPP and LID BMPs, there will be no operational impacts on surface water quality.

### **6.2.3. GROUNDWATER HYDROLOGY**

Groundwater recharge could occur from the implementation of LID BMPs, such as detention basins or biofiltration. If infiltration-based BMPs are used to treat stormwater runoff, the treated water would increase the groundwater level locally at the specific BMP used for treatment, but would not affect the overall groundwater level as only a small portion of water is infiltrated compared to the volume of water at the groundwater.

Therefore, operation of the Project would result in a less than significant impact on groundwater hydrology, including groundwater levels.

### **6.2.4. GROUNDWATER QUALITY**

The Project does not include the installation or operation of water wells, or any extraction or recharge system that is in the vicinity of the coast, an area of known groundwater contamination or seawater intrusion, a municipal supply well or spreading ground facility.

Operational activities which could affect groundwater quality include spills of hazardous materials and leaking underground storage tanks. No underground storage tanks are currently operated or anticipated to be operated by the Project. In addition, while the development of new building facilities would slightly increase the use of on-site hazardous materials as described above, compliance with all applicable existing regulations at the Project Site regarding the handling and potentially required cleanup

of hazardous materials would prevent the Project from affecting or expanding any potential areas of contamination, increasing the level of contamination, or causing regulatory water quality standards at an existing production well to be violated, as defined in the California Code of Regulations, Title 22, Division 4, Chapter 15 and the Safe Drinking Water Act. Furthermore, as described above, operation of the Project would not require extraction from the groundwater supply based on the depth of excavation for the proposed uses and the depth of groundwater below the Project Site.

The Project is not anticipated to result in violations of any water quality standards or waste discharge requirements or otherwise substantially degrade groundwater quality. Rather, if infiltration-based BMPs, such as a detention basin or biofiltration, are used in conjunction with LA County LID guidelines, treated water would infiltrate the soil, and improve the groundwater quality beneath those BMPs, contributing to better quality of the local groundwater as a whole. These BMPs are required to be maintained by their owner in order to ensure proper functioning in perpetuity.

Additionally, the Project does not involve drilling to or through a clean or contaminated aquifer. Therefore, the Project's potential impact on groundwater recharge is less than significant.

### **6.3. CUMULATIVE IMPACT ANALYSIS**

#### **6.3.1. SURFACE WATER HYDROLOGY**

The geographic context for the cumulative impact analysis on surface water hydrology is the Dominguez Channel Watershed. Multiple factors contribute to stormwater runoff quantity, including increased storm intensities and duration due to climate change, increased or decreased site imperviousness throughout the watershed, or changes in drainage pattern of the existing storm drain systems throughout the watershed. However, as noted above, the Project would have no net impact on stormwater flows locally at the project site, nor increase the discharge to receiving waters of the watershed.

Also, in accordance with City requirements, related projects and other future development projects would be required to implement BMPs to manage stormwater in accordance with LID guidelines. The City of Los Angeles Department of Public Works would review each future development project on a case-by-case basis to ensure sufficient local and regional infrastructure is available to accommodate stormwater runoff. Similar to the Project, related projects are located on sites that are fully developed and impervious. Any new development on the related project sites would need to implement LID BMPs to meet the City's requirements. Implementation of the LID BMPs would, at a minimum, maintain existing runoff conditions. Therefore, the impact of the Project combined with the related projects on surface water hydrology would be less than significant.

#### **6.3.2. SURFACE WATER QUALITY**

Future development in the Dominguez Creek Watershed would be subject to NPDES requirements relating to water quality for both construction and operation. In addition, since the Project is located in a highly urbanized area, future land use changes or

development are not likely to cause substantial changes in regional surface water quality. As noted above, the Project does not have an adverse impact on water quality, and would in fact improve the quality of on-site flows due to the introduction of new BMPs that would collect, treat, and discharge flows from the Project Site (which are not being treated under existing conditions). Also, it is anticipated that the Project and other future development projects would be subject to LID requirements and implementation of measures to comply with TMDLs. Increases in regional controls associated with other elements of the MS4 Permit would improve regional water quality over time. The Project would comply with all applicable laws, rules, and regulations, and therefore, cumulative impacts to surface water quality would be less than significant.

### **6.3.3. GROUNDWATER HYDROLOGY**

The geographic context for the cumulative impact analysis on groundwater level is the West Coast Subbasin. The Project in conjunction with forecasted growth in the region above the West Coast Subbasin could cumulatively increase groundwater demand for potable use. However, as noted above, no water supply wells, spreading grounds, or injection wells are located within a one mile radius of the Project Site. Temporary dewatering may be needed for construction of housing units at One San Pedro, thus the Project could have a short-term impact on groundwater level. Any calculation of the extent to which the phased projects would extract or otherwise directly utilize groundwater would be speculative. One construction is complete at the Project and temporary dewater is no longer needed, the Project would have no impact to the groundwater level. Therefore, potential cumulative impacts associated with the Project on groundwater hydrology would be less than significant.

Furthermore, as previously discussed, LID requires BMPs to treat surface runoff from the Project Site. If infiltration-based BMPs are used, local increases to the groundwater level at those BMPs can be expected; however, this immediate increase of groundwater at the BMP only occurs during a storm event, and only impacts the groundwater level at the BMP. There is no cumulative impact to groundwater hydrology as a result of the development; therefore, cumulative impacts to groundwater hydrology would be less than significant.

### **6.3.4. GROUNDWATER QUALITY**

Future growth in the West Coast Subbasin would be subject to LARWQCB requirements relating to groundwater quality. In addition, since the Project Site is located in a highly urbanized area, future land use changes or development are not likely to cause substantial changes in regional groundwater quality. As noted above, the Project does not have an adverse impact on groundwater quality. Also, it is anticipated that, like the Project, other future development projects would also be subject to LARWQCB requirements and implementation of measures to comply with TMDLs in addition to requirements of California Code of Regulations, Title 22, Division 4, Chapter 15 and the Safe Drinking Water Act.

Additionally, LA County LID guidelines require treatment of storm runoff from the Project. Multiple types of BMPs can be used for treatment of the runoff. If infiltration-based BMPs are used to treat the water, the local groundwater quality at the BMPs would improve, ultimately improving the collective groundwater quality underneath the development. The Project would comply with all applicable laws, rules, and regulations, therefore cumulative impacts to groundwater quality would be less than significant.

## **7. LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE**

Based on the analysis contained in this report, no significant impacts have been identified for surface water hydrology, surface water quality, groundwater hydrology or groundwater quality for this Project.

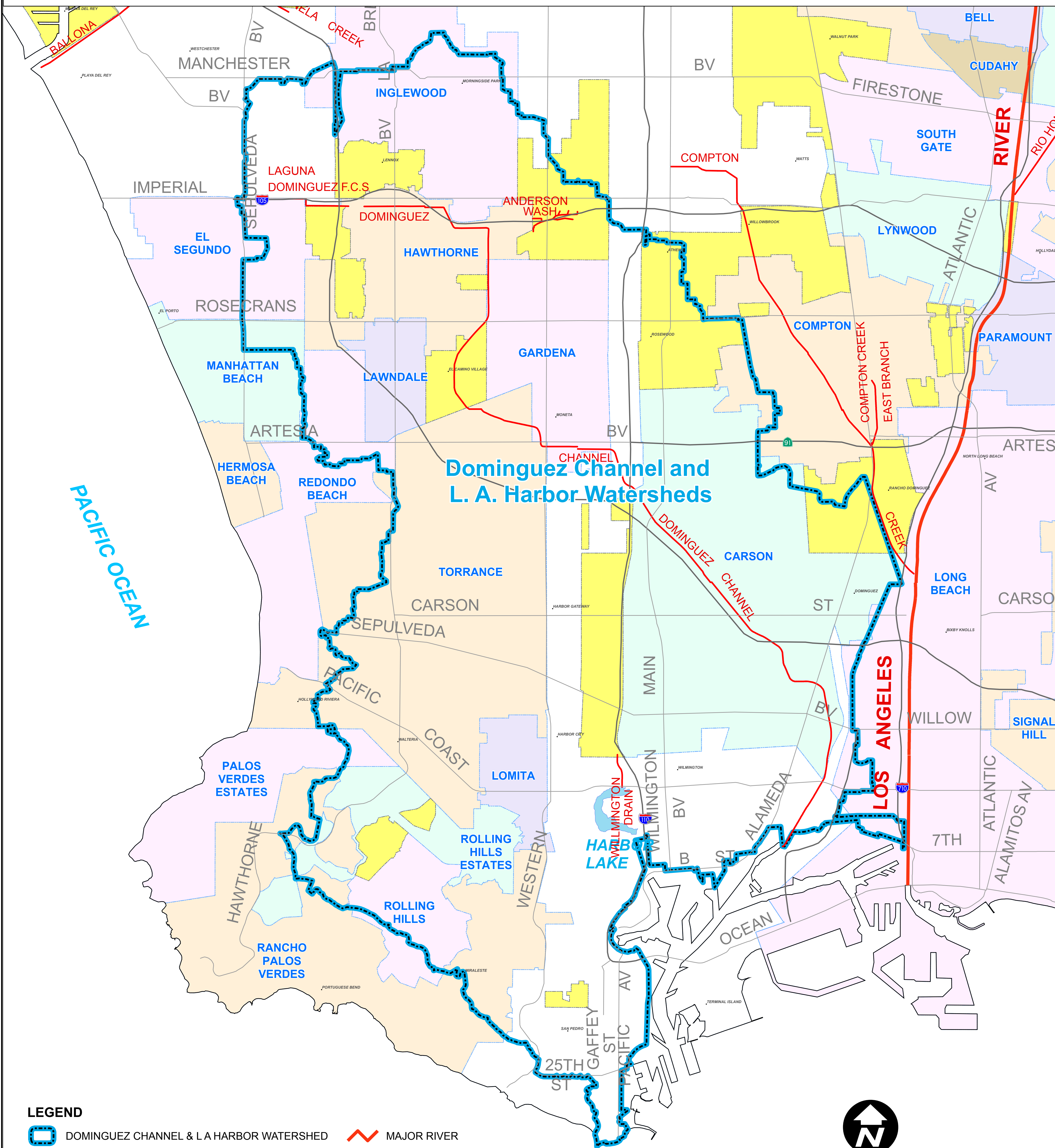
## **APPENDIX**



Figure 1  
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES



DOMINGUEZ CHANNEL & LA HARBOR WATERSHEDS



LEGEND

- DOMINGUEZ CHANNEL & L.A. HARBOR WATERSHED
- UNINCORPORATED AREA
- DAM / LAKE / RESERVOIR
- MAJOR RIVER
- MAJOR CHANNEL





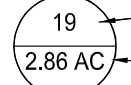

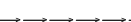
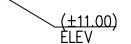
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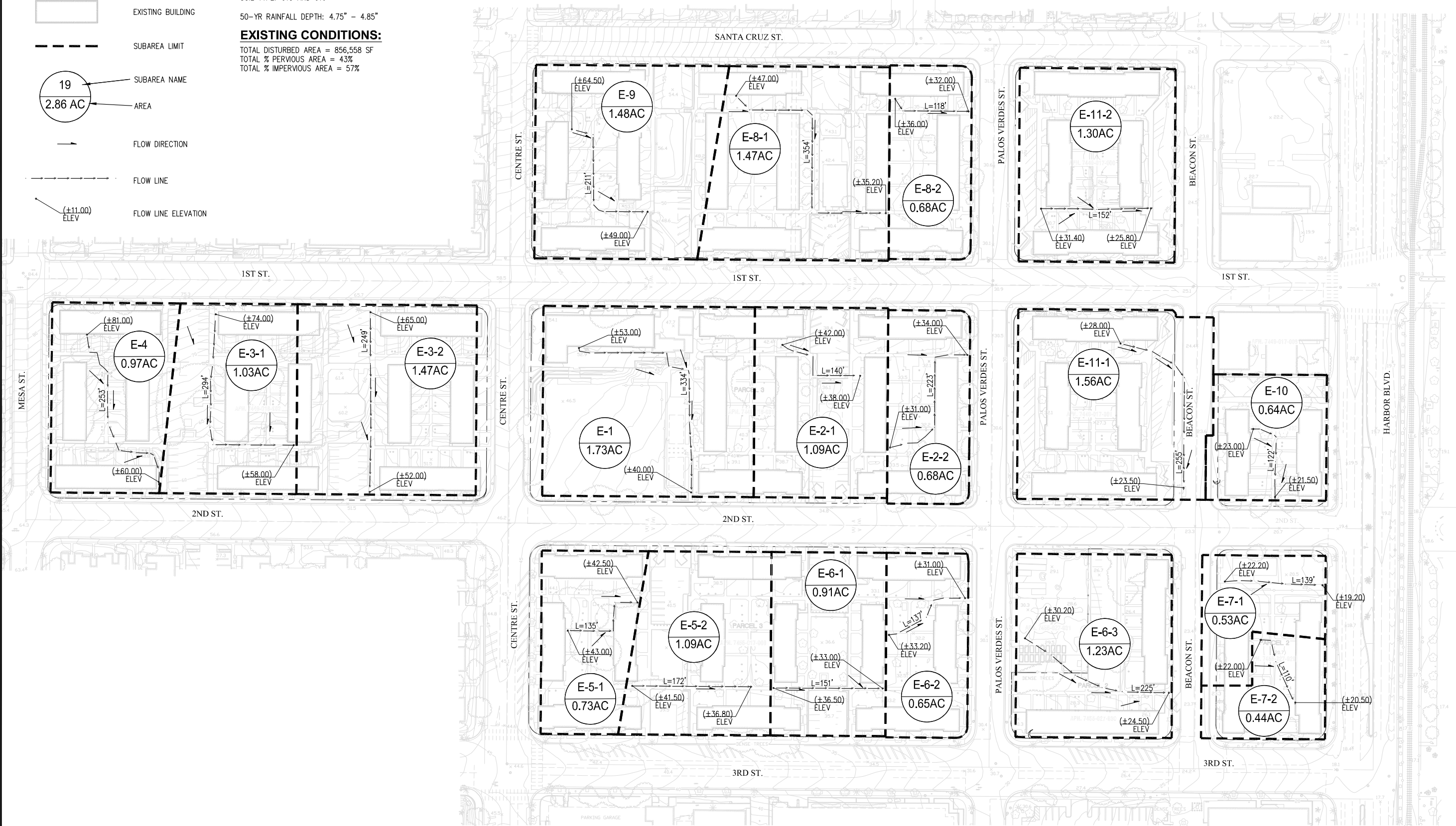
Figure 2

**LEGEND:**

-  EXISTING BUILDING
-  SUBAREA LIMIT
-  SUBAREA NAME  
AREA
-  FLOW DIRECTION
-  FLOW LINE
-  FLOW LINE ELEVATION

**SITE DATA:**

SOIL TYPE: 013 AND 016  
 50-YR RAINFALL DEPTH: 4.75" - 4.85"  
**EXISTING CONDITIONS:**  
 TOTAL DISTURBED AREA = 856,558 SF  
 TOTAL % PERVIOUS AREA = 43%  
 TOTAL % IMPERVIOUS AREA = 57%



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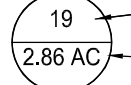

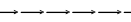
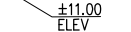
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Figure 3

**LEGEND:**

-  PROPOSED BUILDING
-  SUBAREA LIMIT
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AREA
-  FLOW DIRECTION
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**SITE DATA:**

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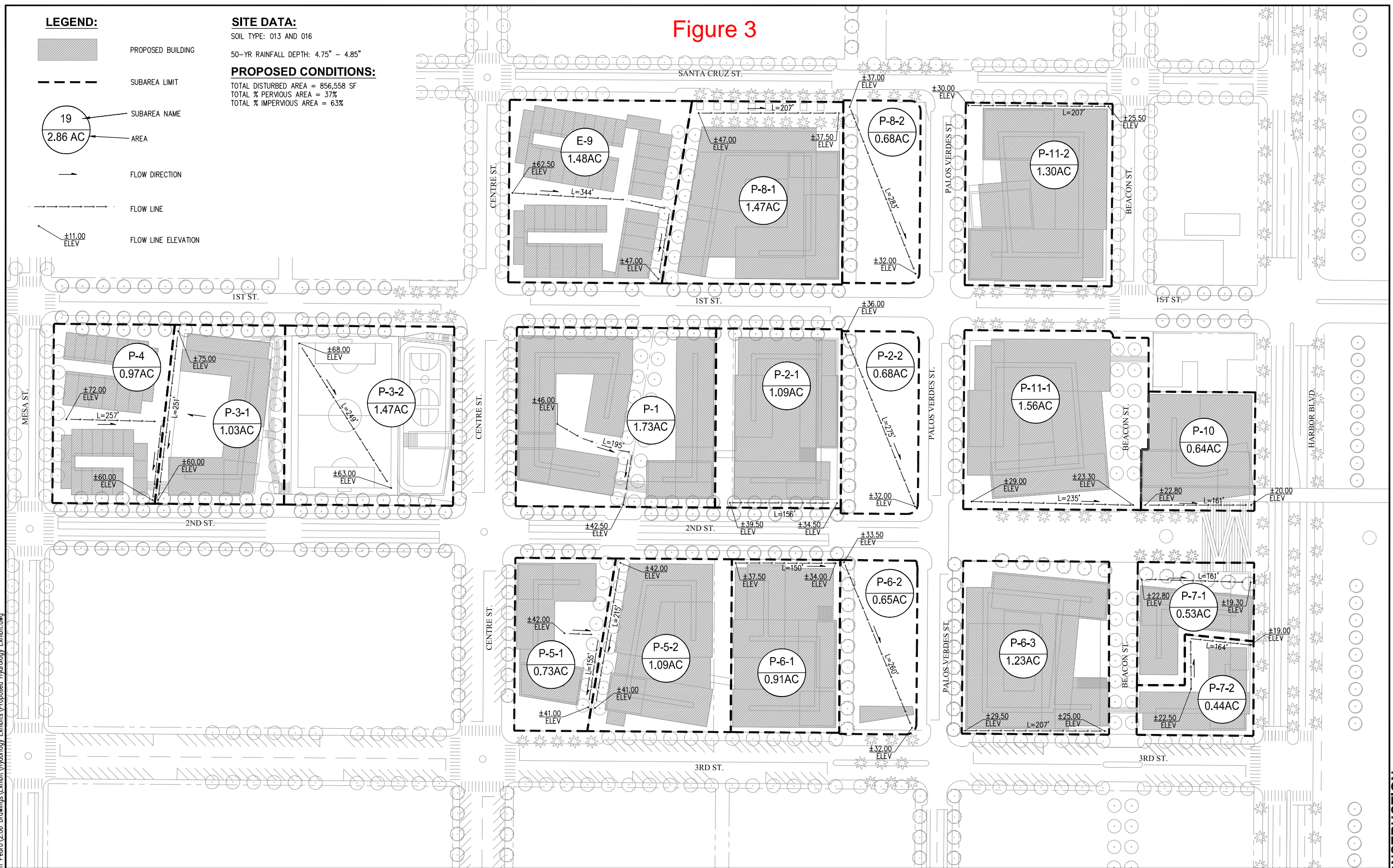
50-YR RAINFALL DEPTH: 4.75" - 4.85"

**PROPOSED CONDITIONS:**

TOTAL DISTURBED AREA = 856,558 SF

TOTAL % PERVIOUS AREA = 37%

TOTAL % IMPERVIOUS AREA = 63%



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Figure 4 - West Coast Basin  
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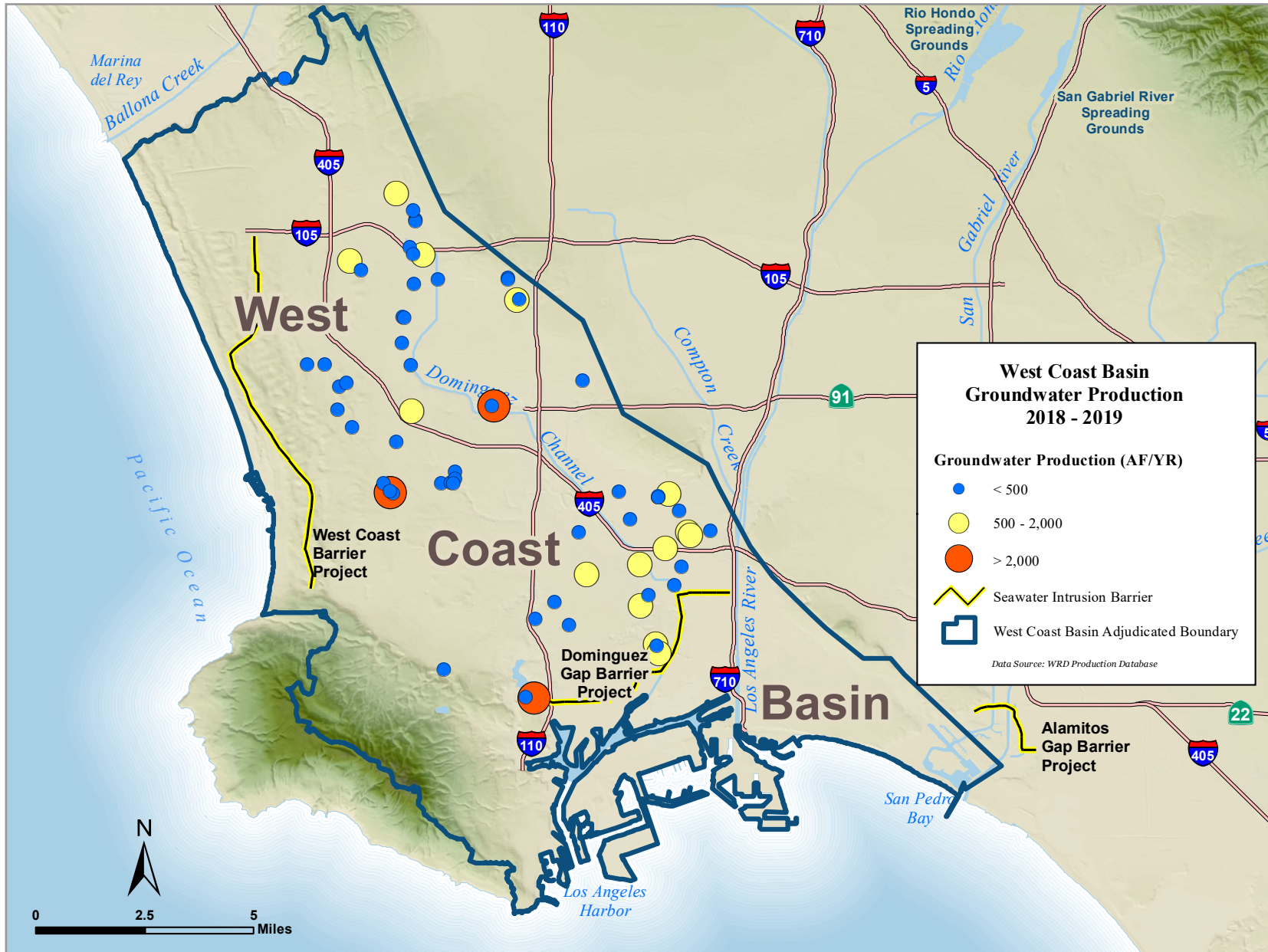
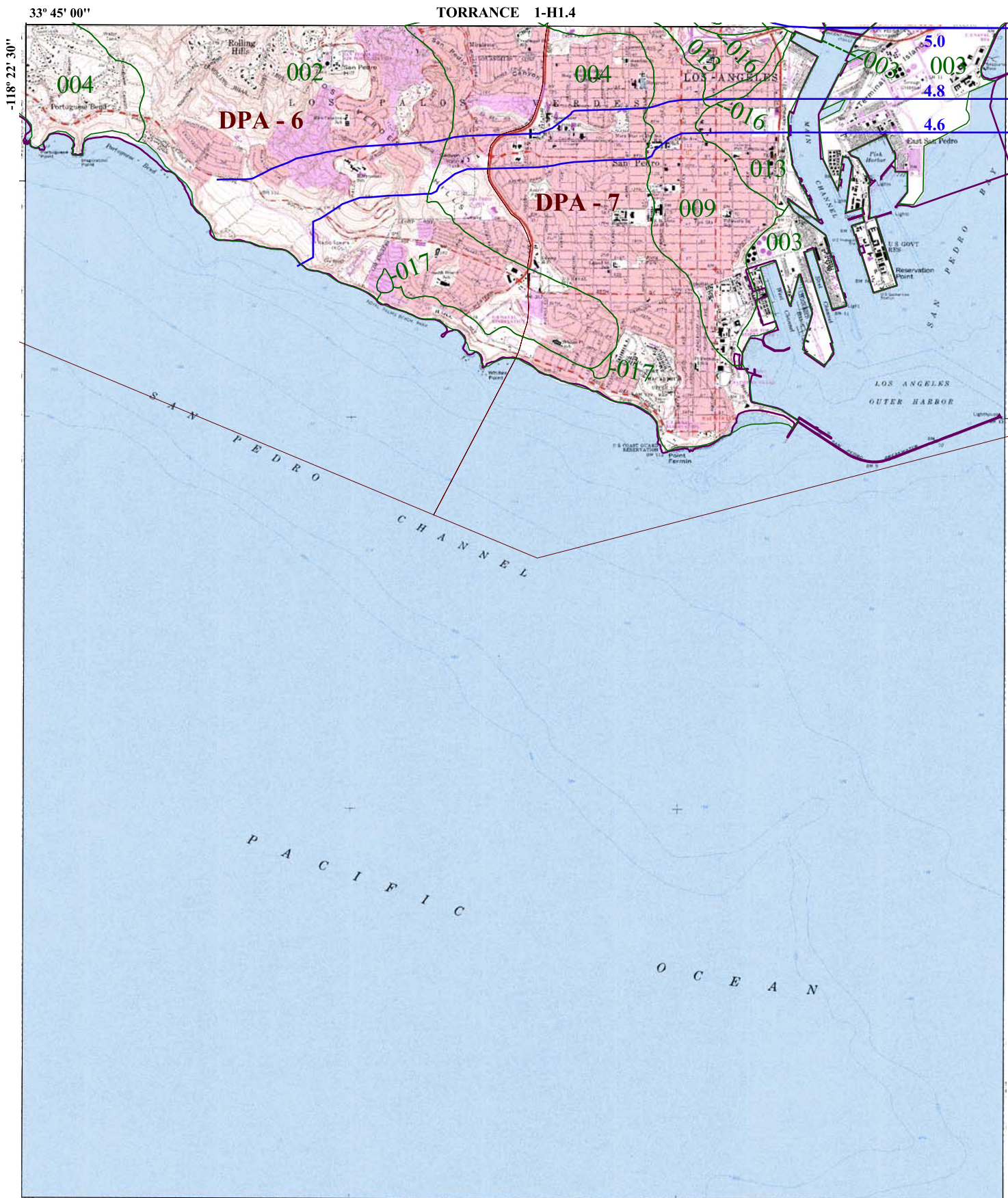


Figure 5

TORRANCE 1-H1.4



33° 37' 30"



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SOIL CLASSIFICATION AREA

7.2

INCHES OF RAINFALL

DPA - 6

DEBRIS POTENTIAL AREA

1 0 1 2 Miles

25-YEAR 24-HOUR ISOHYET REDUCTION FACTOR: 0.878  
10-YEAR 24-HOUR ISOHYET REDUCTION FACTOR: 0.714

# SAN PEDRO 50-YEAR 24-HOUR ISOHYET

1-H1.2



-118° 15' 00"

Figure 6

## Peak Flow Hydrologic Analysis

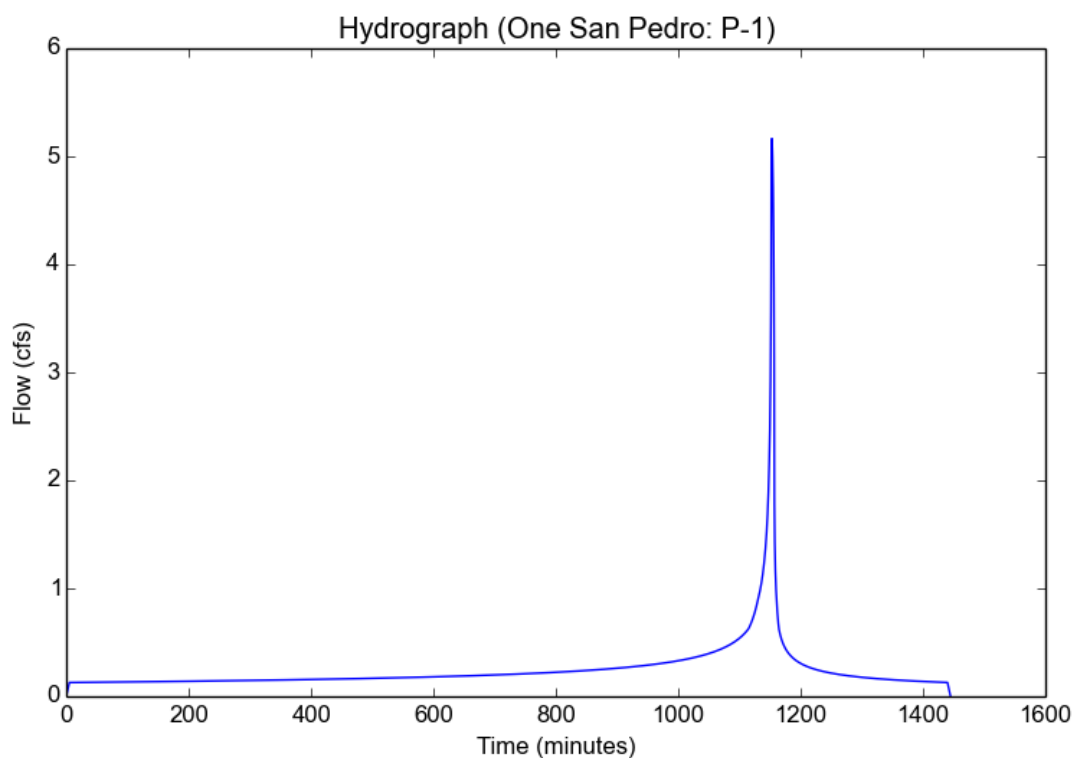
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### Input Parameters

Project Name	One San Pedro
Subarea ID	P-1
Area (ac)	1.73
Flow Path Length (ft)	195.0
Flow Path Slope (vft/hft)	0.018
50-yr Rainfall Depth (in)	5.56
Percent Impervious	0.63
Soil Type	13
Design Storm Frequency	50-yr
Fire Factor	0
LID	False

### Output Results

Modeled (50-yr) Rainfall Depth (in)	5.56
Peak Intensity (in/hr)	3.3172
Undeveloped Runoff Coefficient (Cu)	0.9
Developed Runoff Coefficient (Cd)	0.9
Time of Concentration (min)	5.0
Clear Peak Flow Rate (cfs)	5.165
Burned Peak Flow Rate (cfs)	5.165
24-Hr Clear Runoff Volume (ac-ft)	0.5027
24-Hr Clear Runoff Volume (cu-ft)	21899.3972



# Peak Flow Hydrologic Analysis

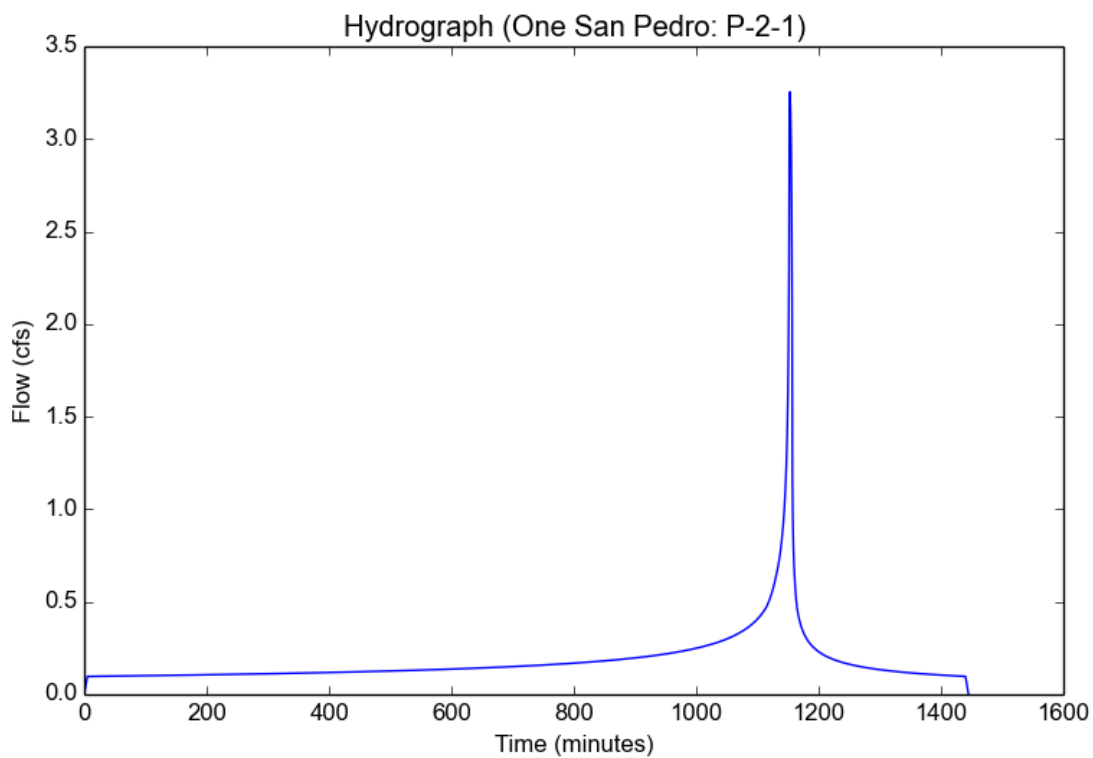
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## Input Parameters

Project Name	One San Pedro
Subarea ID	P-2-1
Area (ac)	1.09
Flow Path Length (ft)	156.0
Flow Path Slope (vft/hft)	0.032
50-yr Rainfall Depth (in)	5.56
Percent Impervious	0.78
Soil Type	13
Design Storm Frequency	50-yr
Fire Factor	0
LID	False

## Output Results

Modeled (50-yr) Rainfall Depth (in)	5.56
Peak Intensity (in/hr)	3.3172
Undeveloped Runoff Coefficient (Cu)	0.9
Developed Runoff Coefficient (Cd)	0.9
Time of Concentration (min)	5.0
Clear Peak Flow Rate (cfs)	3.2542
Burned Peak Flow Rate (cfs)	3.2542
24-Hr Clear Runoff Volume (ac-ft)	0.3711
24-Hr Clear Runoff Volume (cu-ft)	16164.5683



# Peak Flow Hydrologic Analysis

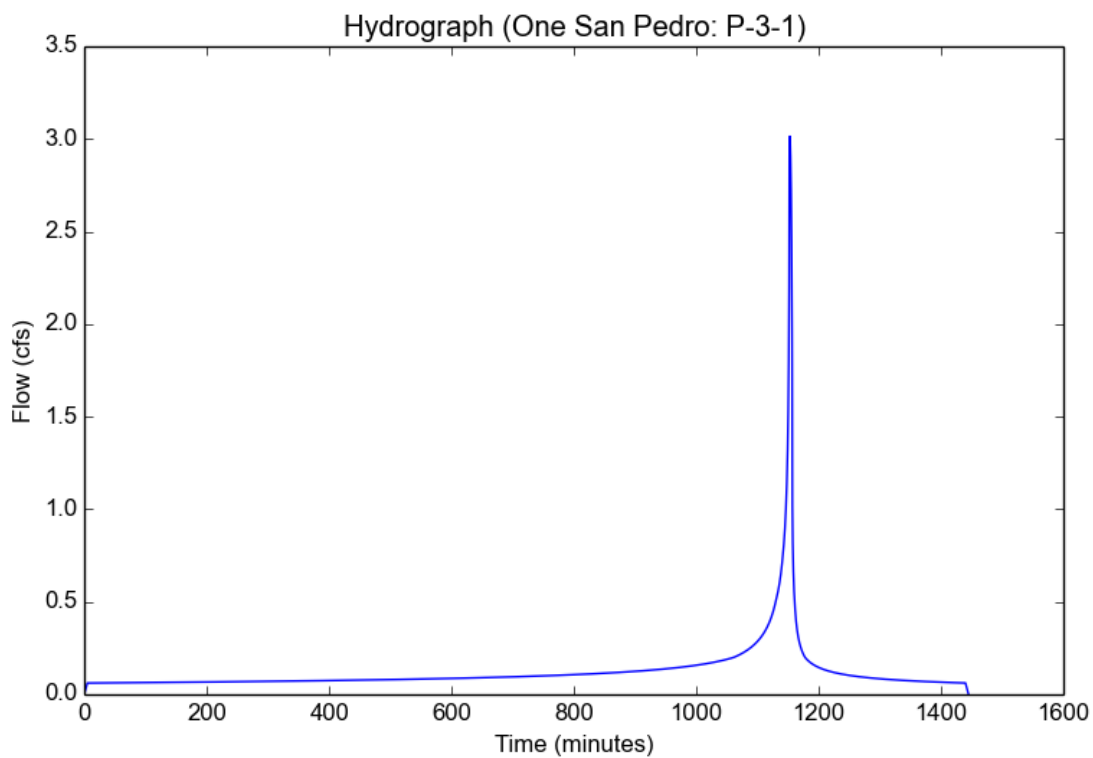
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## Input Parameters

Project Name	One San Pedro
Subarea ID	P-3-1
Area (ac)	1.03
Flow Path Length (ft)	251.0
Flow Path Slope (vft/hft)	0.06
50-yr Rainfall Depth (in)	5.56
Percent Impervious	0.48
Soil Type	16
Design Storm Frequency	50-yr
Fire Factor	0
LID	False

## Output Results

Modeled (50-yr) Rainfall Depth (in)	5.56
Peak Intensity (in/hr)	3.3172
Undeveloped Runoff Coefficient (Cu)	0.8657
Developed Runoff Coefficient (Cd)	0.8821
Time of Concentration (min)	5.0
Clear Peak Flow Rate (cfs)	3.0141
Burned Peak Flow Rate (cfs)	3.0141
24-Hr Clear Runoff Volume (ac-ft)	0.2514
24-Hr Clear Runoff Volume (cu-ft)	10952.4564



# Peak Flow Hydrologic Analysis

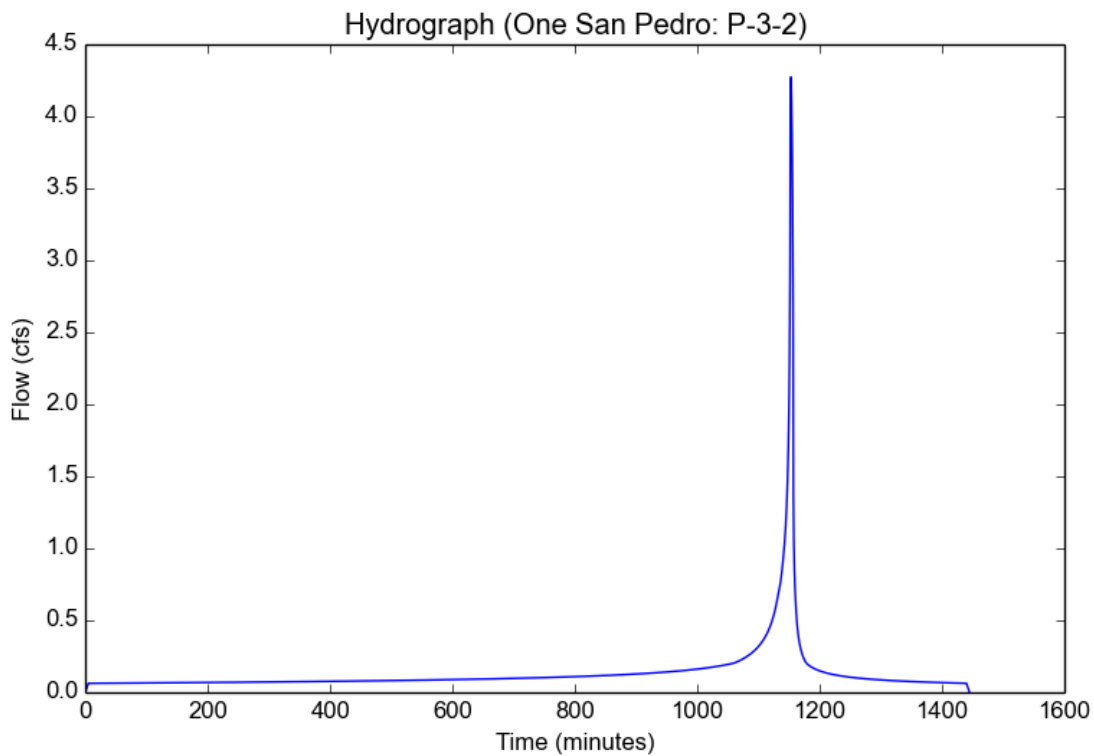
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## Input Parameters

Project Name	One San Pedro
Subarea ID	P-3-2
Area (ac)	1.47
Flow Path Length (ft)	249.0
Flow Path Slope (vft/hft)	0.02
50-yr Rainfall Depth (in)	5.56
Percent Impervious	0.31
Soil Type	16
Design Storm Frequency	50-yr
Fire Factor	0
LID	False

## Output Results

Modeled (50-yr) Rainfall Depth (in)	5.56
Peak Intensity (in/hr)	3.3172
Undeveloped Runoff Coefficient (Cu)	0.8657
Developed Runoff Coefficient (Cd)	0.8763
Time of Concentration (min)	5.0
Clear Peak Flow Rate (cfs)	4.2732
Burned Peak Flow Rate (cfs)	4.2732
24-Hr Clear Runoff Volume (ac-ft)	0.2774
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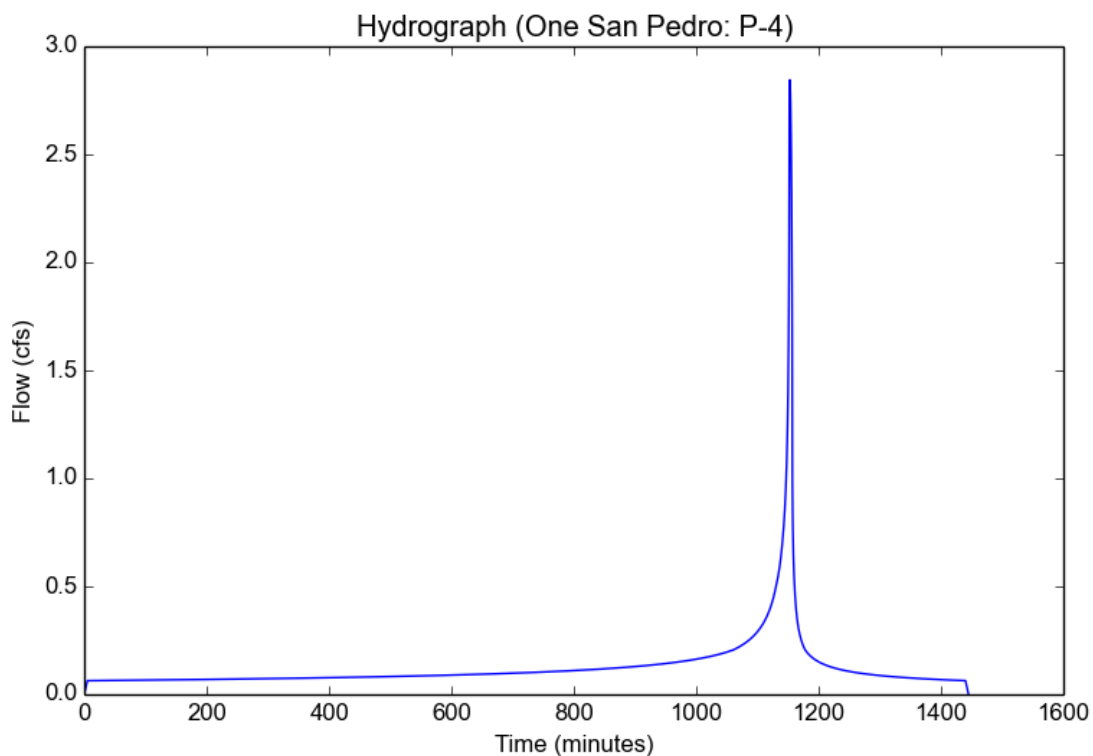
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## Input Parameters

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Subarea ID	P-4
Area (ac)	0.97
Flow Path Length (ft)	257.0
Flow Path Slope (vft/hft)	0.047
50-yr Rainfall Depth (in)	5.56
Percent Impervious	0.54
Soil Type	16
Design Storm Frequency	50-yr
Fire Factor	0
LID	False

## Output Results

Modeled (50-yr) Rainfall Depth (in)	5.56
Peak Intensity (in/hr)	3.3172
Undeveloped Runoff Coefficient (Cu)	0.8657
Developed Runoff Coefficient (Cd)	0.8842
Time of Concentration (min)	5.0
Clear Peak Flow Rate (cfs)	2.8451
Burned Peak Flow Rate (cfs)	2.8451
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# Peak Flow Hydrologic Analysis

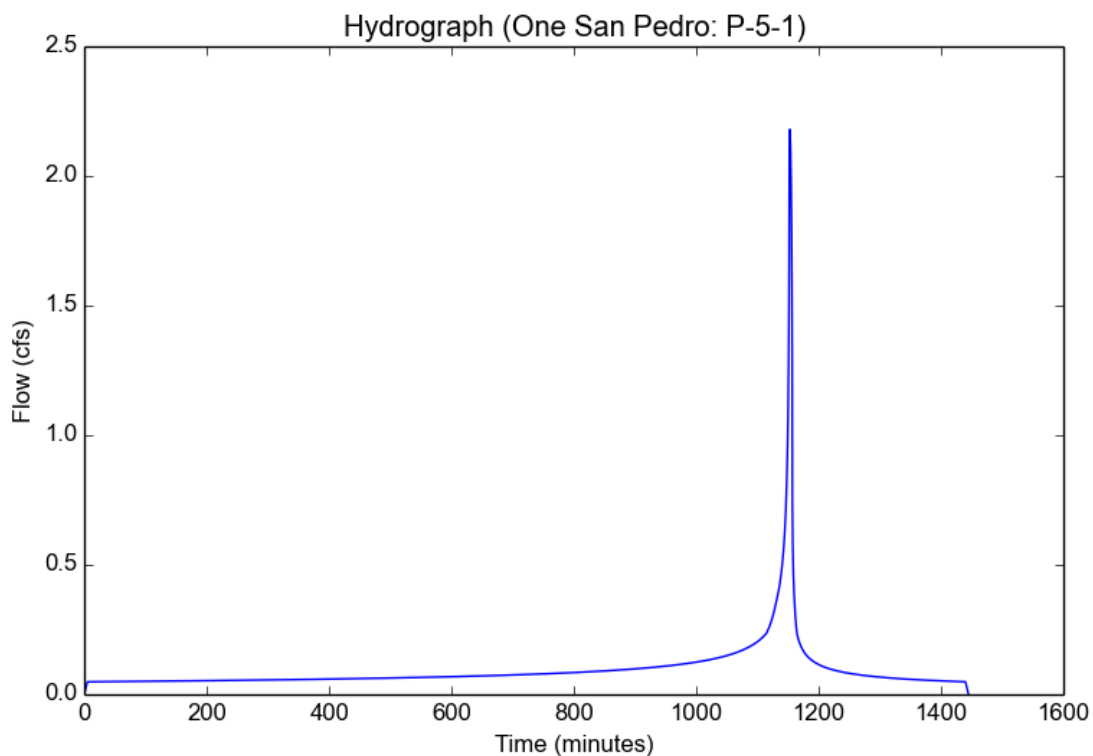
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## Input Parameters

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Subarea ID	P-5-1
Area (ac)	0.73
Flow Path Length (ft)	155.0
Flow Path Slope (vft/hft)	0.006
50-yr Rainfall Depth (in)	5.56
Percent Impervious	0.55
Soil Type	13
Design Storm Frequency	50-yr
Fire Factor	0
LID	False

## Output Results

Modeled (50-yr) Rainfall Depth (in)	5.56
Peak Intensity (in/hr)	3.3172
Undeveloped Runoff Coefficient (Cu)	0.9
Developed Runoff Coefficient (Cd)	0.9
Time of Concentration (min)	5.0
Clear Peak Flow Rate (cfs)	2.1794
Burned Peak Flow Rate (cfs)	2.1794
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## Peak Flow Hydrologic Analysis

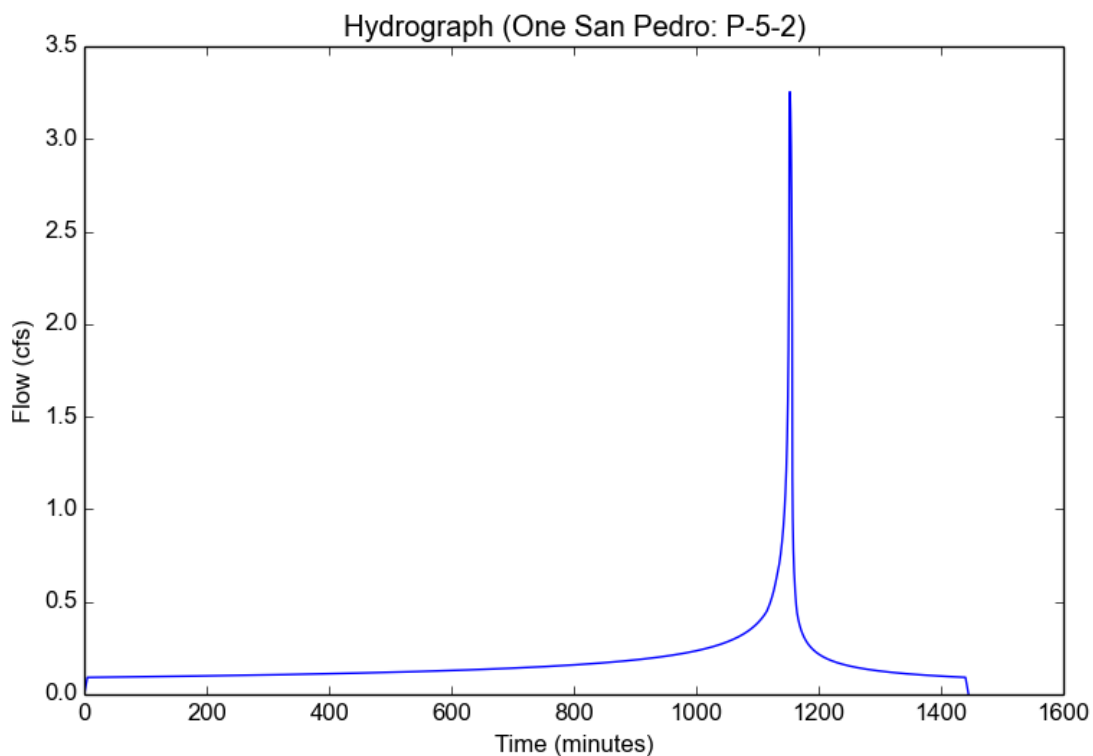
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### Input Parameters

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Subarea ID	P-5-2
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Flow Path Length (ft)	215.0
Flow Path Slope (vft/hft)	0.005
50-yr Rainfall Depth (in)	5.56
Percent Impervious	0.73
Soil Type	13
Design Storm Frequency	50-yr
Fire Factor	0
LID	False

### Output Results

Modeled (50-yr) Rainfall Depth (in)	5.56
Peak Intensity (in/hr)	3.3172
Undeveloped Runoff Coefficient (Cu)	0.9
Developed Runoff Coefficient (Cd)	0.9
Time of Concentration (min)	5.0
Clear Peak Flow Rate (cfs)	3.2542
Burned Peak Flow Rate (cfs)	3.2542
24-Hr Clear Runoff Volume (ac-ft)	0.353
24-Hr Clear Runoff Volume (cu-ft)	15375.6742



## Peak Flow Hydrologic Analysis

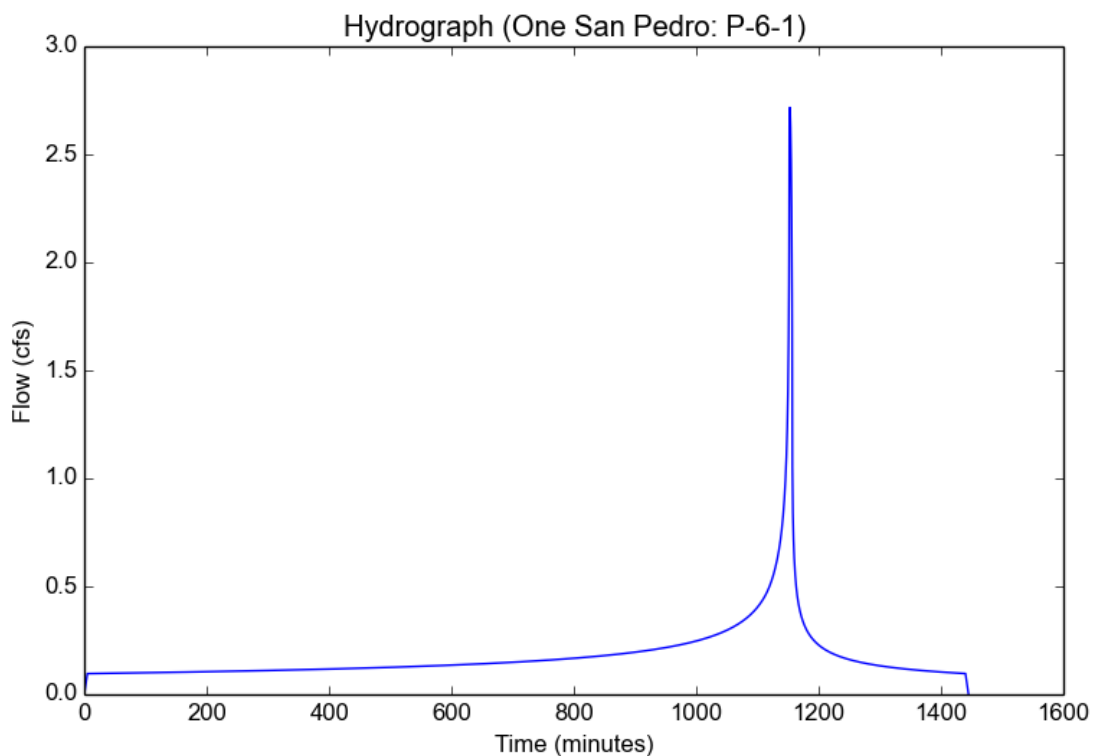
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Subarea ID	P-6-1
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Flow Path Length (ft)	150.0
Flow Path Slope (vft/hft)	0.023
50-yr Rainfall Depth (in)	5.56
Percent Impervious	0.95
Soil Type	13
Design Storm Frequency	50-yr
Fire Factor	0
LID	False

### Output Results

Modeled (50-yr) Rainfall Depth (in)	5.56
Peak Intensity (in/hr)	3.3172
Undeveloped Runoff Coefficient (Cu)	0.9
Developed Runoff Coefficient (Cd)	0.9
Time of Concentration (min)	5.0
Clear Peak Flow Rate (cfs)	2.7168
Burned Peak Flow Rate (cfs)	2.7168
24-Hr Clear Runoff Volume (ac-ft)	0.3612
24-Hr Clear Runoff Volume (cu-ft)	15734.4912



# Peak Flow Hydrologic Analysis

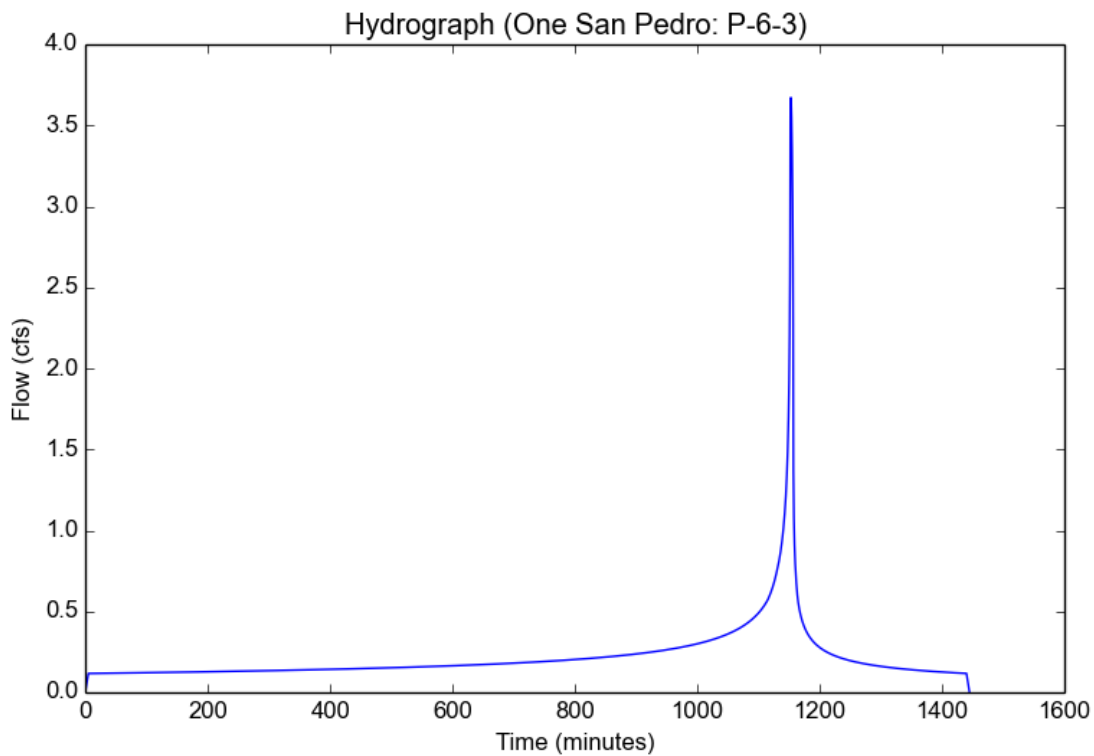
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## Input Parameters

Project Name	One San Pedro
Subarea ID	P-6-3
Area (ac)	1.23
Flow Path Length (ft)	207.0
Flow Path Slope (vft/hft)	0.022
50-yr Rainfall Depth (in)	5.56
Percent Impervious	0.84
Soil Type	13
Design Storm Frequency	50-yr
Fire Factor	0
LID	False

## Output Results

Modeled (50-yr) Rainfall Depth (in)	5.56
Peak Intensity (in/hr)	3.3172
Undeveloped Runoff Coefficient (Cu)	0.9
Developed Runoff Coefficient (Cd)	0.9
Time of Concentration (min)	5.0
Clear Peak Flow Rate (cfs)	3.6722
Burned Peak Flow Rate (cfs)	3.6722
24-Hr Clear Runoff Volume (ac-ft)	0.4433
24-Hr Clear Runoff Volume (cu-ft)	19309.0152



# Peak Flow Hydrologic Analysis

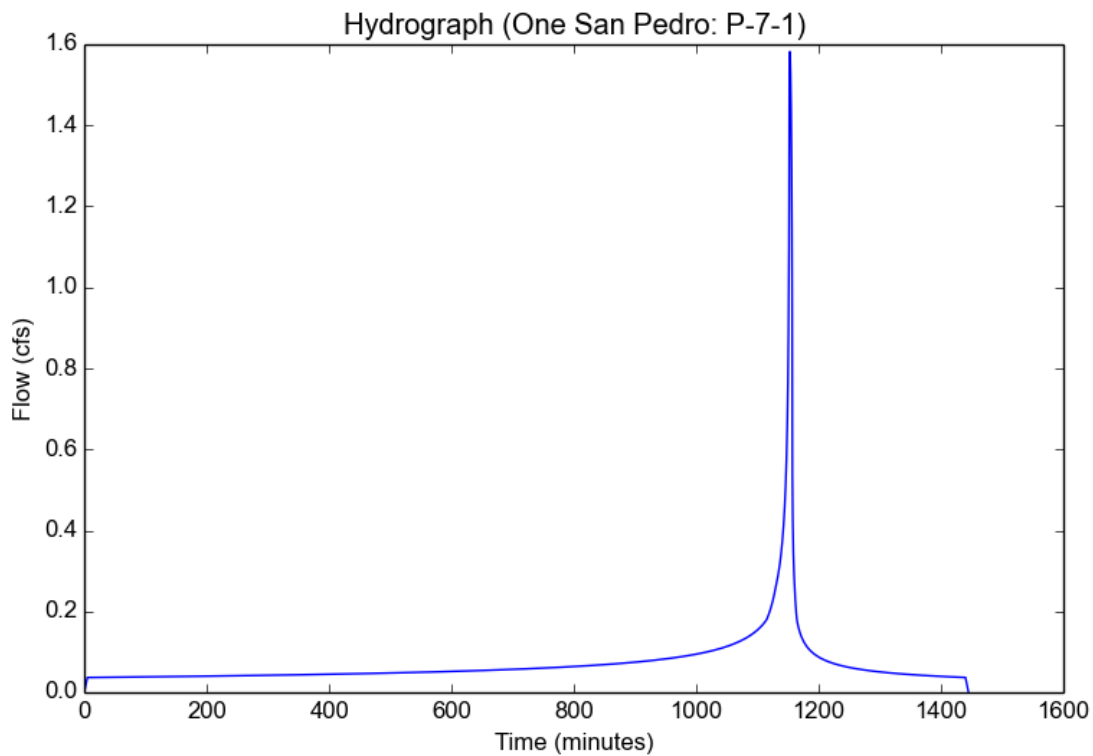
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## Input Parameters

Project Name	One San Pedro
Subarea ID	P-7-1
Area (ac)	0.53
Flow Path Length (ft)	161.0
Flow Path Slope (vft/hft)	0.022
50-yr Rainfall Depth (in)	5.56
Percent Impervious	0.58
Soil Type	13
Design Storm Frequency	50-yr
Fire Factor	0
LID	False

## Output Results

Modeled (50-yr) Rainfall Depth (in)	5.56
Peak Intensity (in/hr)	3.3172
Undeveloped Runoff Coefficient (Cu)	0.9
Developed Runoff Coefficient (Cd)	0.9
Time of Concentration (min)	5.0
Clear Peak Flow Rate (cfs)	1.5823
Burned Peak Flow Rate (cfs)	1.5823
24-Hr Clear Runoff Volume (ac-ft)	0.1452
24-Hr Clear Runoff Volume (cu-ft)	6325.4732



## Peak Flow Hydrologic Analysis

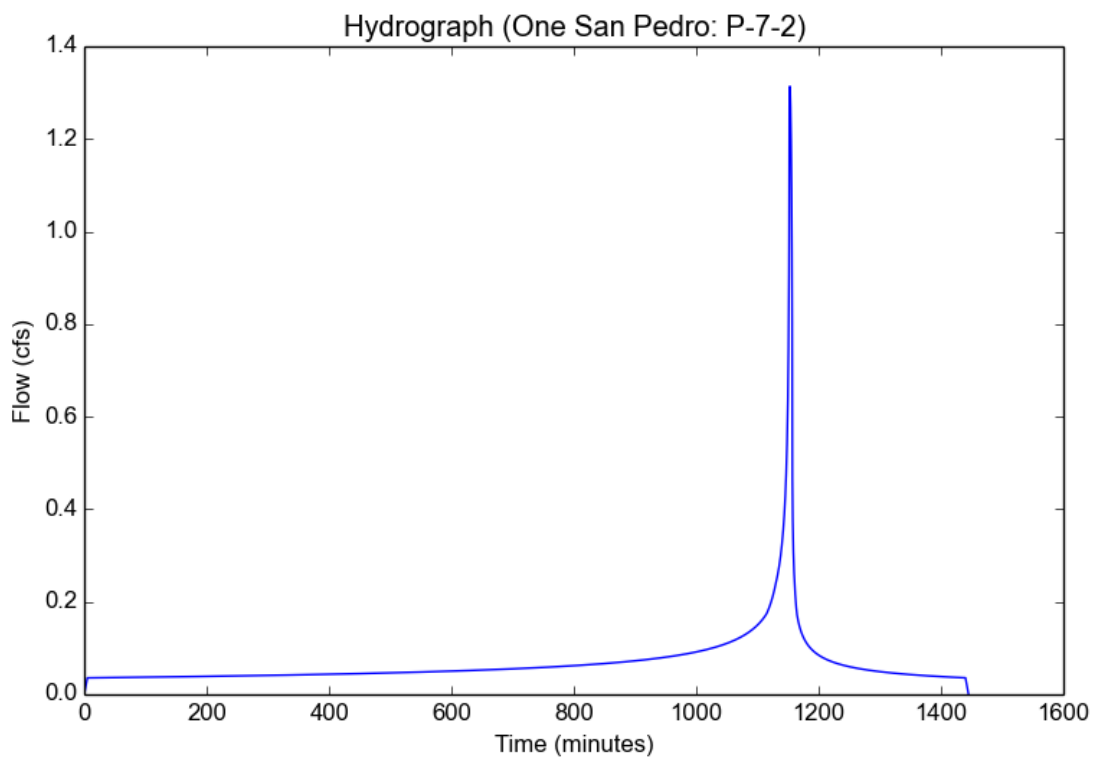
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### Input Parameters

Project Name	One San Pedro
Subarea ID	P-7-2
Area (ac)	0.44
Flow Path Length (ft)	164.0
Flow Path Slope (vft/hft)	0.021
50-yr Rainfall Depth (in)	5.56
Percent Impervious	0.7
Soil Type	13
Design Storm Frequency	50-yr
Fire Factor	0
LID	False

### Output Results

Modeled (50-yr) Rainfall Depth (in)	5.56
Peak Intensity (in/hr)	3.3172
Undeveloped Runoff Coefficient (Cu)	0.9
Developed Runoff Coefficient (Cd)	0.9
Time of Concentration (min)	5.0
Clear Peak Flow Rate (cfs)	1.3136
Burned Peak Flow Rate (cfs)	1.3136
24-Hr Clear Runoff Volume (ac-ft)	0.1381
24-Hr Clear Runoff Volume (cu-ft)	6015.6226



# Peak Flow Hydrologic Analysis

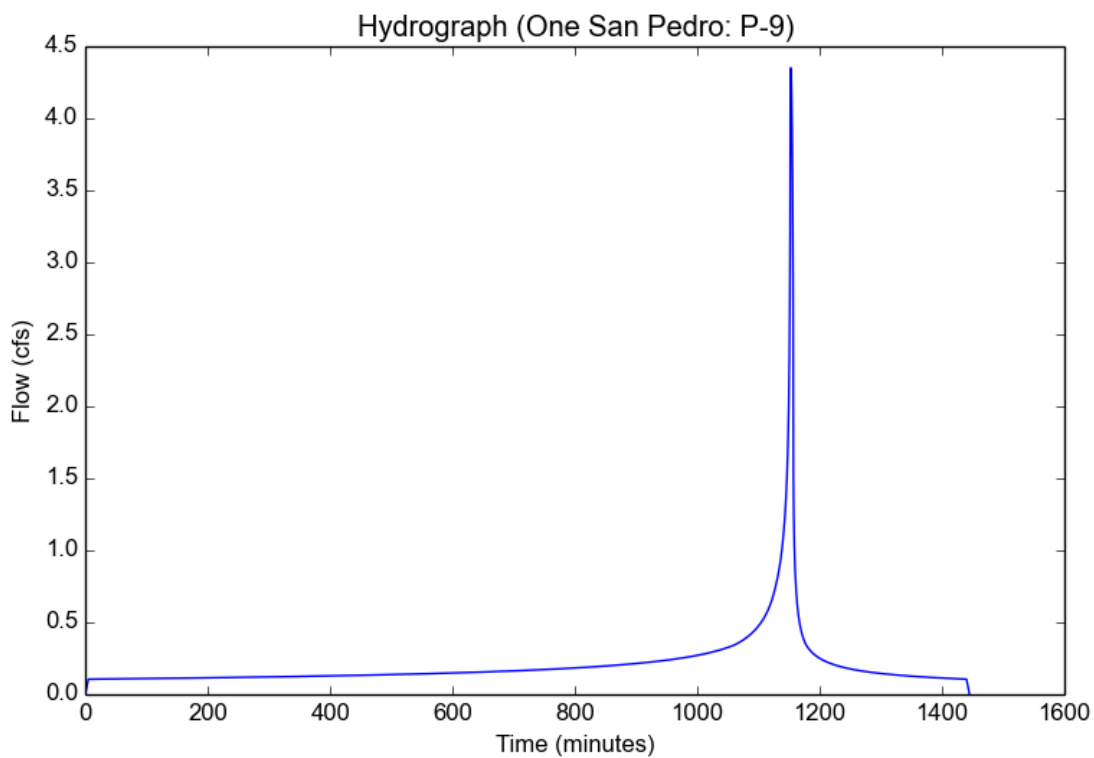
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## Input Parameters

Project Name	One San Pedro
Subarea ID	P-9
Area (ac)	1.48
Flow Path Length (ft)	344.0
Flow Path Slope (vft/hft)	0.045
50-yr Rainfall Depth (in)	5.56
Percent Impervious	0.6
Soil Type	16
Design Storm Frequency	50-yr
Fire Factor	0
LID	False

## Output Results

Modeled (50-yr) Rainfall Depth (in)	5.56
Peak Intensity (in/hr)	3.3172
Undeveloped Runoff Coefficient (Cu)	0.8657
Developed Runoff Coefficient (Cd)	0.8863
Time of Concentration (min)	5.0
Clear Peak Flow Rate (cfs)	4.3511
Burned Peak Flow Rate (cfs)	4.3511
24-Hr Clear Runoff Volume (ac-ft)	0.4192
24-Hr Clear Runoff Volume (cu-ft)	18258.3895





# Peak Flow Hydrologic Analysis

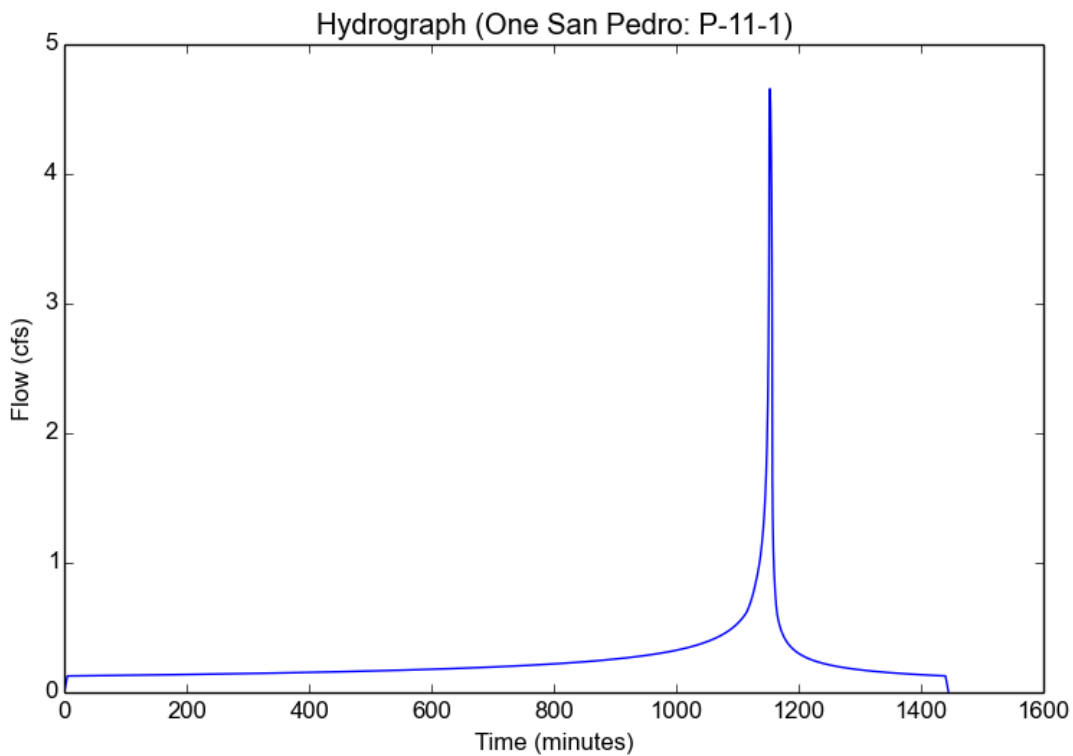
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## Input Parameters

Project Name	One San Pedro
Subarea ID	P-11-1
Area (ac)	1.56
Flow Path Length (ft)	235.0
Flow Path Slope (vft/hft)	0.024
50-yr Rainfall Depth (in)	5.56
Percent Impervious	0.7
Soil Type	13
Design Storm Frequency	50-yr
Fire Factor	0
LID	False

## Output Results

Modeled (50-yr) Rainfall Depth (in)	5.56
Peak Intensity (in/hr)	3.3172
Undeveloped Runoff Coefficient (Cu)	0.9
Developed Runoff Coefficient (Cd)	0.9
Time of Concentration (min)	5.0
Clear Peak Flow Rate (cfs)	4.6574
Burned Peak Flow Rate (cfs)	4.6574
24-Hr Clear Runoff Volume (ac-ft)	0.4896
24-Hr Clear Runoff Volume (cu-ft)	21328.1164



## Peak Flow Hydrologic Analysis

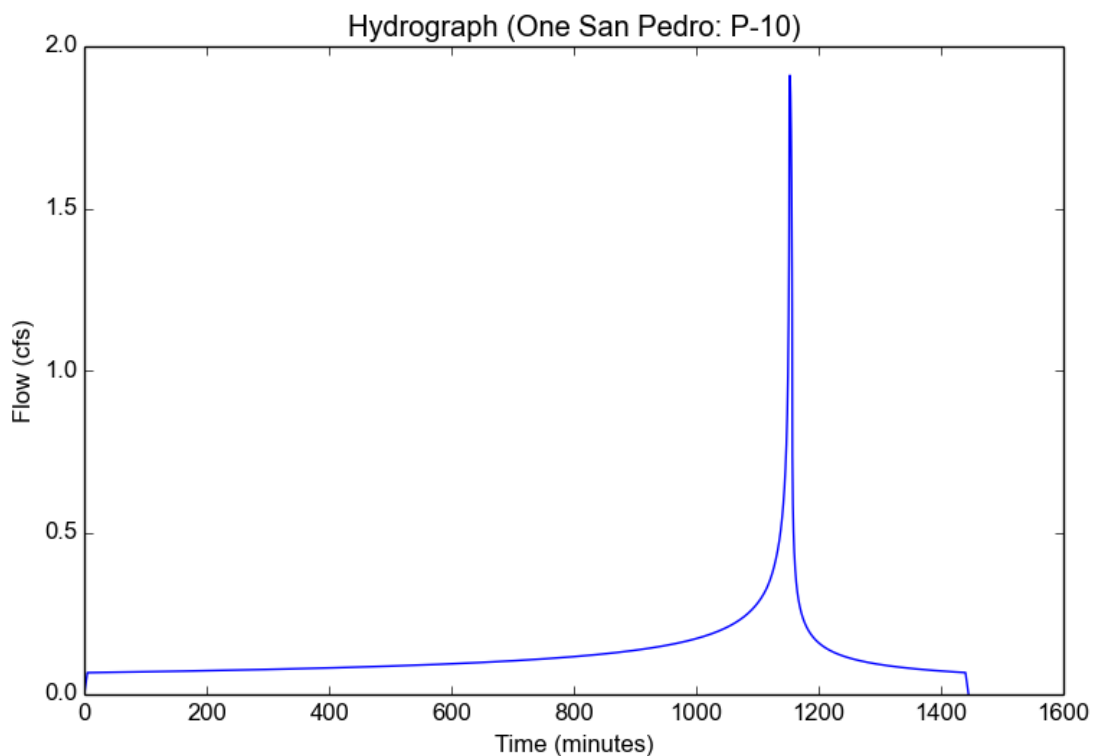
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### Input Parameters

Project Name	One San Pedro
Subarea ID	P-10
Area (ac)	0.64
Flow Path Length (ft)	161.0
Flow Path Slope (vft/hft)	0.017
50-yr Rainfall Depth (in)	5.56
Percent Impervious	0.94
Soil Type	13
Design Storm Frequency	50-yr
Fire Factor	0
LID	False

### Output Results

Modeled (50-yr) Rainfall Depth (in)	5.56
Peak Intensity (in/hr)	3.3172
Undeveloped Runoff Coefficient (Cu)	0.9
Developed Runoff Coefficient (Cd)	0.9
Time of Concentration (min)	5.0
Clear Peak Flow Rate (cfs)	1.9107
Burned Peak Flow Rate (cfs)	1.9107
24-Hr Clear Runoff Volume (ac-ft)	0.2519
24-Hr Clear Runoff Volume (cu-ft)	10973.375



# Peak Flow Hydrologic Analysis

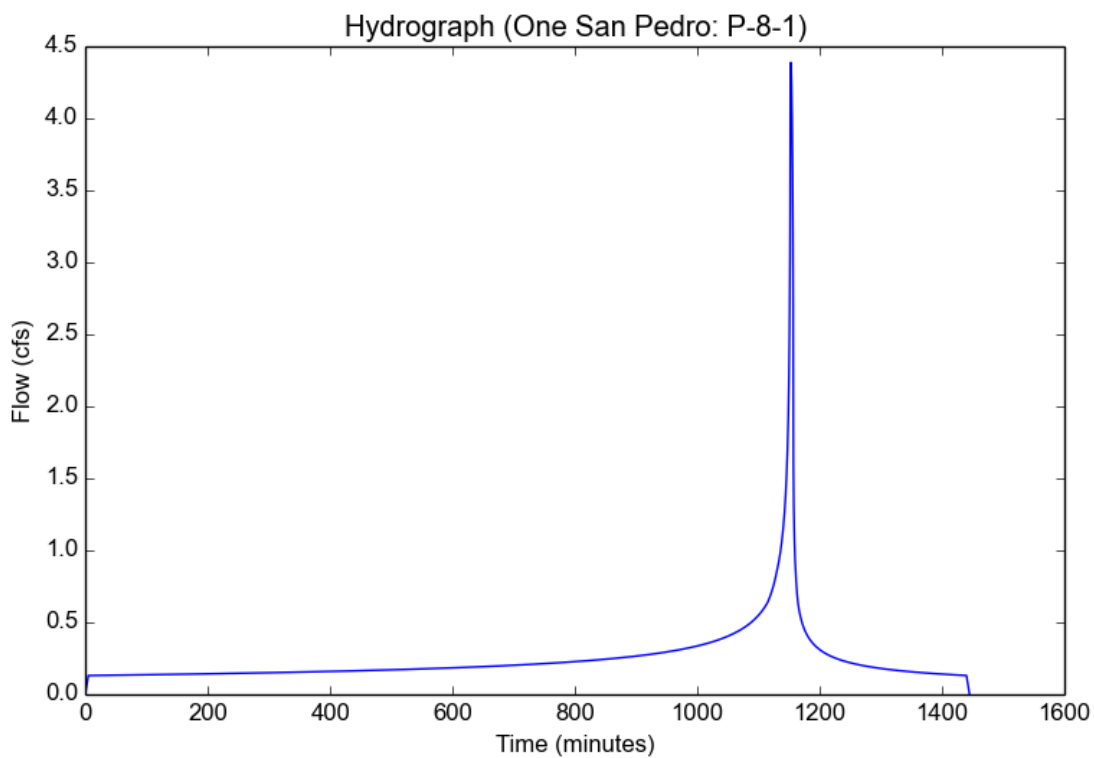
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## Input Parameters

Project Name	One San Pedro
Subarea ID	P-8-1
Area (ac)	1.47
Flow Path Length (ft)	207.0
Flow Path Slope (vft/hft)	0.046
50-yr Rainfall Depth (in)	5.56
Percent Impervious	0.78
Soil Type	13
Design Storm Frequency	50-yr
Fire Factor	0
LID	False

## Output Results

Modeled (50-yr) Rainfall Depth (in)	5.56
Peak Intensity (in/hr)	3.3172
Undeveloped Runoff Coefficient (Cu)	0.9
Developed Runoff Coefficient (Cd)	0.9
Time of Concentration (min)	5.0
Clear Peak Flow Rate (cfs)	4.3887
Burned Peak Flow Rate (cfs)	4.3887
24-Hr Clear Runoff Volume (ac-ft)	0.5005
24-Hr Clear Runoff Volume (cu-ft)	21799.9223



# Peak Flow Hydrologic Analysis

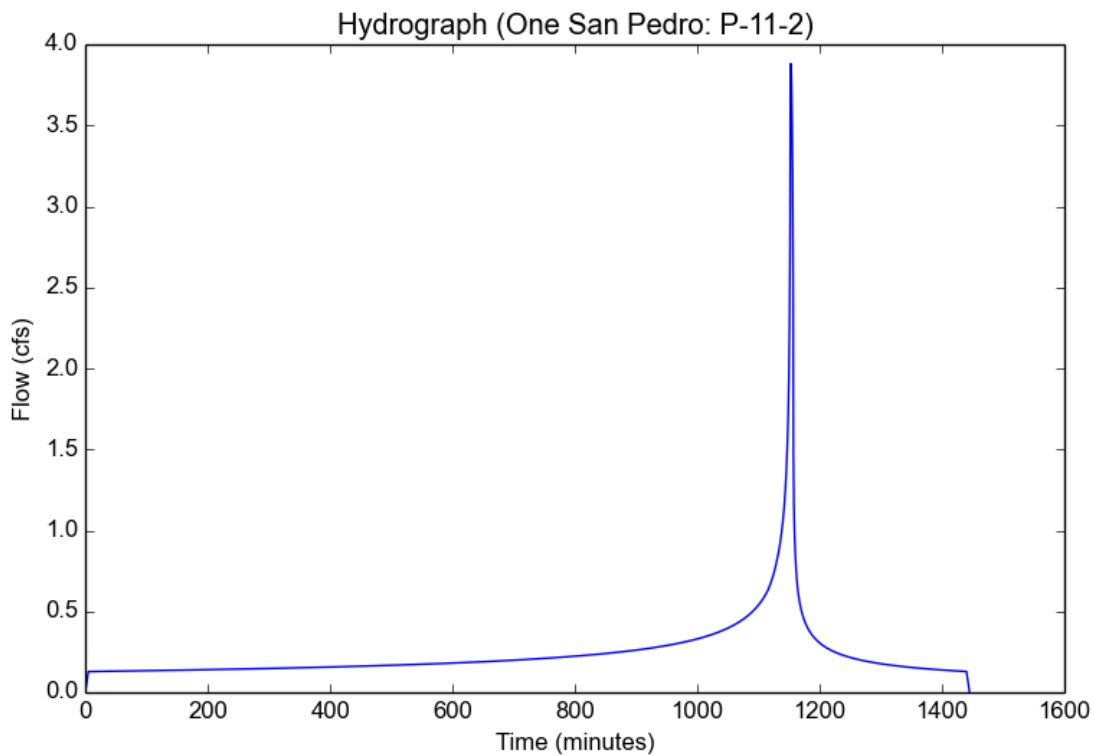
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## Input Parameters

Project Name	One San Pedro
Subarea ID	P-11-2
Area (ac)	1.3
Flow Path Length (ft)	207.0
Flow Path Slope (vft/hft)	0.022
50-yr Rainfall Depth (in)	5.56
Percent Impervious	0.88
Soil Type	13
Design Storm Frequency	50-yr
Fire Factor	0
LID	False

## Output Results

Modeled (50-yr) Rainfall Depth (in)	5.56
Peak Intensity (in/hr)	3.3172
Undeveloped Runoff Coefficient (Cu)	0.9
Developed Runoff Coefficient (Cd)	0.9
Time of Concentration (min)	5.0
Clear Peak Flow Rate (cfs)	3.8812
Burned Peak Flow Rate (cfs)	3.8812
24-Hr Clear Runoff Volume (ac-ft)	0.4858
24-Hr Clear Runoff Volume (cu-ft)	21160.6085



# Peak Flow Hydrologic Analysis

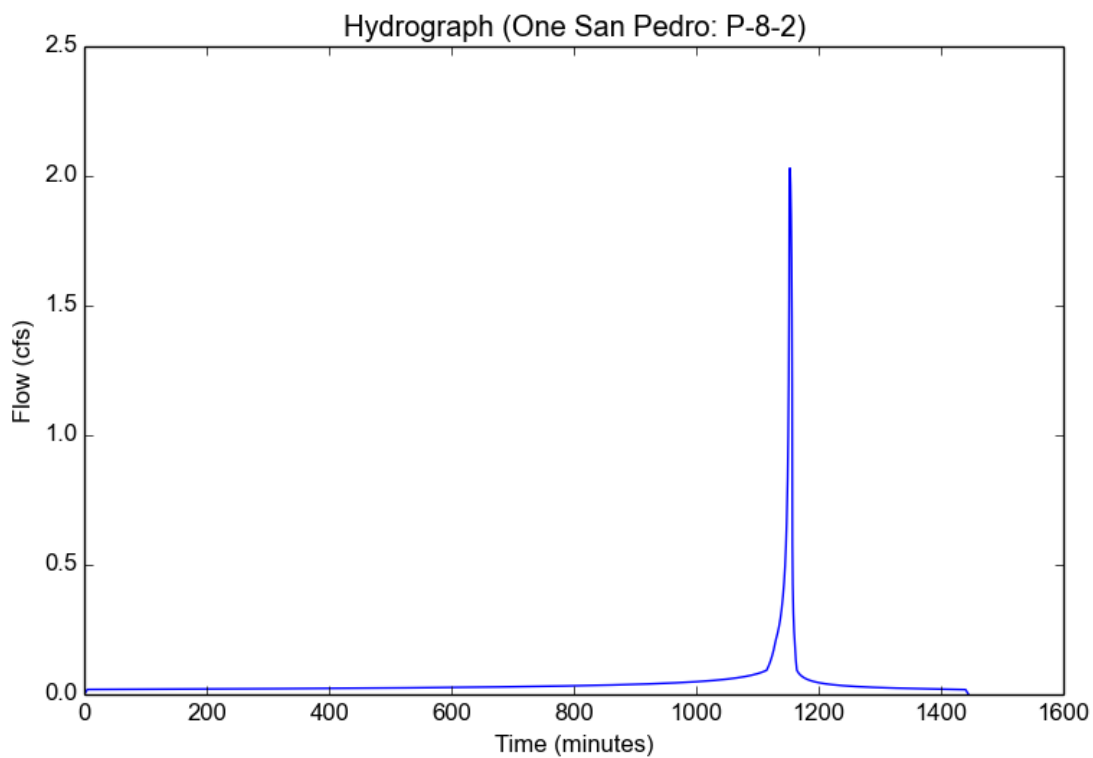
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## Input Parameters

Project Name	One San Pedro
Subarea ID	P-8-2
Area (ac)	0.68
Flow Path Length (ft)	283.0
Flow Path Slope (vft/hft)	0.018
50-yr Rainfall Depth (in)	5.56
Percent Impervious	0.16
Soil Type	13
Design Storm Frequency	50-yr
Fire Factor	0
LID	False

## Output Results

Modeled (50-yr) Rainfall Depth (in)	5.56
Peak Intensity (in/hr)	3.3172
Undeveloped Runoff Coefficient (Cu)	0.9
Developed Runoff Coefficient (Cd)	0.9
Time of Concentration (min)	5.0
Clear Peak Flow Rate (cfs)	2.0302
Burned Peak Flow Rate (cfs)	2.0302
24-Hr Clear Runoff Volume (ac-ft)	0.0914
24-Hr Clear Runoff Volume (cu-ft)	3981.607



# Peak Flow Hydrologic Analysis

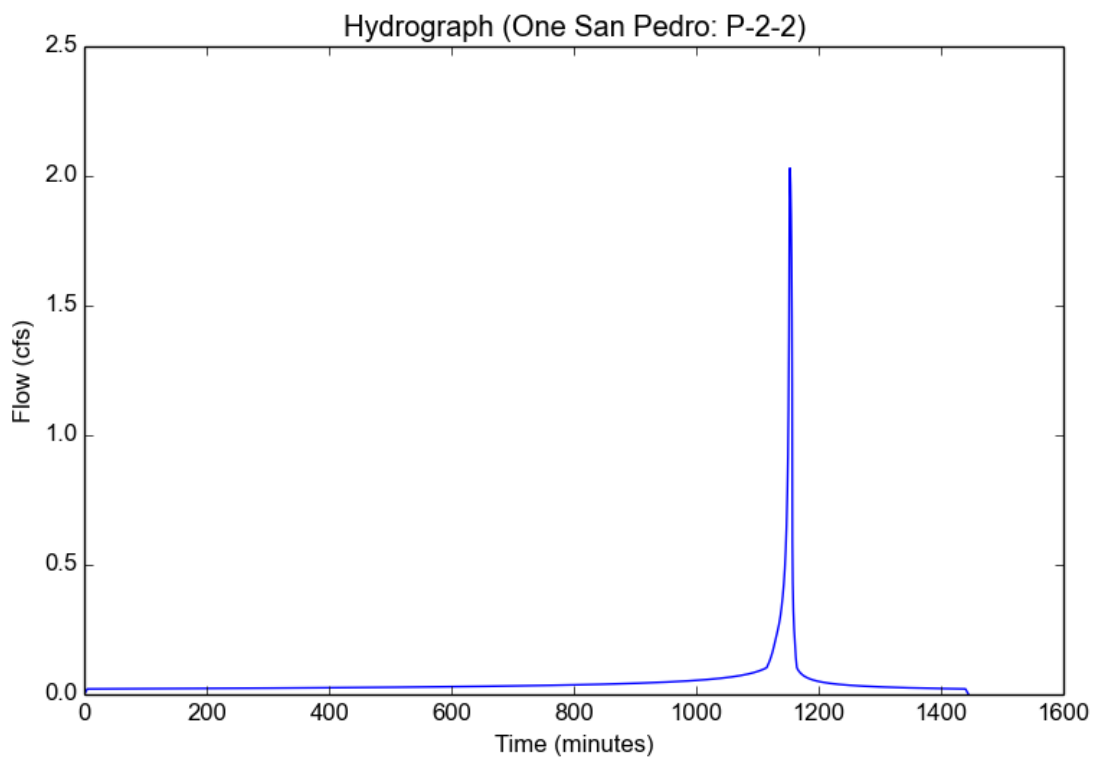
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## Input Parameters

Project Name	One San Pedro
Subarea ID	P-2-2
Area (ac)	0.68
Flow Path Length (ft)	275.0
Flow Path Slope (vft/hft)	0.015
50-yr Rainfall Depth (in)	5.56
Percent Impervious	0.19
Soil Type	13
Design Storm Frequency	50-yr
Fire Factor	0
LID	False

## Output Results

Modeled (50-yr) Rainfall Depth (in)	5.56
Peak Intensity (in/hr)	3.3172
Undeveloped Runoff Coefficient (Cu)	0.9
Developed Runoff Coefficient (Cd)	0.9
Time of Concentration (min)	5.0
Clear Peak Flow Rate (cfs)	2.0302
Burned Peak Flow Rate (cfs)	2.0302
24-Hr Clear Runoff Volume (ac-ft)	0.0982
24-Hr Clear Runoff Volume (cu-ft)	4276.8995



# Peak Flow Hydrologic Analysis

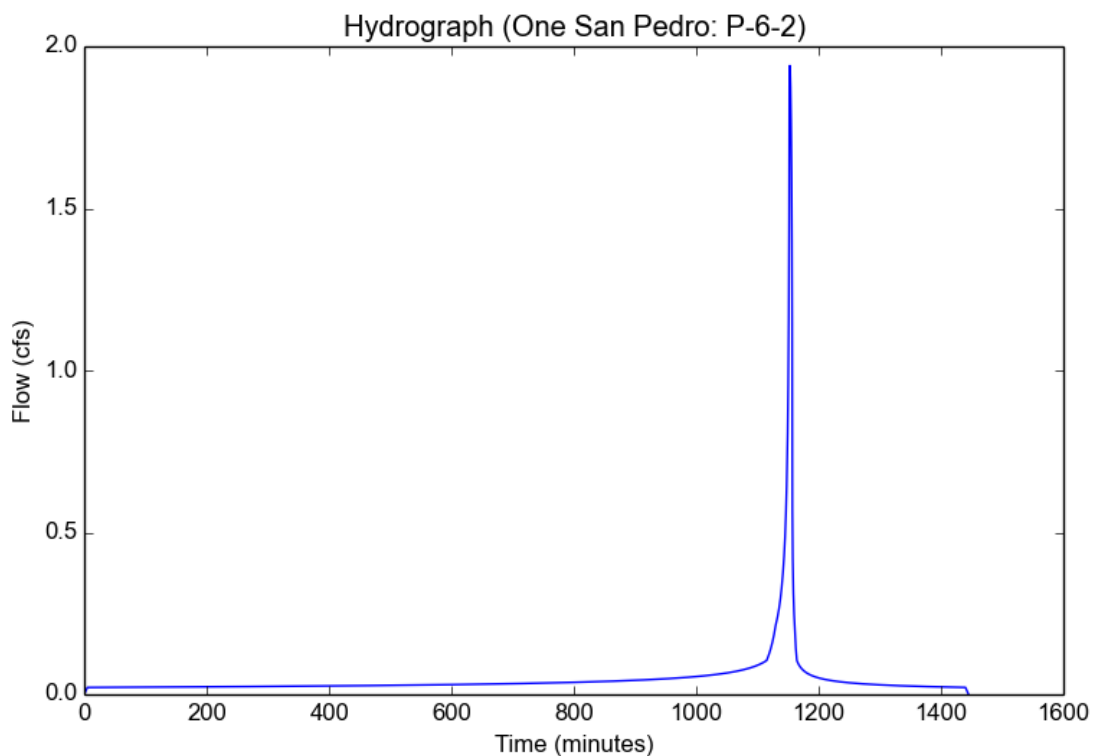
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## Input Parameters

Project Name	One San Pedro
Subarea ID	P-6-2
Area (ac)	0.65
Flow Path Length (ft)	260.0
Flow Path Slope (vft/hft)	0.006
50-yr Rainfall Depth (in)	5.56
Percent Impervious	0.21
Soil Type	13
Design Storm Frequency	50-yr
Fire Factor	0
LID	False

## Output Results

Modeled (50-yr) Rainfall Depth (in)	5.56
Peak Intensity (in/hr)	3.3172
Undeveloped Runoff Coefficient (Cu)	0.9
Developed Runoff Coefficient (Cd)	0.9
Time of Concentration (min)	5.0
Clear Peak Flow Rate (cfs)	1.9406
Burned Peak Flow Rate (cfs)	1.9406
24-Hr Clear Runoff Volume (ac-ft)	0.0982
24-Hr Clear Runoff Volume (cu-ft)	4276.3893



# Scheduling

## EXHIBIT 1 - TYPICAL SWPPP BMPs

JANUARY				
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
		1	2	3
			NTP MOBILIZATION	
6	7	8	9	10
Install erosion & sediment control measures		Land clearing		Grading
12	13	14	15	16
			22	23

EC-1

### Categories

- EC Erosion Control
- SE Sediment Control
- TC Tracking Control
- WE Wind Erosion Control
- NS Non-Stormwater Management Control
- WM Waste Management and Materials Pollution Control

### Legend:

- Primary Objective
- Secondary Objective

### Targeted Constituents

- Sediment
- Nutrients
- Trash
- Metals
- Bacteria
- Oil and Grease
- Organics

### Potential Alternatives

None

### Description and Purpose

Scheduling is the development of a written plan that includes sequencing of construction activities and the implementation of BMPs such as erosion control and sediment control while taking local climate (rainfall, wind, etc.) into consideration. The purpose is to reduce the amount and duration of soil exposed to erosion by wind, rain, runoff, and vehicle tracking and to perform the construction activities and control practices in accordance with the planned schedule.

### Suitable Applications

Proper sequencing of construction activities to reduce erosion potential should be incorporated into the schedule of every construction project especially during rainy season. Use of other, more costly yet less effective, erosion and sediment control BMPs may often be reduced through proper construction sequencing.

### Limitations

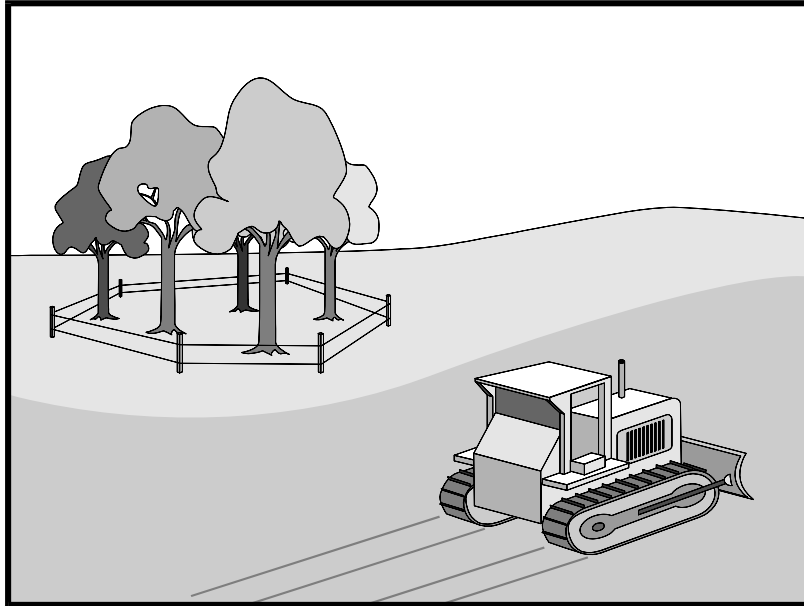
- Environmental constraints such as nesting season prohibitions reduce the full capabilities of this BMP.

### Implementation

- Avoid rainy periods. Schedule major grading operations during dry months when practical. Allow enough time before rainfall begins to stabilize the soil with vegetation or physical means or to install sediment trapping devices.
- Plan the project and develop a schedule showing each phase



# Preservation Of Existing Vegetation EC-2



## Description and Purpose

Carefully planned preservation of existing vegetation minimizes the potential of removing or injuring existing trees, vines, shrubs, and grasses that protect soil from erosion.

## Suitable Applications

Preservation of existing vegetation is suitable for use on most projects. Large project sites often provide the greatest opportunity for use of this BMP. Suitable applications include the following:

- Areas within the site where no construction activity occurs, or occurs at a later date. This BMP is especially suitable to multi year projects where grading can be phased.
- Areas where natural vegetation exists and is designated for preservation. Such areas often include steep slopes, watercourse, and building sites in wooded areas.
- Areas where local, state, and federal government require preservation, such as vernal pools, wetlands, marshes, certain oak trees, etc. These areas are usually designated on the plans, or in the specifications, permits, or environmental documents.
- Where vegetation designated for ultimate removal can be temporarily preserved and be utilized for erosion control and sediment control.

## Limitations

- Requires forward planning by the owner/developer,

## Categories

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SE	Sediment Control	<input type="checkbox"/>
TC	Tracking Control	<input type="checkbox"/>
WE	Wind Erosion Control	<input type="checkbox"/>
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## Legend:

- Primary Objective
- Secondary Objective

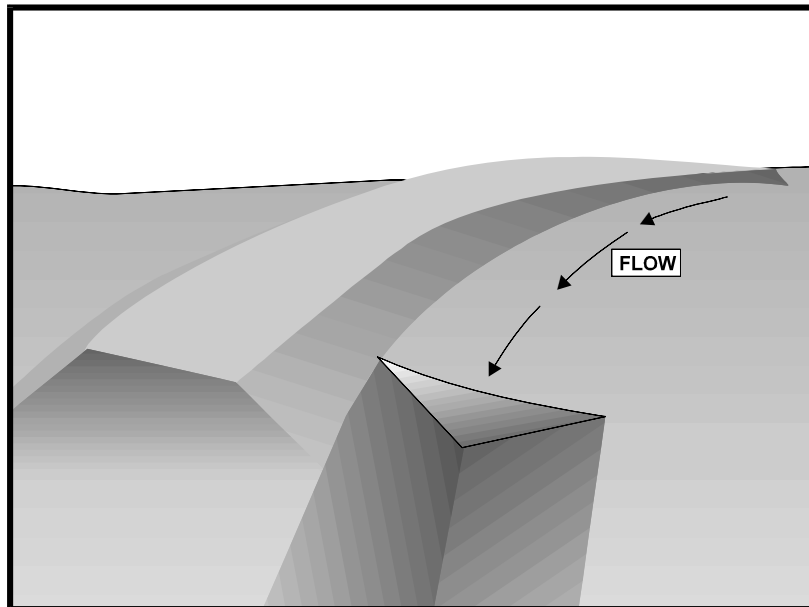
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Trash	<input type="checkbox"/>
Metals	<input type="checkbox"/>
Bacteria	<input type="checkbox"/>
Oil and Grease	<input type="checkbox"/>
Organics	<input type="checkbox"/>

## Potential Alternatives

None





## Description and Purpose

An earth dike is a temporary berm or ridge of compacted soil used to divert runoff or channel water to a desired location. A drainage swale is a shaped and sloped depression in the soil surface used to convey runoff to a desired location. Earth dikes and drainage swales are used to divert off site runoff around the construction site, divert runoff from stabilized areas and disturbed areas, and direct runoff into sediment basins or traps.

## Suitable Applications

Earth dikes and drainage swales are suitable for use, individually or together, where runoff needs to be diverted from one area and conveyed to another.

- Earth dikes and drainage swales may be used:
  - To convey surface runoff down sloping land
  - To intercept and divert runoff to avoid sheet flow over sloped surfaces
  - To divert and direct runoff towards a stabilized watercourse, drainage pipe or channel
  - To intercept runoff from paved surfaces
  - Below steep grades where runoff begins to concentrate
  - Along roadways and facility improvements subject to flood drainage

## Categories

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TC	Tracking Control	<input type="checkbox"/>
WE	Wind Erosion Control	<input type="checkbox"/>
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- Primary Objective
- Secondary Objective

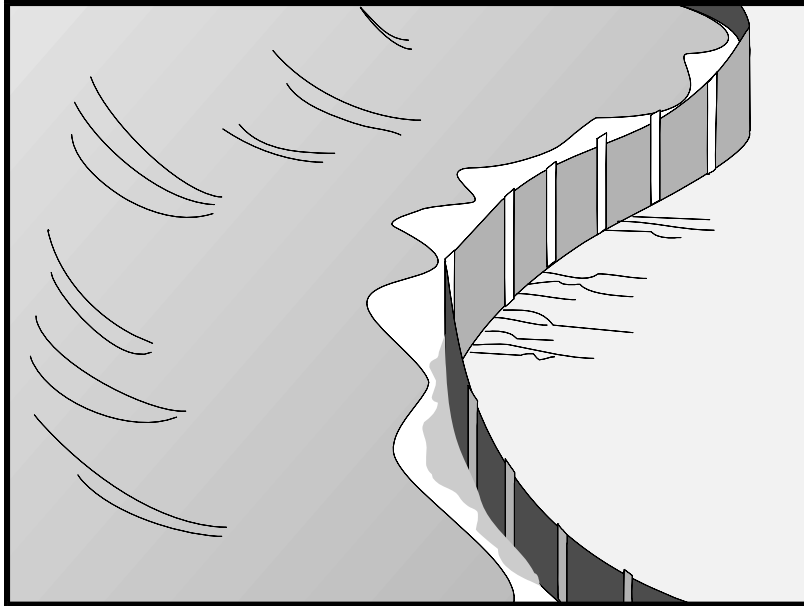
## Targeted Constituents

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Trash	<input type="checkbox"/>
Metals	<input type="checkbox"/>
Bacteria	<input type="checkbox"/>
Oil and Grease	<input type="checkbox"/>
Organics	<input type="checkbox"/>

## Potential Alternatives

None





## Description and Purpose

A silt fence is made of a woven geotextile that has been entrenched, attached to supporting poles, and sometimes backed by a plastic or wire mesh for support. The silt fence detains sediment-laden water, promoting sedimentation behind the fence.

## Suitable Applications

Silt fences are suitable for perimeter control, placed below areas where sheet flows discharge from the site. They could also be used as interior controls below disturbed areas where runoff may occur in the form of sheet and rill erosion and around inlets within disturbed areas (SE-10). Silt fences are generally ineffective in locations where the flow is concentrated and are only applicable for sheet or overland flows. Silt fences are most effective when used in combination with erosion controls. Suitable applications include:

- Along the perimeter of a project.
- Below the toe or down slope of exposed and erodible slopes.
- Along streams and channels.
- Around temporary spoil areas and stockpiles.
- Around inlets.
- Below other small cleared areas.

## Categories

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SE	Sediment Control	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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## Legend:

- Primary Category
- Secondary Category

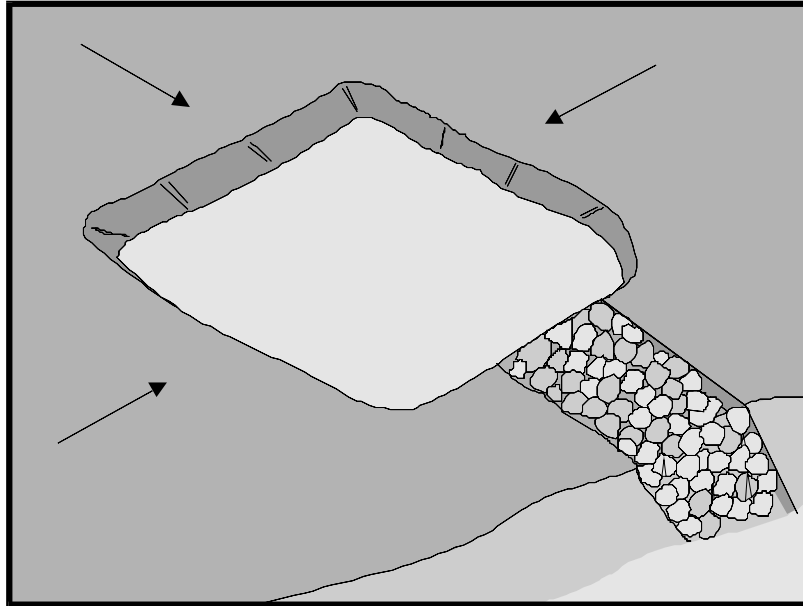
## Targeted Constituents

Sediment	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Nutrients	
Trash	
Metals	
Bacteria	
Oil and Grease	
Organics	

## Potential Alternatives

- SE-5 Fiber Rolls
- SE-6 Gravel Bag Berm
- SE-8 Sandbag Barrier
- SE-10 Storm Drain Inlet Protection
- SE-14 Biofilter Bags





## Categories

EC	Erosion Control	
SE	Sediment Control	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
TC	Tracking Control	
WE	Wind Erosion Control	
NS	Non-Stormwater Management Control	
WM	Waste Management and Materials Pollution Control	

## Legend:

- Primary Objective
- Secondary Objective

## Targeted Constituents

Sediment	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Nutrients	
Trash	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Metals	
Bacteria	
Oil and Grease	
Organics	

## Potential Alternatives

SE-2 Sediment Basin (for larger areas)

## Description and Purpose

A sediment trap is a containment area where sediment-laden runoff is temporarily detained under quiescent conditions, allowing sediment to settle out or before the runoff is discharged by gravity flow. Sediment traps are formed by excavating or constructing an earthen embankment across a waterway or low drainage area.

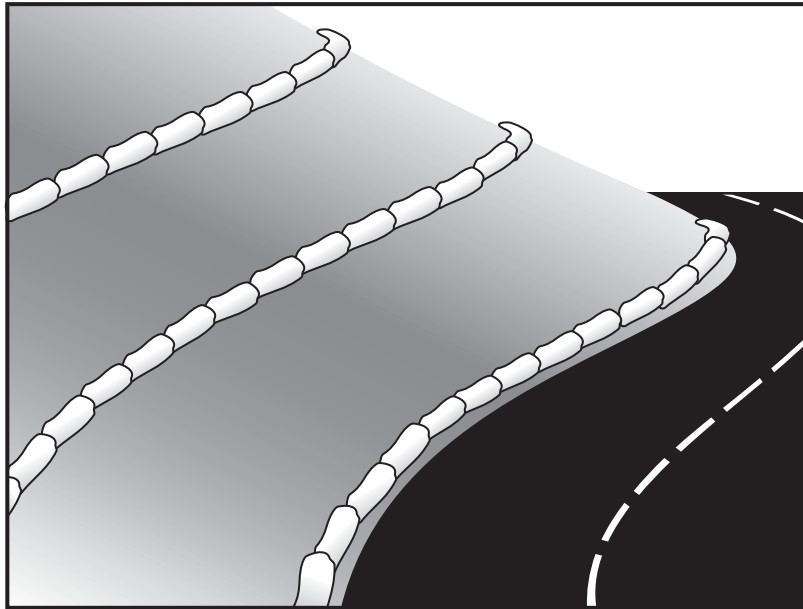
Trap design guidance provided in this fact sheet is not intended to guarantee compliance with numeric discharge limits (numeric action levels or numeric effluent limits for turbidity). Compliance with discharge limits requires a thoughtful approach to comprehensive BMP planning, implementation, and maintenance. Therefore, optimally designed and maintained sediment traps should be used in conjunction with a comprehensive system of BMPs.

## Suitable Applications

Sediment traps should be considered for use:

- At the perimeter of the site at locations where sediment-laden runoff is discharged offsite.
- At multiple locations within the project site where sediment control is needed.
- Around or upslope from storm drain inlet protection measures.
- Sediment traps may be used on construction projects where the drainage area is less than 5 acres. Traps would be





## Description and Purpose

A gravel bag berm is a series of gravel-filled bags placed on a level contour to intercept sheet flows. Gravel bags pond sheet flow runoff, allowing sediment to settle out, and release runoff slowly as sheet flow, preventing erosion.

## Suitable Applications

Gravel bag berms may be suitable:

- As a linear sediment control measure:
  - Below the toe of slopes and erodible slopes
  - As sediment traps at culvert/pipe outlets
  - Below other small cleared areas
  - Along the perimeter of a site
  - Down slope of exposed soil areas
  - Around temporary stockpiles and spoil areas
  - Parallel to a roadway to keep sediment off paved areas
  - Along streams and channels
- As a linear erosion control measure:
  - Along the face and at grade breaks of exposed and erodible slopes to shorten slope length and spread runoff as sheet flow.

## Categories

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WM	Waste Management and Materials Pollution Control	

## Legend:

- Primary Category
- Secondary Category

## Targeted Constituents

Sediment	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Nutrients	
Trash	
Metals	
Bacteria	
Oil and Grease	
Organics	

## Potential Alternatives

- SE-1 Silt Fence
- SE-5 Fiber Roll
- SE-8 Sandbag Barrier
- SE-14 Biofilter Bags





## Description and Purpose

Street sweeping and vacuuming includes use of self-propelled and walk-behind equipment to remove sediment from streets and roadways, and to clean paved surfaces in preparation for final paving. Sweeping and vacuuming prevents sediment from the project site from entering storm drains or receiving waters.

## Suitable Applications

Sweeping and vacuuming are suitable anywhere sediment is tracked from the project site onto public or private paved streets and roads, typically at points of egress. Sweeping and vacuuming are also applicable during preparation of paved surfaces for final paving.

## Limitations

Sweeping and vacuuming may not be effective when sediment is wet or when tracked soil is caked (caked soil may need to be scraped loose).

## Implementation

- Controlling the number of points where vehicles can leave the site will allow sweeping and vacuuming efforts to be focused, and perhaps save money.
- Inspect potential sediment tracking locations daily.
- Visible sediment tracking should be swept or vacuumed on a daily basis.
- Do not use kick brooms or sweeper attachments. These tend to spread the dirt rather than remove it.

## Categories

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TC	Tracking Control	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
WE	Wind Erosion Control	
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WM	Waste Management and Materials Pollution Control	

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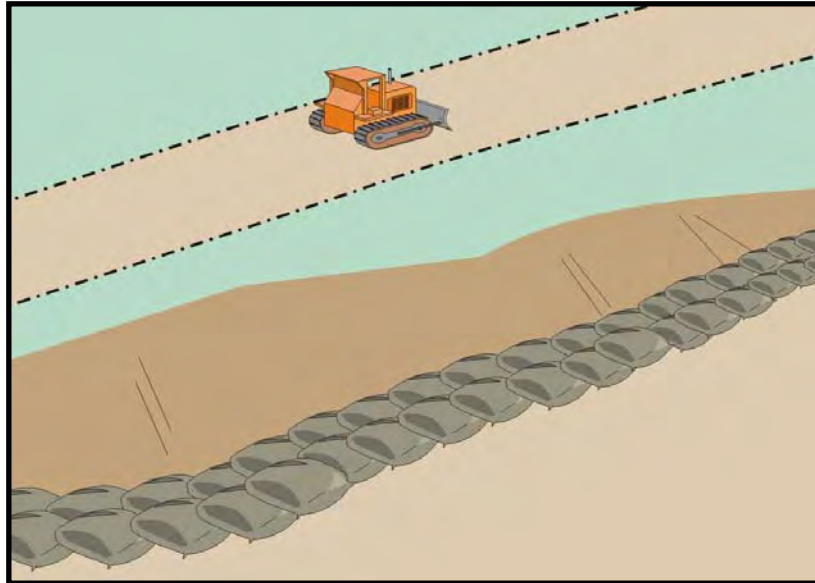
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Metals	
Bacteria	
Oil and Grease	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Organics	

## Potential Alternatives

None





## Categories

EC	Erosion Control	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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## Legend:

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- Secondary Category

## Description and Purpose

A sandbag barrier is a series of sand-filled bags placed on a level contour to intercept or to divert sheet flows. Sandbag barriers placed on a level contour pond sheet flow runoff, allowing sediment to settle out.

## Suitable Applications

Sandbag barriers may be suitable:

- As a linear sediment control measure:
  - Below the toe of slopes and erodible slopes.
  - As sediment traps at culvert/pipe outlets.
  - Below other small cleared areas.
  - Along the perimeter of a site.
  - Down slope of exposed soil areas.
  - Around temporary stockpiles and spoil areas.
  - Parallel to a roadway to keep sediment off paved areas.
  - Along streams and channels.
- As linear erosion control measure:
  - Along the face and at grade breaks of exposed and erodible slopes to shorten slope length and spread runoff as sheet flow.

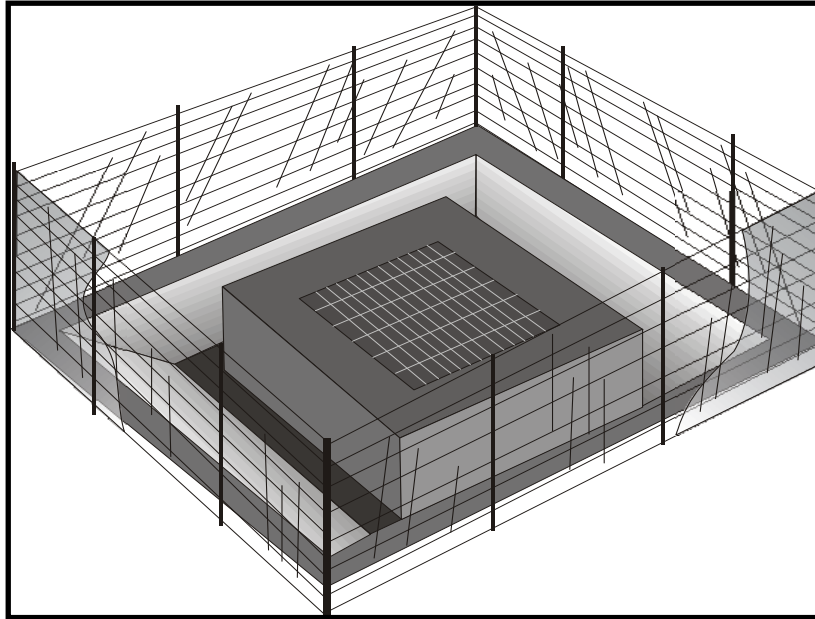
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Nutrients	
Trash	
Metals	
Bacteria	
Oil and Grease	
Organics	

## Potential Alternatives

- SE-1 Silt Fence
- SE-5 Fiber Rolls
- SE-6 Gravel Bag Berm
- SE-14 Biofilter Bags





## Description and Purpose

Storm drain inlet protection consists of a sediment filter or an impounding area in, around or upstream of a storm drain, drop inlet, or curb inlet. Storm drain inlet protection measures temporarily pond runoff before it enters the storm drain, allowing sediment to settle. Some filter configurations also remove sediment by filtering, but usually the ponding action results in the greatest sediment reduction. Temporary geotextile storm drain inserts attach underneath storm drain grates to capture and filter storm water.

## Suitable Applications

Every storm drain inlet receiving runoff from unstabilized or otherwise active work areas should be protected. Inlet protection should be used in conjunction with other erosion and sediment controls to prevent sediment-laden stormwater and non-stormwater discharges from entering the storm drain system.

## Limitations

- Drainage area should not exceed 1 acre.
- In general straw bales should not be used as inlet protection.
- Requires an adequate area for water to pond without encroaching into portions of the roadway subject to traffic.

## Categories

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## Legend:

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## Targeted Constituents

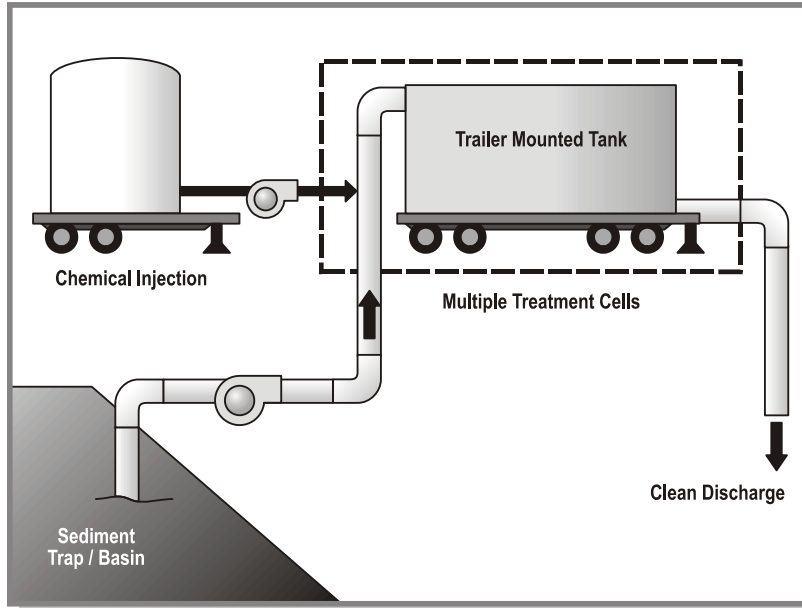
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Metals	
Bacteria	
Oil and Grease	
Organics	

## Potential Alternatives

- SE-1 Silt Fence
- SE-5 Fiber Rolls
- SE-6 Gravel Bag Berm
- SE-8 Sandbag Barrier
- SE-14 Biofilter Bags







## Categories

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## Targeted Constituents

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Metals	<input type="checkbox"/>
Bacteria	<input type="checkbox"/>
Oil and Grease	<input type="checkbox"/>
Organics	<input type="checkbox"/>

## Potential Alternatives

None

## Description and Purpose

Active Treatment Systems (ATS) reduce turbidity of construction site runoff by introducing chemicals to stormwater through direct dosing or an electrical current to enhance flocculation, coagulation, and settling of the suspended sediment. Coagulants and flocculants are used to enhance settling and removal of suspended sediments and generally include inorganic salts and polymers (USACE, 2001). The increased flocculation aids in sedimentation and ability to remove fine suspended sediments, thus reducing stormwater runoff turbidity and improving water quality.

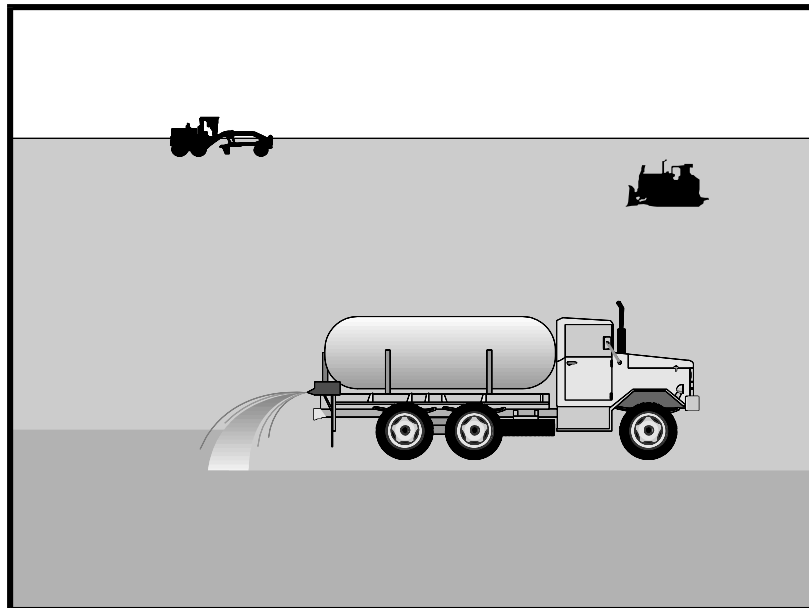
## Suitable Applications

ATS can reliably provide exceptional reductions of turbidity and associated pollutants and should be considered where turbid discharges to sediment and turbidity sensitive waters cannot be avoided using traditional BMPs. Additionally, it may be appropriate to use an ATS when site constraints inhibit the ability to construct a correctly sized sediment basin, when clay and/or highly erosive soils are present, or when the site has very steep or long slope lengths.

## Limitations

Dischargers choosing to utilize chemical treatment in an ATS must follow all guidelines of the Construction General Permit Attachment F – Active Treatment System Requirements. General limitations are as follows:





## Description and Purpose

Wind erosion or dust control consists of applying water or other chemical dust suppressants as necessary to prevent or alleviate dust nuisance generated by construction activities. Covering small stockpiles or areas is an alternative to applying water or other dust palliatives.

California's Mediterranean climate, with a short "wet" season and a typically long, hot "dry" season, allows the soils to thoroughly dry out. During the dry season, construction activities are at their peak, and disturbed and exposed areas are increasingly subject to wind erosion, sediment tracking and dust generated by construction equipment. Site conditions and climate can make dust control more of an erosion problem than water based erosion. Additionally, many local agencies, including Air Quality Management Districts, require dust control and/or dust control permits in order to comply with local nuisance laws, opacity laws (visibility impairment) and the requirements of the Clean Air Act. Wind erosion control is required to be implemented at all construction sites greater than 1 acre by the General Permit.

## Suitable Applications

Most BMPs that provide protection against water-based erosion will also protect against wind-based erosion and dust control requirements required by other agencies will generally meet wind erosion control requirements for water quality protection. Wind erosion control BMPs are suitable during the following construction activities:

## Categories

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## Targeted Constituents

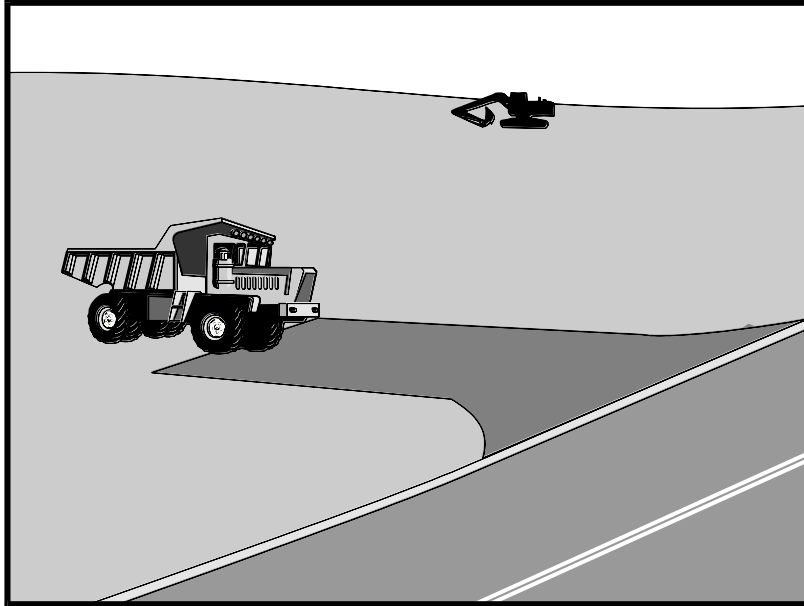
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Bacteria	
Oil and Grease	
Organics	

## Potential Alternatives

EC-5 Soil Binders



# Stabilized Construction Entrance/Exit TC-1



## Description and Purpose

A stabilized construction access is defined by a point of entrance/exit to a construction site that is stabilized to reduce the tracking of mud and dirt onto public roads by construction vehicles.

## Suitable Applications

Use at construction sites:

- Where dirt or mud can be tracked onto public roads.
- Adjacent to water bodies.
- Where poor soils are encountered.
- Where dust is a problem during dry weather conditions.

## Limitations

- Entrances and exits require periodic top dressing with additional stones.
- This BMP should be used in conjunction with street sweeping on adjacent public right of way.
- Entrances and exits should be constructed on level ground only.
- Stabilized construction entrances are rather expensive to construct and when a wash rack is included, a sediment trap of some kind must also be provided to collect wash water runoff.

## Categories

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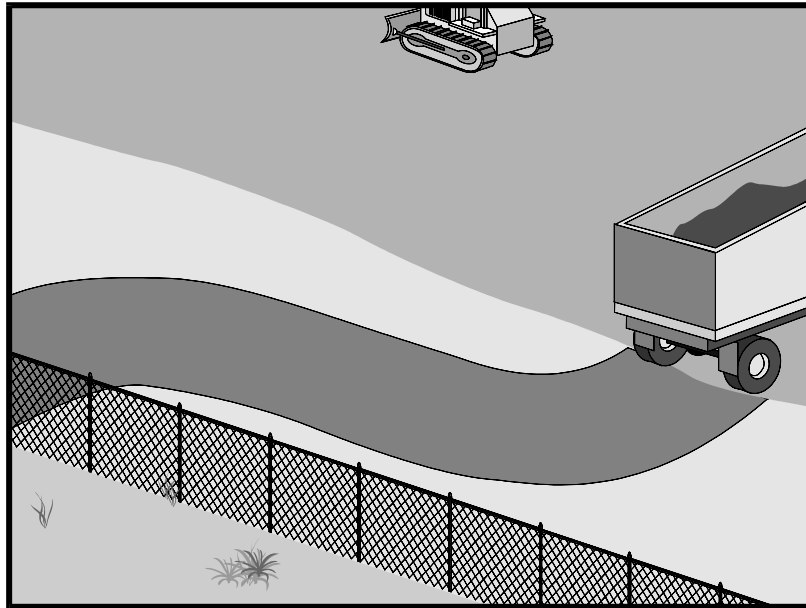
## Targeted Constituents

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Organics	

## Potential Alternatives

None





### Categories

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### Legend:

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### Targeted Constituents

Sediment	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Nutrients	
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### Potential Alternatives

None

### Description and Purpose

Access roads, subdivision roads, parking areas, and other onsite vehicle transportation routes should be stabilized immediately after grading, and frequently maintained to prevent erosion and control dust.

### Suitable Applications

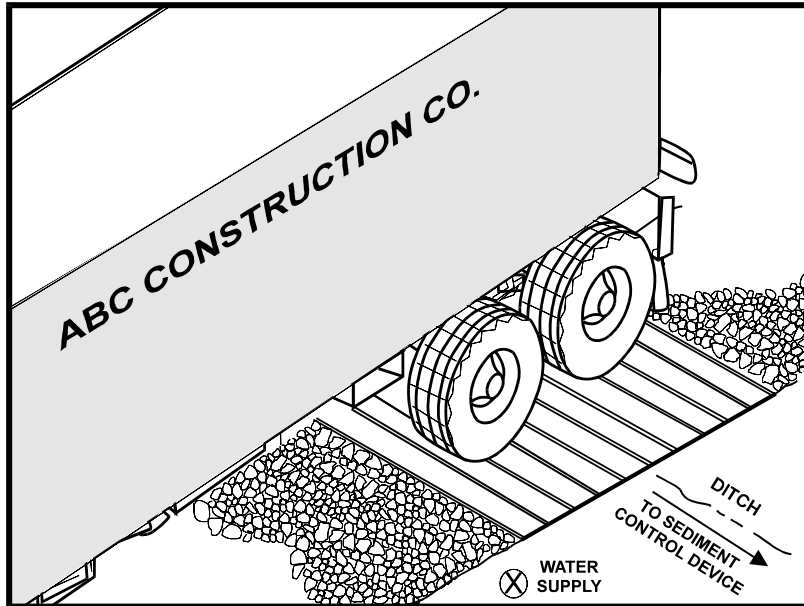
This BMP should be applied for the following conditions:

- Temporary Construction Traffic:
  - Phased construction projects and offsite road access
  - Construction during wet weather
- Construction roadways and detour roads:
  - Where mud tracking is a problem during wet weather
  - Where dust is a problem during dry weather
  - Adjacent to water bodies
  - Where poor soils are encountered

### Limitations

- The roadway must be removed or paved when construction is complete.
- Certain chemical stabilization methods may cause stormwater or soil pollution and should not be used. See WE-1, Wind Erosion Control.





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## Targeted Constituents

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Organics	

## Potential Alternatives

TC-1 Stabilized Construction Entrance/Exit

## Description and Purpose

A tire wash is an area located at stabilized construction access points to remove sediment from tires and undercarriages and to prevent sediment from being transported onto public roadways.

## Suitable Applications

Tire washes may be used on construction sites where dirt and mud tracking onto public roads by construction vehicles may occur.

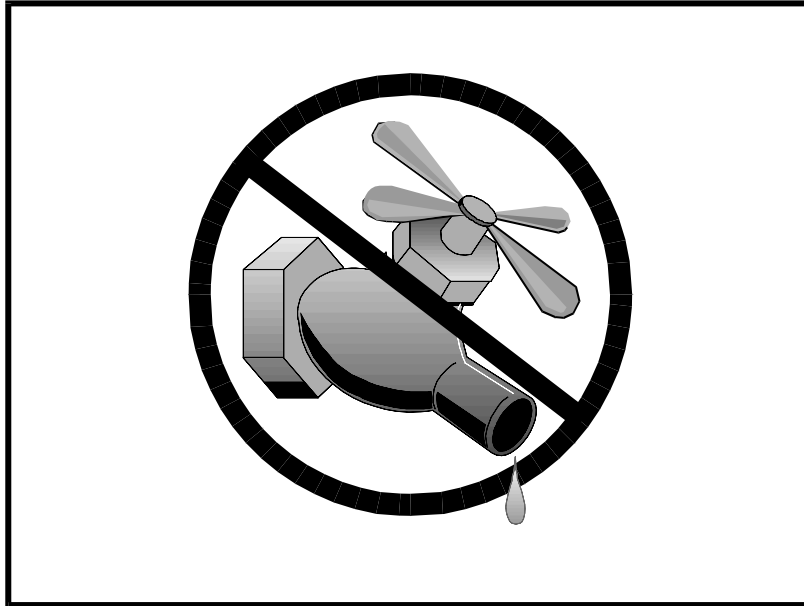
## Limitations

- The tire wash requires a supply of wash water.
- A turnout or doublewide exit is required to avoid having entering vehicles drive through the wash area.
- Do not use where wet tire trucks leaving the site leave the road dangerously slick.

## Implementation

- Incorporate with a stabilized construction entrance/exit. See TC-1, Stabilized Construction Entrance/Exit.
- Construct on level ground when possible, on a pad of coarse aggregate greater than 3 in. but smaller than 6 in. A geotextile fabric should be placed below the aggregate.
- Wash rack should be designed and constructed/manufactured for anticipated traffic loads.





### Description and Purpose

Water conservation practices are activities that use water during the construction of a project in a manner that avoids causing erosion and the transport of pollutants offsite. These practices can reduce or eliminate non-stormwater discharges.

### Suitable Applications

Water conservation practices are suitable for all construction sites where water is used, including piped water, metered water, trucked water, and water from a reservoir.

### Limitations

- None identified.

### Implementation

- Keep water equipment in good working condition.
- Stabilize water truck filling area.
- Repair water leaks promptly.
- Washing of vehicles and equipment on the construction site is discouraged.
- Avoid using water to clean construction areas. If water must be used for cleaning or surface preparation, surface should be swept and vacuumed first to remove dirt. This will minimize amount of water required.
- Direct construction water runoff to areas where it can soak

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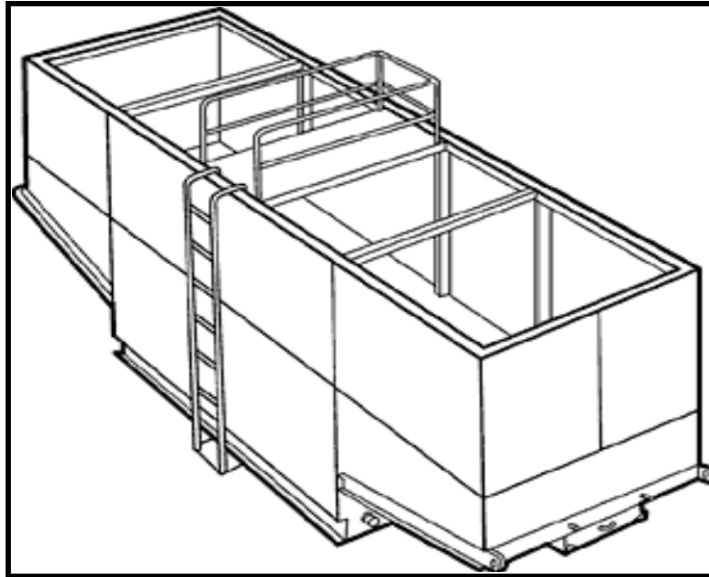
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Oil and Grease	
Organics	

### Potential Alternatives

None





## Description and Purpose

Dewatering operations are practices that manage the discharge of pollutants when non-stormwater and accumulated precipitation (stormwater) must be removed from a work location to proceed with construction work or to provide vector control.

The General Permit incorporates Numeric Effluent Limits (NEL) and Numeric Action Levels (NAL) for turbidity (see Section 2 of this handbook to determine your project's risk level and if you are subject to these requirements).

Discharges from dewatering operations can contain high levels of fine sediment and other pollutants that, if not properly treated, could lead to exceedences of the General Permit requirements or Basin Plan standards.

## Suitable Applications

These practices are implemented for discharges of non-stormwater from construction sites. Non-stormwaters include, but are not limited to, groundwater, water from cofferdams, water diversions, and waters used during construction activities that must be removed from a work area to facilitate construction.

Practices identified in this section are also appropriate for implementation when managing the removal of accumulated precipitation (stormwater) from depressed areas at a construction site.

Stormwater mixed with non-stormwater should be managed as non-stormwater.

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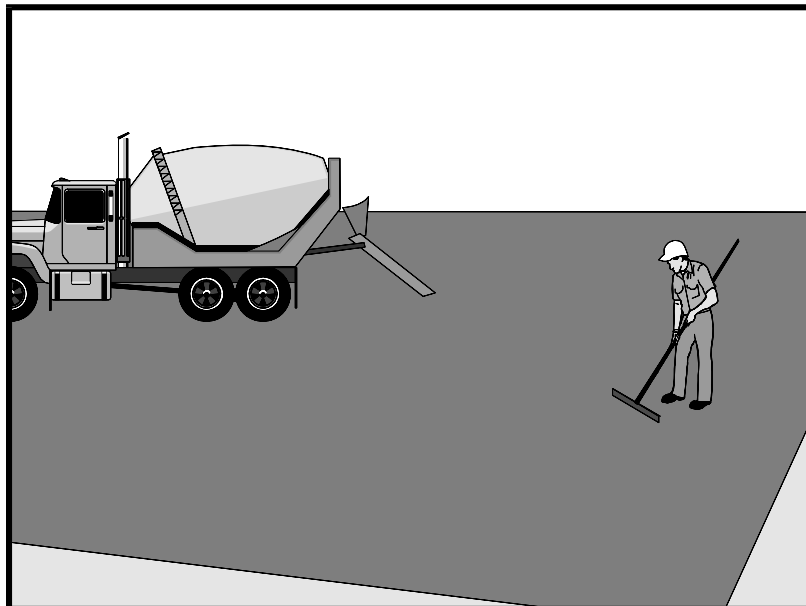
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## Targeted Constituents

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Bacteria	
Oil and Grease	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Organics	

## Potential Alternatives

- SE-5: Fiber Roll
- SE-6: Gravel Bag Berm



## Categories

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TC	Tracking Control	
WE	Wind Erosion Control	
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## Legend:

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- Secondary Category

## Targeted Constituents

Sediment	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Nutrients	
Trash	
Metals	
Bacteria	
Oil and Grease	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Organics	

## Potential Alternatives

None

## Description and Purpose

Prevent or reduce the discharge of pollutants from paving operations, using measures to prevent runoff and runoff pollution, properly disposing of wastes, and training employees and subcontractors.

The General Permit incorporates Numeric Effluent Limits (NEL) and Numeric Action Levels (NAL) for pH and turbidity (see Section 2 of this handbook to determine your project's risk level and if you are subject to these requirements).

Many types of construction materials associated with paving and grinding operations, including mortar, concrete, and cement and their associated wastes have basic chemical properties that can raise pH levels outside of the permitted range. Additional care should be taken when managing these materials to prevent them from coming into contact with stormwater flows, which could lead to exceedances of the General Permit requirements.

## Suitable Applications

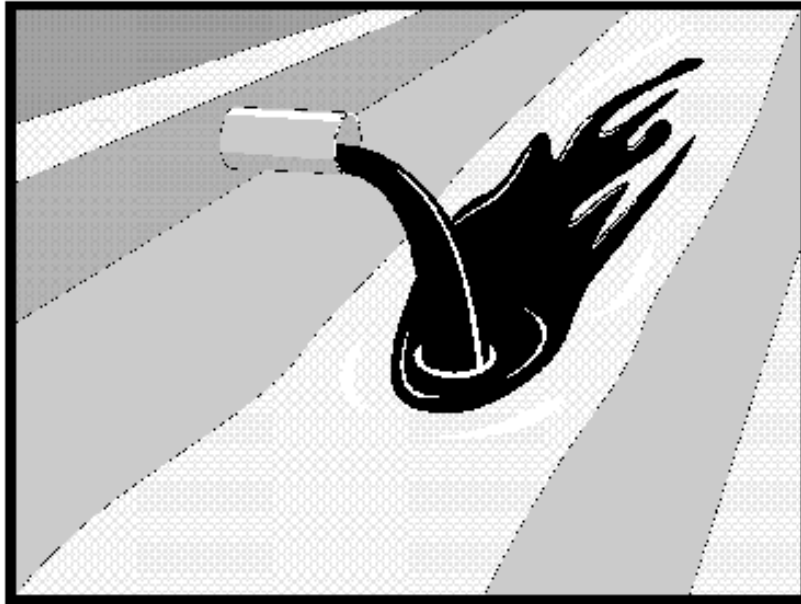
These procedures are implemented where paving, surfacing, resurfacing, or sawcutting, may pollute stormwater runoff or discharge to the storm drain system or watercourses.

## Limitations

- Paving opportunities may be limited during wet weather.
- Discharges of freshly paved surfaces may raise pH to environmentally harmful levels and trigger permit violations.







### Categories

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### Targeted Constituents

Sediment	
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Metals	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Bacteria	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Oil and Grease	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Organics	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

### Potential Alternatives

None

### Description and Purpose

Procedures and practices designed for construction contractors to recognize illicit connections or illegally dumped or discharged materials on a construction site and report incidents.

### Suitable Applications

This best management practice (BMP) applies to all construction projects. Illicit connection/discharge and reporting is applicable anytime an illicit connection or discharge is discovered or illegally dumped material is found on the construction site.

### Limitations

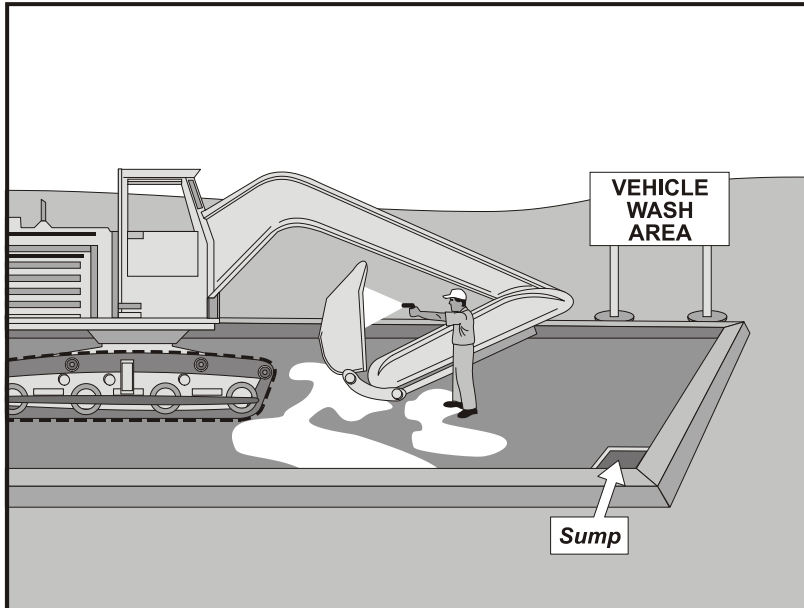
Illicit connections and illegal discharges or dumping, for the purposes of this BMP, refer to discharges and dumping caused by parties other than the contractor. If pre-existing hazardous materials or wastes are known to exist onsite, they should be identified in the SWPPP and handled as set forth in the SWPPP.

### Implementation

#### Planning

- Review the SWPPP. Pre-existing areas of contamination should be identified and documented in the SWPPP.
- Inspect site before beginning the job for evidence of illicit connections, illegal dumping or discharges. Document any pre-existing conditions and notify the owner.
- Inspect site regularly during project execution for evidence





## Description and Purpose

Vehicle and equipment cleaning procedures and practices eliminate or reduce the discharge of pollutants to stormwater from vehicle and equipment cleaning operations. Procedures and practices include but are not limited to: using offsite facilities; washing in designated, contained areas only; eliminating discharges to the storm drain by infiltrating the wash water; and training employees and subcontractors in proper cleaning procedures.

## Suitable Applications

These procedures are suitable on all construction sites where vehicle and equipment cleaning is performed.

## Limitations

Even phosphate-free, biodegradable soaps have been shown to be toxic to fish before the soap degrades. Sending vehicles/equipment offsite should be done in conjunction with TC-1, Stabilized Construction Entrance/Exit.

## Implementation

Other options to washing equipment onsite include contracting with either an offsite or mobile commercial washing business. These businesses may be better equipped to handle and dispose of the wash waters properly. Performing this work offsite can also be economical by eliminating the need for a separate washing operation onsite.

If washing operations are to take place onsite, then:

## Categories

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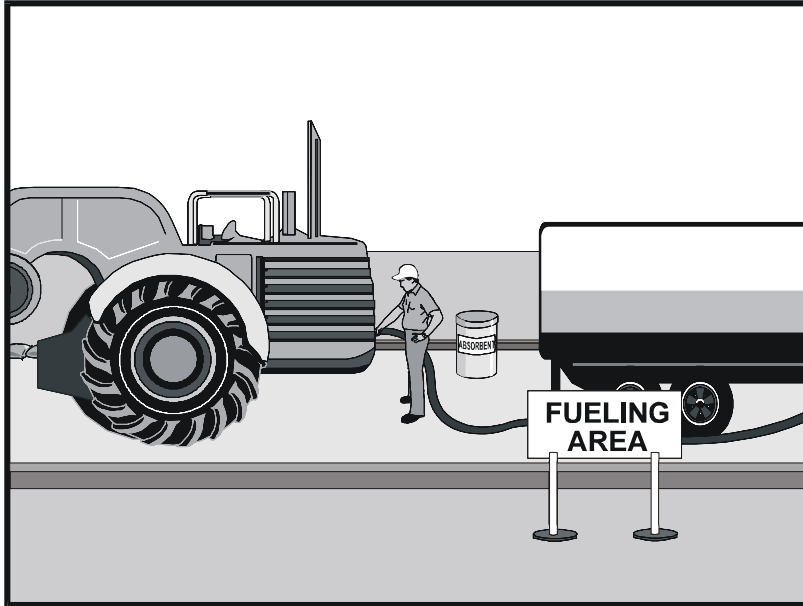
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Metals	
Bacteria	
Oil and Grease	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Organics	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

## Potential Alternatives

None





## Description and Purpose

Vehicle equipment fueling procedures and practices are designed to prevent fuel spills and leaks, and reduce or eliminate contamination of stormwater. This can be accomplished by using offsite facilities, fueling in designated areas only, enclosing or covering stored fuel, implementing spill controls, and training employees and subcontractors in proper fueling procedures.

## Suitable Applications

These procedures are suitable on all construction sites where vehicle and equipment fueling takes place.

## Limitations

Onsite vehicle and equipment fueling should only be used where it is impractical to send vehicles and equipment offsite for fueling. Sending vehicles and equipment offsite should be done in conjunction with TC-1, Stabilized Construction Entrance/ Exit.

## Implementation

- Use offsite fueling stations as much as possible. These businesses are better equipped to handle fuel and spills properly. Performing this work offsite can also be economical by eliminating the need for a separate fueling area at a site.
- Discourage “topping-off” of fuel tanks.
- Absorbent spill cleanup materials and spill kits should be available in fueling areas and on fueling trucks, and should

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## Targeted Constituents

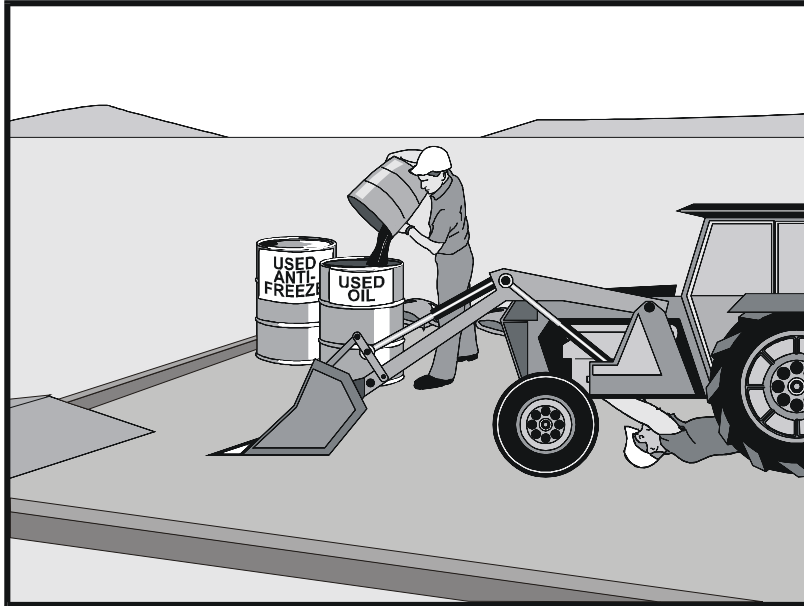
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Metals	
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Oil and Grease	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Organics	

## Potential Alternatives

None



# Vehicle & Equipment Maintenance NS-10



## Description and Purpose

Prevent or reduce the contamination of stormwater resulting from vehicle and equipment maintenance by running a “dry and clean site”. The best option would be to perform maintenance activities at an offsite facility. If this option is not available then work should be performed in designated areas only, while providing cover for materials stored outside, checking for leaks and spills, and containing and cleaning up spills immediately. Employees and subcontractors must be trained in proper procedures.

## Suitable Applications

These procedures are suitable on all construction projects where an onsite yard area is necessary for storage and maintenance of heavy equipment and vehicles.

## Limitations

Onsite vehicle and equipment maintenance should only be used where it is impractical to send vehicles and equipment offsite for maintenance and repair. Sending vehicles/equipment offsite should be done in conjunction with TC-1, Stabilized Construction Entrance/Exit.

Outdoor vehicle or equipment maintenance is a potentially significant source of stormwater pollution. Activities that can contaminate stormwater include engine repair and service, changing or replacement of fluids, and outdoor equipment storage and parking (engine fluid leaks). For further information on vehicle or equipment servicing, see NS-8, Vehicle and Equipment Cleaning, and NS-9, Vehicle and

## Categories

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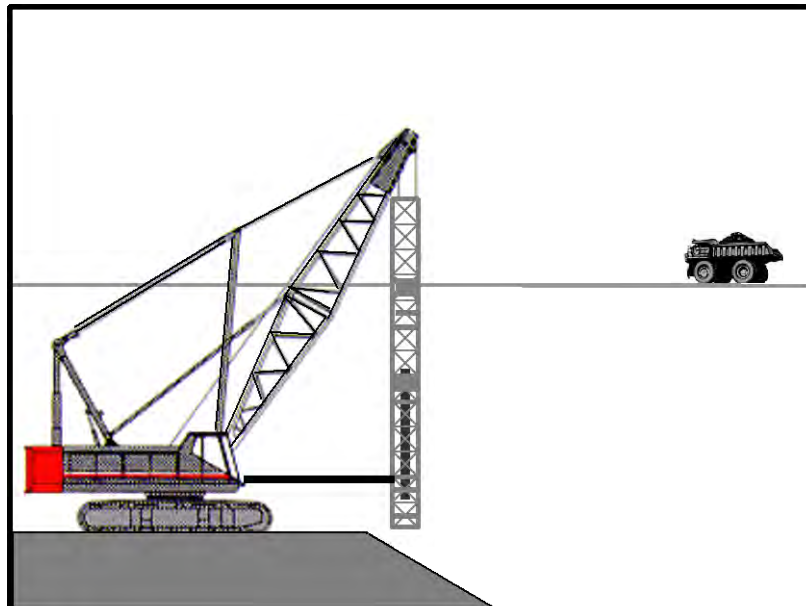
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Metals	
Bacteria	
Oil and Grease	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Organics	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

## Potential Alternatives

None





## Description and Purpose

The construction and retrofit of bridges and retaining walls often include driving piles for foundation support and shoring operations. Driven piles are typically constructed of precast concrete, steel, or timber. Driven sheet piles are also used for shoring and cofferdam construction. Proper control and use of equipment, materials, and waste products from pile driving operations will reduce or eliminate the discharge of potential pollutants to the storm drain system, watercourses, and waters of the United States.

## Suitable Applications

These procedures apply to all construction sites near or adjacent to a watercourse or groundwater where permanent and temporary pile driving (impact and vibratory) takes place, including operations using pile shells as well as construction of cast-in-steel-shell and cast-in-drilled-hole piles.

## Limitations

None identified.

## Implementation

- Use drip pans or absorbent pads during vehicle and equipment operation, maintenance, cleaning, fueling, and storage. Refer to NS-8, Vehicle and Equipment Cleaning, NS-9, Vehicle and Equipment Fueling, and NS-10, Vehicle and Equipment Maintenance.
- Have spill kits and cleanup materials available at all locations of pile driving. Refer to WM-4, Spill Prevention

## Categories

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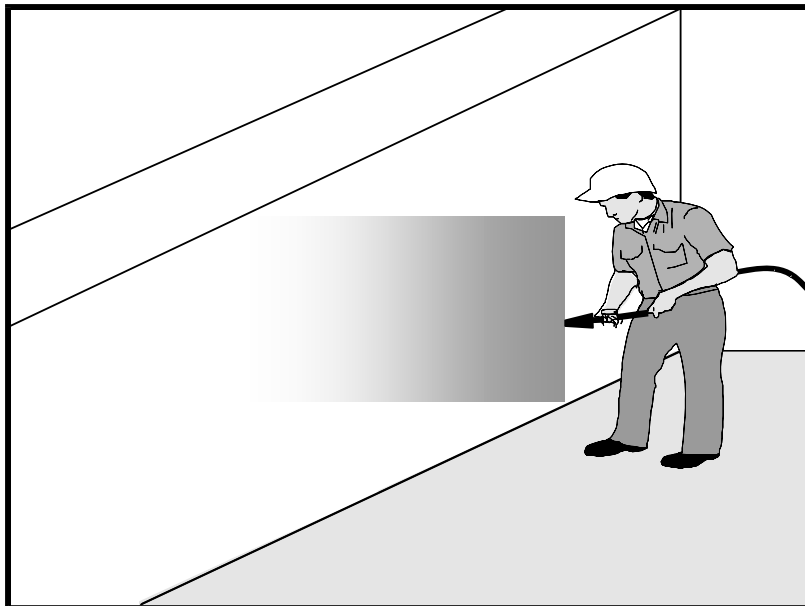
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Oil and Grease	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Organics	

## Potential Alternatives

None





## Description and Purpose

Concrete curing is used in the construction of structures such as bridges, retaining walls, pump houses, large slabs, and structured foundations. Concrete curing includes the use of both chemical and water methods.

Concrete and its associated curing materials have basic chemical properties that can raise the pH of water to levels outside of the permitted range. Discharges of stormwater and non-stormwater exposed to concrete during curing may have a high pH and may contain chemicals, metals, and fines. The General Permit incorporates Numeric Effluent Limits (NEL) and Numeric Action Levels (NAL) for pH (see Section 2 of this handbook to determine your project’s risk level and if you are subject to these requirements).

Proper procedures and care should be taken when managing concrete curing materials to prevent them from coming into contact with stormwater flows, which could result in a high pH discharge.

## Suitable Applications

Suitable applications include all projects where Portland Cement Concrete (PCC) and concrete curing chemicals are placed where they can be exposed to rainfall, runoff from other areas, or where runoff from the PCC will leave the site.

## Categories

EC	Erosion Control	
SE	Sediment Control	
TC	Tracking Control	
WE	Wind Erosion Control	
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WM	Waste Management and Materials Pollution Control	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

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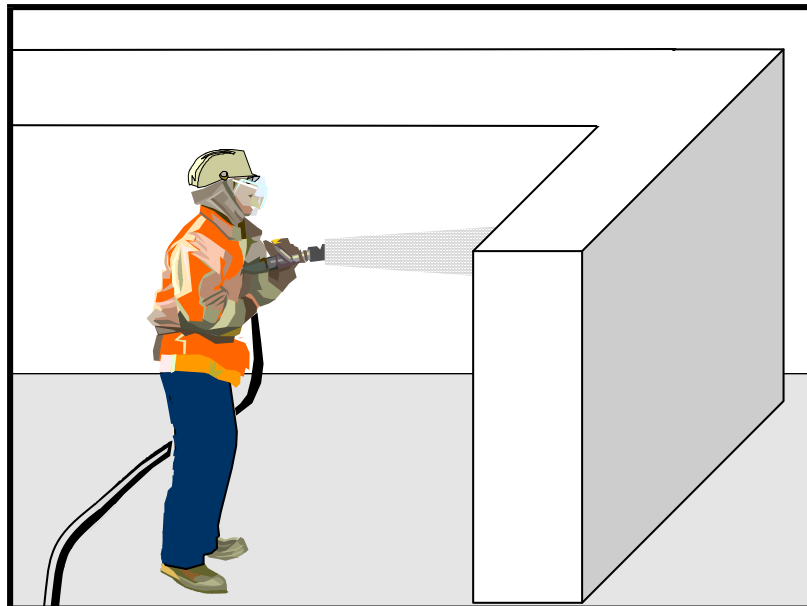
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Trash	
Metals	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Bacteria	
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Organics	

## Potential Alternatives

None





## Categories

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Nutrients	
Trash	
Metals	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Bacteria	
Oil and Grease	
Organics	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

## Potential Alternatives

None

## Description and Purpose

Concrete finishing methods are used for bridge deck rehabilitation, paint removal, curing compound removal, and final surface finish appearances. Methods include sand blasting, shot blasting, grinding, or high pressure water blasting. Stormwater and non-stormwater exposed to concrete finishing by-products may have a high pH and may contain chemicals, metals, and fines. Proper procedures and implementation of appropriate BMPs can minimize the impact that concrete-finishing methods may have on stormwater and non-stormwater discharges.

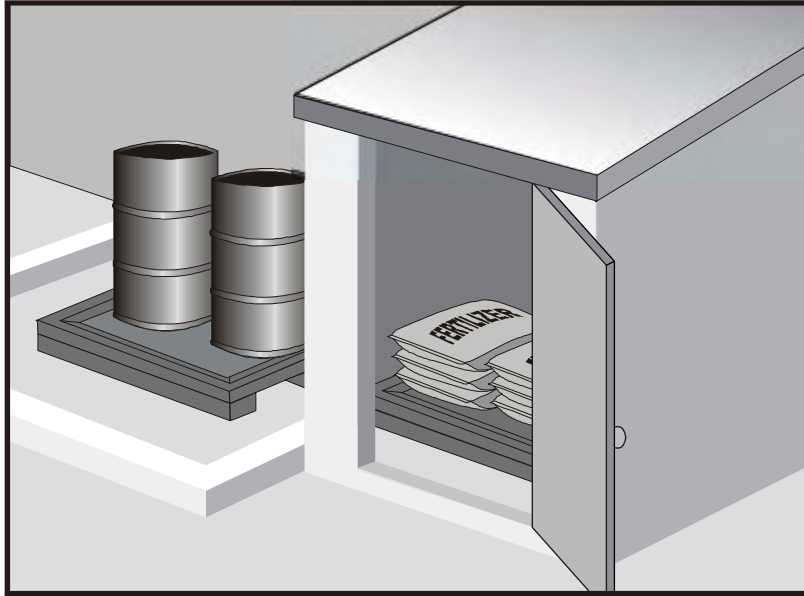
The General Permit incorporates Numeric Effluent Limits (NEL) and Numeric Action Levels (NAL) for pH (see Section 2 of this handbook to determine your project's risk level and if you are subject to these requirements).

Concrete and its associated curing materials have basic chemical properties that can raise pH levels outside of the permitted range. Additional care should be taken when managing these materials to prevent them from coming into contact with stormwater flows, which could lead to exceedances of the General Permit requirements.

## Suitable Applications

These procedures apply to all construction locations where concrete finishing operations are performed.





## Categories

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## Legend:

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## Targeted Constituents

Sediment	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Nutrients	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Trash	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Metals	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Bacteria	
Oil and Grease	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Organics	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

## Potential Alternatives

None

## Description and Purpose

Prevent, reduce, or eliminate the discharge of pollutants from material delivery and storage to the stormwater system or watercourses by minimizing the storage of hazardous materials onsite, storing materials in watertight containers and/or a completely enclosed designated area, installing secondary containment, conducting regular inspections, and training employees and subcontractors.

This best management practice covers only material delivery and storage. For other information on materials, see WM-2, Material Use, or WM-4, Spill Prevention and Control. For information on wastes, see the waste management BMPs in this section.

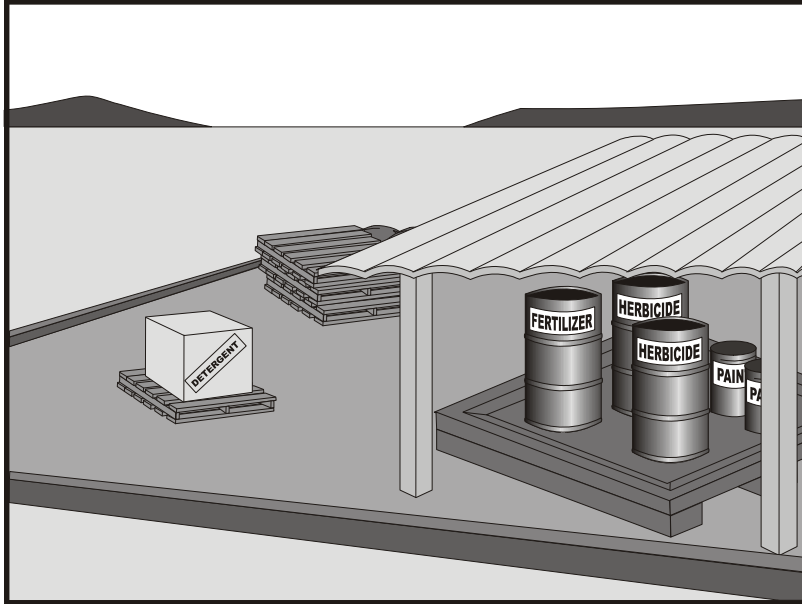
## Suitable Applications

These procedures are suitable for use at all construction sites with delivery and storage of the following materials:

- Soil stabilizers and binders
- Pesticides and herbicides
- Fertilizers
- Detergents
- Plaster
- Petroleum products such as fuel, oil, and grease







## Categories

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## Legend:

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## Targeted Constituents

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## Potential Alternatives

None

## Description and Purpose

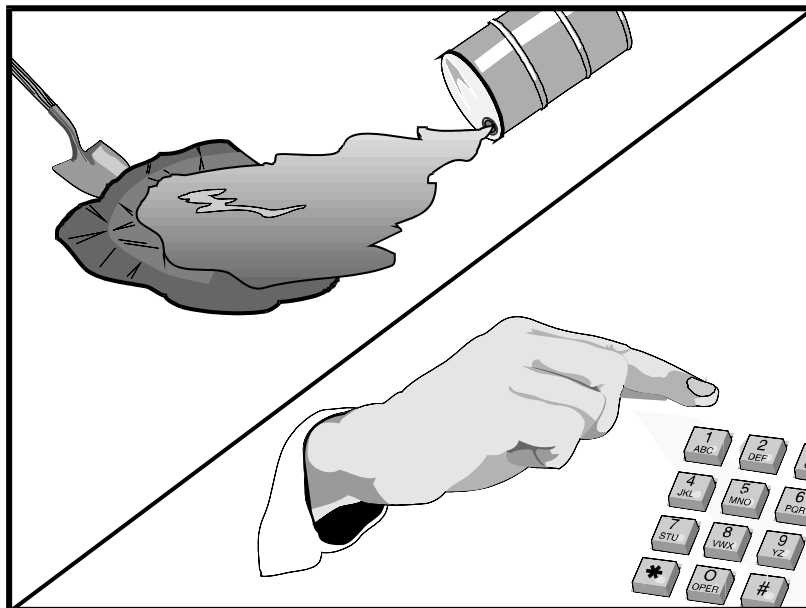
Prevent or reduce the discharge of pollutants to the storm drain system or watercourses from material use by using alternative products, minimizing hazardous material use onsite, and training employees and subcontractors.

## Suitable Applications

This BMP is suitable for use at all construction projects. These procedures apply when the following materials are used or prepared onsite:

- Pesticides and herbicides
- Fertilizers
- Detergents
- Petroleum products such as fuel, oil, and grease
- Asphalt and other concrete components
- Other hazardous chemicals such as acids, lime, glues, adhesives, paints, solvents, and curing compounds
- Other materials that may be detrimental if released to the environment





## Description and Purpose

Prevent or reduce the discharge of pollutants to drainage systems or watercourses from leaks and spills by reducing the chance for spills, stopping the source of spills, containing and cleaning up spills, properly disposing of spill materials, and training employees.

This best management practice covers only spill prevention and control. However, WM-1, Materials Delivery and Storage, and WM-2, Material Use, also contain useful information, particularly on spill prevention. For information on wastes, see the waste management BMPs in this section.

## Suitable Applications

This BMP is suitable for all construction projects. Spill control procedures are implemented anytime chemicals or hazardous substances are stored on the construction site, including the following materials:

- Soil stabilizers/binders
- Dust palliatives
- Herbicides
- Growth inhibitors
- Fertilizers
- Deicing/anti-icing chemicals

## Categories

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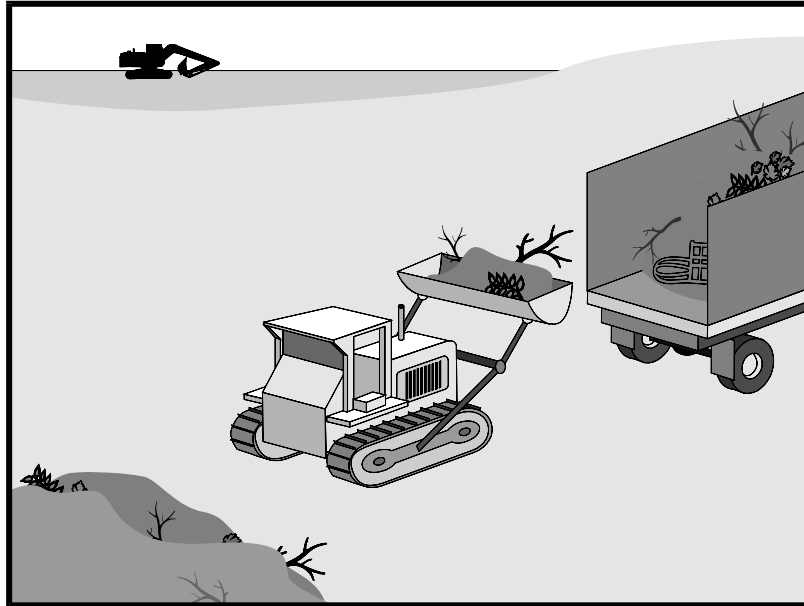
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Bacteria	
Oil and Grease	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Organics	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

## Potential Alternatives

None





## Description and Purpose

Solid waste management procedures and practices are designed to prevent or reduce the discharge of pollutants to stormwater from solid or construction waste by providing designated waste collection areas and containers, arranging for regular disposal, and training employees and subcontractors.

## Suitable Applications

This BMP is suitable for construction sites where the following wastes are generated or stored:

- Solid waste generated from trees and shrubs removed during land clearing, demolition of existing structures (rubble), and building construction
- Packaging materials including wood, paper, and plastic
- Scrap or surplus building materials including scrap metals, rubber, plastic, glass pieces, and masonry products
- Domestic wastes including food containers such as beverage cans, coffee cups, paper bags, plastic wrappers, and cigarettes
- Construction wastes including brick, mortar, timber, steel and metal scraps, pipe and electrical cuttings, non-hazardous equipment parts, styrofoam and other materials used to transport and package construction materials
- Highway planting wastes, including vegetative material,

## Categories

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## Legend:

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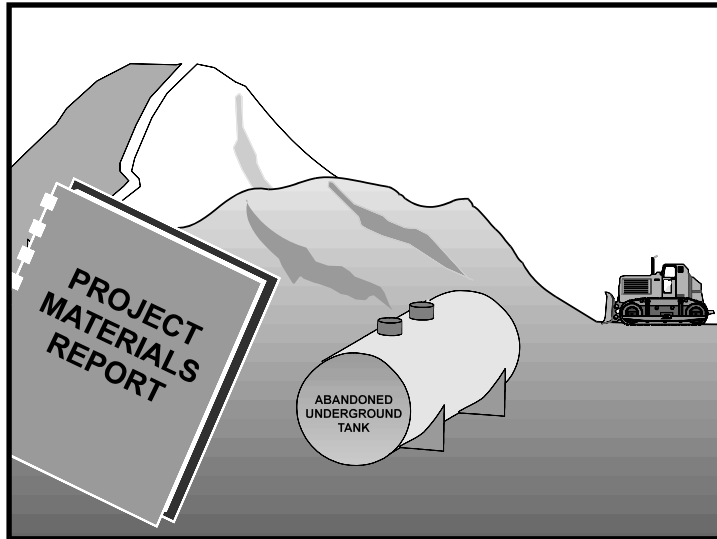
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Bacteria	
Oil and Grease	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Organics	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

## Potential Alternatives

None





## Categories

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WM	Waste Management and Materials Pollution Control	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

## Legend:

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- Secondary Objective

## Description and Purpose

Prevent or reduce the discharge of pollutants to stormwater from contaminated soil and highly acidic or alkaline soils by conducting pre-construction surveys, inspecting excavations regularly, and remediating contaminated soil promptly.

## Suitable Applications

Contaminated soil management is implemented on construction projects in highly urbanized or industrial areas where soil contamination may have occurred due to spills, illicit discharges, aerial deposition, past use and leaks from underground storage tanks.

## Limitations

Contaminated soils that cannot be treated onsite must be disposed of offsite by a licensed hazardous waste hauler. The presence of contaminated soil may indicate contaminated water as well. See NS-2, Dewatering Operations, for more information.

The procedures and practices presented in this BMP are general. The contractor should identify appropriate practices and procedures for the specific contaminants known to exist or discovered onsite.

## Implementation

Most owners and developers conduct pre-construction environmental assessments as a matter of routine. Contaminated soils are often identified during project planning and development with known locations identified in the plans, specifications and in the SWPPP. The contractor should review applicable reports and investigate appropriate call-outs in the

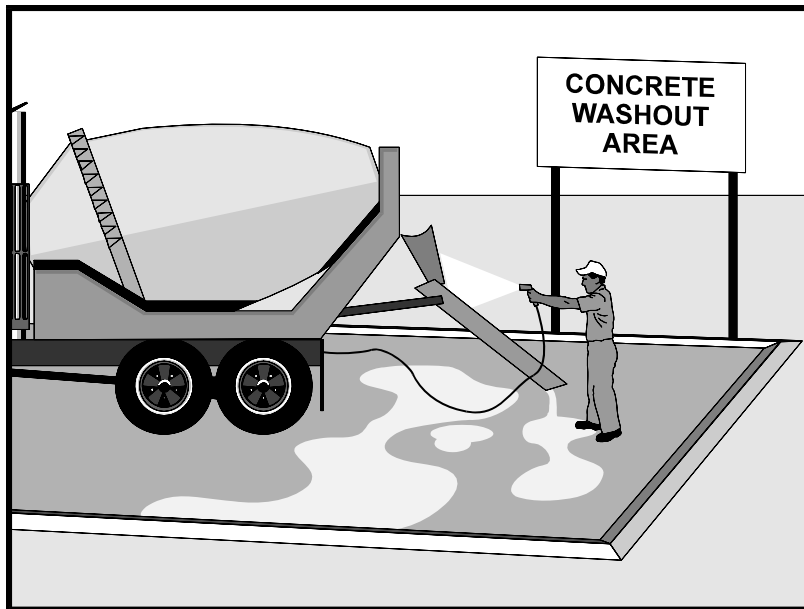
## Targeted Constituents

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Trash	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Metals	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Bacteria	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Oil and Grease	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Organics	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

## Potential Alternatives

None





## Description and Purpose

Prevent the discharge of pollutants to stormwater from concrete waste by conducting washout onsite or offsite in a designated area, and by employee and subcontractor training.

The General Permit incorporates Numeric Effluent Limits (NEL) and Numeric Action Levels (NAL) for pH (see Section 2 of this handbook to determine your project's risk level and if you are subject to these requirements).

Many types of construction materials, including mortar, concrete, stucco, cement and block and their associated wastes have basic chemical properties that can raise pH levels outside of the permitted range. Additional care should be taken when managing these materials to prevent them from coming into contact with stormwater flows and raising pH to levels outside the accepted range.

## Suitable Applications

Concrete waste management procedures and practices are implemented on construction projects where:

- Concrete is used as a construction material or where concrete dust and debris result from demolition activities.
- Slurries containing portland cement concrete (PCC) are generated, such as from saw cutting, coring, grinding, grooving, and hydro-concrete demolition.

## Categories

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## Targeted Constituents

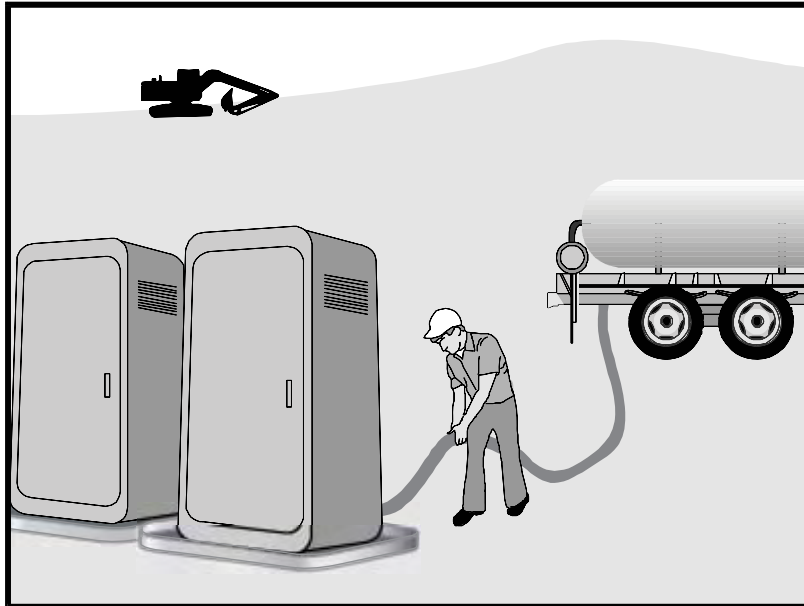
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Bacteria	
Oil and Grease	
Organics	

## Potential Alternatives

None



# Sanitary/Septic Waste Management WM-9



## Categories

EC	Erosion Control	
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TC	Tracking Control	
WE	Wind Erosion Control	
NS	Non-Stormwater Management Control	
WM	Waste Management and Materials Pollution Control	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

## Legend:

- Primary Category
- Secondary Category

## Description and Purpose

Proper sanitary and septic waste management prevent the discharge of pollutants to stormwater from sanitary and septic waste by providing convenient, well-maintained facilities, and arranging for regular service and disposal.

## Suitable Applications

Sanitary septic waste management practices are suitable for use at all construction sites that use temporary or portable sanitary and septic waste systems.

## Limitations

None identified.

## Implementation

Sanitary or septic wastes should be treated or disposed of in accordance with state and local requirements. In many cases, one contract with a local facility supplier will be all that it takes to make sure sanitary wastes are properly disposed.

## Storage and Disposal Procedures

- Temporary sanitary facilities should be located away from drainage facilities, watercourses, and from traffic circulation. If site conditions allow, place portable facilities a minimum of 50 feet from drainage conveyances and traffic areas. When subjected to high winds or risk of high winds, temporary sanitary facilities should be secured to prevent overturning.

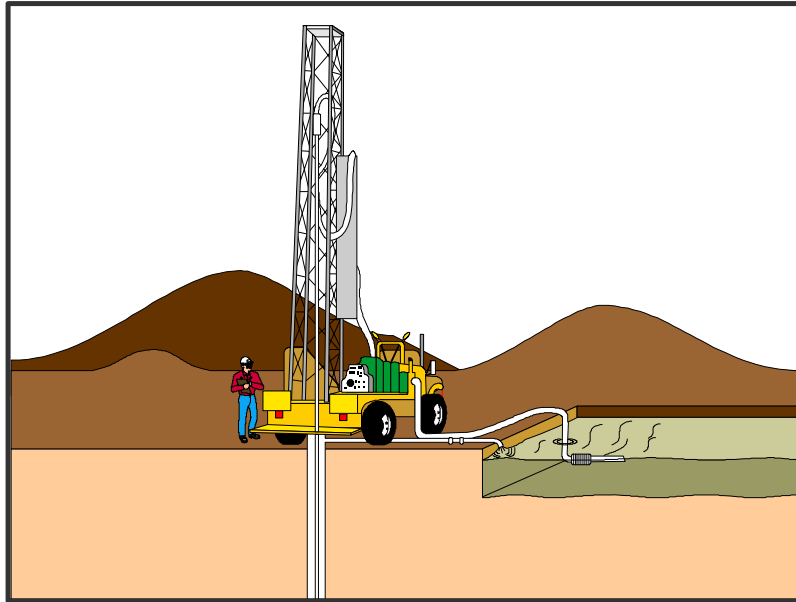
## Targeted Constituents

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Nutrients	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Trash	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Metals	
Bacteria	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Oil and Grease	
Organics	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

## Potential Alternatives

None





## Description and Purpose

Liquid waste management includes procedures and practices to prevent discharge of pollutants to the storm drain system or to watercourses as a result of the creation, collection, and disposal of non-hazardous liquid wastes.

## Suitable Applications

Liquid waste management is applicable to construction projects that generate any of the following non-hazardous by-products, residuals, or wastes:

- Drilling slurries and drilling fluids
- Grease-free and oil-free wastewater and rinse water
- Dredgings
- Other non-stormwater liquid discharges not permitted by separate permits

## Limitations

- Disposal of some liquid wastes may be subject to specific laws and regulations or to requirements of other permits secured for the construction project (e.g., NPDES permits, Army Corps permits, Coastal Commission permits, etc.).
- Liquid waste management does not apply to dewatering operations (NS-2 Dewatering Operations), solid waste management (WM-5, Solid Waste Management), hazardous wastes (WM-6, Hazardous Waste Management), or concrete slurry residue (WM-8, Concrete Waste

## Categories

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WE	Wind Erosion Control	
NS	Non-Stormwater Management Control	
WM	Waste Management and Materials Pollution Control	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

## Legend:

- Primary Objective
- Secondary Objective

## Targeted Constituents

Sediment	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Nutrients	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Trash	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Metals	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Bacteria	
Oil and Grease	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Organics	

## Potential Alternatives

None



## 4.4 INFILTRATION BMPs

Infiltration refers to the physical process of percolation, or downward seepage, of water through a soil's pore space. As water infiltrates, the natural filtration, adsorption, and biological decomposition properties of soils, plant roots, and micro-organisms work to remove pollutants prior to the water recharging the underlying groundwater. Infiltration BMPs include infiltration basins, infiltration trenches, infiltration galleries, bioretention without an underdrain, dry wells, and permeable pavement. Infiltration can provide multiple benefits, including pollutant removal, peak flow control, groundwater recharge, and flood control. However, conditions that can limit the use of infiltration include soil properties, proximity to building foundations and other infrastructure, geotechnical hazards (e.g., liquefaction, landslides), and potential adverse impacts on groundwater quality (e.g. industrial pollutant source areas, contaminated soils, groundwater plumes)<sup>3</sup>. To ensure that infiltration would be physically feasible and desirable (i.e., not have adverse impacts), a categorical screening of site feasibility criteria must be completed prior to the use of infiltration BMPs following the guidelines presented in Section 4.2.

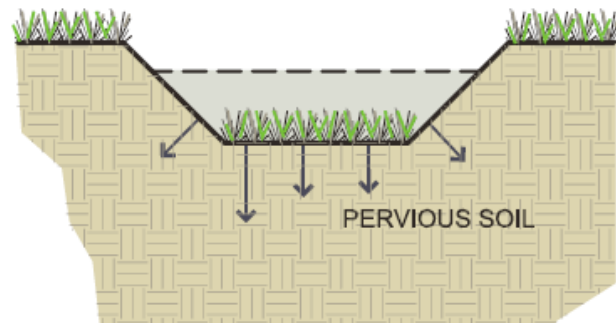
### 4.4.1 Infiltration BMP Types

#### **Surface Infiltration BMPs**

These BMPs rely on infiltration in a predominantly vertical (downward) direction and depend primarily on soil characteristics in the upper soil layers. These infiltration BMPs include:

##### **Infiltration Basins**

An infiltration basin consists of an earthen basin constructed in naturally pervious soils with a flat bottom typically vegetated with dry-land grasses or irrigated turf grass. An infiltration basin functions by retaining the design runoff volume in the basin and allowing the retained runoff to percolate into the underlying native soils over a specified period of time.



##### **Infiltration Trenches**

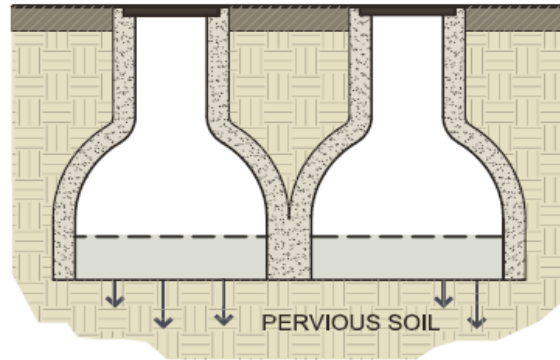
Infiltration trenches, which are similar to basins, are long, narrow, gravel-filled trenches, often vegetated, that infiltrate stormwater runoff from small drainage areas. Infiltration trenches may include a shallow depression at the surface, but the majority of runoff is stored in the void space within the gravel and infiltrates through the sides and bottom of the trench.

<sup>3</sup> Depending on the design of the infiltration practice, Federal Underground Injection Control (UIC) Rules (40 CFR 144) may apply, which may further restrict the use of infiltration facilities in some locations.



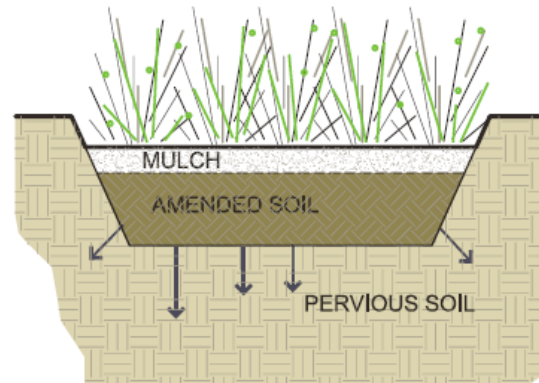
### Infiltration Galleries

Infiltration galleries are open-bottom, subsurface vaults that store and infiltrate stormwater. A number of vendors offer prefabricated, modular infiltration galleries that provide subsurface storage and allow for infiltration. Infiltration galleries come in a variety of material types, shapes and sizes.



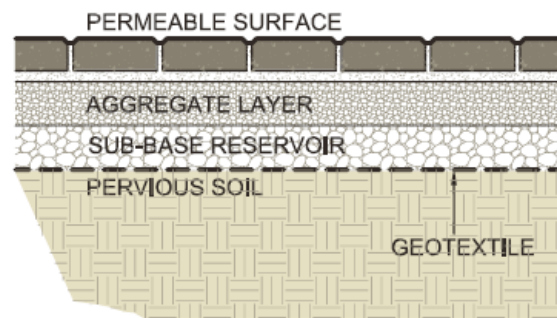
### Bioretention

Bioretention stormwater treatment facilities are landscaped shallow depressions that capture and filter stormwater runoff. These facilities function as a soil and plant-based filtration device that removes pollutants through a variety of physical, biological, and chemical treatment processes. The facilities normally consist of a ponding area, mulch layer, planting soils, plantings, and, optionally, a subsurface gravel reservoir layer.



### Permeable Pavements

Permeable (or pervious) pavements contain small voids that allow water to pass through to a stone base. They come in a variety of forms; they may be a modular paving system (concrete pavers, modular grass or gravel grids) or poured-in-place pavement (porous concrete, permeable asphalt). All permeable pavements with a stone reservoir base treat stormwater and remove sediments and metals to some degree by allowing stormwater to percolate through the pavement and enter the soil below.



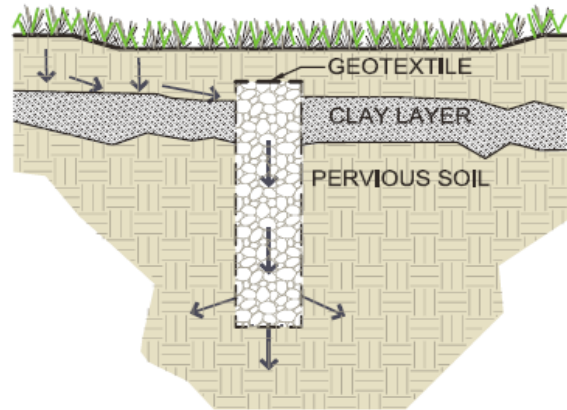
### Multi-Directional Infiltration BMPs

These BMPs take advantage of the hydraulic conductivities ( $K_{sat}$ ) of multiple soil strata and infiltration in multiple directions. They may be especially useful at locations where low  $K_{sat}$  values are present near the surface and soils with higher permeabilities exist beneath. A Multi-Directional Infiltration BMP may be implemented to infiltrate water at these lower soil layers,

thus allowing infiltration to occur at sites that otherwise would be infeasible. These infiltration BMPs typically have smaller footprints and include, but are not limited to:

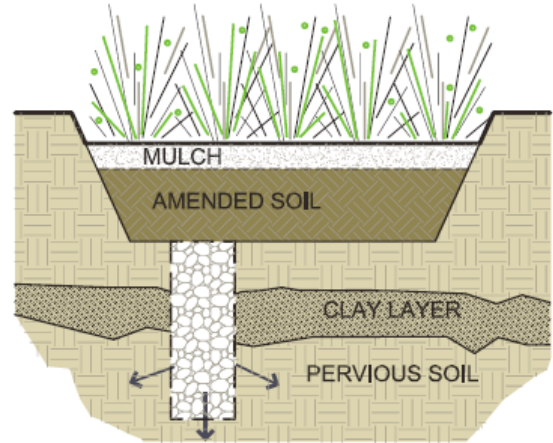
### Dry Wells

A dry well is defined as an excavated, bored, drilled, or driven shaft or hole whose depth is greater than its width. Drywells are similar to infiltration trenches in their design and function, as they are designed to temporarily store and infiltrate runoff, primarily from rooftops or other impervious areas with low pollutant loading. A dry well may be either a drilled borehole filled with aggregate or a prefabricated storage chamber or pipe segment.



### Hybrid Bioretention/Dry Wells

A bioretention facility with dry wells is useful in areas with low surface-level hydraulic conductivities that would normally deem a bioretention BMP infeasible but have higher levels of permeability in deeper strata. By incorporating drywells underneath the bioretention facility, water is able to be infiltrated at deeper soil layers that are suitable for infiltration, if present. This hybrid BMP combines the aesthetic and filtration qualities of a bioretention facility with the enhanced infiltration capabilities of a dry well.



#### 4.4.2 Siting Requirements and Opportunity Criteria

Drainage areas implementing infiltration BMPs must pass the Category 1 or Category 2 Screening in accordance with the siting requirements set forth in Table 4.1. This screening process must be approved by a site-specific geotechnical investigation report and/or hydrologic analysis conducted and certified by a State of California registered professional geotechnical engineer or geologist.

Additionally, drainage areas that will result in high sediment loading rates to the infiltration facility shall require pretreatment to reduce sediment loads and avoid system clogging. Examples of appropriate pretreatment may include: sedimentation/settling basins, baffle boxes, hydrodynamic separators, media filters, vegetated swales, or filter strips.

## 4.5 CAPTURE AND USE BMPS

Capture and Use refers to a specific type of BMP that operates by capturing stormwater runoff and holding it for efficient use at a later time. On a commercial or industrial scale, capture and use BMPs are typically synonymous with cisterns, which can be implemented both above and below ground. Cisterns are sized to store a specified volume of water with no surface discharge until this volume is exceeded. The primary use of captured runoff is for subsurface drip irrigation purposes. The temporary storage of roof runoff reduces the runoff volume from a property and may reduce the peak runoff velocity for small, frequently occurring storms. In addition, by reducing the amount of stormwater runoff that flows overland into a stormwater conveyance system, less pollutants are transported through the conveyance system into local streams and the ocean. The onsite use of the harvested water for non-potable domestic purposes conserves City-supplied potable water and, where directed to unpaved surfaces, can recharge groundwater in local aquifers.



**Underground Cistern**  
Taylor Yard

### 4.5.1 Siting Requirements and Opportunity Criteria

Drainage areas implementing capture and use BMPs must pass the feasibility screening in accordance with the siting requirements set forth in Section 4.3. This screening process must be approved by a site-specific geotechnical investigation report and/or hydrologic analysis conducted and certified by a State of California registered professional civil engineer, geotechnical engineer, geologist, or other qualified professional.

Capture and use BMPs designed for these extended holding times will require additional treatment such as filtration or disinfection to protect the collection tanks from fouling, to prevent the breeding of vectors, and/or to improve the quality of water for reuse applications. These scenarios will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis.

### 4.5.2 Irrigation / Dispersal of Captured Stormwater

A developer is required to hold harvested stormwater for the purpose of irrigation during dry periods. Calculations in line with the California Department of Water Resources Model Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance AB 1881 (also refer to City of Los Angeles Irrigation Guidelines<sup>6</sup>) shall be provided. Captured stormwater should be used to offset the potable irrigation demand that would occur during the rain season (Oct 1 – Apr 31, 7 months). If the volume of captured

<sup>6</sup> City of Los Angeles Irrigation Guidelines: [http://cityplanning.lacity.org/Forms\\_Procedures/2405.pdf](http://cityplanning.lacity.org/Forms_Procedures/2405.pdf)

## 4.6 HIGH EFFICIENCY BIOFILTRATION BMPS

Projects that have demonstrated they cannot manage 100% of the water quality design volume onsite through infiltration and/or capture and use BMPs may manage the remaining volume through the use of a high removal efficiency biofiltration/biotreatment BMP. A high removal efficiency biofiltration/biotreatment BMP shall be sized to adequately capture 1.5 times the volume not managed through infiltration and/or capture and use.



**Bioretention (Planter Boxes)**  
Watermarke Tower

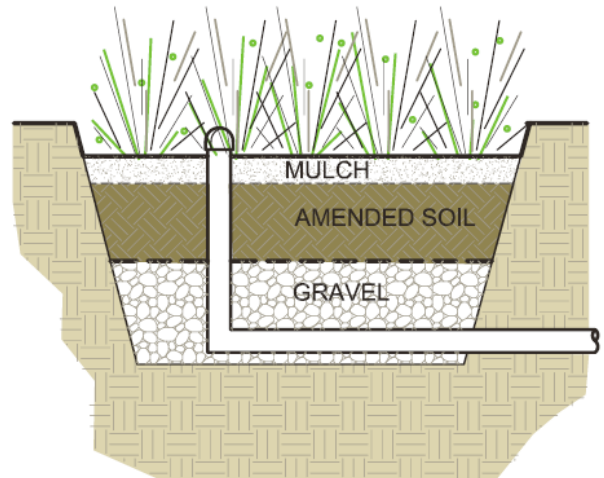
Biofiltration BMPs are landscaped facilities that capture and treat stormwater runoff through a variety of physical and biological treatment processes. Facilities normally consist of a ponding area, mulch layer, planting soils, plants, and in some cases, an underdrain. Runoff that passes through a biofiltration system is treated by the natural adsorption and filtration characteristics of the plants, soils, and microbes with which the water contacts. Biofiltration BMPs include vegetated swales, filter strips, planter boxes, high flow biotreatment units, bioinfiltration facilities, and bioretention facilities with underdrains. Biofiltration can provide multiple benefits, including pollutant removal, peak flow control, and low amounts of volume reduction through infiltration and evapotranspiration.

### 4.6.1 Biofiltration BMP Types

Biofiltration BMPs rely on various hydraulic residence times and flow-through rates for effective treatment. As a result, a variety of BMPs are available.

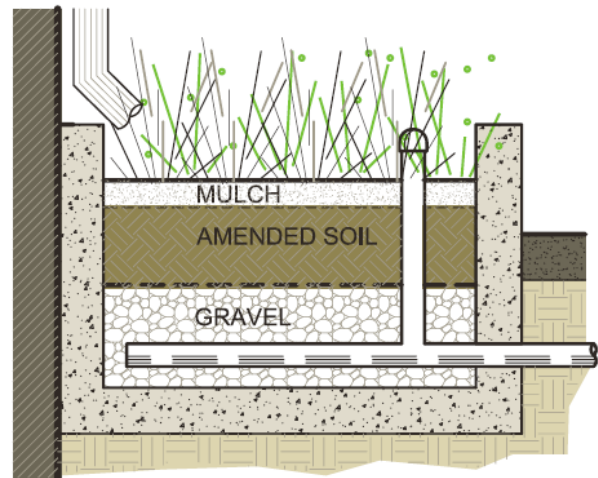
### Bioretention with Underdrain

Bioretention facilities are landscaped shallow depressions that capture and filter stormwater runoff. As stormwater passes down through the planting soil, pollutants are filtered, adsorbed, and biodegraded by the soil and plants. Because they are not contained within an impermeable structure, they may allow for infiltration. For sites not passing the infiltration feasibility screening for reasons other than low infiltration rates (such as soil contamination, expansive soils, etc.), an impermeable liner may be needed to prevent incidental infiltration.



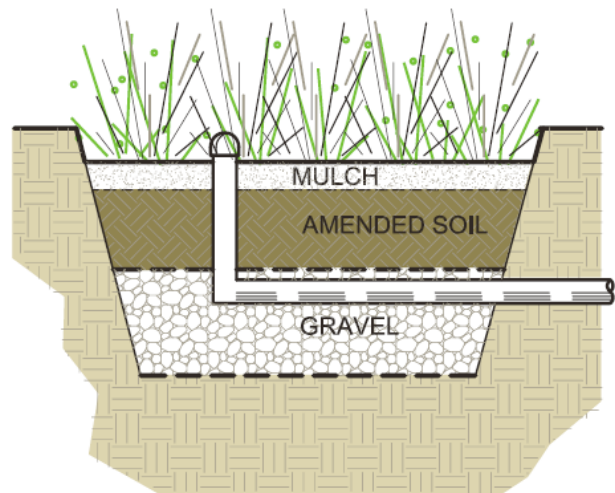
### Planter Boxes

Planter boxes are bioretention treatment control measures that are completely contained within an impermeable structure with an underdrain (they do not infiltrate). They are similar to bioretention facilities with underdrains except they are situated at or above ground and are bound by impermeable walls. Planter boxes may be placed adjacent to or near buildings, other structures, or sidewalks.



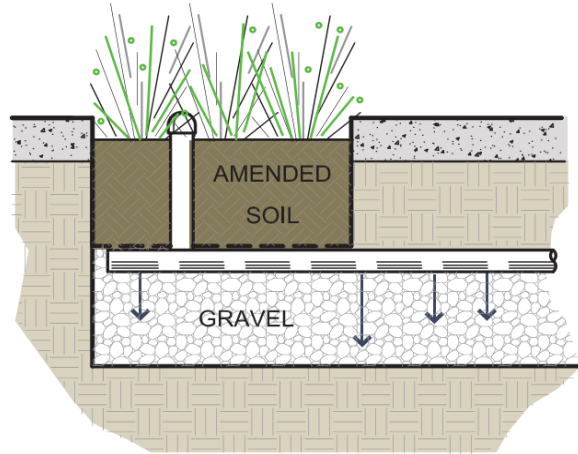
### Bioinfiltration

Bioinfiltration facilities are designed for partial infiltration of runoff and partial biotreatment. These facilities are similar to bioretention devices with underdrains but they include a raised underdrain above a gravel sump designed to facilitate infiltration and nitrification/denitrification. These facilities can be used in areas where there are little to no hazards associated with infiltration, but infiltration screening does not allow for infiltration BMPs due to low infiltration rates or high depths of fill.



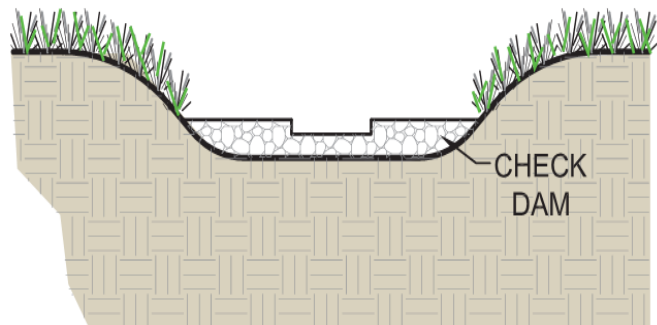
### High-Flow Biotreatment with Raised Underdrain

High-flow biotreatment devices are proprietary treatment BMPs that incorporate plants, soil, and microbes engineered to provide treatment at higher flow rates and with smaller footprints than their non-proprietary counterparts. Like bioinfiltration devices, they should incorporate a raised underdrain above a gravel sump to facilitate incidental infiltration where feasible. They must be shown to have pollutant removal efficiencies equal to or greater than the removal efficiencies of their non-proprietary counterparts. Proof of this performance must be provided by adequate third party field testing.



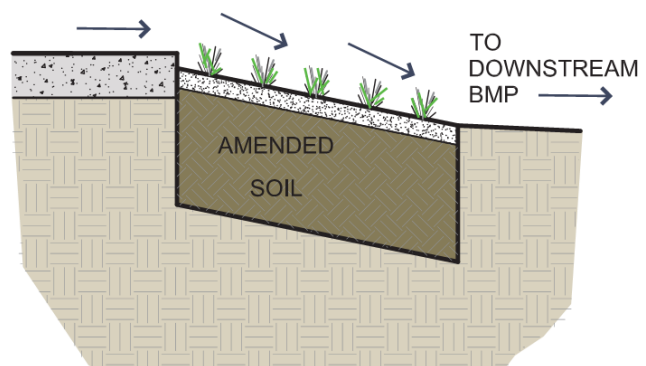
### Vegetated Swales

Vegetated swales are open, shallow channels with dense, low-lying vegetation covering the side slopes and bottom that collect and slowly convey runoff to downstream discharge points. An effective vegetated swale achieves uniform sheet flow through the densely vegetated area for a period of several minutes. The vegetation in the swale can vary depending on its location and is the choice of the designer. Most swales are grass-lined.



### Filter Strips (to be used as part of a treatment train)

Filter strips are vegetated areas designed to treat sheet flow runoff from adjacent impervious surfaces such as parking lots and roadways, or intensive landscaped areas such as golf courses. While some assimilation of dissolved constituents may occur, filter strips are generally more effective in trapping sediment and particulate-bound metals, nutrients, and pesticides. Filter strips are more effective when the runoff passes through the vegetation and thatch layer in the form of shallow, uniform flow. Filter strips are primarily used to pretreat runoff before it flows to an infiltration BMP or another biofiltration BMP.





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# 1. INTRODUCTION

## 1.1. PROJECT DESCRIPTION

327 N. Harbor Boulevard, known herein as the “Project” is the development of a 4-story podium building on an existing open lot in San Pedro. The first story will be used for an underground parking garage, while the second through fourth floors will be made of one two, and three bedroom units, as well as two amenities and services rooms on the first floor.

The Project Site is approximately 0.56 acres (24,197 square feet of lot area) and consists of two undeveloped parcels located at 319-327 N. Harbor Blvd. and 316-332 N. Beacon St. in the San Pedro neighborhood of the City of Los Angeles. The site is bounded by W O’Farrell Street to the north, N Harbor Blvd. to the east, N Beacon Street to the west, and existing development and a parking lot to the south. It is considered a thru-lot since it fronts on both N. Harbor Blvd. and Beacon Street. It is identified by the Los Angeles County Assessor’s Office as Assessor Parcel 7449-014-013 and 7449-014-014.

## 1.2. SCOPE OF WORK

This report provides a description of the existing surface water hydrology, surface water quality, groundwater level, and groundwater quality at the Project Site. It also analyzes the Project’s potential impacts related to surface water hydrology, surface water quality, groundwater level, and groundwater quality.

# 2. REGULATORY FRAMEWORK

## 2.1. SURFACE WATER HYDROLOGY

*County of Los Angeles Hydrology Manual*

Per the City of Los Angeles (City) Special Order No. 007-1299, December 3, 1999, the City has adopted the Los Angeles County (County) Department of Public Works Hydrology Manual as its basis of design for storm drainage facilities. The Hydrology Manual requires that a storm drain conveyance system be designed for a 25-year storm event and that the combined capacity of a storm drain and street flow system accommodate flow from a 50-year storm event. Areas with sump conditions are required to have a storm drain conveyance system capable of conveying flow from a 50-year storm event.<sup>1</sup> The County also limits the allowable discharge into existing storm drain facilities based on the municipal separate storm sewer systems (MS4) Permit, which is enforced on all new developments that discharge directly into the County’s storm drain system. Any proposed drainage improvements of County owned storm drain facilities such as catch basins and storm drain lines require approval/review from the County Flood Control District department.

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<sup>1</sup> Los Angeles County Department of Public Works Hydrology Manual, January 2006, <http://ladpw.org/wrd/publication/index.cfm>, accessed April 27, 2022.

*Los Angeles Municipal Code*

Any proposed drainage improvements within the street right of way or any other property owned by, to be owned by, or under the control of the City requires the approval of a B- permit (Section 62.105, Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC)). Under the B-permit process, storm drain installation plans are subject to review and approval by the City of Los Angeles Department of Public Works, Bureau of Engineering (BOE). Additionally, any connections to the City's storm drain system from a property line to a catch basin or a storm drain pipe requires a storm drain permit from BOE.

## **2.2. SURFACE WATER QUALITY**

*Clean Water Act*

The Clean Water Act (CWA) was first introduced in 1948 as the Water Pollution Control Act. The CWA authorizes Federal, state, and local entities to cooperatively create comprehensive programs for eliminating or reducing the pollution of state waters and tributaries. The primary goals of the CWA are to restore and maintain the chemical, physical, and biological integrity of the nation's waters and to make all surface waters fishable and swimmable. As such, the CWA forms the national framework for the management of water quality and the control of pollutant discharges. The CWA also sets forth a number of objectives in order to achieve the above-mentioned goals. These objectives include regulating pollutant and toxic pollutant discharges; providing for water quality that protects and fosters the propagation of fish, shellfish and wildlife; developing waste treatment management plans; and developing and implementing programs for the control of non-point sources of pollution.<sup>2</sup>

Since its introduction, major amendments to the CWA have been enacted (e.g., 1961, 1966, 1970, 1972, 1977, and 1987). Amendments enacted in 1970 created the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA), while amendments enacted in 1972 deemed the discharge of pollutants into waters of the United States from any point source unlawful unless authorized by a USEPA National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit. Amendments enacted in 1977 mandated development of a "Best Management Practices" Program at the state level and provided the Water Pollution Control Act with the common name of "Clean Water Act," which is universally used today. Amendments enacted in 1987 required the USEPA to create specific requirements for discharges.

In response to the 1987 amendments to the CWA and as part of Phase I of its NPDES permit program, the USEPA began requiring NPDES permits for: (1) municipal separate storm sewer systems (MS4) generally serving, or located in, incorporated cities with 100,000 or more people (referred to as municipal permits); (2) 11 specific categories of industrial activity (including landfills); and (3) construction activity that disturbs five

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<sup>2</sup> Non-point sources of pollution are carried through the environment via elements such as wind, rain, or stormwater and are generated by diffuse land use activities (such as runoff from streets and sidewalks or agricultural activities) rather than from an identifiable or discrete facility.

acres or more of land. Phase II of the USEPA's NPDES permit program, which went into effect in early 2003, extended the requirements for NPDES permits to: (1) numerous small MS4s,<sup>3</sup> (2) construction sites of one to five acres, and (3) industrial facilities owned or operated by small municipal separate storm sewer systems. The NPDES permit program is typically administered by individual authorized states.

In 2008, the USEPA published draft Effluent Limitation Guidelines (ELGs) for the construction and development industry. On December 1, 2009 the EPA finalized its 2008 Effluent Guidelines Program Plan.

In California, the NPDES stormwater permitting program is administered by the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB). The SWRCB was created by the Legislature in 1967. Its joint authority over water distribution and water quality protection allows the Board to provide protection for the State's waters, through its nine Regional Water Quality Control Boards (RWQCBs). The RWQCBs develop and enforce water quality objectives and implement plans that will best protect California's waters, acknowledging areas of different climate, topography, geology, and hydrology. The RWQCBs develop "basin plans" for their hydrologic areas, issue waste discharge requirements, enforce action against stormwater discharge violators, and monitor water quality.

#### *Federal Anti-Degradation Policy*

The Federal Anti-Degradation Policy (40 Code of Federal Regulations 131.12) requires states to develop statewide anti-degradation policies and identify methods for implementing them. Pursuant to the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), state anti-degradation policies and implementation methods shall, at a minimum, protect and maintain (1) existing in-stream water uses; (2) existing water quality, where the quality of the waters exceeds levels necessary to support existing beneficial uses, unless the state finds that allowing lower water quality is necessary to accommodate economic and social development in the area; and (3) water quality in waters considered an outstanding national resource.

#### *California Porter-Cologne Act*

The Porter-Cologne Water Quality Control Act established the legal and regulatory framework for California's water quality control. The California Water Code (CWC) authorizes the SWRCB to implement the provisions of the CWA, including the authority to regulate waste disposal and require cleanup of discharges of hazardous materials and other pollutants.

As discussed above, under the CWC, the SWRCB is divided into nine RWQCBs, governing the implementation and enforcement of the CWC and CWA. The Project Site

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<sup>3</sup> A small MS4 is any MS4 not already covered by the Phase I program as a medium or large MS4. The Phase II Rule automatically covers on a nationwide basis all small MS4s located in "urbanized areas" as defined by the Bureau of the Census (unless waived by the NPDES permitting authority), and on a case-by-case basis those small MS4s located outside of urbanized areas that the NPDES permitting authority designates.

is located within Region 4, also known as the Los Angeles Region. Each RWQCB is required to formulate and adopt a Basin Plan for its region. This Basin Plan must adhere to the policies set forth in the CWC and established by the SWRCB. The RWQCB is also given authority to include within its regional plan water discharge prohibitions applicable to particular conditions, areas, or types of waste.

#### *California Anti-Degradation Policy*

The California Anti-Degradation Policy, otherwise known as the *Statement of Policy with Respect to Maintaining High Quality Water in California* was adopted by the SWRCB (State Board Resolution No. 68-16) in 1968. Unlike the Federal Anti-Degradation Policy, the California Anti-Degradation Policy applies to all waters of the State, not just surface waters. The policy states that whenever the existing quality of a water body is better than the quality established in individual Basin Plans, such high quality shall be maintained and discharges to that water body shall not unreasonably affect present or anticipated beneficial use of such water resource.

#### *California Toxics Rule*

In 2000, the USEPA promulgated the California Toxics Rule, which establishes water quality criteria for certain toxic substances to be applied to waters in the State. The USEPA promulgated this rule based on the USEPA's determination that the numeric criteria are necessary in the State to protect human health and the environment. The California Toxics Rule establishes acute (i.e., short-term) and chronic (i.e., long-term) standards for bodies of water such as inland surface waters and enclosed bays and estuaries that are designated by the Los Angeles RWQCB (LARWQCB) as having beneficial uses protective of aquatic life or human health.

#### *Board Basin Plan for the Coastal Watersheds of Los Angeles and Ventura Counties*

As required by the California Water Code, the LARWQCB has adopted a plan entitled “Water Quality Control Plan, Los Angeles Region: Basin Plan for the Coastal Watersheds of Los Angeles and Ventura Counties” (Basin Plan). Specifically, the Basin Plan designates beneficial uses for surface and groundwater, sets narrative and numerical objectives that must be attained or maintained to protect the designated beneficial uses and conform to the State's anti-degradation policy, and describes implementation programs to protect all waters in the Los Angeles Region. In addition, the Basin Plan incorporates (by reference) all applicable State and Regional Board plans and policies and other pertinent water quality policies and regulations. Those of other agencies are referenced in appropriate sections throughout the Basin Plan.<sup>4</sup>

The Basin Plan is a resource for the LARWQCB and others who use water and/or discharge wastewater in the Los Angeles Region. Other agencies and organizations involved in environmental permitting and resource management activities also use the

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<sup>4</sup> Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board. LARWQCB Basin Plan.

[https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/losangeles/water\\_issues/programs/basin\\_plan/](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/losangeles/water_issues/programs/basin_plan/) accessed April 2021

Basin Plan. Finally, the Basin Plan provides valuable information to the public about local water quality issues.

### *NPDES Permit Program*

The NPDES permit program was first established under authority of the CWA to control the discharge of pollutants from any point source into the waters of the United States. As indicated above, in California, the NPDES stormwater permitting program is administered by the SWRCB through its nine RWQCBs.

### *The General Permit*

SWRCB Order No. 2012-0006-DWQ known as “The General Permit” was adopted on July 17, 2012. This NPDES permit establishes a risk-based approach to stormwater control requirements for construction projects by identifying three project risk levels. The main objectives of the General Permit are to:

1. Reduce erosion
2. Minimize or eliminate sediment in stormwater discharges
3. Prevent materials used at a construction site from contacting stormwater
4. Implement a sampling and analysis program
5. Eliminate unauthorized non-stormwater discharges from construction sites
6. Implement appropriate measures to reduce potential impacts on waterways both during and after construction of projects
7. Establish maintenance commitments on post-construction pollution control measures

California mandates requirements for all construction activities disturbing more than one acre of land to develop and implement Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plans (SWPPP). The SWPPP documents the selection and implementation of Best Management Practices (BMPs) for a specific construction project, charging owners with stormwater quality management responsibilities. A construction site subject to the General Permit must prepare and implement a SWPPP that meets the requirements of the General Permit.<sup>5, 6</sup>

### *Los Angeles County Municipal Storm Water System (MS4) Permit*

As described above, USEPA regulations require that MS4 permittees implement a program to monitor and control pollutants being discharged to the municipal system from both industrial and commercial projects that contribute a substantial pollutant load to the MS4.

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<sup>5</sup> State Water Resources Control Board. State Water Resources Control Board. July 2012, [http://www.swrcb.ca.gov/water\\_issues/programs/npdes/](http://www.swrcb.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/npdes/).

<sup>6</sup> USEPA. U.S. Environmental Protection Agency - NPDES. July 2012, <https://www.epa.gov/npdes>.

On July 23, 2021, the LARWQCB adopted Order No. R4-2021-0105 under the CWA and the Porter-Cologne Act. This Order is the NPDES permit or MS4 permit for municipal stormwater and urban runoff discharges within Los Angeles County. The requirements of this Order (the Permit) cover 85 cities and most of the unincorporated areas of Los Angeles County, as well as the Ventura County Watershed Protection District, County of Ventura, and 10 incorporated cities within Ventura County. Under the Permit, the Los Angeles County Flood Control District (LACFCD) is designated as the Principal Permittee. The other permittees are 85 Los Angeles County cities (including the City of Los Angeles), Los Angeles County, the Ventura County Watershed Protection District, County of Ventura, and 10 incorporated cities within Ventura County. Collectively, these are the “Co-Permittees”. The Principal Permittee helps to facilitate activities necessary to comply with the requirements outlined in the Permit but is not responsible for ensuring compliance of any of the Co-Permittees.

### *Stormwater Management Program (SMP)*

In compliance with the Permit, the Co-Permittees are required to implement a stormwater quality management program (SMP) with the goal of accomplishing the requirements of the Permit and reducing the amount of pollutants in stormwater runoff. The SMP requires the County of Los Angeles and the 85 incorporated cities to:

- Implement a public information and participation program to conduct outreach on storm water pollution
- Control discharges at commercial/industrial facilities through tracking, inspecting, and ensuring compliance at facilities that are critical sources of pollutants
- Implement a development planning program for specified development projects
- Implement a program to control construction runoff from construction activity at all construction sites within the relevant jurisdictions
- Implement a public agency activities program to minimize storm water pollution impacts from public agency activities
- Implement a program to document, track, and report illicit connections and discharges to the storm drain system.

The Permit contains the following provisions for implementation of the SMP by the Co-Permittees:

1. General Requirements:

- Each permittee is required to implement the SMP in order to comply with applicable stormwater program requirements.
- The SMP shall be implemented, and each permittee shall implement additional controls so that discharge of pollutants is reduced.

2. Best Management Practice Implementation:

- Permittees are required to implement the most effective combination of BMPs for stormwater/urban runoff pollution control. This should result in the reduction of storm water runoff.
3. Revision of the SMP:
- Permittees are required to revise the SMP in order to comply with requirements of the RWQCB while complying with regional watershed requirements and/or waste load allocations for implementation of Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs) for impaired waterbodies.
4. Designation and Responsibilities of the Principal Permittee:

The Los Angeles County Flood Control District is designated as the Principal Permittee who is responsible for:

- Coordinating activities that comply with requirements outlined in the NPDES Permit
  - Coordinating activities among Permittees
  - Providing personnel and fiscal resources for necessary updates to the SMP
  - Providing technical support for committees required to implement the SMP
  - Implementing the Countywide Monitoring Program required under this Order and assessing the results of the monitoring program.
5. Responsibilities of Co-Permittees:

Each Co-Permittee is required to comply with the requirements of the SMP as applicable to the discharges within its geographical boundaries. These requirements include:

- Coordinating among internal departments to facilitate the implementation of the SMP requirements in an efficient way;
  - Participating in coordination with other internal agencies as necessary to successfully implement the requirements of the SMP; and
  - Preparing an annual Budget Summary of expenditures for the storm water management program by providing an estimated breakdown of expenditures for different areas of concern, including budget projections for the following year.
6. Watershed Management Committees (WMCs):
- Each WMC shall be comprised of a voting representative from each Permittee in the Watershed Management Area (WMA).
  - Each WMC is required to facilitate exchange of information between co-permittees, establish goals and deadlines for WMAs, prioritize pollution



control measures, develop and update adequate information, and recommend appropriate revisions to the SMP.

7. Legal Authority:

- Co-Permittees are granted the legal authority to prohibit non-storm water discharges to the storm drain system including discharge to the MS4 from various development types.

*City of Los Angeles Water Quality Compliance Master Plan for Urban Runoff*

On March 2, 2007, a motion was introduced by the City of Los Angeles City Council to develop a water quality master plan with strategic directions for planning, budgeting and funding to reduce pollution from urban runoff in the City of Los Angeles (City Council File 07-0663). The Water Quality Compliance Master Plan for Urban Runoff (Master Plan) was developed by the Bureau of Sanitation, Watershed Protection Division in collaboration with stakeholders to address the requirements of this Council motion. The primary goal of the Master Plan is to help meet water quality regulations. Implementation of the Master Plan is intended over the next 20 to 30 years to result in cleaner neighborhoods, rivers, lakes and bays, augmented local water supply, reduced flood risk, more open space, and beaches that are safe for swimming. The Master Plan also supports the Mayor and Council's efforts to make Los Angeles the greenest major city in the nation.

The Master Plan identifies and describes the various watersheds in the City, summarizes the water quality conditions of the City's waters, identifies known sources of pollutants, describes the governing regulations for water quality, describes the BMPs that are being implemented by the City, discusses existing TMDL Implementation Plans and Watershed Management Plans. Additionally, the Master Plan provides an implementation strategy that includes the following three initiatives to achieve water quality goals:

- Water Quality Management Initiative, which describes how Water Quality Management Plans for each of the City's watershed and TMDL-specific Implementation Plans will be developed to ensure compliance with water quality regulations.
- The Citywide Collaboration Initiative, which recognizes that urban runoff management and urban (re)development are closely linked, requiring collaborations of many City agencies. This initiative requires the development of City policies, guidelines, and ordinances for green and sustainable approaches for urban runoff management.
- The Outreach Initiative, which promotes public education and community engagement with a focus on preventing urban runoff pollution.

The Master Plan includes a financial plan that provides a review of current sources of revenue, estimates costs for water quality compliance, and identifies new potential sources of revenue.

## *City of Los Angeles Stormwater Program*

The City of Los Angeles supports the policies of the current Construction General Permit and the Los Angeles County NPDES permit through the *Development Best Management Practices Handbook. Part A Construction Activities*, 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition (Handbook), and associated ordinances were adopted in September 2004. *Part B Planning Activities*, 4<sup>th</sup> Edition was adopted in June 2011. The Handbook provides guidance for developers in complying with the requirements of the Development Planning Program regulations of the City's Stormwater Program. Compliance with the requirements of this Handbook is required by City of Los Angeles Ordinance No. 173,494. The Handbook and ordinances also have specific minimum BMP requirements for all construction activities and require dischargers whose construction projects disturb one acre or more of soil to prepare a SWPPP and file a Notice of Intent (NOI) with the SWRCB. The NOI informs the SWRCB of a particular project and results in the issuance of a Waste Discharger Identification (WDID) number, which is needed to demonstrate compliance with the General Permit.

The City of Los Angeles implements the requirement to incorporate stormwater BMPs through the City's plan review and approval process. During the review process, project plans are reviewed for compliance with the City's General Plan, zoning ordinances, and other applicable local ordinances and codes, including storm water requirements. Plans and specifications are reviewed to ensure that the appropriate BMPs are incorporated to address storm water pollution prevention goals. The Standard Urban Stormwater Mitigation Plan (SUSMP) provisions that are applicable to new residential and commercial developments include, but are not limited to, the following:<sup>8</sup>

- Peak Storm Water Runoff Discharge Rate: Post-development peak storm water runoff discharge rates shall not exceed the estimated pre-development rate for developments where the increased peak storm water discharge rate will result in increased potential for downstream erosion
- Provide storm drain system Stenciling and Signage (only applicable if a catch basin is built on-site)
- Properly design outdoor material storage areas to provide secondary containment to prevent spills
- Properly design trash storage areas to prevent off-site transport of trash
- Provide proof of ongoing BMP Maintenance of any structural BMPs installed

Design Standards for Structural or Treatment control BMPs:

- Conserve natural and landscaped areas
- Provide planter boxes and/or landscaped areas in yard/courtyard spaces

- Properly design trash storage areas to provide screens or walls to prevent off-site transport of trash
- Provide proof on ongoing BMP maintenance of any structural BMPs installed

Design Standards for Structural or Treatment Control BMPs:

- Post-construction treatment control BMPs are required to incorporate, at minimum, either a volumetric or flow based treatment control design or both, to mitigate (infiltrate, filter or treat) storm water runoff.

In addition, project applicants subject to the SUSMP requirements must select source control and, in most cases, treatment control BMPs from the list approved by the RWQCB. The BMPs must control peak flow discharge to provide stream channel and over bank flood protection, based on flow design criteria selected by the local agency. Further, the source and treatment control BMPs must be sufficiently designed and constructed to collectively treat, infiltrate, or filter stormwater runoff from one of the following:<sup>7</sup>

- The 85th percentile 24-hour runoff event determined as the maximized capture stormwater volume for the area, from the formula recommended in Urban Runoff Quality Management, WEF Manual of Practice No. 23/ASCE Manual of Practice No. 87, (1998)
- The volume of annual runoff based on unit basin storage water quality volume, to achieve 80 percent or more volume treatment by the method recommended in California Stormwater Best Management Practices Handbook—Industrial/ Commercial, (1993)
- The volume of runoff produced from a 0.75-inch storm event, prior to its discharge to a stormwater conveyance system
- The volume of runoff produced from a historical-record based reference 24-hour rainfall criterion for “treatment” (0.75-inch average for the Los Angeles County area) that achieves approximately the same reduction in pollutant loads achieved by the 85th percentile 24-hour runoff event.

*Los Angeles Municipal Code*

Section 64.70 of the LAMC sets forth the City’s Stormwater and Urban Runoff Pollution Control Ordinance. The ordinance prohibits the discharge of the following into any storm drain system:

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<sup>7</sup> City of Los Angeles Stormwater Program website, <http://www.lastormwater.org/green-la/standard-urban-stormwater-mitigation-plan/>; accessed April, 2021.

- Any liquids, solids, or gases which by reason of their nature or quantity are flammable, reactive, explosive, corrosive, or radioactive, or by interaction with other materials could result in fire, explosion or injury.
- Any solid or viscous materials, which could cause obstruction to the flow or operation of the storm drain system.
- Any pollutant that injures or constitutes a hazard to human, animal, plant, or fish life, or creates a public nuisance.
- Any noxious or malodorous liquid, gas, or solid in sufficient quantity, either singly or by interaction with other materials, which creates a public nuisance, hazard to life, or inhibits authorized entry of any person into the storm drain system.
- Any medical, infectious, toxic or hazardous material or waste.

Additionally, unless otherwise permitted by a NPDES permit, the ordinance prohibits industrial and commercial developments from discharging untreated wastewater or untreated runoff into the storm drain system. Furthermore, the ordinance prohibits trash or any other abandoned objects/materials from being deposited such that they could be carried into the storm drains. Lastly, the ordinance not only makes it a crime to discharge pollutants into the storm drain system and imposes fines on violators, but also gives City public officers the authority to issue citations or arrest business owners or residents who deliberately and knowingly dump or discharge hazardous chemicals or debris into the storm drain system.

Earthwork activities, including grading, are governed by the Los Angeles Building Code, which is contained in LAMC, Chapter IX, Article 1. Specifically, Section 91.7013 includes regulations pertaining to erosion control and drainage devices, and Section 91.7014 includes general construction requirements, as well as requirements regarding flood and mudflow protection.

#### *Low Impact Development (LID)*

In October 2011, the City of Los Angeles passed an ordinance (Ordinance No. 181,899) amending LAMC Chapter VI, Article 4.4, Sections 64.70.01 and 64.72 to expand the applicability of the existing SUSMP requirements by imposing rainwater Low Impact Development (LID) strategies on projects that require building permits. The LID ordinance became effective on May 12, 2012.

LID is a stormwater management strategy with goals to mitigate the impacts of increased runoff and stormwater pollution as close to its source as possible. LID promotes the use of natural infiltration systems, evapotranspiration, and the reuse of stormwater. The goal of these LID practices is to remove nutrients, bacteria, and metals from stormwater while also reducing the quantity and intensity of stormwater flows. Through the use of various infiltration strategies, LID is aimed at minimizing impervious surface area. Where

infiltration is not feasible, the use of bioretention, rain gardens, green roofs, and rain barrels that will store, evaporate, detain, and/or treat runoff may be used.<sup>8</sup>

The intent of the City of Los Angeles LID standards is to:

- Require the use of LID practices in future developments and redevelopments to encourage the beneficial use of rainwater and urban runoff
- Reduce stormwater/urban runoff while improving water quality
- Promote rainwater harvesting
- Reduce offsite runoff and provide increased groundwater recharge
- Reduce erosion and hydrologic impacts downstream; and
- Enhance the recreational and aesthetic values in our communities.

The City of Los Angeles Bureau of Sanitation, Watershed Protection Division has adopted the LID standards as issued by the LARWQCB and the City of Los Angeles Department of Public Works. The LID Ordinance conforms to the regulations outlined in the NPDES Permit and SUSMP.

### **2.3. GROUNDWATER**

#### *Board Basin Plan for the Coastal Watersheds of Los Angeles and Ventura Counties*

As noted above, and as required by the CWC, the LARWQCB has adopted the Basin Plan. Specifically, the Basin Plan designates beneficial uses for surface and groundwaters, sets narrative and numerical objectives that must be attained or maintained to protect the designated beneficial uses and conform to the State's anti-degradation policy, and describes implementation programs to protect all waters in the Los Angeles Region. In addition, the Basin Plan incorporates (by reference) all applicable State and Regional Board plans and policies and other pertinent water quality policies and regulations. Those of other agencies are referenced in appropriate sections throughout the Basin Plan.

The Basin Plan is a resource for the Regional Board and others who use water and/or discharge wastewater in the Los Angeles Region. Other agencies and organizations involved in environmental permitting and resource management activities also use the Basin Plan. Finally, the Basin Plan provides valuable information to the public about local water quality issues.

#### *Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA)*

The Federal Safe Drinking Water Act, established in 1974, sets drinking water standards throughout the country and is administered by the USEPA. The drinking water standards established in the SDWA are referred to as the National Primary Drinking Water Regulations (Primary Standards, Title 40, CFR Part 141) and the National Secondary

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<sup>8</sup> City of Los Angeles. "Development Best Management Practices Handbook." May, 2016

Drinking Water Regulations (Second Standards, 40 CFR Part 143). California passed its own Safe Drinking Water Act in 1986 that authorizes the State Regional Water Quality Control Board (SRWQCB) to protect the public from contaminants in drinking water by establishing maximum contaminants levels (MCLs), as set forth in the California Code of Regulations (CCR), Title 22, Division 4, Chapter 15, that are at least as stringent as those developed by the USEPA, as required by the federal SDWA.

### *California Water Plan*

The California Water Plan (the Plan) provides a framework for water managers, legislators, and the public to consider options and make decisions regarding California's water future. The Plan, which is updated every five years, presents basic data and information on California's water resources including water supply evaluations and assessments of agricultural, urban, and environmental water uses to quantify the gap between water supplies and uses. The Plan also identifies and evaluates existing and proposed statewide demand management and water supply augmentation programs and projects to address the State's water needs.

The goal for the California Water Plan Update is to meet Water Code requirements, receive broad support among those participating in California's water planning, and be a useful document for the public, water planners throughout the state, legislators and other decision-makers.

## **3. ENVIRONMENTAL SETTING**

### **3.1. SURFACE WATER HYDROLOGY**

#### **3.1.1. REGIONAL**

The Project Site is in San Pedro, a community within the city of Los Angeles, located within the Dominguez Watershed. The Dominguez Watershed area covers approximately 120 square miles of the land and 13 square miles of water (floodways, harbors) extending from the Los Angeles international Airport to the Los Angeles Harbor, with regions of residential, commercial, and industrial land use. Almost all of the surface drainage within the watershed flows into the Dominguez Channel, a man-made concrete flood control channel that eventually discharges to the inner Port of Los Angeles waterway.

Cities within the watershed include Carson, Compton, El Segundo, Gardena, Hawthorne, Inglewood, Lawndale, Lomita, Long Beach, Los Angeles, Manhattan Beach, Palos Verdes Estates, Rancho Palos Verdes, Redondo Beach, Rolling Hills, Rolling Hills Estates, and Torrance. Large industrial areas within the watershed include both the Port of Long Beach, and Port of Los Angeles. Figure 1 shows the Dominguez Channel Watershed and some of the cities within it.

#### **3.1.2. LOCAL**

The terrain in San Pedro generally consists of developed streets, lots, open space/parks, and commercial waterfront property. San Pedro has a gradual slope from the west to the east, such as at the average 6% downward slope of O'Farrell St., measured on Google Earth from N Western Ave. to N Harbor Blvd. Similarly, most of the surface runoff flows

from west to east, draining to various catch basins throughout the city streets. FEMA flood maps indicate that the property is located within Zone X defined as “areas determined to be outside of the 0.2% annual chance floodplain”.

Per Navigate LA, Los Angeles Bureau of Engineering’s online public records research, there are no immediate storm drain lines surrounding the project site on N Beacon St., W O’Farrell St., and N Harbor Blvd.

### 3.1.3. ON SITE

The Project Site is approximately 0.56 acres, spread over two separate, adjacent parcels. Surface runoff flows from the western side of the site to the eastern end of the site, which generally slopes at 4.2%. There are two small areas of existing concrete at the site, and a small area of asphalt pavement. Per the project’s geotechnical report, medium dense sands and silty sands make up an uncertified fill layer for the first 10’ below ground surface.

Once surface runoff leaves the project site, it is routed via curb and gutters along N. Harbor Blvd., to existing catch basins and underground storm drain infrastructure. Table 1 below shows the existing runoff values from a 50 year storm that leave the site, was calculated using the City-approved LA County’s HydroCalc program.

Table 1- Existing Drainage Stormwater Runoff Calculations		
Drainage Area	Area (Acres)	Q50 (cfs) (volumetric flow rate measured in cubic feet per second)
E-1	0.35	0.92
E-2	0.21	0.55
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>0.56</b>	<b>1.47</b>

## 3.2. SURFACE WATER QUALITY

### 3.2.1. REGIONAL

All discharges from point sources (a pipe or outfall) to surface waters are regulated by the federal National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permits. The Terminal Island Treatment Plant discharges tertiary-treated effluent to the outer Los Angeles/Long Beach harbor. Two generating stations discharge to the inner harbor areas. As described above, the Project Site lies within the Dominguez Watershed. The Dominguez Channel drains a highly industrialized area with numerous nonpoint sources of pollution for PAHs and also contains remnants of persistent legacy pesticides as well as PCBs resulting in poor sediment quality. DDT is also pervasive throughout the harbors along with metals such as copper and zinc. Consolidated Slip, the part of Inner Harbor immediately downstream of Dominguez Channel, continues to exhibit a very impacted

benthic invertebrate community. The Los Angeles/Long Beach Inner Harbor is on the 2010 Clean Water Act Section 303(d) list due to bacteria, impaired benthic community, sediment toxicity, DDT, copper, zinc, PAHs, and PCBs. Potential sources of these materials are considered to be historical deposition, discharges from the nearby POTW (especially for metals), spills from ships and industrial facilities, as well as stormwater runoff. Many areas of the harbors have experienced soil and/or groundwater contamination, which may result in possible transport of pollutants to the harbors' surface waters. Dredging and disposal, capping, and/or remediation of contaminated sediments and source control of pollutants in the harbors are current areas of focus by regulatory agencies.

### **3.2.2. LOCAL**

In general, urban stormwater runoff occurs following precipitation events, with the volume of runoff flowing into the drainage system depending on the intensity and duration of the rain event. Contaminants that may be found in stormwater from developed areas include sediments, trash, bacteria, metals, nutrients, organics and pesticides. The source of contaminants includes surface areas where precipitation falls, as well as the air through which it falls. Contaminants on surfaces such as roads, maintenance areas, parking lots, and buildings, which are usually contained in dry weather conditions, may be carried by rainfall runoff into drainage systems.

### **3.2.3. ON SITE**

A preliminary site investigation indicated that Best Management Practices (BMPs) were not present. Refer to Figure 2 in the Appendix for the existing on- site drainage pattern.

## **3.3. GROUNDWATER HYDROLOGY**

### **3.3.1. REGIONAL**

Groundwater use for domestic water supply is a major beneficial use of groundwater basins in Los Angeles County. Most of the City of Los Angeles overlies the Los Angeles Coastal Plain Groundwater Basin (Basin). The Basin is comprised of the Hollywood, Santa Monica, Central, and West Coast Groundwater Subbasins. Groundwater flow in the Basin is generally south-southwesterly and may be restricted by natural geological features. Replenishment of groundwater basins occurs mainly by percolation of precipitation throughout the region via permeable surfaces, spreading grounds, and groundwater migration from adjacent basins, as well as injection wells designed to pump freshwater along specific seawater barriers to prevent the intrusion of salt water.



### **3.3.2. LOCAL**

San Pedro is within the West Coast subbasin, which underlies 160 square miles in the southwestern part of the coastal plain of Los Angeles County. Figure 4 shows the location and adjudicated boundaries of the subbasin. The Basin is bounded on the west by the Santa Monica Bay, on the north by the Ballona Escarpment, on the east by the Newport-Inglewood Uplift, and on the south by the San Pedro Bay and the Palos Verdes Hills. Twenty incorporated cities and several unincorporated areas overlie the Basin.

To prevent saltwater from intruding into the West Coast Basin, barriers have been constructed in between the ocean and mainland. One of these barriers, the Dominguez Gap barrier, lies just over a half of a mile north of San Pedro. As such, groundwater is not pumped for domestic consumption within San Pedro, due to its high salinity and potential contamination from industrial and commercial activities at the Port of Los Angeles.

### **3.3.3. ON SITE**

The Project Site is currently a vacant lot with exposed topsoil, identified as undocumented fill in the project geotechnical report. The report identified this upper layer as silty sands, medium dense sands, and clayey silt up to 10' deep.

As described in the Preliminary Geotechnical Engineering Investigation Report by Group Delta, Inc., groundwater was encountered at 22 to 24 feet below ground surface in field explorations by Group Delta. This groundwater level reflects the level at the day of the study. Groundwater levels are subject to change due to tidal fluctuations, as the waterfront to the LA harbor is only about 700 feet away at its closest point to the site.<sup>9</sup> The preliminary geotechnical report further notes that the historic high groundwater at the site is mapped at about 10' below ground surface.

The Project Site is currently undeveloped with exposed soil and minimal vegetation but groundwater infiltration is assumed to be minimal due to the Site underlying soil type conditions (with low hydraulic conductivity) and the existing site slopes (steeper than 4% in some areas) which makes the surface runoff travel faster across the ground than it can be infiltrated.

## **3.4. GROUNDWATER QUALITY**

### **3.4.1. REGIONAL**

As stated above, San Pedro overlies the Los Angeles Coastal Plain Groundwater Basin, which falls under the jurisdiction of the LARWQCB. According to LARWQCB's Basin Plan, water quality objectives applying to all ground waters of the region include bacteria,

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<sup>9</sup> Preliminary Geotechnical Engineering Investigation –327 N. Harbor Blvd, San Pedro, Los Angeles, California, April 19, 2022

chemical constituents and radioactivity, mineral quality, nitrogen (nitrate, nitrite), and taste and odor.<sup>10</sup>

### **3.4.2. LOCAL**

As stated above, the Project Site specifically overlies the West Coast Subbasin. Based upon LARWQCB's Basin Plan, constituents of concern listed for the West Coast Subbasin include boron, chloride, sulfate, salt/sodium chloride, and Total Dissolved Solids (TDS).

### **3.4.3. ON SITE**

The Project Site is currently a vacant lot with exposed soil, and does not contribute to groundwater pollution or otherwise adversely impact groundwater quality.

## **4. SIGNIFICANCE THRESHOLDS**

### **4.1. SURFACE WATER HYDROLOGY**

Appendix G of the State of California's CEQA Guidelines provides a set of sample questions that address impacts with regard to surface water hydrology. These questions are as follows:

Would the project:

- Substantially alter the existing drainage pattern of the site or area, including through the alteration of the course of a stream or river or through the addition of impervious surfaces, in a manner which would:
- Substantially increase the rate or amount of surface runoff in a manner which would result in flooding on- or off-site
- Result in substantial erosion or siltation on- or off-site
- Create or contribute runoff water which would exceed the capacity of existing or planned stormwater drainage systems or provide substantial additional sources of polluted runoff; or
- In flood hazard, tsunami, or seiche zones, risk release of pollutants due to project inundation;
- Conflict with or obstruct implementation of a water quality control plan or sustainable groundwater management plan.

In the context of these questions from Appendix G of the CEQA Guidelines, the City of Los Angeles CEQA Thresholds Guide (*L.A. CEQA Thresholds Guide*) states that a project would normally have a significant impact on surface water hydrology if it would:

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<sup>10</sup> Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board, Basin Plan, [https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/losangeles/water\\_issues/programs/basin\\_plan/](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/losangeles/water_issues/programs/basin_plan/) accessed April, 2021

- Cause flooding during the projected 50-year developed storm event, which would have the potential to harm people or damage property or sensitive biological resources;
- Substantially reduce or increase the amount of surface water in a water body; or
- Result in a permanent, adverse change to the movement of surface water sufficient to produce a substantial change in the current or direction of water flow.

#### 4.2. SURFACE WATER QUALITY

Appendix G of the CEQA Guidelines provides a set of sample questions that address impacts with regard to surface water quality. These questions are as follows:

Would the project:

- Violate any water quality standard or waste discharge requirements or otherwise substantially degrade surface or groundwater quality;
- Substantially alter the existing drainage pattern of the site or area, including through the alteration of the course of a stream or river or through the addition of impervious surfaces, in a manner which would:
- Result in substantial erosion or siltation on- or off-site;
- Create or contribute runoff water which would exceed the capacity of existing or planned stormwater drainage systems or provide substantial additional sources of polluted runoff;
- In flood hazard, tsunami, or seiche zones, risk release of pollutants due to project inundation;
- Conflict with or obstruct implementation of a water quality control plan or sustainable groundwater management plan;

In the context of the above questions from Appendix G, the *L.A. CEQA Thresholds Guide* states that a project would normally have a significant impact on surface water quality if it would result in discharges that would create pollution, contamination or nuisance, as defined in Section 13050 of the CWC or that cause regulatory standards to be violated, as defined in the applicable NPDES stormwater permit or Water Quality Control Plan for the receiving water body.

The CWC includes the following definitions:

- “Pollution” means an alteration of the quality of the waters of the state to a degree which unreasonably affects either of the following: 1) the waters for beneficial uses or 2) facilities which serve these beneficial uses. “Pollution” may include “Contamination”.
- “Contamination” means an impairment of the quality of the waters of the state by waste to a degree, which creates a hazard to the public health through

poisoning or through the spread of disease. “Contamination” includes any equivalent effect resulting from the disposal of waste, whether or not waters of the state are affected.

- “Nuisance” means anything which meets all of the following requirements: 1) is injurious to health, or is indecent or offensive to the senses, or an obstruction to the free use of property, so as to interfere with the comfortable enjoyment of life or property; 2) affects at the same time an entire community or neighborhood, or any considerable number of persons, although the extent of the annoyance or damage inflicted upon individuals may be unequal; and 3) occurs during, or as a result of, the treatment or disposal of wastes.<sup>11</sup>

#### 4.3. GROUNDWATER HYDROLOGY

Appendix G of the CEQA Guidelines provides a sample question that addresses impacts with regard to groundwater. This question is as follows:

Would the project:

- Substantially decrease groundwater supplies or interfere substantially with groundwater recharge such that the project may impede sustainable groundwater management of the basin;
- Conflict with or obstruct implementation of a water quality control plan or sustainable groundwater management plan?

In the context of the above question from Appendix G, the *L.A. CEQA Thresholds Guide* states that a project would normally have a significant impact on groundwater if it would:

- Change potable water levels sufficiently to:
  - Reduce the ability of a water utility to use the groundwater basin for public water supplies, conjunctive use purposes, storage of imported water, summer/winter peaking, or to respond to emergencies and drought;
  - Reduce yields of adjacent wells or well fields (public or private); or
  - Adversely change the rate or direction of flow of groundwater; or
  - Result in demonstrable and sustained reduction of groundwater recharge capacity.

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<sup>11</sup> City of Los Angeles.LA. CEQA Thresholds Guide. 2006  
<https://planning.lacity.org/eir/CrossroadsHwd/deir/files/references/A07.pdf>

#### 4.4. GROUNDWATER QUALITY

Appendix G of the CEQA Guidelines provides a set of sample questions that address impacts with regard to groundwater quality. These questions are as follows:

Would the project:

- Violate any water quality standards or waste discharge requirements or otherwise substantially degrade surface or groundwater quality;
- Conflict with or obstruct implementation of a water quality control plan or sustainable groundwater management plan;

In the context of the above questions from Appendix G pertaining to groundwater quality, the *L.A. CEQA Thresholds Guide* states that a project would normally have a significant impact on groundwater quality if it would:

- Affect the rate or change the direction of movement of existing contaminants;
- Expand the area affected by contaminants;
- Result in an increased level of groundwater contamination (including that from direct percolation, injection or salt water intrusion); or
- Cause regulatory water quality standards at an existing production well to be violated, as defined in the California Code of Regulations (CCR), Title 22, Division 4, and Chapter 15 and in the Safe Drinking Water Act.

### 5. METHODOLOGY

#### 5.1. SURFACE WATER HYDROLOGY

The Project Site is located within the community of San Pedro, a neighborhood of the City of Los Angeles, and drainage collection, treatment and conveyance are regulated by the City of Los Angeles. Per the City's Special Order No. 007- 1299, December 3, 1999, the City has adopted the Los Angeles County Department of Public Works (LACDPW) Hydrology Manual as its basis of design for storm drainage facilities. The LACDPW Hydrology Manual requires projects to have drainage facilities that meet the Urban Flood level of protection. The Urban Flood is runoff from a 25-year frequency design storm falling on a saturated watershed. A 25-year frequency design storm has a probability of 1/25 of being equaled or exceeded in any year. The L.A. CEQA

Thresholds Guide, however, establishes the 50-year frequency design storm event as the threshold to analyze potential impacts on surface water hydrology as a result of development. To provide a more conservative analysis, this report analyzes the larger storm event threshold, i.e., the 50-year frequency design storm event.

The Modified Rational Method was used to calculate storm water runoff. The "peak" (maximum value) runoff for a drainage area is calculated using the formula,  $Q = CIA$

Where,

$Q =$  Volumetric flow rate (cfs)

C = Runoff coefficient (dimensionless)

I = Rainfall Intensity at a given point in time (in/hr)

A = Basin area (acres)

The Modified Rational Method assumes that a steady, uniform rainfall rate will produce maximum runoff when all parts of the basin area are contributing to outflow. This occurs when the storm event lasts longer than the time of concentration. The time of concentration (T<sub>c</sub>) is the time it takes for rain in the most hydrologically remote part of the basin area to reach the outlet.

The method assumes that the runoff coefficient (C) remains constant during a storm. The runoff coefficient is a function of both the soil characteristics and the percentage of impervious surfaces in the drainage area.

LACDPW has developed a time of concentration calculator, Hydrocalc, to automate time of concentration calculations as well as the peak runoff rates and volumes using the Modified Rational Method design criteria as outlined in the Hydrology Manual. The data input requirements include: sub-area size, soil type, land use, flow path length, flow path slope and rainfall isohyet. The Hydrocalc Calculator was used to calculate the storm water peak runoff flow rate for the Project conditions by evaluating an individual sub-area independent of all adjacent subareas. See Figure 5 for the isohyet map, and Figure 6 for the proposed Hydrocalc Calculator results.

## **5.2. SURFACE WATER QUALITY**

### **5.2.1. CONSTRUCTION**

Construction BMPs specific to each phase of construction will be designed and maintained as part of the implementation of the SWPPP in compliance with the current Construction General Permit. The SWPPP shall begin when construction commences, before any site clearing and grubbing or demolition activity. During construction, the SWPPP will be referred to regularly and amended as changes occur throughout the construction process. The Notice of Intent (NOI), Amendments to the SWPPP, Annual Reports, Rain Event Action Plans (REAPs), and Non-Compliance Reporting will be posted to the State's SMARTS website in compliance with the requirements of the current Construction General Permit.

### **5.2.2. OPERATION**

The Project will be required to implement the City's LID standards.<sup>12</sup> Under section 3.1.3. of the LID Manual, post-construction stormwater runoff from a new development must be infiltrated, evapotranspired, captured and used, and/or treated through high efficiency BMPs onsite for at least the volume of water produced by the greater of the 85th percentile

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<sup>12</sup> The Development Best Management Practices Handbook, Part B Planning Activities, 5th edition was adopted by the City of Los Angeles, Board of Public Works on May 9, 2016 to reflect Low Impact Development (LID) requirements that took effect May 12, 2012.

storm or the 0.75 inch storm event. The LID Manual prioritizes the selection of BMPs used to comply with stormwater mitigation requirement. The order of priority is:

1. Infiltration Systems
2. Stormwater Capture and Use
3. High Efficient Biofiltration/Bioretenion Systems
4. Combination of Any of the Above

Feasibility screening delineated in the LID manual is applied to determine which BMPs will best suit the Project. Specifically, LID guidelines require that infiltration systems maintain at least 10 feet of clearance to the groundwater, property line, and any building structure.

### **5.3. GROUNDWATER**

The significance of this Project as it relates to the level of the underlying groundwater table of the West Coast Groundwater Subbasin included a review of the following considerations:

#### *Analysis and Description of the Project's Existing Condition*

- Identification of the West Coast Subbasin as the underlying groundwater basin, and description of the level, quality, direction of flow, and existing uses for the water;
- Description of the location, existing uses, production capacity, quality, and other pertinent data for spreading grounds and potable water wells in the vicinity (usually within a one mile radius), and;
- Area and degree of permeability of soils on the Project Site, and;

#### *Analysis of the Proposed Project Impact on Groundwater Level*

- Description of the rate, duration, location and quantity of extraction, dewatering, spreading, injection, or other activities;
- The projected reduction in groundwater resources and any existing wells in the vicinity (usually within a one mile radius); and
- The projected change in local or regional groundwater flow patterns.

In addition, this report discusses the impact of both existing and proposed activities at the Project Site on the groundwater quality of the underlying West Coast Subbasin.

Short-term groundwater quality impacts could potentially occur during construction of the Project as a result of soil being exposed to construction materials, wastes, and spilled materials. These potential impacts are qualitatively assessed.

## **6. PROJECT IMPACT ANALYSIS**

### **6.1. CONSTRUCTION**

#### **6.1.1. SURFACE WATER HYDROLOGY**

Construction means and methods are most always determined by the contractor, as they're ultimately responsible for building the structure. Regardless of the means used for construction, it is likely that a large amount of site grading would need to occur for the first-floor parking garage to be built, and to remove contaminated soils. During construction, this grading would slightly alter the existing drainage pattern of the site, as the contractor would likely lessen the existing 4% cross slope of the site to make a level ~0% slope parking garage floor. Taking the lower slope into consideration, this would decrease the rate of surface runoff leaving the site and reduce the erosion and siltation that would leave the site with its current cross slope.

Regardless of the direction of flow, local, state, and federal water quality laws limit the amount of sediment and pollutants that can leave a construction site, and there will be BMP devices in place to collect the runoff and treat it before it leaves the site. This, in combination of a level site, would work in lessening the runoff that would otherwise be carried away in existing storm drain infrastructure, which would lessen both the volume and pollutant loads of the existing system. Likewise, the project's construction would not cause flooding during the projected 50-year developed storm event, nor would it substantially reduce or increase the amount of surface water in a water body. Temporary construction would not result in a permanent, adverse change to the movement of surface water sufficient to produce a substantial change in the current or direction of water flow.

The project lies within Zone X of the FEMA flood plain data, as such it is in an area determined to be outside the 0.2% annual chance floodplain, and there isn't a risk of the project releasing pollutants due to inundation. At the time of this report's preparation, there are no water quality control plan nor substantial groundwater management plan nearby that this project would impact, whether from a surface water hydrology or quality, or groundwater hydrology or quality standpoint. Therefore, construction of the project would not have a significant impact on surface water hydrology, as measured from the CEQA guidelines in Section 4.1.

#### **6.1.2. SURFACE WATER QUALITY**

Construction activities such as earth moving, maintenance/operation of construction equipment, dewatering, and handling/storage/disposal of materials could contribute to pollutant loading in stormwater runoff.

With implementation of the Erosion Control Plan, site-specific BMPs would reduce or eliminate the discharge of potential pollutants from stormwater runoff. In addition, the Project Applicant would be required to comply with City grading permit regulations and inspections to reduce sedimentation and erosion. Construction of the Project would not result in discharge that would cause: (1) pollution which would alter the quality of the



water of the State (i.e., LA Harbors) to a degree which unreasonably affects beneficial uses of the waters; (2) contamination of the quality of the water of the State by waste to a degree which creates a hazard to the public health through poisoning or through the spread of diseases; or (3) nuisance that would be injurious to health; affect an entire community or neighborhood, or any considerable number of persons; and occurs during or as a result of the treatment or disposal of wastes. Furthermore, construction of the Project would not result in discharges that would cause regulatory standards to be violated in the Dominguez Channel Watershed. The Project would also not provide substantial additional sources of polluted runoff, nor would it conflict with the implementation of a water quality control plan. In addition, implementation of the Erosion Control Plan would ensure that construction activities would not result in substantial erosion or siltation on- or off-site, or risk release of other pollutants due to inundation. Therefore, temporary construction- related impacts on surface water quality would be less than significant, as measured from the CEQA guidelines in Section 4.2.

### **6.1.3. GROUNDWATER HYDROLOGY**

Groundwater may be encountered during construction pending the depth of excavation required; however, it is not expected to be encountered. The depth of excavation primarily depends on the structural method of supporting the building, including deep driven piles, mat slab foundations, or spread/continuous foundations. In April 2017, borings were taken throughout the site, where the groundwater level was found approximately 20' below ground surface. To lower the local groundwater level to aid in construction, if encountered or required, temporary pumps and filtration would be utilized.

Dewatering operations are practices that discharge non-stormwater, such as groundwater, that must be removed from a work location to proceed with construction into the drainage system. Discharges from dewatering operations can contain high levels of fine sediments, which if not properly treated, could lead to exceedance of the NPDES requirements. If groundwater is encountered during construction, temporary pumps and filtration would be utilized in compliance with the NPDES permit. Any such temporary system would comply with all relevant NPDES requirements related to construction and discharges from dewatering operations.

Although groundwater is a water source used for distribution for public water utilities in LA County, groundwater near San Pedro is not used for collection due to its high salinity content from the ocean. The nearest well is over a half mile from the project site, across the main channel in the Port of Los Angeles, and the underground water table is at a stable rechargeable depth due to the ocean close by. Ultimately, local dewatering at this site would not have an impact on the regional groundwater supply. Temporary construction-related impacts on groundwater hydrology are expected to be less than significant, as measured from the CEQA guidelines in Section 4.3.

#### **6.1.4. GROUNDWATER QUALITY**

During on-site grading and building construction, hazardous materials, such as fuels, paints, solvents, and concrete additives, could be used and would therefore require proper management and, in some cases, disposal. The management of any resultant hazardous wastes could increase the opportunity for hazardous material releases into groundwater if groundwater is encountered or exposed during construction activities. Compliance with all applicable federal, state, and local requirements concerning the handling, storage and disposal of hazardous waste would reduce the potential from construction activities to release contaminants into groundwater that could affect existing contaminants, expand the area or increase the level of groundwater contamination, or cause a violation of regulatory water quality standards at an existing production well.

In addition, as there are no groundwater production wells or public water supply wells within a half mile from the project site, construction activities would not be anticipated to affect existing wells. Therefore, the Project would not violate any water quality standards or waste discharge requirements or otherwise substantially degrade groundwater quality. As construction activities are not expected to encounter existing groundwater, it would not conflict with the implementation of a sustainable groundwater management plan. Therefore, construction impacts on groundwater quality would be less than significant, as measured from the CEQA guidelines in Section 4.4.

In April 2021 and June 2021, EFI Global, Inc, conducted a Phase II Environmental Site Assessment (ESA) at the property to assess subsurface conditions. Though the results of the investigation concluded that there could be an unacceptable risk to human health from the presence of total petroleum hydrocarbons (TPH) and lead, chemicals of potential concern in groundwater were either not detected, or below maximum contaminant levels. Nevertheless, these polluted soils are planned to be cleared from the site during or prior to construction, and would not pose any further impact to groundwater quality. The development will also include the installation and operation of a passive vapor mitigation system.

The Los Angeles Fire Department (LAFD) is designated as the enforcement agency for the City of Los Angeles that regulates hazardous materials . Where the LAFD's authority or ability is exceeded, the case is referred to the appropriate County, State or Federal agency. These other agencies include, but may not be limited to the following: California Department of Conservation – Geologic Energy Management Division (CalGEM); Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board – State of California (LARWQCB); Health Hazardous Materials Division – Los Angeles County Fire Department (HHMD); Site Mitigation Unit Southern California Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD); Department of Toxic Substances Control – State of California (DTSC). These agencies would require all proposed construction activities to follow the required procedures that would prevent the proposed remediation of all contaminated soils from affecting groundwater quality.

### **6.2. OPERATION**

#### **6.2.1. SURFACE WATER HYDROLOGY**

Stormwater surface runoff rates are expected to remain the same from the existing conditions to the full build out of the project. Currently, rainfall leaves the site as sheet flow, draining from the west to the east, ultimately ending up in the existing curb and gutter on N. Harbor Boulevard. The proposed development would mimic this drainage pattern, collecting runoff from either the roof or courtyard, and likely discharging it via roof drains or interior plumbing to the curb and gutter on N Harbor Boulevard. Any landscaping from the site would be contained to its planter, and there is no expected substantial erosion or siltation on- or off-site.

Table 2 shows the proposed 50-year frequency design storm event peak flow rate within the Project Site. Table 3 shows a comparison of the pre- and post-peak flow rates, and indicates that there would be a decrease in total stormwater runoff from the existing to the proposed conditions.

Table 2-Proposed Drainage Stormwater Runoff Calculations		
Drainage Area	Area (Acres)	Q50 (cfs) (volumetric flow rate measured in cubic feet per second)
P-1	0.03	0.08
P-2	0.12	0.32
P-3	0.08	0.21
P-4	0.09	0.24
P-5	0.08	0.21
P-6	0.11	0.29
P-7	0.05	0.13
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>0.56</b>	<b>1.47</b>

Table 3 – Existing and Proposed Drainage Stormwater Runoff Comparison			
Project Site Area (Acres)	Pre-Project Q <sub>50</sub> (cfs) (volumetric flow rate measured in cubic feet per second)	Post-Project Q <sub>50</sub> (cfs) (volumetric flow rate measured in cubic feet per second)	Incremental Decrease from Existing to Proposed Condition
<b>0.56</b>	<b>1.47</b>	<b>1.47</b>	<b>0%</b>

As shown in Table 3, the same total runoff was calculated from the City-approved LA County Hydrocalc program for both existing and proposed conditions. The high runoff value from the existing condition (1.5 cfs of runoff during a 50-year storm) stems from the underlying soil conditions and the existing steep slope of the site. As the site traverses a steep slope, rainfall is more likely to sheet flow towards N. Harbor Boulevard than infiltrate into the soil, yielding a large flowrate from the site. Approximately 1.5 cfs is also generated from the proposed condition, even though the proposed subareas have more imperviousness than the existing condition. Based on the physical properties of the building and other proposed improvements, small hydrologic subareas were delineated from the roof, courtyard, and other areas outside the building footprint. The site changing from a vacant lot to fully impervious resulted in an increase from two large subareas (existing conditions) to seven smaller subareas (proposed conditions), each with a different slope and smaller flow length than the existing conditions this results in smaller runoff quantities, subsequently, the summation of the stormwater runoff of multiple small subareas from the site translates into the same runoff quantity such as 1.5 cfs.

Since the existing flow rate and proposed flow rate from a 50-year storm are equal, the Project would not cause flooding during a 50-year storm event or result in a permanent adverse change to the movement of surface water on the Project Site, nor substantially reduce or increase the amount of surface water discharged into the existing infrastructure or any waterbody. The calculated runoff would not substantially alter the drainage pattern of runoff, nor result in flooding on-or-offsite. The project does not have a risk of releasing pollutants due to project inundation since it is not in a flood hazard zone, and it does not conflict with or obstruct implementation of a water quality control plan or sustainable groundwater management plan.

The Project would not trigger any of the surface water hydrology thresholds listed in Section 4.1. Therefore, potential operational impacts to site surface water hydrology would be less than significant.

#### **6.2.2. SURFACE WATER QUALITY**

The Project Site will not increase concentrations of the items listed as constituents of concern for the Dominguez Channel Watershed.

Due to the incorporation of the required LID BMP(s)<sup>13</sup>, operation of the Project would not result in discharges that would cause: (1) pollution which would alter the quality of the waters of the State (i.e., LA harbors) to a degree which unreasonably affects beneficial uses of the waters; (2) contamination of the quality of the waters of the State by waste to a degree which creates a hazard to the public health through poisoning or through the spread of diseases; or (3) nuisance that would be injurious to health; affect an entire community or neighborhood, or any considerable number of persons; and occurs during or as a result of the treatment or disposal of wastes.

As is typical of most urban developments, stormwater runoff from the Project Site has the potential to introduce pollutants into the stormwater system. Potential pollutants generated by the Project are primarily trash and debris, suspended solids/sediment,

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<sup>13</sup> [https://www.lacitysan.org/cs/groups/sg\\_sw/documents/document/y250/mde3/~edisp/cnt017152.pdf](https://www.lacitysan.org/cs/groups/sg_sw/documents/document/y250/mde3/~edisp/cnt017152.pdf)

nutrients, heavy metals, pathogens (bacteria/virus), pesticides, oil and grease which would be mitigated through the implementation of approved LID BMPs.

The LID requirements for the Project Site would outline the stormwater treatment post-construction BMPs required to control pollutants associated with storm events up to the 85<sup>th</sup> percentile or 0.75 inch (whichever is greater), 24-hour storm event, per the City's Stormwater Program. The Project BMPs will control stormwater runoff with no increase in runoff resulting from the Project. Refer to Exhibit 2 for typical LID BMPs. The Project would not impact existing storm drain infrastructure serving the Project Site and runoff would continue to follow the same discharge paths and drain to the same stormwater systems. Furthermore, operation of the Project would not result in discharges that would cause regulatory standards to be violated.

The existing Project Site appears to have no water quality treatment features; however, a portion of the Project Site will be allocated for stormwater BMPs specifically intended to control and treat stormwater runoff in compliance with LID requirements. As required by the County of Los Angeles LID manual, the Project would include the installation of LID BMPs, which would be designed to treat at minimum the first flush or the equivalent of the greater between the 85th percentile storm and first 0.75-inch of rainfall for any storm event. The installed BMP systems will be designed with an internal bypass or overflow system to prevent upstream flooding due to large storm events. The stormwater which bypasses the BMP systems would discharge to an approved discharge point in the public right-of-way. As such, the Project would not interfere with the implementation of a water quality control plan.

The use of new BMPs would not substantially alter the existing drainage pattern of the site or area, result in substantial erosion or siltation on- on off-site, not create or contribute runoff water which would exceed the capacity of existing or planed stormwater drainage systems. The project does not have a risk of releasing pollutants due to project inundation since it is not in a flood hazard zone. Therefore, with the implementation of the SWPPP and LID BMPs, there will be no operational impacts on surface water quality.

All drains in the proposed subterranean parking garage are considered emergency drains and will be design, constructed and maintained following the LA City Requirements (Document No. P/PC 2014-11)<sup>14</sup>.

### **6.2.3. GROUNDWATER HYDROLOGY**

Groundwater recharge could occur from the implementation of LID BMPs, such as detention basins or biofiltration. If infiltration-based BMPs are used to treat stormwater runoff, the treated water would increase the groundwater level locally at the specific BMP used for treatment, recharging the local groundwater level and not having an impact on groundwater management of the basin.

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<sup>14</sup> <https://www.ladbs.org/docs/default-source/publications/information-bulletins/plumbing-code/garage-drains-ib-pc2014-011.pdf?sfvrsn=8>

The project has no impact to groundwater hydrology as it pertains to influencing the ability of a water utility to use the groundwater basin for public water supplies, reduce yields of adjacent wells or well fields, adversely change the rate or direction of flow of groundwater, or result in demonstrable and sustained reduction of groundwater recharge capacity. Therefore, operation of the Project would result in a less than significant impact on groundwater hydrology, including groundwater levels.

#### **6.2.4. GROUNDWATER QUALITY**

The Project does not include the installation or operation of water wells, or any extraction or recharge system that is in the vicinity of the coast, an area of known groundwater contamination or seawater intrusion, a municipal supply well or spreading ground facility.

Operational activities which could affect groundwater quality include spills of hazardous materials. In addition, while the development of new building facilities would slightly increase the use of on-site hazardous materials as described above, compliance with all applicable existing regulations at the Project Site regarding the handling and potentially required cleanup of hazardous materials would prevent the Project from affecting or expanding any potential areas of contamination, increasing the level of contamination, or causing regulatory water quality standards at an existing production well to be violated, as defined in the California Code of Regulations, Title 22, Division 4, Chapter 15 and the Safe Drinking Water Act. Furthermore, as described above, operation of the Project would not require extraction from the groundwater supply based on the depth of excavation for the proposed uses and the depth of groundwater below the Project Site.

As noted in Section 6.1.4, any polluted soils are planned to be cleared from the site during or prior to construction, and would not pose any further impact to groundwater quality through the use of infiltration-based BMPs.

The Project is not anticipated to result in violations of any water quality standards or waste discharge requirements or otherwise substantially degrade groundwater quality. Rather, if infiltration-based BMPs, such as a detention basin or biofiltration, are used in conjunction with LA County LID guidelines, treated water would infiltrate the soil, and improve the groundwater quality beneath those BMPs, contributing to better quality of the local groundwater as a whole. These BMPs are required to be maintained by their owner to ensure proper functioning in perpetuity.

Additionally, the Project does not involve drilling to or through a clean or contaminated aquifer. Therefore, the Project's potential impact on groundwater recharge is less than significant.

### **6.3. CUMULATIVE IMPACT ANALYSIS**

#### **6.3.1. SURFACE WATER HYDROLOGY**

The geographic context for the cumulative impact analysis on surface water hydrology is the Dominguez Channel Watershed. Multiple factors contribute to stormwater runoff quantity, including increased storm intensities and duration due to climate change,

increased or decreased site imperviousness throughout the watershed, or changes in drainage pattern of the existing storm drain systems throughout the watershed. However, as noted above, the Project would have no net impact on stormwater flows locally at the project site, nor increase the discharge to receiving waters of the watershed.

Also, in accordance with City requirements, related projects and other future development projects would be required to implement BMPs to manage stormwater in accordance with LID guidelines. The City of Los Angeles Department of Public Works would review each future development project on a case-by-case basis to ensure sufficient local and regional infrastructure is available to accommodate stormwater runoff. Similar to the Project, related projects are located on sites that are fully developed and impervious. Any new development on the related project sites would need to implement LID BMPs to meet the City's requirements. Implementation of the LID BMPs would, at a minimum, maintain existing runoff conditions. Therefore, the impact of the Project combined with the related projects on surface water hydrology would be less than significant.

### **6.3.2. SURFACE WATER QUALITY**

Future development in the Dominguez Creek Watershed would be subject to NPDES requirements relating to water quality for both construction and operation. In addition, since the Project is in a highly urbanized area, future land use changes or development are not likely to cause substantial changes in regional surface water quality. As noted above, the Project does not have an adverse impact on water quality; rather, it would improve the quality of on-site flows due to the introduction of new BMPs that would collect, treat, and discharge flows from the Project Site (which are not being treated under existing conditions). Also, it is anticipated that the Project and other future development projects would be subject to LID requirements and implementation of measures to comply with TMDLs. Increases in regional controls associated with other elements of the MS4 Permit would improve regional water quality over time. The Project would comply with all applicable laws, rules, and regulations, and therefore, cumulative impacts to surface water quality would be less than significant.

### **6.3.3. GROUNDWATER HYDROLOGY**

The geographic context for the cumulative impact analysis on groundwater level is the West Coast Subbasin. The Project, in conjunction with forecasted growth in the region above the West Coast Subbasin, could cumulatively increase groundwater demand for potable use. However, as noted above, no water supply wells, spreading grounds, or injection wells are located within a half mile radius of the Project Site. Temporary dewatering may be needed for construction at the site, thus the Project could have a short-term impact on groundwater level. Any calculation of the extent to which the phased projects would extract or otherwise directly utilize groundwater would be speculative. One construction is complete at the Project and temporary dewatering is no longer needed (if used at all), the Project would have no impact to the groundwater level. Therefore, potential cumulative impacts associated with the Project on groundwater hydrology would be less than significant.

Furthermore, as previously discussed, LID requires BMPs to treat surface runoff from the Project Site. If infiltration-based BMPs are used, local increases to the groundwater level at those BMPs can be expected; however, this immediate increase of groundwater at the BMP only occurs during a storm event, and only impacts the groundwater level at the BMP. There is no cumulative impact to groundwater hydrology as a result of the development; therefore, cumulative impacts to groundwater hydrology would be less than significant.

#### **6.3.4. GROUNDWATER QUALITY**

Future growth in the West Coast Subbasin would be subject to LARWQCB requirements relating to groundwater quality. In addition, since the Project Site is located in a highly urbanized area, future land use changes or development are not likely to cause substantial changes in regional groundwater quality. As noted above, the Project does not have an adverse impact on groundwater quality. Also, it is anticipated that, like the Project, other future development projects would also be subject to LARWQCB requirements and implementation of measures to comply with TMDLs in addition to requirements of California Code of Regulations, Title 22, Division 4, Chapter 15 and the Safe Drinking Water Act.

Additionally, LA County LID guidelines require treatment of storm runoff from the Project. Multiple types of BMPs can be used for treatment of the runoff. If infiltration-based BMPs are used to treat the water, the local groundwater quality at the BMPs would improve, ultimately improving the collective groundwater quality underneath the development. The Project would comply with all applicable laws, rules, and regulations, therefore cumulative impacts to groundwater quality would be less than significant.

### **7. LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE**

Based on the analysis contained in this report, no significant impacts have been identified for surface water hydrology, surface water quality, groundwater hydrology or groundwater quality for this Project.





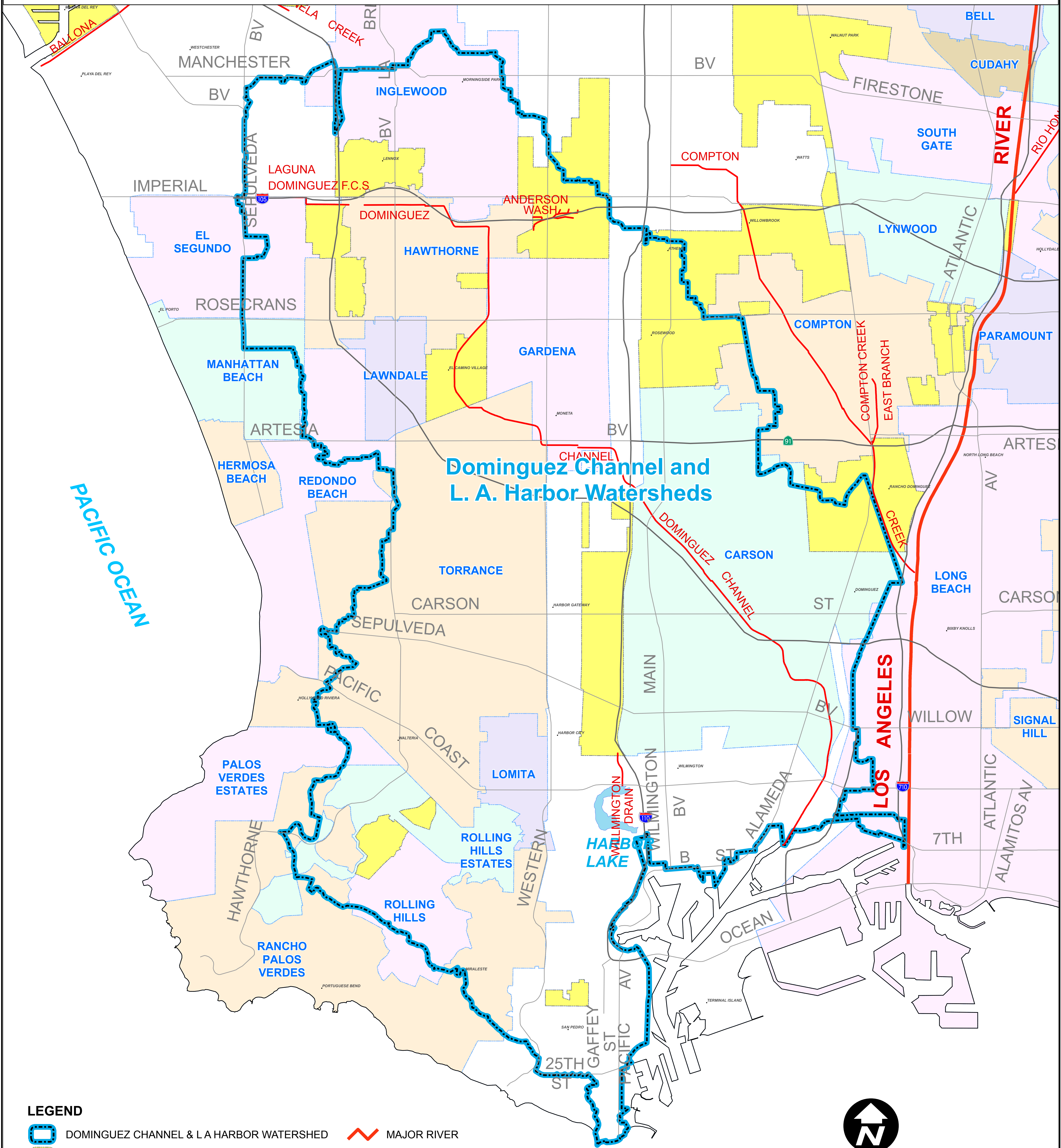
## **APPENDIX**



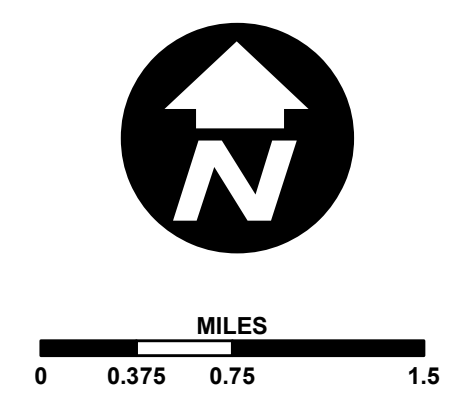
Figure 1  
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES



# DOMINGUEZ CHANNEL & LA HARBOR WATERSHEDS

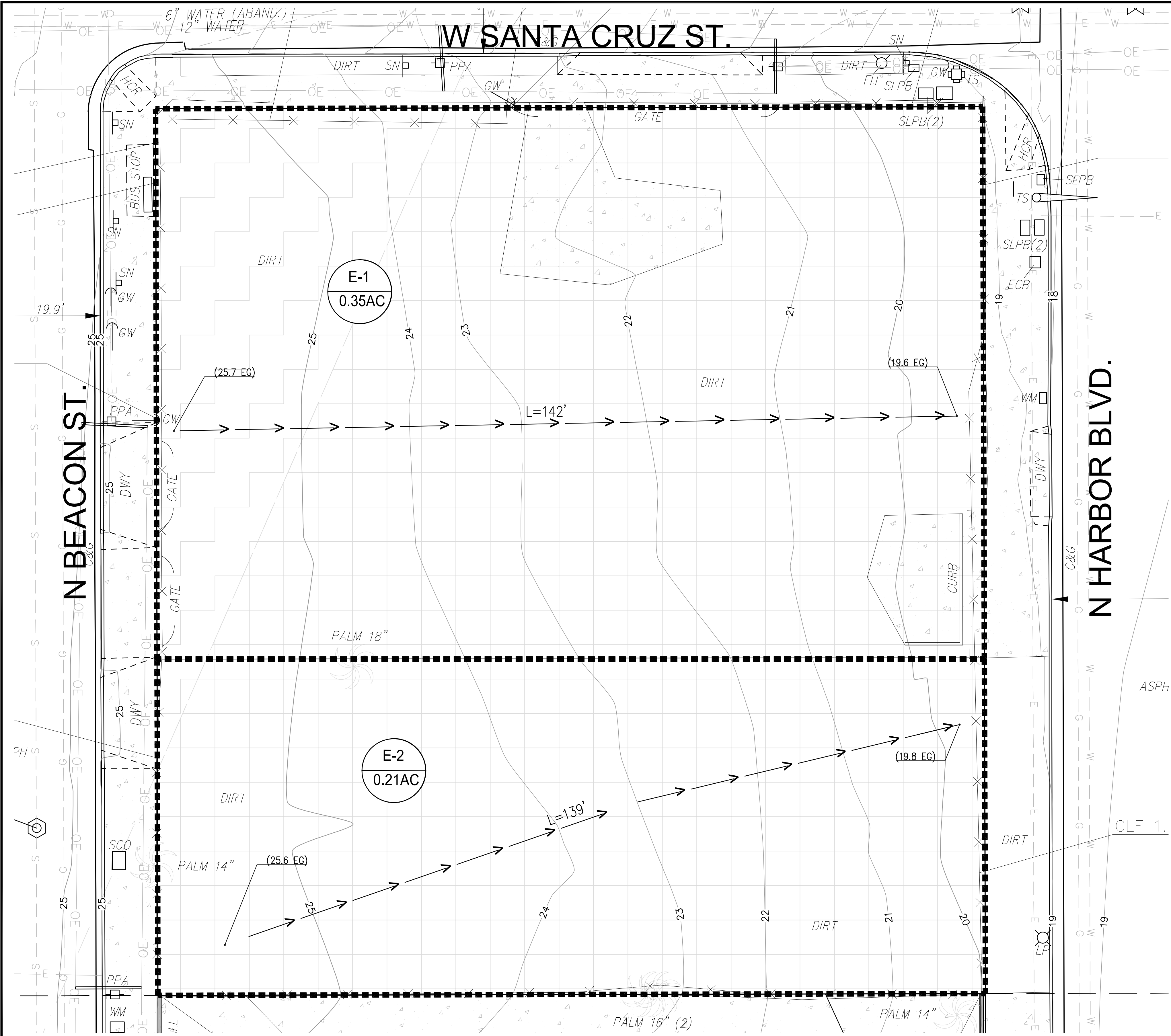


- LEGEND**
- DOMINGUEZ CHANNEL & L.A. HARBOR WATERSHED
  - UNINCORPORATED AREA
  - DAM / LAKE / RESERVOIR
  - MAJOR RIVER
  - MAJOR CHANNEL



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Figure 2

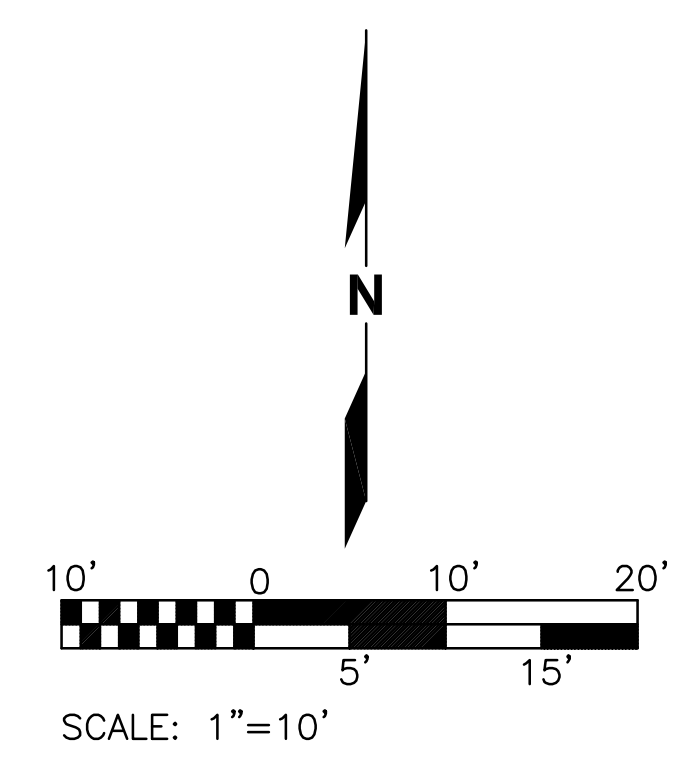


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- SOIL TYPE 13
- SOIL TYPE 16
- EXISTING CONCRETE
- 20 ----- EXISTING CONTOUR

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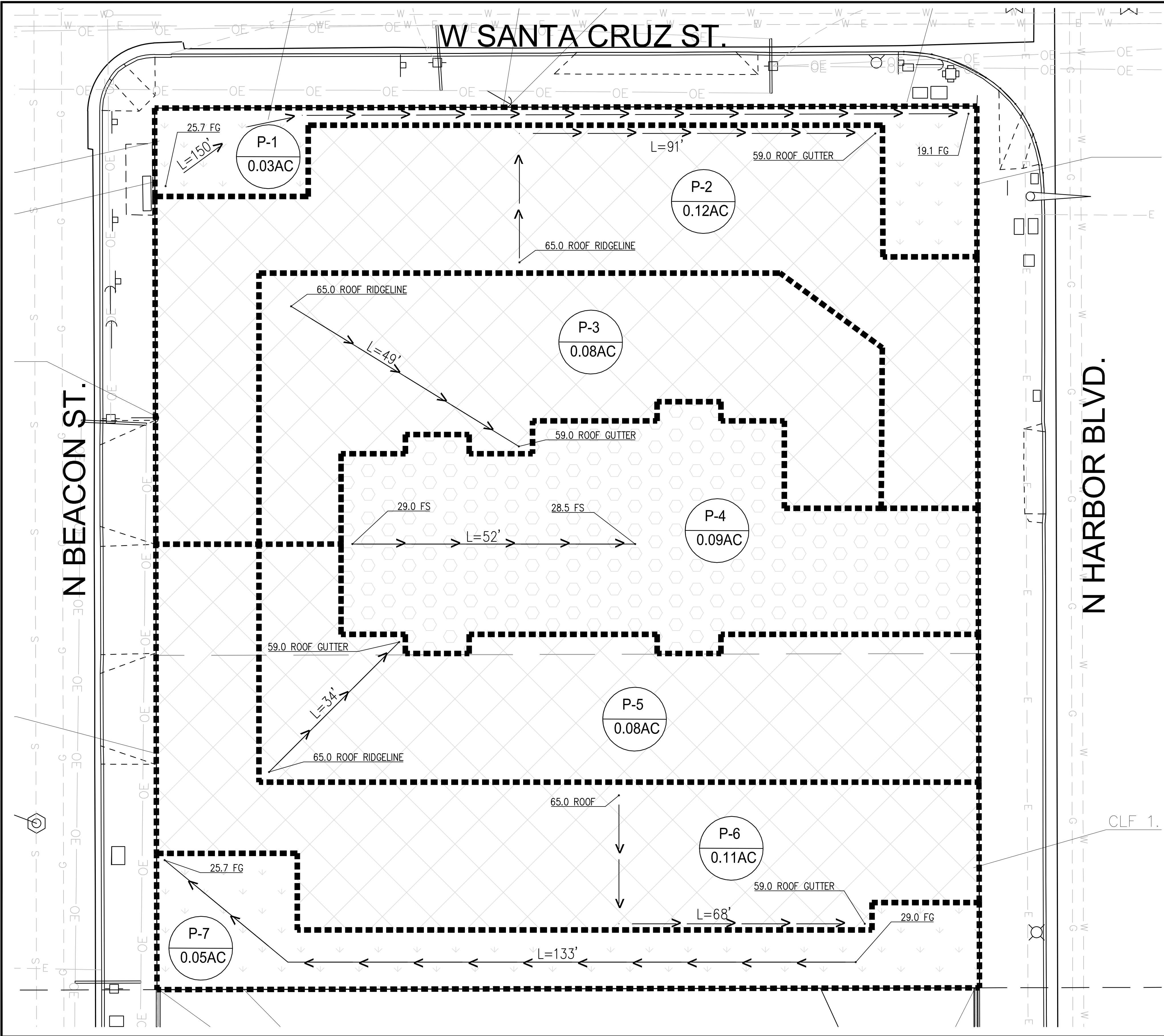
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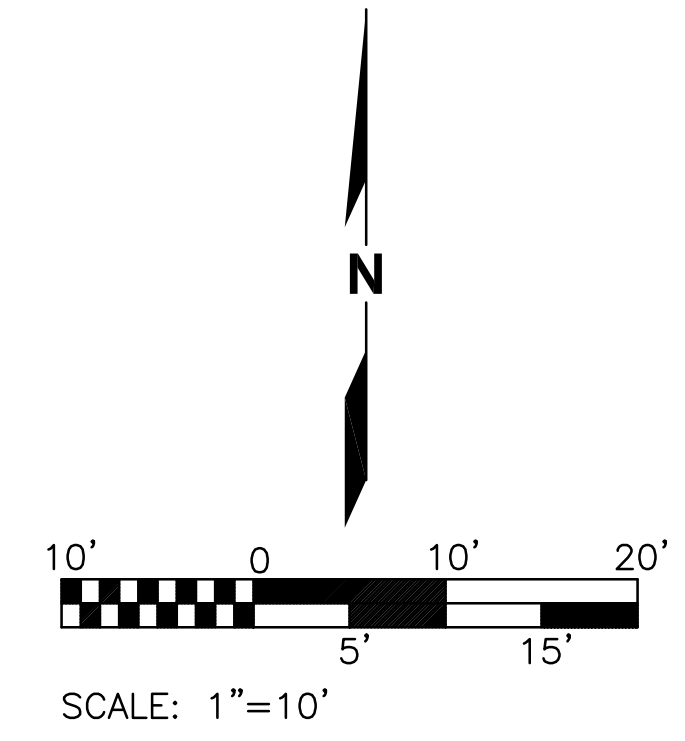


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- COURTYARD
- ASSUMED GRASS/LANDSCAPING

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Figure 4 - West Coast Basin  
(showing groundwater production)

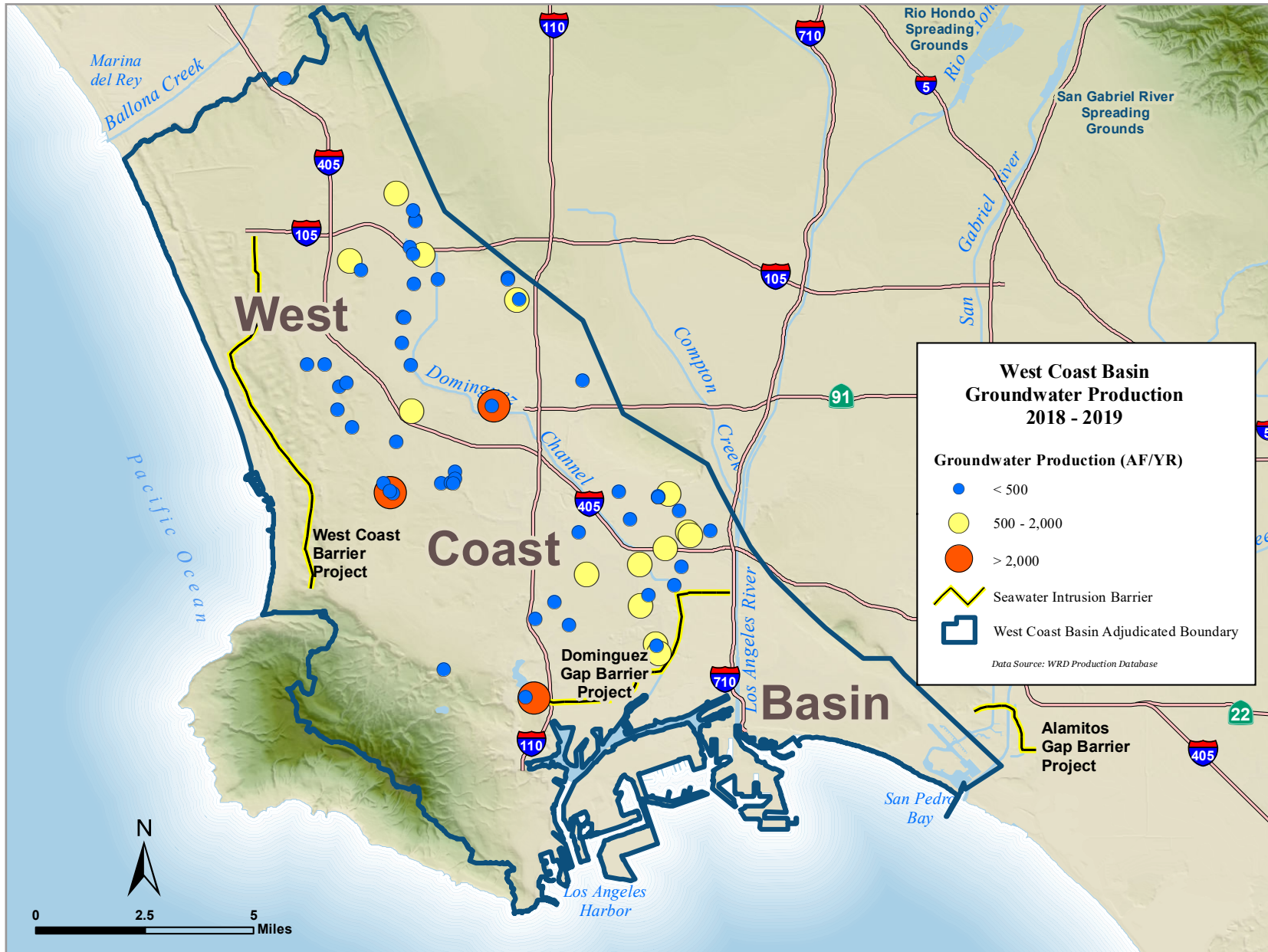
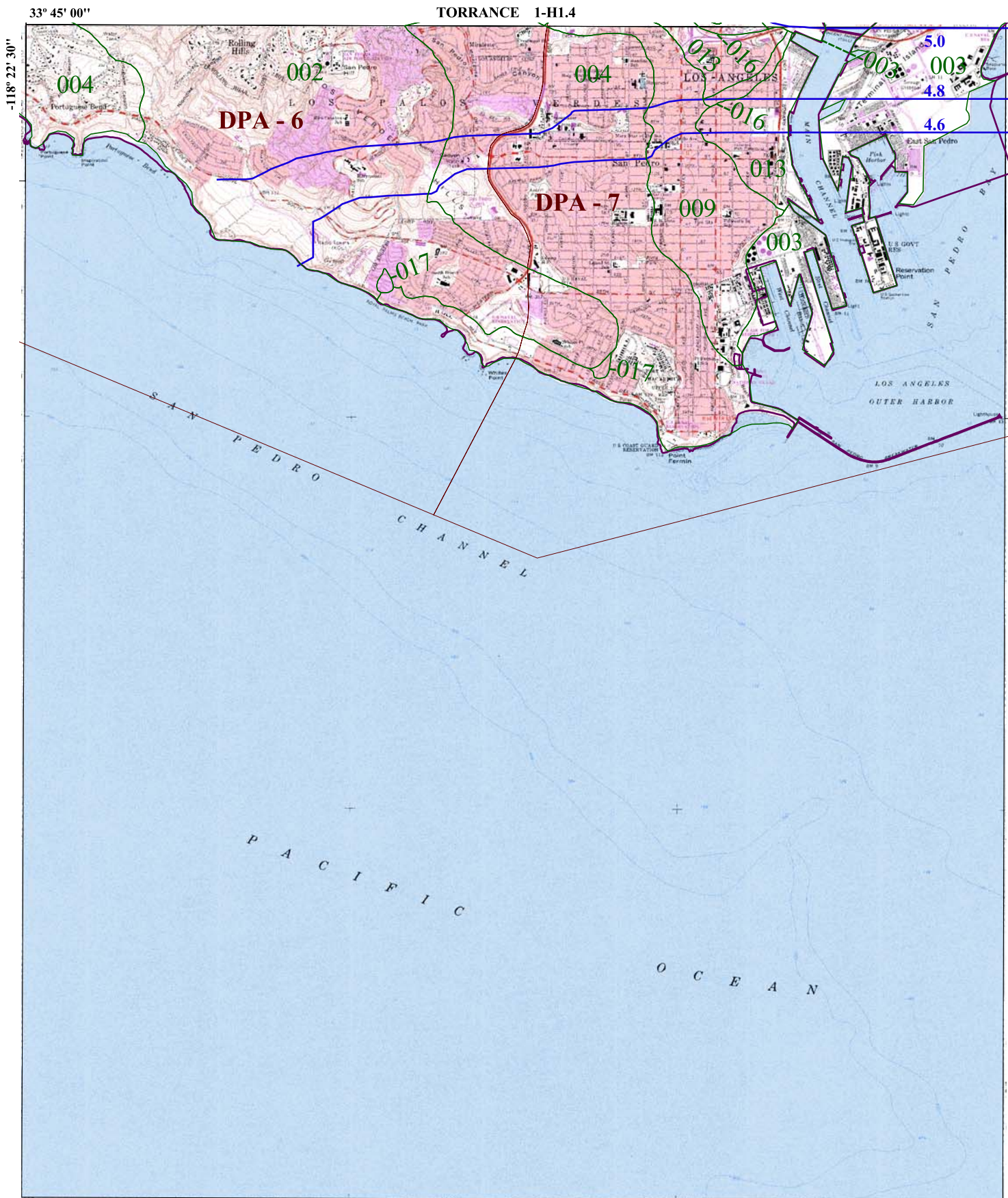


Figure 5

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33° 37' 30"



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SOIL CLASSIFICATION AREA

7.2

INCHES OF RAINFALL

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DEBRIS POTENTIAL AREA

1 0 1 2 Miles

25-YEAR 24-HOUR ISOHYET REDUCTION FACTOR: 0.878  
10-YEAR 24-HOUR ISOHYET REDUCTION FACTOR: 0.714

# SAN PEDRO 50-YEAR 24-HOUR ISOHYET

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Figure 6

## Peak Flow Hydrologic Analysis

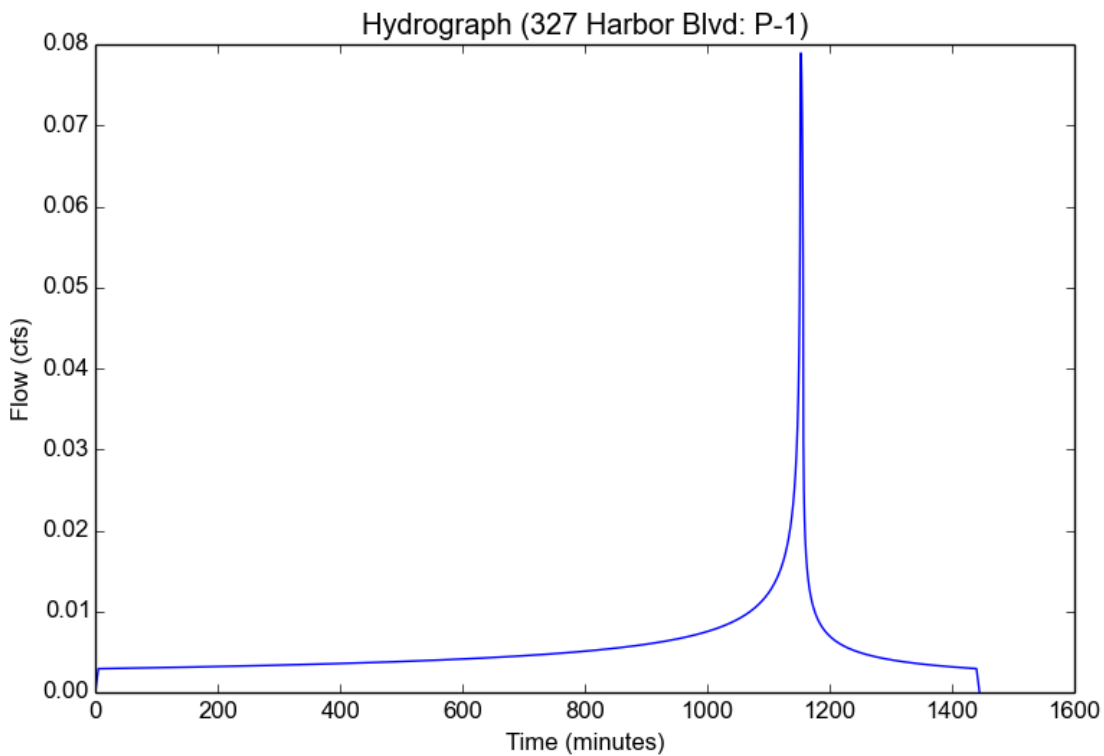
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### Input Parameters

Project Name	327 Harbor Blvd
Subarea ID	P-1
Area (ac)	0.03
Flow Path Length (ft)	150.0
Flow Path Slope (vft/hft)	0.044
50-yr Rainfall Depth (in)	4.9
Percent Impervious	1.0
Soil Type	13
Design Storm Frequency	50-yr
Fire Factor	0
LID	False

### Output Results

Modeled (50-yr) Rainfall Depth (in)	4.9
Peak Intensity (in/hr)	2.9235
Undeveloped Runoff Coefficient (Cu)	0.9
Developed Runoff Coefficient (Cd)	0.9
Time of Concentration (min)	5.0
Clear Peak Flow Rate (cfs)	0.0789
Burned Peak Flow Rate (cfs)	0.0789
24-Hr Clear Runoff Volume (ac-ft)	0.0109
24-Hr Clear Runoff Volume (cu-ft)	476.2801





# Peak Flow Hydrologic Analysis

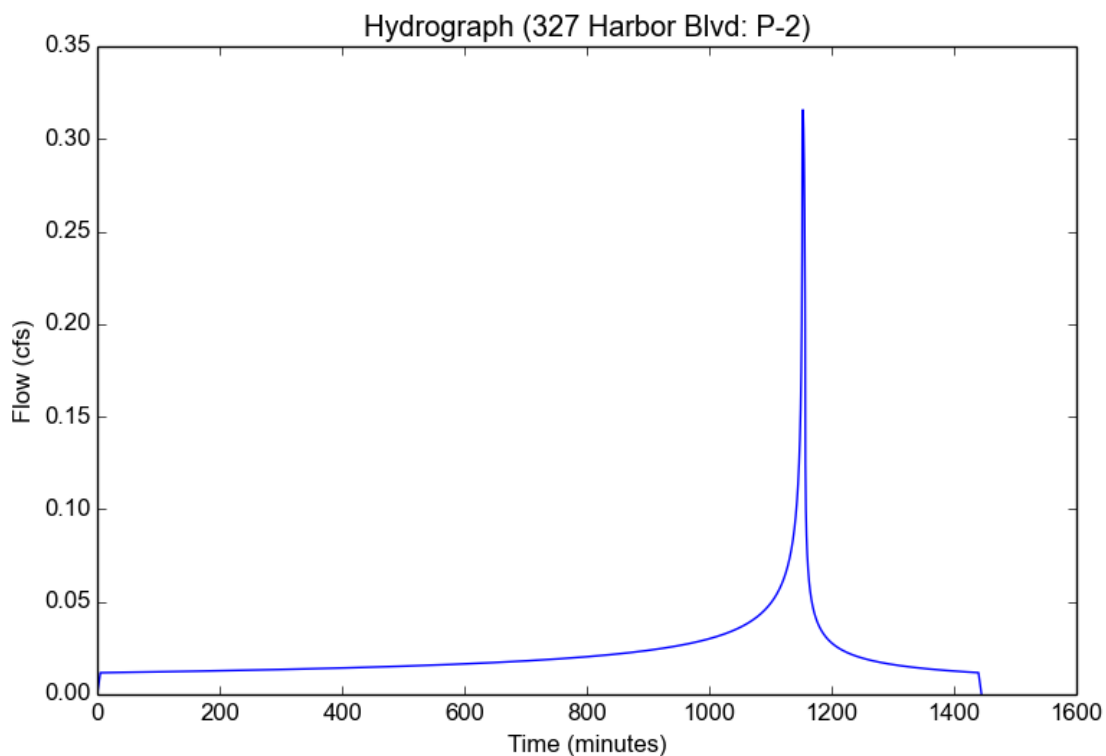
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## Input Parameters

Project Name	327 Harbor Blvd
Subarea ID	P-2
Area (ac)	0.12
Flow Path Length (ft)	91.0
Flow Path Slope (vft/hft)	0.066
50-yr Rainfall Depth (in)	4.9
Percent Impervious	1.0
Soil Type	13
Design Storm Frequency	50-yr
Fire Factor	0
LID	False

## Output Results

Modeled (50-yr) Rainfall Depth (in)	4.9
Peak Intensity (in/hr)	2.9235
Undeveloped Runoff Coefficient (Cu)	0.9
Developed Runoff Coefficient (Cd)	0.9
Time of Concentration (min)	5.0
Clear Peak Flow Rate (cfs)	0.3157
Burned Peak Flow Rate (cfs)	0.3157
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24-Hr Clear Runoff Volume (cu-ft)	1905.1206



# Peak Flow Hydrologic Analysis

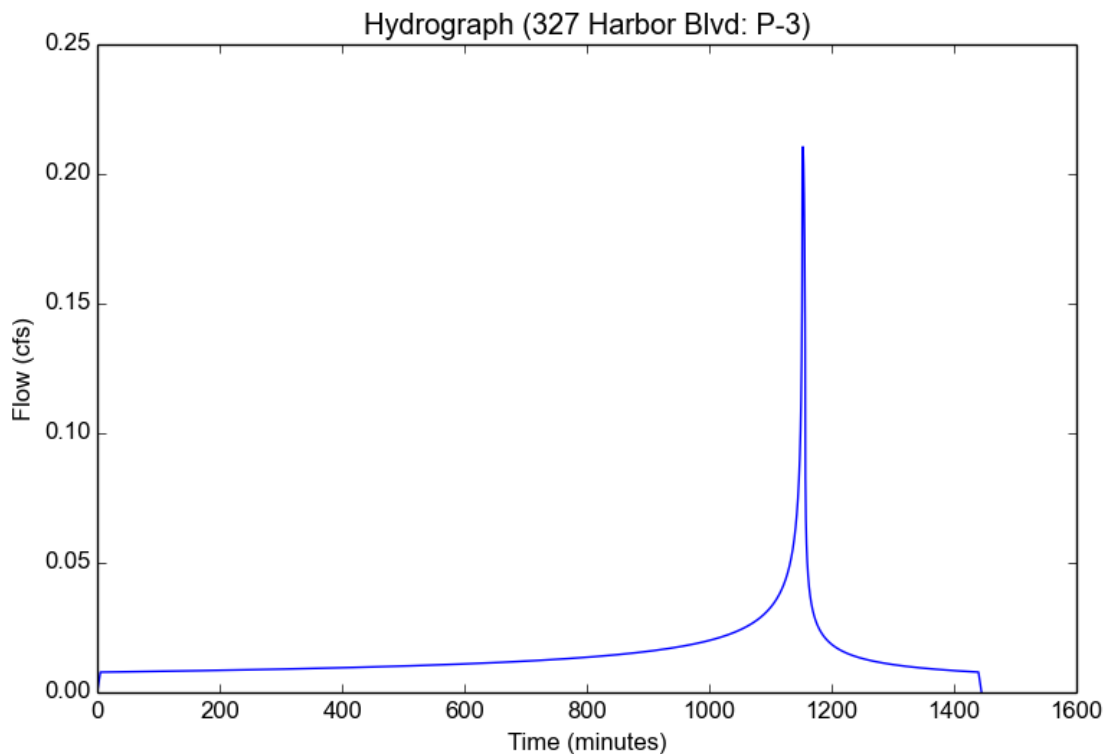
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## Input Parameters

Project Name	327 Harbor Blvd
Subarea ID	P-3
Area (ac)	0.08
Flow Path Length (ft)	49.0
Flow Path Slope (vft/hft)	0.1224
50-yr Rainfall Depth (in)	4.9
Percent Impervious	1.0
Soil Type	13
Design Storm Frequency	50-yr
Fire Factor	0
LID	False

## Output Results

Modeled (50-yr) Rainfall Depth (in)	4.9
Peak Intensity (in/hr)	2.9235
Undeveloped Runoff Coefficient (Cu)	0.9
Developed Runoff Coefficient (Cd)	0.9
Time of Concentration (min)	5.0
Clear Peak Flow Rate (cfs)	0.2105
Burned Peak Flow Rate (cfs)	0.2105
24-Hr Clear Runoff Volume (ac-ft)	0.0292
24-Hr Clear Runoff Volume (cu-ft)	1270.0804



# Peak Flow Hydrologic Analysis

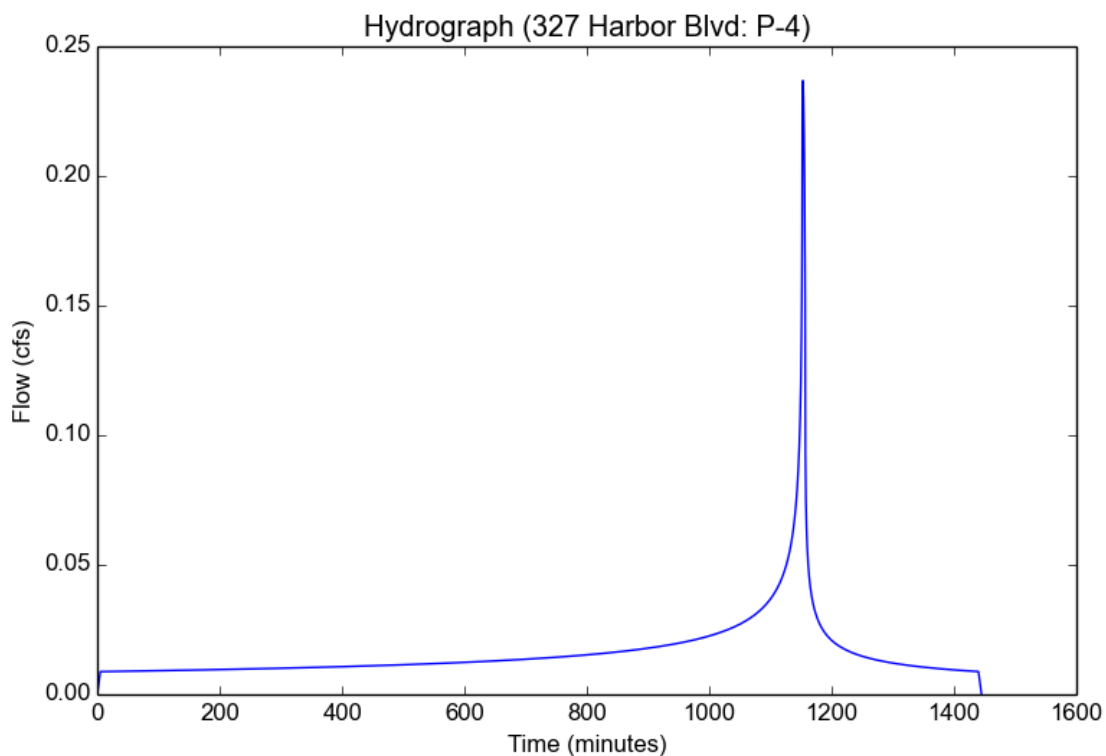
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## Input Parameters

Project Name	327 Harbor Blvd
Subarea ID	P-4
Area (ac)	0.09
Flow Path Length (ft)	52.0
Flow Path Slope (vft/hft)	0.01
50-yr Rainfall Depth (in)	4.9
Percent Impervious	1.0
Soil Type	13
Design Storm Frequency	50-yr
Fire Factor	0
LID	False

## Output Results

Modeled (50-yr) Rainfall Depth (in)	4.9
Peak Intensity (in/hr)	2.9235
Undeveloped Runoff Coefficient (Cu)	0.9
Developed Runoff Coefficient (Cd)	0.9
Time of Concentration (min)	5.0
Clear Peak Flow Rate (cfs)	0.2368
Burned Peak Flow Rate (cfs)	0.2368
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# Peak Flow Hydrologic Analysis

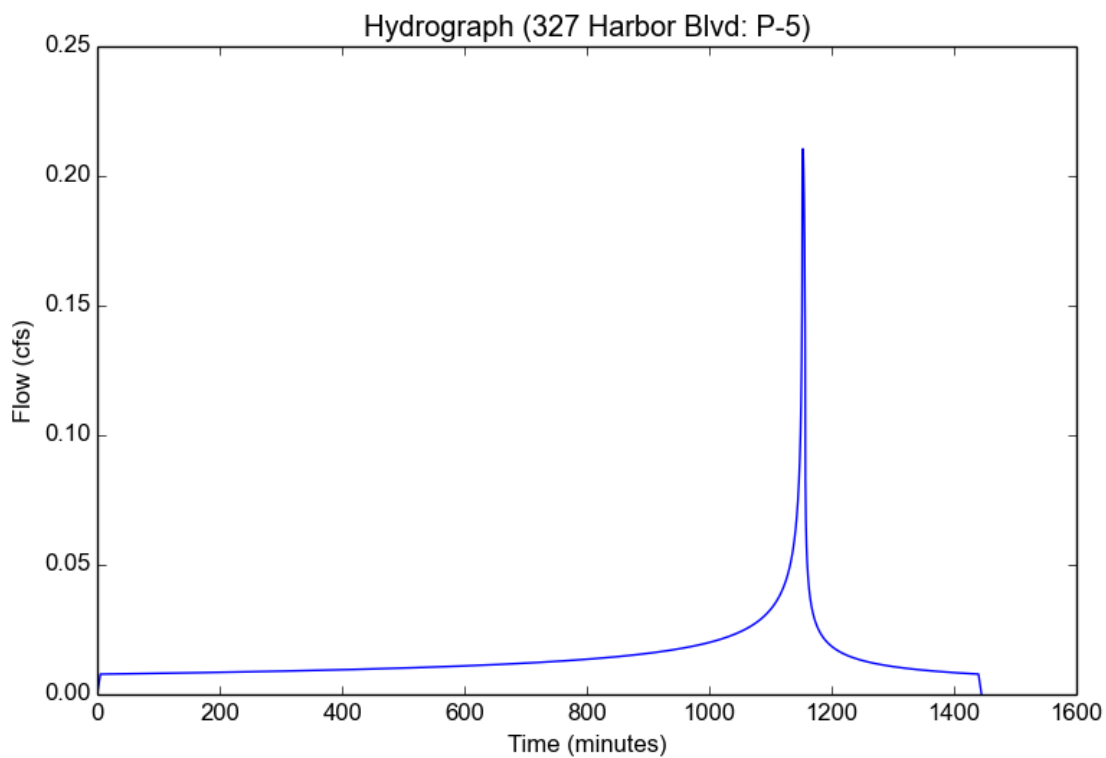
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Subarea ID	P-5
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50-yr Rainfall Depth (in)	4.9
Percent Impervious	1.0
Soil Type	13
Design Storm Frequency	50-yr
Fire Factor	0
LID	False

## Output Results

Modeled (50-yr) Rainfall Depth (in)	4.9
Peak Intensity (in/hr)	2.9235
Undeveloped Runoff Coefficient (Cu)	0.9
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Time of Concentration (min)	5.0
Clear Peak Flow Rate (cfs)	0.2105
Burned Peak Flow Rate (cfs)	0.2105
24-Hr Clear Runoff Volume (ac-ft)	0.0292
24-Hr Clear Runoff Volume (cu-ft)	1270.0804



# Peak Flow Hydrologic Analysis

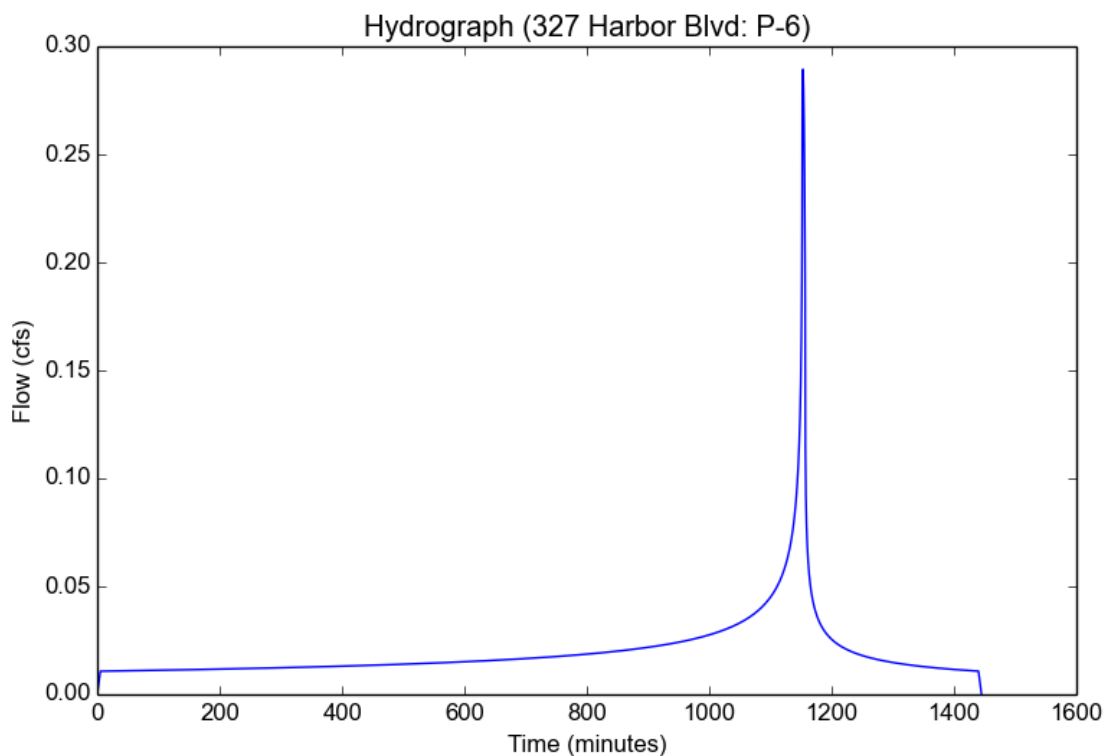
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## Input Parameters

Project Name	327 Harbor Blvd
Subarea ID	P-6
Area (ac)	0.11
Flow Path Length (ft)	68.0
Flow Path Slope (vft/hft)	0.0882
50-yr Rainfall Depth (in)	4.9
Percent Impervious	1.0
Soil Type	13
Design Storm Frequency	50-yr
Fire Factor	0
LID	False

## Output Results

Modeled (50-yr) Rainfall Depth (in)	4.9
Peak Intensity (in/hr)	2.9235
Undeveloped Runoff Coefficient (Cu)	0.9
Developed Runoff Coefficient (Cd)	0.9
Time of Concentration (min)	5.0
Clear Peak Flow Rate (cfs)	0.2894
Burned Peak Flow Rate (cfs)	0.2894
24-Hr Clear Runoff Volume (ac-ft)	0.0401
24-Hr Clear Runoff Volume (cu-ft)	1746.3605



# Peak Flow Hydrologic Analysis

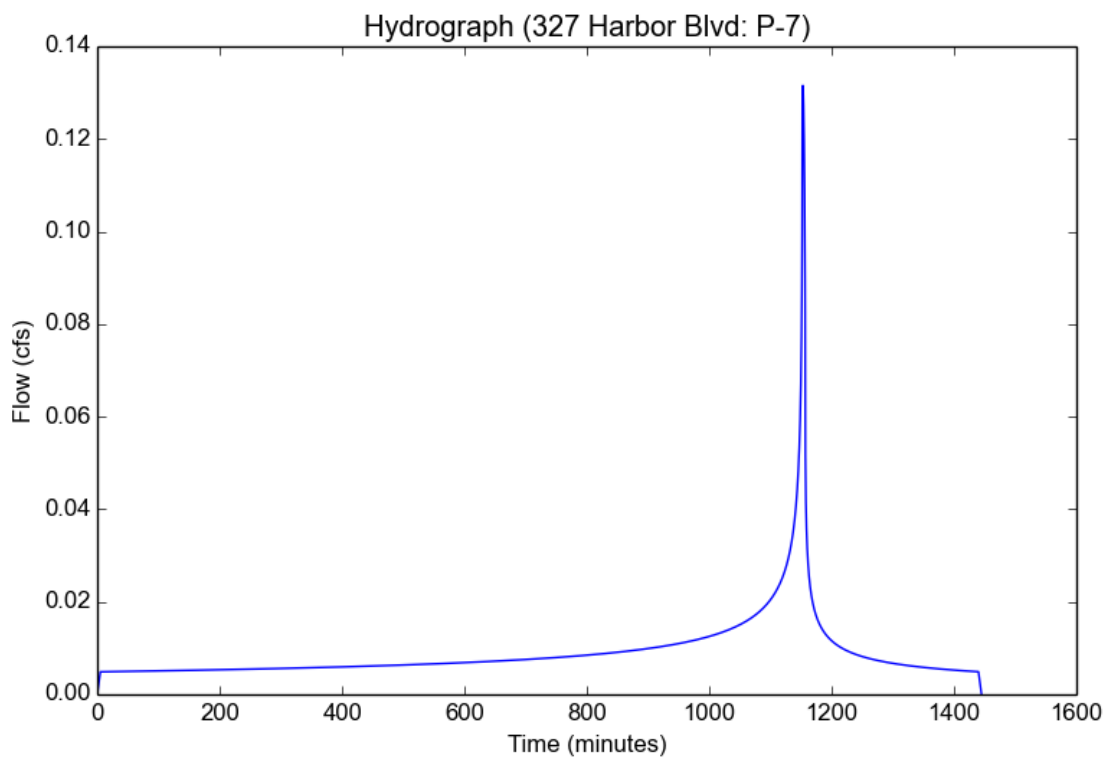
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## Input Parameters

Project Name	327 Harbor Blvd
Subarea ID	P-7
Area (ac)	0.05
Flow Path Length (ft)	133.0
Flow Path Slope (vft/hft)	0.02481
50-yr Rainfall Depth (in)	4.9
Percent Impervious	1.0
Soil Type	13
Design Storm Frequency	50-yr
Fire Factor	0
LID	False

## Output Results

Modeled (50-yr) Rainfall Depth (in)	4.9
Peak Intensity (in/hr)	2.9235
Undeveloped Runoff Coefficient (Cu)	0.9
Developed Runoff Coefficient (Cd)	0.9
Time of Concentration (min)	5.0
Clear Peak Flow Rate (cfs)	0.1316
Burned Peak Flow Rate (cfs)	0.1316
24-Hr Clear Runoff Volume (ac-ft)	0.0182
24-Hr Clear Runoff Volume (cu-ft)	793.8002



# Scheduling

## EXHIBIT 1 - TYPICAL SWPPP BMPs

JANUARY				
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
		1	2	3
			NTP MOBILIZATION	
6	7	8	9	10
Install erosion & sediment control measures		Land clearing		Grading
12	13	14	15	16
			22	23

EC-1

### Categories

- EC Erosion Control
- SE Sediment Control
- TC Tracking Control
- WE Wind Erosion Control
- NS Non-Stormwater Management Control
- WM Waste Management and Materials Pollution Control

### Legend:

- Primary Objective
- Secondary Objective

### Targeted Constituents

- Sediment
- Nutrients
- Trash
- Metals
- Bacteria
- Oil and Grease
- Organics

### Potential Alternatives

None

### Description and Purpose

Scheduling is the development of a written plan that includes sequencing of construction activities and the implementation of BMPs such as erosion control and sediment control while taking local climate (rainfall, wind, etc.) into consideration. The purpose is to reduce the amount and duration of soil exposed to erosion by wind, rain, runoff, and vehicle tracking and to perform the construction activities and control practices in accordance with the planned schedule.

### Suitable Applications

Proper sequencing of construction activities to reduce erosion potential should be incorporated into the schedule of every construction project especially during rainy season. Use of other, more costly yet less effective, erosion and sediment control BMPs may often be reduced through proper construction sequencing.

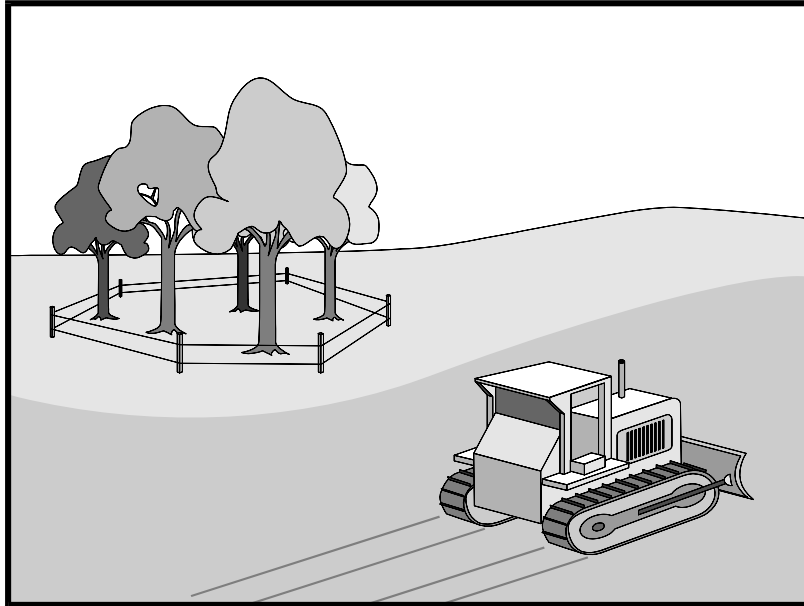
### Limitations

- Environmental constraints such as nesting season prohibitions reduce the full capabilities of this BMP.

### Implementation

- Avoid rainy periods. Schedule major grading operations during dry months when practical. Allow enough time before rainfall begins to stabilize the soil with vegetation or physical means or to install sediment trapping devices.
- Plan the project and develop a schedule showing each phase

# Preservation Of Existing Vegetation EC-2



## Description and Purpose

Carefully planned preservation of existing vegetation minimizes the potential of removing or injuring existing trees, vines, shrubs, and grasses that protect soil from erosion.

## Suitable Applications

Preservation of existing vegetation is suitable for use on most projects. Large project sites often provide the greatest opportunity for use of this BMP. Suitable applications include the following:

- Areas within the site where no construction activity occurs, or occurs at a later date. This BMP is especially suitable to multi year projects where grading can be phased.
- Areas where natural vegetation exists and is designated for preservation. Such areas often include steep slopes, watercourse, and building sites in wooded areas.
- Areas where local, state, and federal government require preservation, such as vernal pools, wetlands, marshes, certain oak trees, etc. These areas are usually designated on the plans, or in the specifications, permits, or environmental documents.
- Where vegetation designated for ultimate removal can be temporarily preserved and be utilized for erosion control and sediment control.

## Limitations

- Requires forward planning by the owner/developer,

## Categories

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WE	Wind Erosion Control	<input type="checkbox"/>
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## Legend:

- Primary Objective
- Secondary Objective

## Targeted Constituents

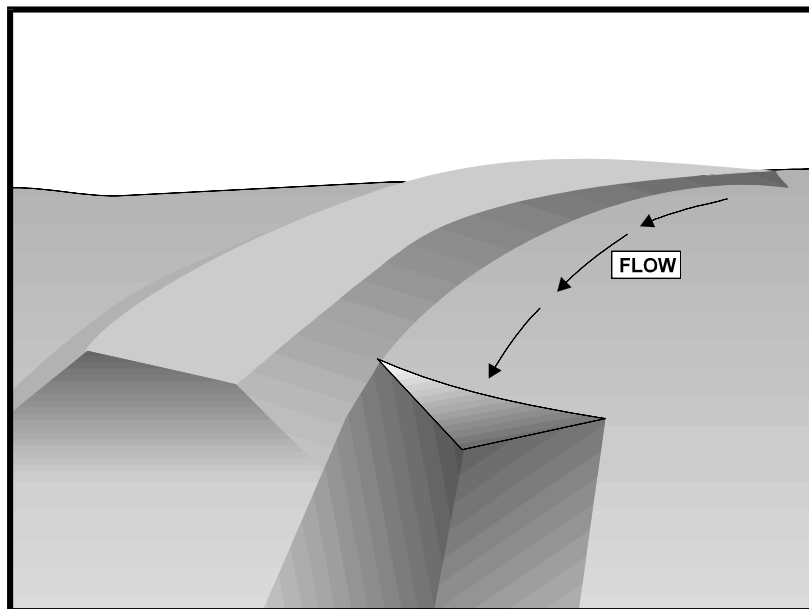
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Bacteria	<input type="checkbox"/>
Oil and Grease	<input type="checkbox"/>
Organics	<input type="checkbox"/>

## Potential Alternatives

None







## Description and Purpose

An earth dike is a temporary berm or ridge of compacted soil used to divert runoff or channel water to a desired location. A drainage swale is a shaped and sloped depression in the soil surface used to convey runoff to a desired location. Earth dikes and drainage swales are used to divert off site runoff around the construction site, divert runoff from stabilized areas and disturbed areas, and direct runoff into sediment basins or traps.

## Suitable Applications

Earth dikes and drainage swales are suitable for use, individually or together, where runoff needs to be diverted from one area and conveyed to another.

- Earth dikes and drainage swales may be used:
  - To convey surface runoff down sloping land
  - To intercept and divert runoff to avoid sheet flow over sloped surfaces
  - To divert and direct runoff towards a stabilized watercourse, drainage pipe or channel
  - To intercept runoff from paved surfaces
  - Below steep grades where runoff begins to concentrate
  - Along roadways and facility improvements subject to flood drainage

## Categories

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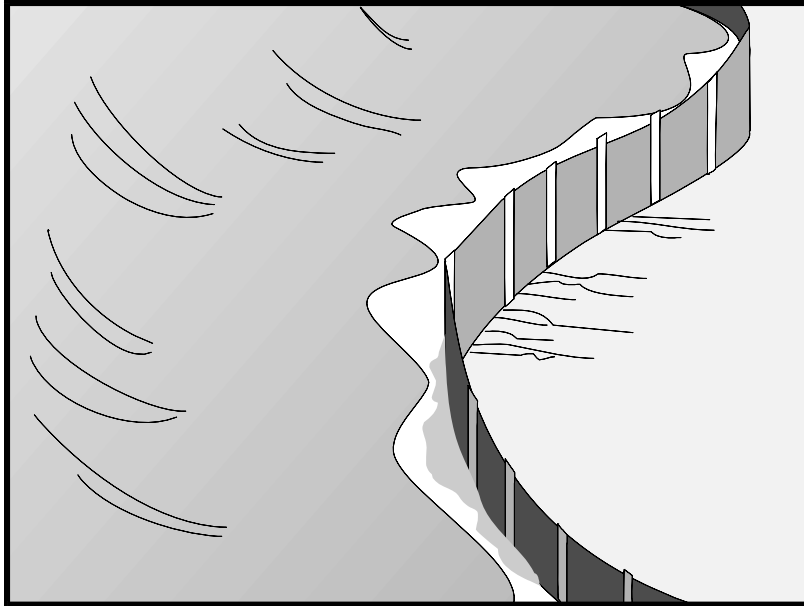
## Targeted Constituents

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Nutrients	
Trash	
Metals	
Bacteria	
Oil and Grease	
Organics	

## Potential Alternatives

None





## Description and Purpose

A silt fence is made of a woven geotextile that has been entrenched, attached to supporting poles, and sometimes backed by a plastic or wire mesh for support. The silt fence detains sediment-laden water, promoting sedimentation behind the fence.

## Suitable Applications

Silt fences are suitable for perimeter control, placed below areas where sheet flows discharge from the site. They could also be used as interior controls below disturbed areas where runoff may occur in the form of sheet and rill erosion and around inlets within disturbed areas (SE-10). Silt fences are generally ineffective in locations where the flow is concentrated and are only applicable for sheet or overland flows. Silt fences are most effective when used in combination with erosion controls. Suitable applications include:

- Along the perimeter of a project.
- Below the toe or down slope of exposed and erodible slopes.
- Along streams and channels.
- Around temporary spoil areas and stockpiles.
- Around inlets.
- Below other small cleared areas.

## Categories

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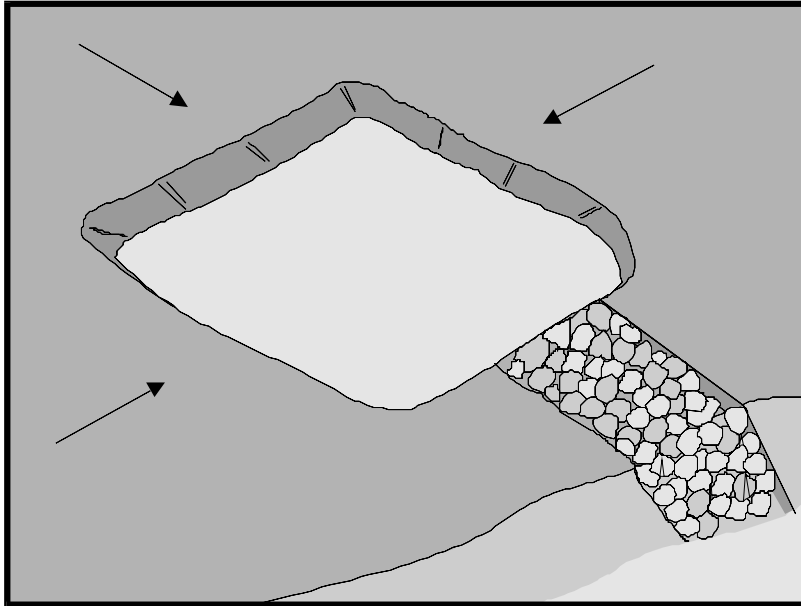
## Targeted Constituents

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Nutrients	
Trash	
Metals	
Bacteria	
Oil and Grease	
Organics	

## Potential Alternatives

- SE-5 Fiber Rolls
- SE-6 Gravel Bag Berm
- SE-8 Sandbag Barrier
- SE-10 Storm Drain Inlet Protection
- SE-14 Biofilter Bags





## Categories

EC	Erosion Control	
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## Legend:

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- Secondary Objective

## Targeted Constituents

Sediment	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Nutrients	
Trash	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Metals	
Bacteria	
Oil and Grease	
Organics	

## Potential Alternatives

SE-2 Sediment Basin (for larger areas)

## Description and Purpose

A sediment trap is a containment area where sediment-laden runoff is temporarily detained under quiescent conditions, allowing sediment to settle out or before the runoff is discharged by gravity flow. Sediment traps are formed by excavating or constructing an earthen embankment across a waterway or low drainage area.

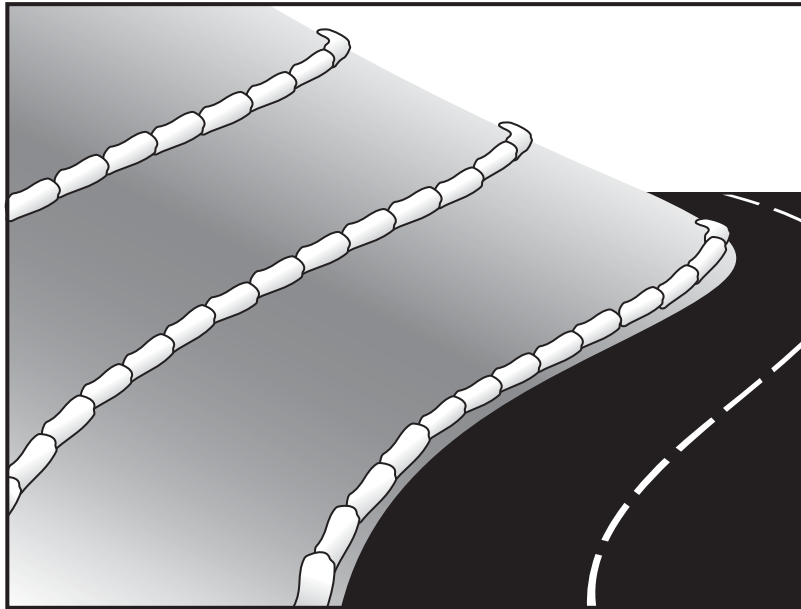
Trap design guidance provided in this fact sheet is not intended to guarantee compliance with numeric discharge limits (numeric action levels or numeric effluent limits for turbidity). Compliance with discharge limits requires a thoughtful approach to comprehensive BMP planning, implementation, and maintenance. Therefore, optimally designed and maintained sediment traps should be used in conjunction with a comprehensive system of BMPs.

## Suitable Applications

Sediment traps should be considered for use:

- At the perimeter of the site at locations where sediment-laden runoff is discharged offsite.
- At multiple locations within the project site where sediment control is needed.
- Around or upslope from storm drain inlet protection measures.
- Sediment traps may be used on construction projects where the drainage area is less than 5 acres. Traps would be





## Description and Purpose

A gravel bag berm is a series of gravel-filled bags placed on a level contour to intercept sheet flows. Gravel bags pond sheet flow runoff, allowing sediment to settle out, and release runoff slowly as sheet flow, preventing erosion.

## Suitable Applications

Gravel bag berms may be suitable:

- As a linear sediment control measure:
  - Below the toe of slopes and erodible slopes
  - As sediment traps at culvert/pipe outlets
  - Below other small cleared areas
  - Along the perimeter of a site
  - Down slope of exposed soil areas
  - Around temporary stockpiles and spoil areas
  - Parallel to a roadway to keep sediment off paved areas
  - Along streams and channels
- As a linear erosion control measure:
  - Along the face and at grade breaks of exposed and erodible slopes to shorten slope length and spread runoff as sheet flow.

## Categories

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WM	Waste Management and Materials Pollution Control	

## Legend:

- Primary Category
- Secondary Category

## Targeted Constituents

Sediment	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Nutrients	
Trash	
Metals	
Bacteria	
Oil and Grease	
Organics	

## Potential Alternatives

- SE-1 Silt Fence
- SE-5 Fiber Roll
- SE-8 Sandbag Barrier
- SE-14 Biofilter Bags





## Description and Purpose

Street sweeping and vacuuming includes use of self-propelled and walk-behind equipment to remove sediment from streets and roadways, and to clean paved surfaces in preparation for final paving. Sweeping and vacuuming prevents sediment from the project site from entering storm drains or receiving waters.

## Suitable Applications

Sweeping and vacuuming are suitable anywhere sediment is tracked from the project site onto public or private paved streets and roads, typically at points of egress. Sweeping and vacuuming are also applicable during preparation of paved surfaces for final paving.

## Limitations

Sweeping and vacuuming may not be effective when sediment is wet or when tracked soil is caked (caked soil may need to be scraped loose).

## Implementation

- Controlling the number of points where vehicles can leave the site will allow sweeping and vacuuming efforts to be focused, and perhaps save money.
- Inspect potential sediment tracking locations daily.
- Visible sediment tracking should be swept or vacuumed on a daily basis.
- Do not use kick brooms or sweeper attachments. These tend to spread the dirt rather than remove it.

## Categories

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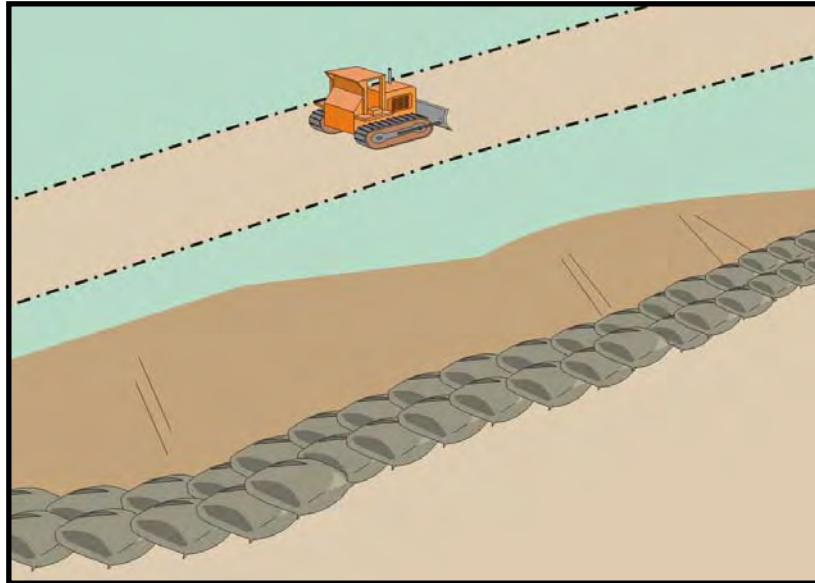
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Trash	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Metals	
Bacteria	
Oil and Grease	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Organics	

## Potential Alternatives

None





## Categories

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## Targeted Constituents

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## Potential Alternatives

- SE-1 Silt Fence
- SE-5 Fiber Rolls
- SE-6 Gravel Bag Berm
- SE-14 Biofilter Bags

## Description and Purpose

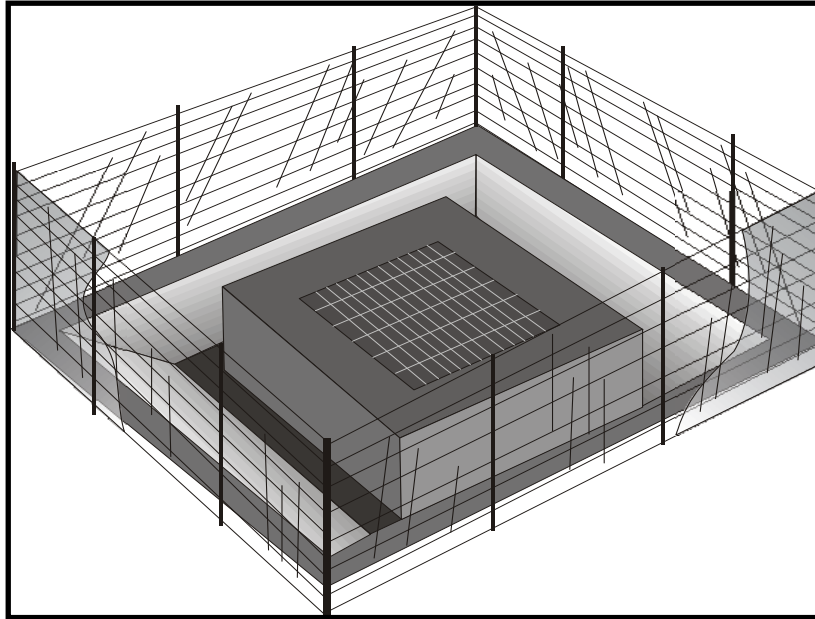
A sandbag barrier is a series of sand-filled bags placed on a level contour to intercept or to divert sheet flows. Sandbag barriers placed on a level contour pond sheet flow runoff, allowing sediment to settle out.

## Suitable Applications

Sandbag barriers may be suitable:

- As a linear sediment control measure:
  - Below the toe of slopes and erodible slopes.
  - As sediment traps at culvert/pipe outlets.
  - Below other small cleared areas.
  - Along the perimeter of a site.
  - Down slope of exposed soil areas.
  - Around temporary stockpiles and spoil areas.
  - Parallel to a roadway to keep sediment off paved areas.
  - Along streams and channels.
- As linear erosion control measure:
  - Along the face and at grade breaks of exposed and erodible slopes to shorten slope length and spread runoff as sheet flow.





## Description and Purpose

Storm drain inlet protection consists of a sediment filter or an impounding area in, around or upstream of a storm drain, drop inlet, or curb inlet. Storm drain inlet protection measures temporarily pond runoff before it enters the storm drain, allowing sediment to settle. Some filter configurations also remove sediment by filtering, but usually the ponding action results in the greatest sediment reduction. Temporary geotextile storm drain inserts attach underneath storm drain grates to capture and filter storm water.

## Suitable Applications

Every storm drain inlet receiving runoff from unstabilized or otherwise active work areas should be protected. Inlet protection should be used in conjunction with other erosion and sediment controls to prevent sediment-laden stormwater and non-stormwater discharges from entering the storm drain system.

## Limitations

- Drainage area should not exceed 1 acre.
- In general straw bales should not be used as inlet protection.
- Requires an adequate area for water to pond without encroaching into portions of the roadway subject to traffic.

## Categories

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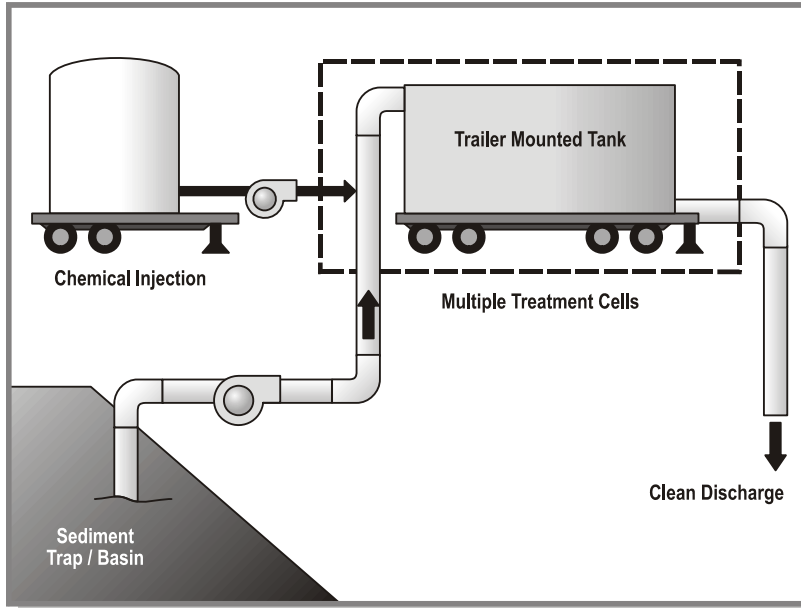
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Organics	

## Potential Alternatives

- SE-1 Silt Fence
- SE-5 Fiber Rolls
- SE-6 Gravel Bag Berm
- SE-8 Sandbag Barrier
- SE-14 Biofilter Bags





## Categories

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## Legend:

- Primary Category
- Secondary Category

## Targeted Constituents

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Trash	<input type="checkbox"/>
Metals	<input type="checkbox"/>
Bacteria	<input type="checkbox"/>
Oil and Grease	<input type="checkbox"/>
Organics	<input type="checkbox"/>

## Potential Alternatives

None

## Description and Purpose

Active Treatment Systems (ATS) reduce turbidity of construction site runoff by introducing chemicals to stormwater through direct dosing or an electrical current to enhance flocculation, coagulation, and settling of the suspended sediment. Coagulants and flocculants are used to enhance settling and removal of suspended sediments and generally include inorganic salts and polymers (USACE, 2001). The increased flocculation aids in sedimentation and ability to remove fine suspended sediments, thus reducing stormwater runoff turbidity and improving water quality.

## Suitable Applications

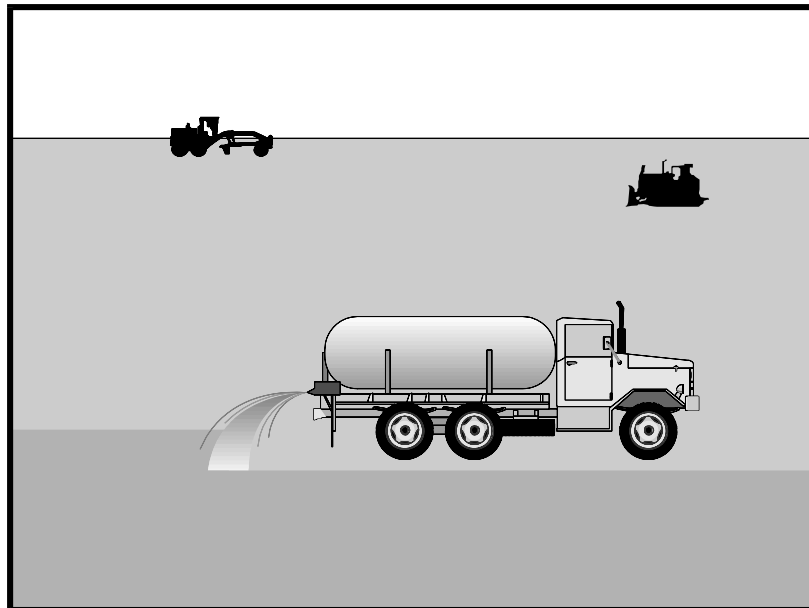
ATS can reliably provide exceptional reductions of turbidity and associated pollutants and should be considered where turbid discharges to sediment and turbidity sensitive waters cannot be avoided using traditional BMPs. Additionally, it may be appropriate to use an ATS when site constraints inhibit the ability to construct a correctly sized sediment basin, when clay and/or highly erosive soils are present, or when the site has very steep or long slope lengths.

## Limitations

Dischargers choosing to utilize chemical treatment in an ATS must follow all guidelines of the Construction General Permit Attachment F – Active Treatment System Requirements. General limitations are as follows:







## Description and Purpose

Wind erosion or dust control consists of applying water or other chemical dust suppressants as necessary to prevent or alleviate dust nuisance generated by construction activities. Covering small stockpiles or areas is an alternative to applying water or other dust palliatives.

California's Mediterranean climate, with a short "wet" season and a typically long, hot "dry" season, allows the soils to thoroughly dry out. During the dry season, construction activities are at their peak, and disturbed and exposed areas are increasingly subject to wind erosion, sediment tracking and dust generated by construction equipment. Site conditions and climate can make dust control more of an erosion problem than water based erosion. Additionally, many local agencies, including Air Quality Management Districts, require dust control and/or dust control permits in order to comply with local nuisance laws, opacity laws (visibility impairment) and the requirements of the Clean Air Act. Wind erosion control is required to be implemented at all construction sites greater than 1 acre by the General Permit.

## Suitable Applications

Most BMPs that provide protection against water-based erosion will also protect against wind-based erosion and dust control requirements required by other agencies will generally meet wind erosion control requirements for water quality protection. Wind erosion control BMPs are suitable during the following construction activities:

## Categories

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## Targeted Constituents

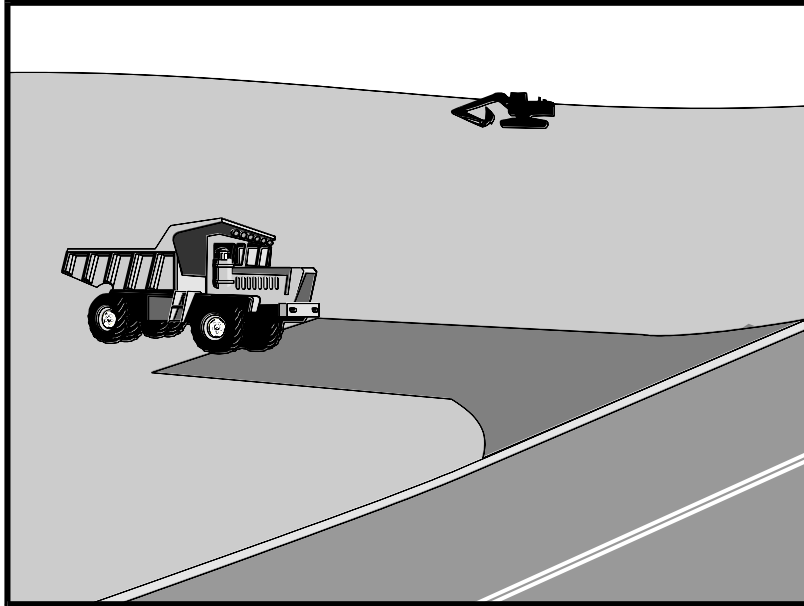
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## Potential Alternatives

EC-5 Soil Binders



# Stabilized Construction Entrance/Exit TC-1



## Description and Purpose

A stabilized construction access is defined by a point of entrance/exit to a construction site that is stabilized to reduce the tracking of mud and dirt onto public roads by construction vehicles.

## Suitable Applications

Use at construction sites:

- Where dirt or mud can be tracked onto public roads.
- Adjacent to water bodies.
- Where poor soils are encountered.
- Where dust is a problem during dry weather conditions.

## Limitations

- Entrances and exits require periodic top dressing with additional stones.
- This BMP should be used in conjunction with street sweeping on adjacent public right of way.
- Entrances and exits should be constructed on level ground only.
- Stabilized construction entrances are rather expensive to construct and when a wash rack is included, a sediment trap of some kind must also be provided to collect wash water runoff.

## Categories

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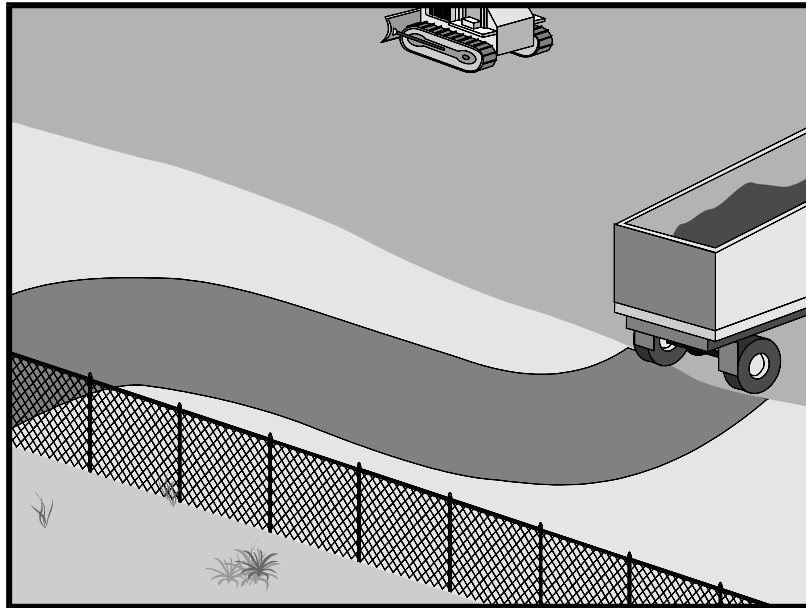
## Targeted Constituents

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Metals	
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Oil and Grease	
Organics	

## Potential Alternatives

None





### Categories

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### Legend:

- Primary Objective
- Secondary Objective

### Targeted Constituents

Sediment	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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Trash	
Metals	
Bacteria	
Oil and Grease	
Organics	

### Potential Alternatives

None

### Description and Purpose

Access roads, subdivision roads, parking areas, and other onsite vehicle transportation routes should be stabilized immediately after grading, and frequently maintained to prevent erosion and control dust.

### Suitable Applications

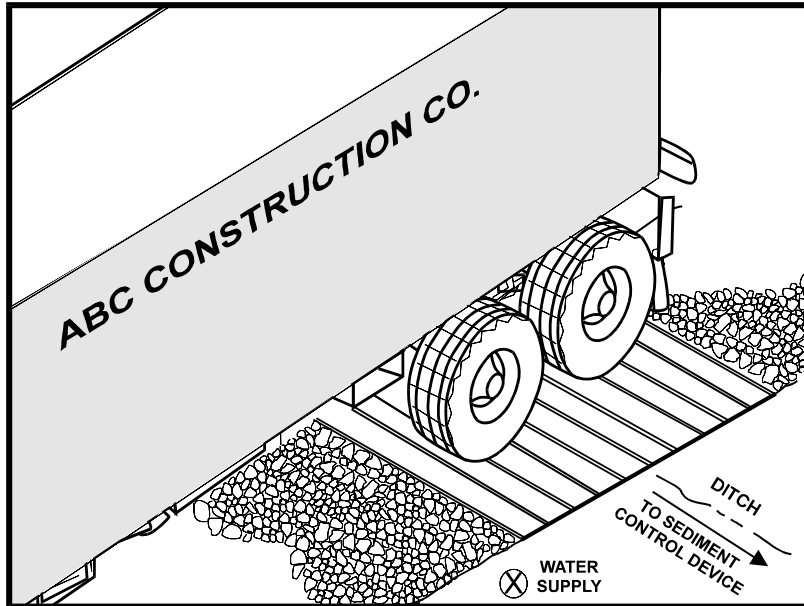
This BMP should be applied for the following conditions:

- Temporary Construction Traffic:
  - Phased construction projects and offsite road access
  - Construction during wet weather
- Construction roadways and detour roads:
  - Where mud tracking is a problem during wet weather
  - Where dust is a problem during dry weather
  - Adjacent to water bodies
  - Where poor soils are encountered

### Limitations

- The roadway must be removed or paved when construction is complete.
- Certain chemical stabilization methods may cause stormwater or soil pollution and should not be used. See WE-1, Wind Erosion Control.





## Description and Purpose

A tire wash is an area located at stabilized construction access points to remove sediment from tires and undercarriages and to prevent sediment from being transported onto public roadways.

## Suitable Applications

Tire washes may be used on construction sites where dirt and mud tracking onto public roads by construction vehicles may occur.

## Limitations

- The tire wash requires a supply of wash water.
- A turnout or doublewide exit is required to avoid having entering vehicles drive through the wash area.
- Do not use where wet tire trucks leaving the site leave the road dangerously slick.

## Implementation

- Incorporate with a stabilized construction entrance/exit. See TC-1, Stabilized Construction Entrance/Exit.
- Construct on level ground when possible, on a pad of coarse aggregate greater than 3 in. but smaller than 6 in. A geotextile fabric should be placed below the aggregate.
- Wash rack should be designed and constructed/manufactured for anticipated traffic loads.

## Categories

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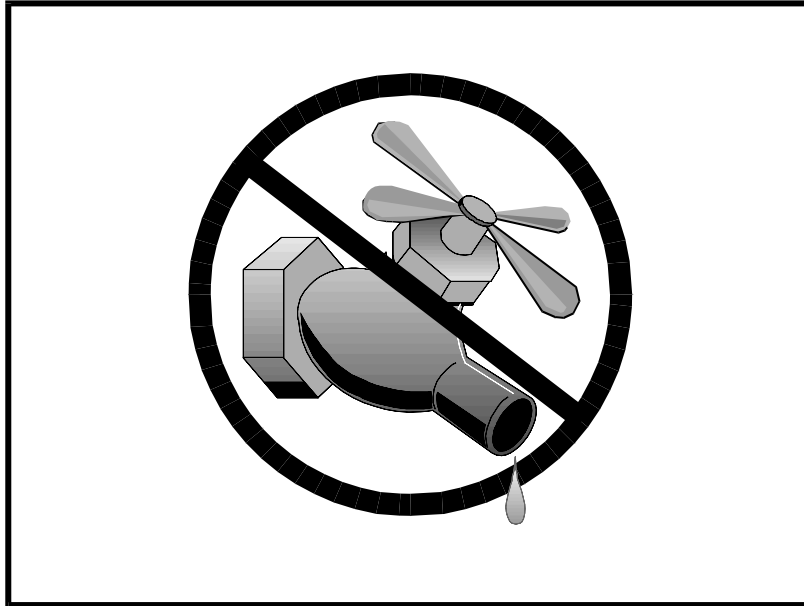
## Targeted Constituents

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Nutrients	
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Oil and Grease	
Organics	

## Potential Alternatives

TC-1 Stabilized Construction Entrance/Exit





### Description and Purpose

Water conservation practices are activities that use water during the construction of a project in a manner that avoids causing erosion and the transport of pollutants offsite. These practices can reduce or eliminate non-stormwater discharges.

### Suitable Applications

Water conservation practices are suitable for all construction sites where water is used, including piped water, metered water, trucked water, and water from a reservoir.

### Limitations

- None identified.

### Implementation

- Keep water equipment in good working condition.
- Stabilize water truck filling area.
- Repair water leaks promptly.
- Washing of vehicles and equipment on the construction site is discouraged.
- Avoid using water to clean construction areas. If water must be used for cleaning or surface preparation, surface should be swept and vacuumed first to remove dirt. This will minimize amount of water required.
- Direct construction water runoff to areas where it can soak

### Categories

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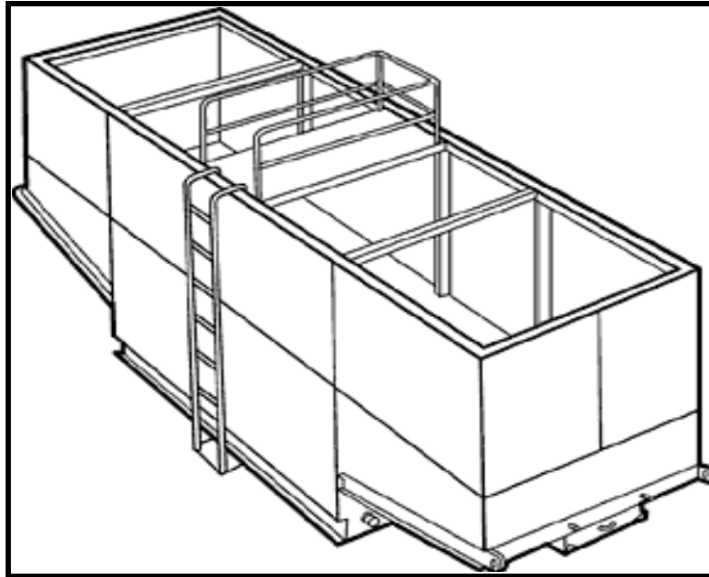
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Nutrients	
Trash	
Metals	
Bacteria	
Oil and Grease	
Organics	

### Potential Alternatives

None





## Description and Purpose

Dewatering operations are practices that manage the discharge of pollutants when non-stormwater and accumulated precipitation (stormwater) must be removed from a work location to proceed with construction work or to provide vector control.

The General Permit incorporates Numeric Effluent Limits (NEL) and Numeric Action Levels (NAL) for turbidity (see Section 2 of this handbook to determine your project's risk level and if you are subject to these requirements).

Discharges from dewatering operations can contain high levels of fine sediment and other pollutants that, if not properly treated, could lead to exceedences of the General Permit requirements or Basin Plan standards.

## Suitable Applications

These practices are implemented for discharges of non-stormwater from construction sites. Non-stormwaters include, but are not limited to, groundwater, water from cofferdams, water diversions, and waters used during construction activities that must be removed from a work area to facilitate construction.

Practices identified in this section are also appropriate for implementation when managing the removal of accumulated precipitation (stormwater) from depressed areas at a construction site.

Stormwater mixed with non-stormwater should be managed as non-stormwater.

## Categories

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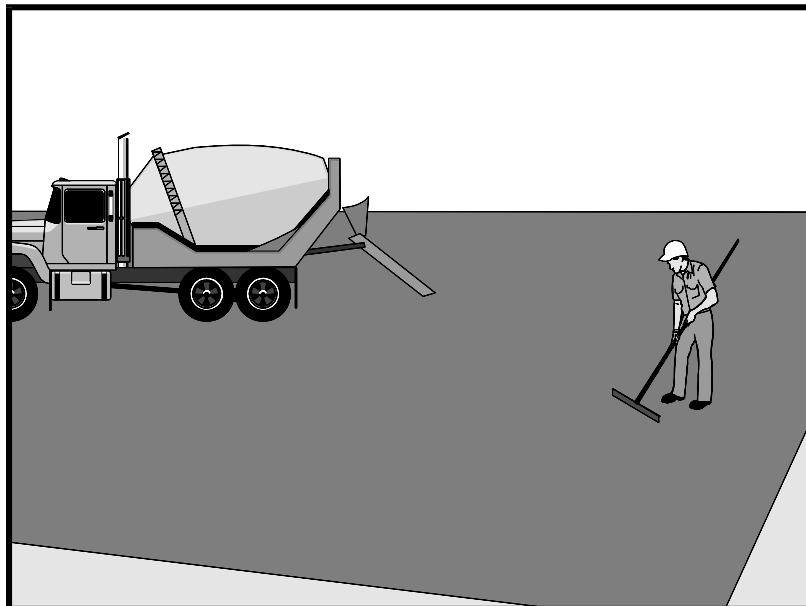
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## Targeted Constituents

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Trash	
Metals	
Bacteria	
Oil and Grease	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Organics	

## Potential Alternatives

- SE-5: Fiber Roll
- SE-6: Gravel Bag Berm



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## Legend:

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## Targeted Constituents

Sediment	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Nutrients	
Trash	
Metals	
Bacteria	
Oil and Grease	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Organics	

## Potential Alternatives

None

## Description and Purpose

Prevent or reduce the discharge of pollutants from paving operations, using measures to prevent runoff and runoff pollution, properly disposing of wastes, and training employees and subcontractors.

The General Permit incorporates Numeric Effluent Limits (NEL) and Numeric Action Levels (NAL) for pH and turbidity (see Section 2 of this handbook to determine your project's risk level and if you are subject to these requirements).

Many types of construction materials associated with paving and grinding operations, including mortar, concrete, and cement and their associated wastes have basic chemical properties that can raise pH levels outside of the permitted range. Additional care should be taken when managing these materials to prevent them from coming into contact with stormwater flows, which could lead to exceedances of the General Permit requirements.

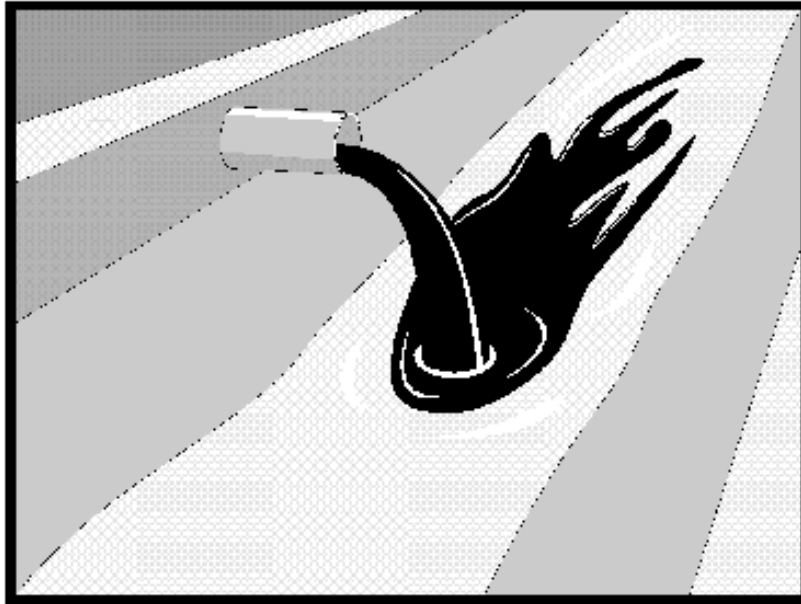
## Suitable Applications

These procedures are implemented where paving, surfacing, resurfacing, or sawcutting, may pollute stormwater runoff or discharge to the storm drain system or watercourses.

## Limitations

- Paving opportunities may be limited during wet weather.
- Discharges of freshly paved surfaces may raise pH to environmentally harmful levels and trigger permit violations.





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### Targeted Constituents

Sediment	
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Metals	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Bacteria	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Oil and Grease	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Organics	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

### Potential Alternatives

None

### Description and Purpose

Procedures and practices designed for construction contractors to recognize illicit connections or illegally dumped or discharged materials on a construction site and report incidents.

### Suitable Applications

This best management practice (BMP) applies to all construction projects. Illicit connection/discharge and reporting is applicable anytime an illicit connection or discharge is discovered or illegally dumped material is found on the construction site.

### Limitations

Illicit connections and illegal discharges or dumping, for the purposes of this BMP, refer to discharges and dumping caused by parties other than the contractor. If pre-existing hazardous materials or wastes are known to exist onsite, they should be identified in the SWPPP and handled as set forth in the SWPPP.

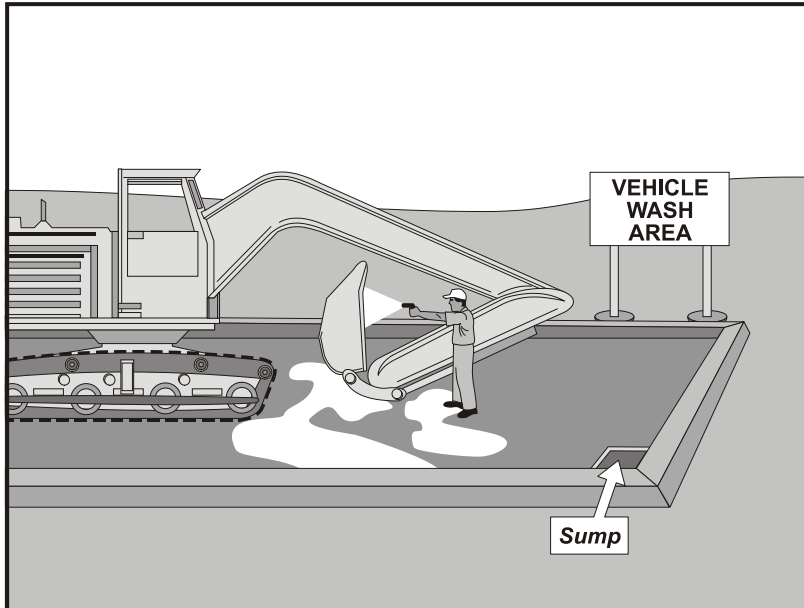
### Implementation

#### Planning

- Review the SWPPP. Pre-existing areas of contamination should be identified and documented in the SWPPP.
- Inspect site before beginning the job for evidence of illicit connections, illegal dumping or discharges. Document any pre-existing conditions and notify the owner.
- Inspect site regularly during project execution for evidence







## Description and Purpose

Vehicle and equipment cleaning procedures and practices eliminate or reduce the discharge of pollutants to stormwater from vehicle and equipment cleaning operations. Procedures and practices include but are not limited to: using offsite facilities; washing in designated, contained areas only; eliminating discharges to the storm drain by infiltrating the wash water; and training employees and subcontractors in proper cleaning procedures.

## Suitable Applications

These procedures are suitable on all construction sites where vehicle and equipment cleaning is performed.

## Limitations

Even phosphate-free, biodegradable soaps have been shown to be toxic to fish before the soap degrades. Sending vehicles/equipment offsite should be done in conjunction with TC-1, Stabilized Construction Entrance/Exit.

## Implementation

Other options to washing equipment onsite include contracting with either an offsite or mobile commercial washing business. These businesses may be better equipped to handle and dispose of the wash waters properly. Performing this work offsite can also be economical by eliminating the need for a separate washing operation onsite.

If washing operations are to take place onsite, then:

## Categories

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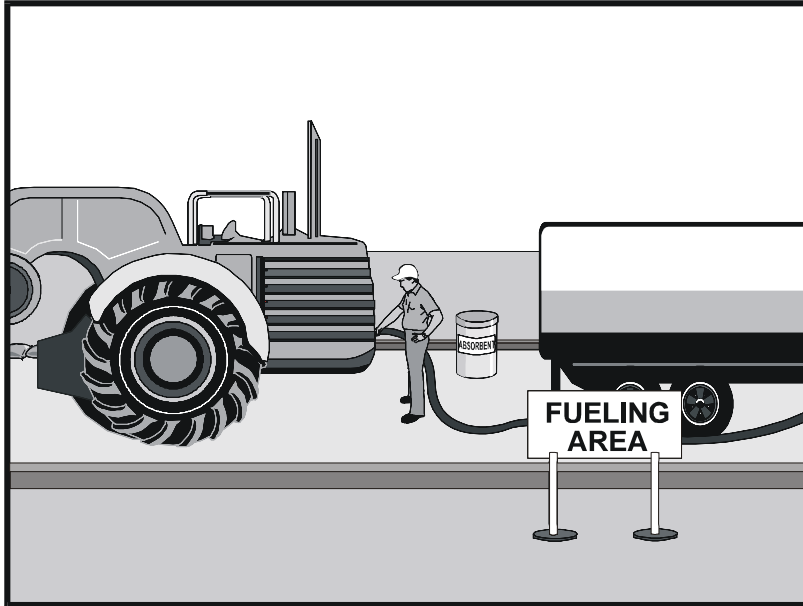
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Trash	
Metals	
Bacteria	
Oil and Grease	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Organics	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

## Potential Alternatives

None





### Description and Purpose

Vehicle equipment fueling procedures and practices are designed to prevent fuel spills and leaks, and reduce or eliminate contamination of stormwater. This can be accomplished by using offsite facilities, fueling in designated areas only, enclosing or covering stored fuel, implementing spill controls, and training employees and subcontractors in proper fueling procedures.

### Suitable Applications

These procedures are suitable on all construction sites where vehicle and equipment fueling takes place.

### Limitations

Onsite vehicle and equipment fueling should only be used where it is impractical to send vehicles and equipment offsite for fueling. Sending vehicles and equipment offsite should be done in conjunction with TC-1, Stabilized Construction Entrance/ Exit.

### Implementation

- Use offsite fueling stations as much as possible. These businesses are better equipped to handle fuel and spills properly. Performing this work offsite can also be economical by eliminating the need for a separate fueling area at a site.
- Discourage “topping-off” of fuel tanks.
- Absorbent spill cleanup materials and spill kits should be available in fueling areas and on fueling trucks, and should

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### Targeted Constituents

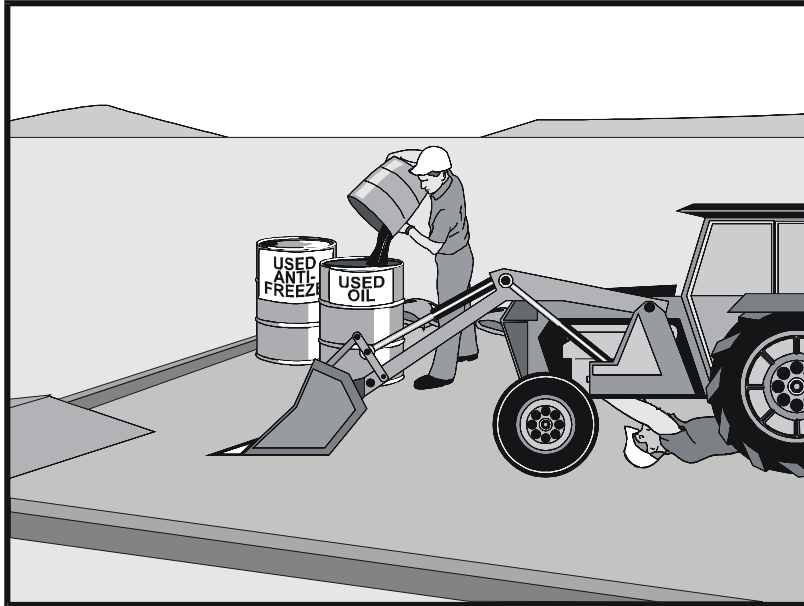
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Nutrients	
Trash	
Metals	
Bacteria	
Oil and Grease	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Organics	

### Potential Alternatives

None



# Vehicle & Equipment Maintenance NS-10



## Description and Purpose

Prevent or reduce the contamination of stormwater resulting from vehicle and equipment maintenance by running a “dry and clean site”. The best option would be to perform maintenance activities at an offsite facility. If this option is not available then work should be performed in designated areas only, while providing cover for materials stored outside, checking for leaks and spills, and containing and cleaning up spills immediately. Employees and subcontractors must be trained in proper procedures.

## Suitable Applications

These procedures are suitable on all construction projects where an onsite yard area is necessary for storage and maintenance of heavy equipment and vehicles.

## Limitations

Onsite vehicle and equipment maintenance should only be used where it is impractical to send vehicles and equipment offsite for maintenance and repair. Sending vehicles/equipment offsite should be done in conjunction with TC-1, Stabilized Construction Entrance/Exit.

Outdoor vehicle or equipment maintenance is a potentially significant source of stormwater pollution. Activities that can contaminate stormwater include engine repair and service, changing or replacement of fluids, and outdoor equipment storage and parking (engine fluid leaks). For further information on vehicle or equipment servicing, see NS-8, Vehicle and Equipment Cleaning, and NS-9, Vehicle and

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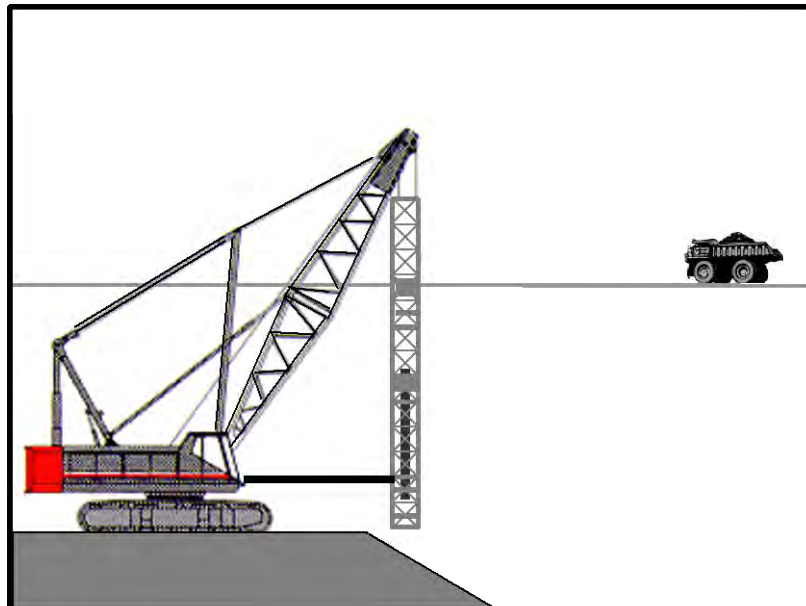
## Targeted Constituents

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Metals	
Bacteria	
Oil and Grease	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Organics	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

## Potential Alternatives

None





## Description and Purpose

The construction and retrofit of bridges and retaining walls often include driving piles for foundation support and shoring operations. Driven piles are typically constructed of precast concrete, steel, or timber. Driven sheet piles are also used for shoring and cofferdam construction. Proper control and use of equipment, materials, and waste products from pile driving operations will reduce or eliminate the discharge of potential pollutants to the storm drain system, watercourses, and waters of the United States.

## Suitable Applications

These procedures apply to all construction sites near or adjacent to a watercourse or groundwater where permanent and temporary pile driving (impact and vibratory) takes place, including operations using pile shells as well as construction of cast-in-steel-shell and cast-in-drilled-hole piles.

## Limitations

None identified.

## Implementation

- Use drip pans or absorbent pads during vehicle and equipment operation, maintenance, cleaning, fueling, and storage. Refer to NS-8, Vehicle and Equipment Cleaning, NS-9, Vehicle and Equipment Fueling, and NS-10, Vehicle and Equipment Maintenance.
- Have spill kits and cleanup materials available at all locations of pile driving. Refer to WM-4, Spill Prevention

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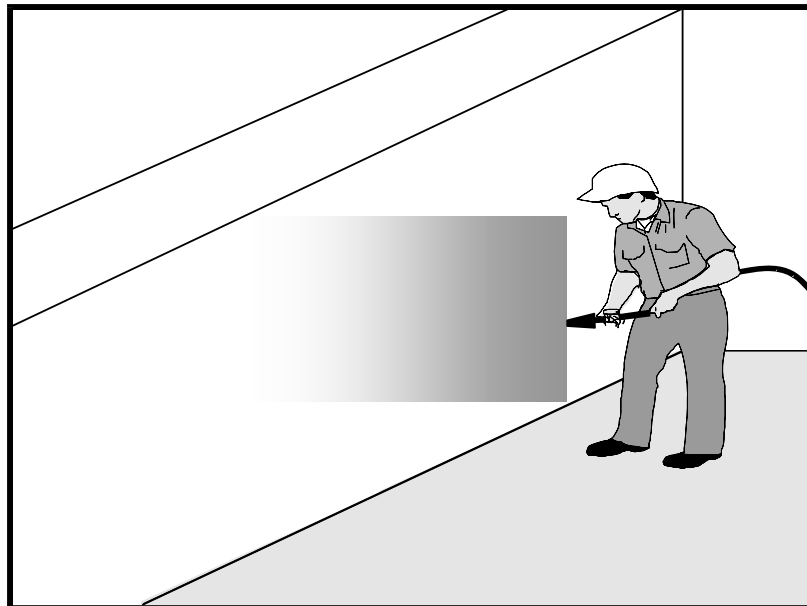
## Targeted Constituents

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Metals	
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Oil and Grease	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Organics	

## Potential Alternatives

None





## Description and Purpose

Concrete curing is used in the construction of structures such as bridges, retaining walls, pump houses, large slabs, and structured foundations. Concrete curing includes the use of both chemical and water methods.

Concrete and its associated curing materials have basic chemical properties that can raise the pH of water to levels outside of the permitted range. Discharges of stormwater and non-stormwater exposed to concrete during curing may have a high pH and may contain chemicals, metals, and fines. The General Permit incorporates Numeric Effluent Limits (NEL) and Numeric Action Levels (NAL) for pH (see Section 2 of this handbook to determine your project's risk level and if you are subject to these requirements).

Proper procedures and care should be taken when managing concrete curing materials to prevent them from coming into contact with stormwater flows, which could result in a high pH discharge.

## Suitable Applications

Suitable applications include all projects where Portland Cement Concrete (PCC) and concrete curing chemicals are placed where they can be exposed to rainfall, runoff from other areas, or where runoff from the PCC will leave the site.

## Categories

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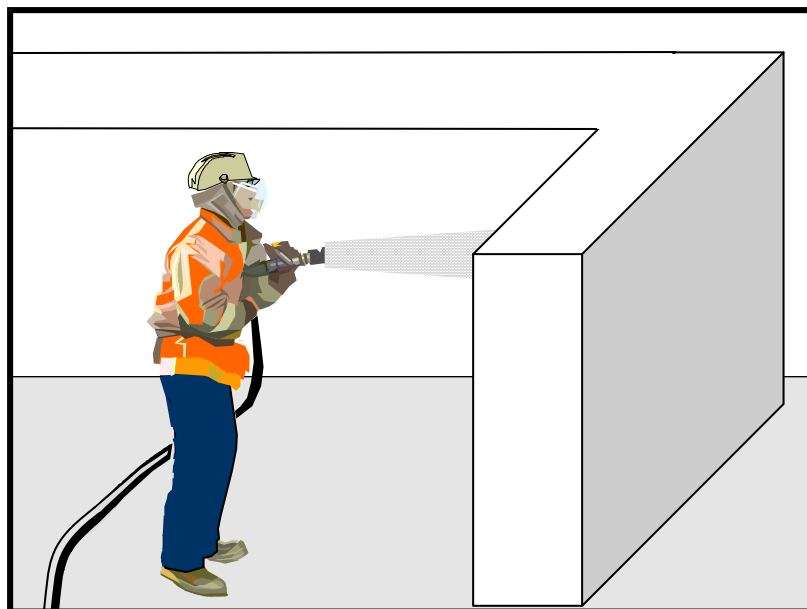
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Organics	

## Potential Alternatives

None





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## Targeted Constituents

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Trash	
Metals	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Bacteria	
Oil and Grease	
Organics	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

## Potential Alternatives

None

## Description and Purpose

Concrete finishing methods are used for bridge deck rehabilitation, paint removal, curing compound removal, and final surface finish appearances. Methods include sand blasting, shot blasting, grinding, or high pressure water blasting. Stormwater and non-stormwater exposed to concrete finishing by-products may have a high pH and may contain chemicals, metals, and fines. Proper procedures and implementation of appropriate BMPs can minimize the impact that concrete-finishing methods may have on stormwater and non-stormwater discharges.

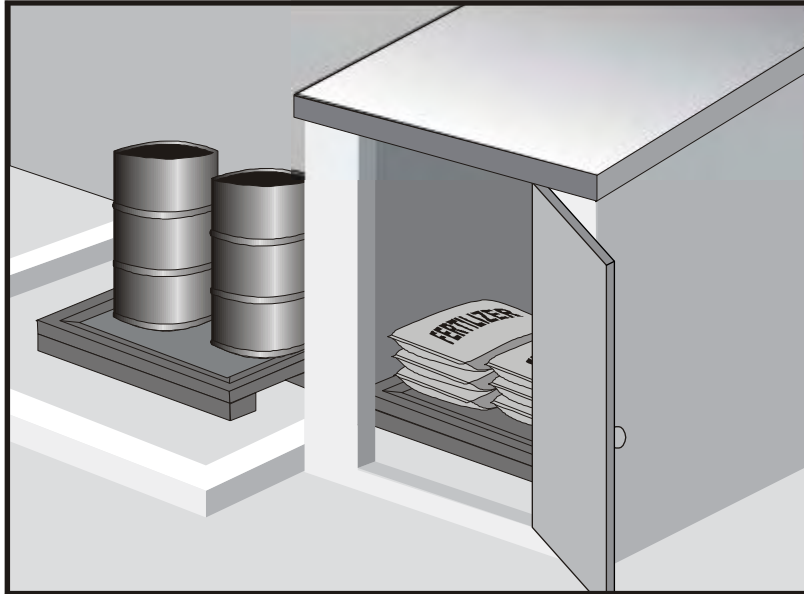
The General Permit incorporates Numeric Effluent Limits (NEL) and Numeric Action Levels (NAL) for pH (see Section 2 of this handbook to determine your project's risk level and if you are subject to these requirements).

Concrete and its associated curing materials have basic chemical properties that can raise pH levels outside of the permitted range. Additional care should be taken when managing these materials to prevent them from coming into contact with stormwater flows, which could lead to exceedances of the General Permit requirements.

## Suitable Applications

These procedures apply to all construction locations where concrete finishing operations are performed.





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## Targeted Constituents

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Organics	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

## Potential Alternatives

None

## Description and Purpose

Prevent, reduce, or eliminate the discharge of pollutants from material delivery and storage to the stormwater system or watercourses by minimizing the storage of hazardous materials onsite, storing materials in watertight containers and/or a completely enclosed designated area, installing secondary containment, conducting regular inspections, and training employees and subcontractors.

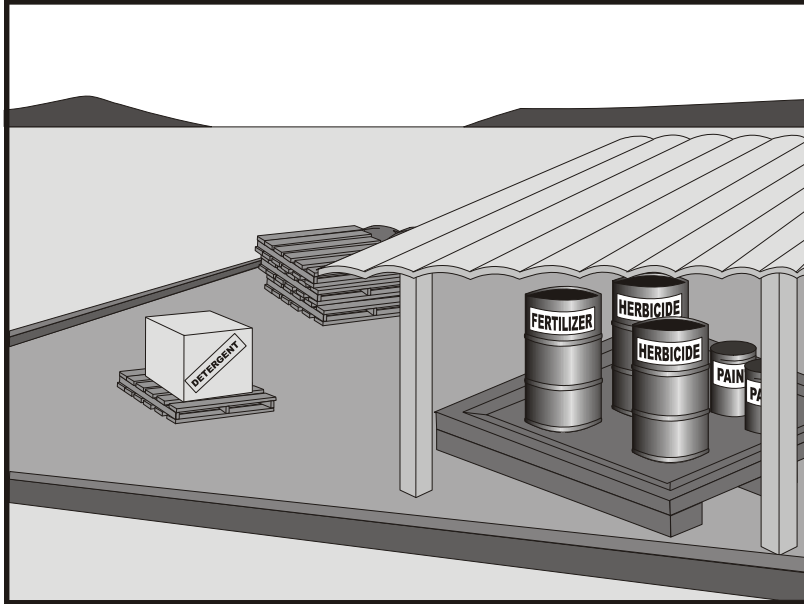
This best management practice covers only material delivery and storage. For other information on materials, see WM-2, Material Use, or WM-4, Spill Prevention and Control. For information on wastes, see the waste management BMPs in this section.

## Suitable Applications

These procedures are suitable for use at all construction sites with delivery and storage of the following materials:

- Soil stabilizers and binders
- Pesticides and herbicides
- Fertilizers
- Detergents
- Plaster
- Petroleum products such as fuel, oil, and grease





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Bacteria	
Oil and Grease	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Organics	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

## Potential Alternatives

None

## Description and Purpose

Prevent or reduce the discharge of pollutants to the storm drain system or watercourses from material use by using alternative products, minimizing hazardous material use onsite, and training employees and subcontractors.

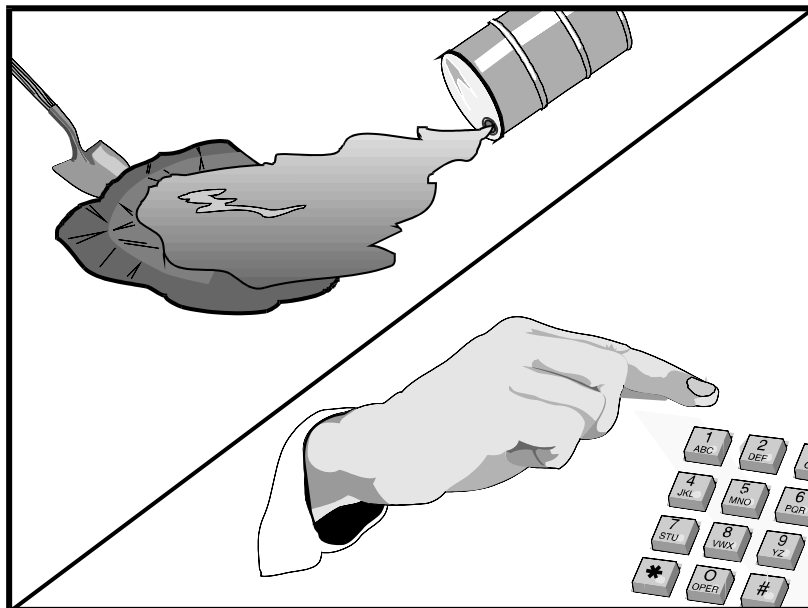
## Suitable Applications

This BMP is suitable for use at all construction projects. These procedures apply when the following materials are used or prepared onsite:

- Pesticides and herbicides
- Fertilizers
- Detergents
- Petroleum products such as fuel, oil, and grease
- Asphalt and other concrete components
- Other hazardous chemicals such as acids, lime, glues, adhesives, paints, solvents, and curing compounds
- Other materials that may be detrimental if released to the environment







## Description and Purpose

Prevent or reduce the discharge of pollutants to drainage systems or watercourses from leaks and spills by reducing the chance for spills, stopping the source of spills, containing and cleaning up spills, properly disposing of spill materials, and training employees.

This best management practice covers only spill prevention and control. However, WM-1, Materials Delivery and Storage, and WM-2, Material Use, also contain useful information, particularly on spill prevention. For information on wastes, see the waste management BMPs in this section.

## Suitable Applications

This BMP is suitable for all construction projects. Spill control procedures are implemented anytime chemicals or hazardous substances are stored on the construction site, including the following materials:

- Soil stabilizers/binders
- Dust palliatives
- Herbicides
- Growth inhibitors
- Fertilizers
- Deicing/anti-icing chemicals

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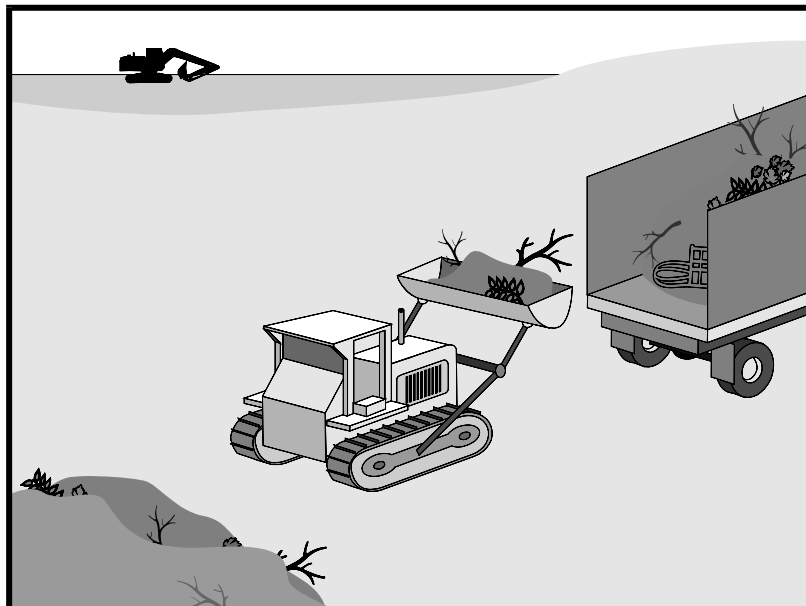
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## Potential Alternatives

None





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## Targeted Constituents

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Organics	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

## Potential Alternatives

None

## Description and Purpose

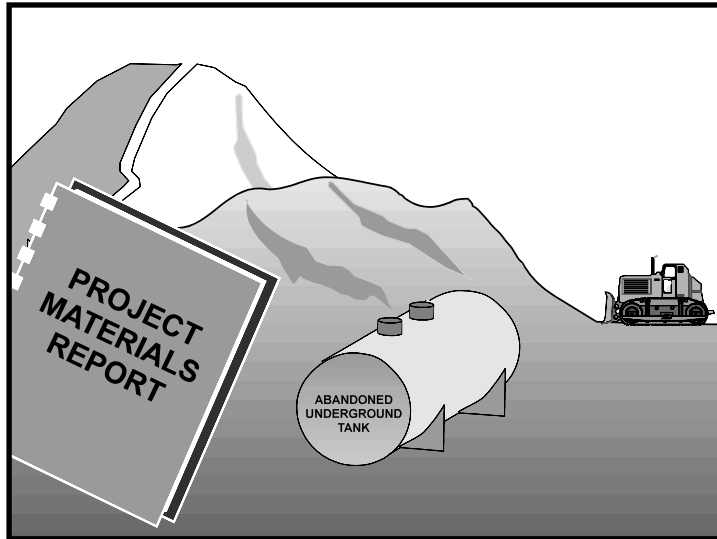
Solid waste management procedures and practices are designed to prevent or reduce the discharge of pollutants to stormwater from solid or construction waste by providing designated waste collection areas and containers, arranging for regular disposal, and training employees and subcontractors.

## Suitable Applications

This BMP is suitable for construction sites where the following wastes are generated or stored:

- Solid waste generated from trees and shrubs removed during land clearing, demolition of existing structures (rubble), and building construction
- Packaging materials including wood, paper, and plastic
- Scrap or surplus building materials including scrap metals, rubber, plastic, glass pieces, and masonry products
- Domestic wastes including food containers such as beverage cans, coffee cups, paper bags, plastic wrappers, and cigarettes
- Construction wastes including brick, mortar, timber, steel and metal scraps, pipe and electrical cuttings, non-hazardous equipment parts, styrofoam and other materials used to transport and package construction materials
- Highway planting wastes, including vegetative material,





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## Legend:

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- Secondary Objective

## Description and Purpose

Prevent or reduce the discharge of pollutants to stormwater from contaminated soil and highly acidic or alkaline soils by conducting pre-construction surveys, inspecting excavations regularly, and remediating contaminated soil promptly.

## Suitable Applications

Contaminated soil management is implemented on construction projects in highly urbanized or industrial areas where soil contamination may have occurred due to spills, illicit discharges, aerial deposition, past use and leaks from underground storage tanks.

## Limitations

Contaminated soils that cannot be treated onsite must be disposed of offsite by a licensed hazardous waste hauler. The presence of contaminated soil may indicate contaminated water as well. See NS-2, Dewatering Operations, for more information.

The procedures and practices presented in this BMP are general. The contractor should identify appropriate practices and procedures for the specific contaminants known to exist or discovered onsite.

## Implementation

Most owners and developers conduct pre-construction environmental assessments as a matter of routine. Contaminated soils are often identified during project planning and development with known locations identified in the plans, specifications and in the SWPPP. The contractor should review applicable reports and investigate appropriate call-outs in the

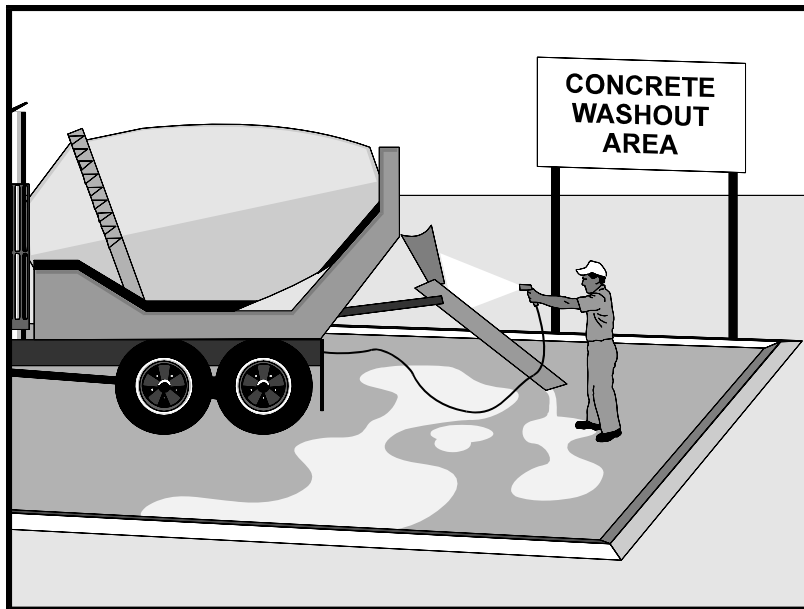
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## Potential Alternatives

None





## Description and Purpose

Prevent the discharge of pollutants to stormwater from concrete waste by conducting washout onsite or offsite in a designated area, and by employee and subcontractor training.

The General Permit incorporates Numeric Effluent Limits (NEL) and Numeric Action Levels (NAL) for pH (see Section 2 of this handbook to determine your project's risk level and if you are subject to these requirements).

Many types of construction materials, including mortar, concrete, stucco, cement and block and their associated wastes have basic chemical properties that can raise pH levels outside of the permitted range. Additional care should be taken when managing these materials to prevent them from coming into contact with stormwater flows and raising pH to levels outside the accepted range.

## Suitable Applications

Concrete waste management procedures and practices are implemented on construction projects where:

- Concrete is used as a construction material or where concrete dust and debris result from demolition activities.
- Slurries containing portland cement concrete (PCC) are generated, such as from saw cutting, coring, grinding, grooving, and hydro-concrete demolition.

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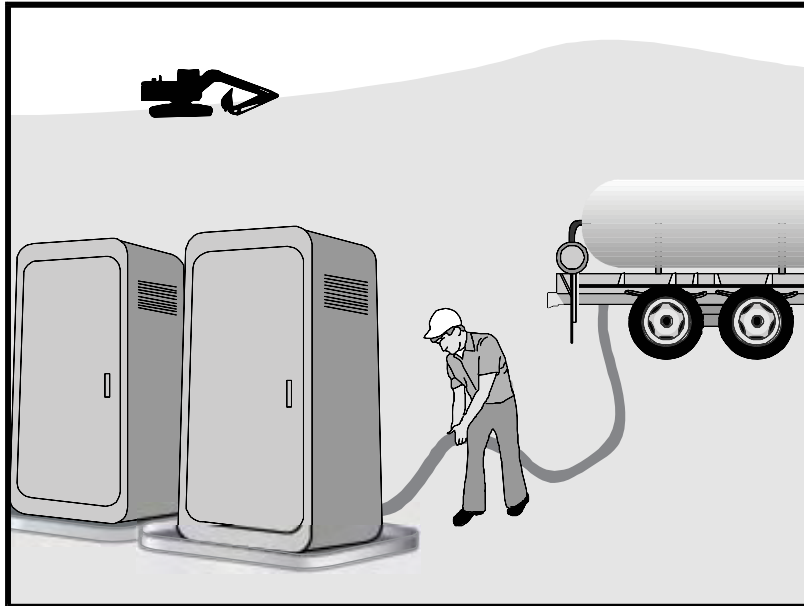
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Organics	

## Potential Alternatives

None



# Sanitary/Septic Waste Management WM-9



## Categories

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## Legend:

- Primary Category
- Secondary Category

## Description and Purpose

Proper sanitary and septic waste management prevent the discharge of pollutants to stormwater from sanitary and septic waste by providing convenient, well-maintained facilities, and arranging for regular service and disposal.

## Suitable Applications

Sanitary septic waste management practices are suitable for use at all construction sites that use temporary or portable sanitary and septic waste systems.

## Limitations

None identified.

## Implementation

Sanitary or septic wastes should be treated or disposed of in accordance with state and local requirements. In many cases, one contract with a local facility supplier will be all that it takes to make sure sanitary wastes are properly disposed.

## Storage and Disposal Procedures

- Temporary sanitary facilities should be located away from drainage facilities, watercourses, and from traffic circulation. If site conditions allow, place portable facilities a minimum of 50 feet from drainage conveyances and traffic areas. When subjected to high winds or risk of high winds, temporary sanitary facilities should be secured to prevent overturning.

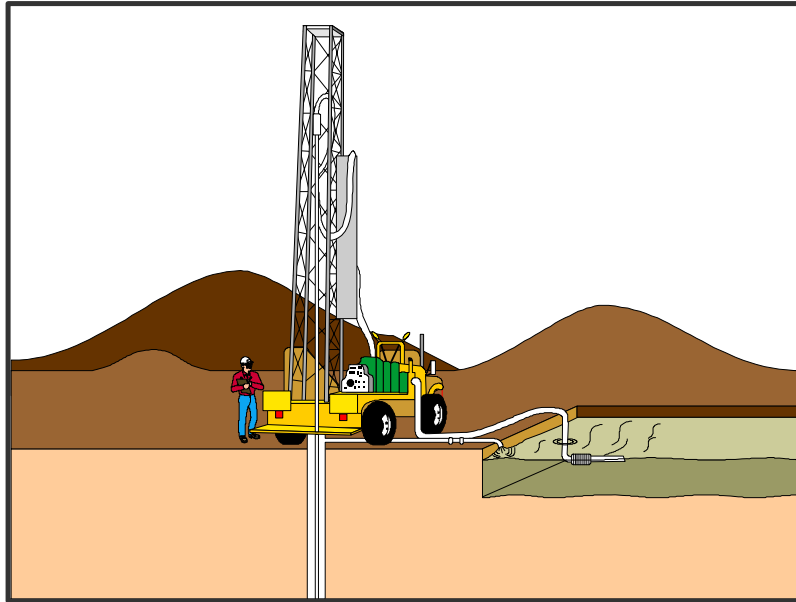
## Targeted Constituents

Sediment	
Nutrients	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Trash	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Metals	
Bacteria	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Oil and Grease	
Organics	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

## Potential Alternatives

None





## Description and Purpose

Liquid waste management includes procedures and practices to prevent discharge of pollutants to the storm drain system or to watercourses as a result of the creation, collection, and disposal of non-hazardous liquid wastes.

## Suitable Applications

Liquid waste management is applicable to construction projects that generate any of the following non-hazardous by-products, residuals, or wastes:

- Drilling slurries and drilling fluids
- Grease-free and oil-free wastewater and rinse water
- Dredgings
- Other non-stormwater liquid discharges not permitted by separate permits

## Limitations

- Disposal of some liquid wastes may be subject to specific laws and regulations or to requirements of other permits secured for the construction project (e.g., NPDES permits, Army Corps permits, Coastal Commission permits, etc.).
- Liquid waste management does not apply to dewatering operations (NS-2 Dewatering Operations), solid waste management (WM-5, Solid Waste Management), hazardous wastes (WM-6, Hazardous Waste Management), or concrete slurry residue (WM-8, Concrete Waste

## Categories

EC	Erosion Control	
SE	Sediment Control	
TC	Tracking Control	
WE	Wind Erosion Control	
NS	Non-Stormwater Management Control	
WM	Waste Management and Materials Pollution Control	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

## Legend:

- Primary Objective
- Secondary Objective

## Targeted Constituents

Sediment	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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Trash	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Metals	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Bacteria	
Oil and Grease	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Organics	

## Potential Alternatives

None



## 4.4 INFILTRATION BMPs

Infiltration refers to the physical process of percolation, or downward seepage, of water through a soil's pore space. As water infiltrates, the natural filtration, adsorption, and biological decomposition properties of soils, plant roots, and micro-organisms work to remove pollutants prior to the water recharging the underlying groundwater. Infiltration BMPs include infiltration basins, infiltration trenches, infiltration galleries, bioretention without an underdrain, dry wells, and permeable pavement. Infiltration can provide multiple benefits, including pollutant removal, peak flow control, groundwater recharge, and flood control. However, conditions that can limit the use of infiltration include soil properties, proximity to building foundations and other infrastructure, geotechnical hazards (e.g., liquefaction, landslides), and potential adverse impacts on groundwater quality (e.g. industrial pollutant source areas, contaminated soils, groundwater plumes)<sup>3</sup>. To ensure that infiltration would be physically feasible and desirable (i.e., not have adverse impacts), a categorical screening of site feasibility criteria must be completed prior to the use of infiltration BMPs following the guidelines presented in Section 4.2.

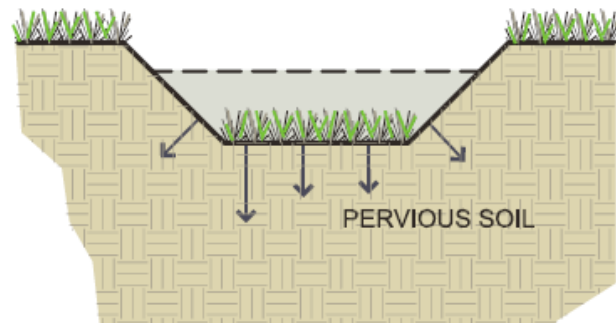
### 4.4.1 Infiltration BMP Types

#### Surface Infiltration BMPs

These BMPs rely on infiltration in a predominantly vertical (downward) direction and depend primarily on soil characteristics in the upper soil layers. These infiltration BMPs include:

#### **Infiltration Basins**

An infiltration basin consists of an earthen basin constructed in naturally pervious soils with a flat bottom typically vegetated with dry-land grasses or irrigated turf grass. An infiltration basin functions by retaining the design runoff volume in the basin and allowing the retained runoff to percolate into the underlying native soils over a specified period of time.



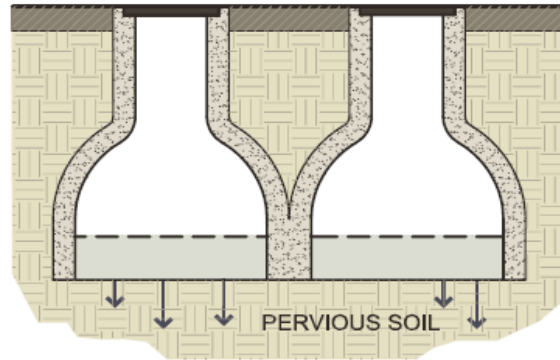
#### **Infiltration Trenches**

Infiltration trenches, which are similar to basins, are long, narrow, gravel-filled trenches, often vegetated, that infiltrate stormwater runoff from small drainage areas. Infiltration trenches may include a shallow depression at the surface, but the majority of runoff is stored in the void space within the gravel and infiltrates through the sides and bottom of the trench.

<sup>3</sup> Depending on the design of the infiltration practice, Federal Underground Injection Control (UIC) Rules (40 CFR 144) may apply, which may further restrict the use of infiltration facilities in some locations.

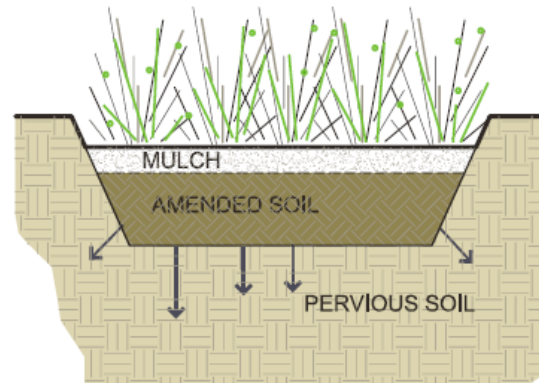
### Infiltration Galleries

Infiltration galleries are open-bottom, subsurface vaults that store and infiltrate stormwater. A number of vendors offer prefabricated, modular infiltration galleries that provide subsurface storage and allow for infiltration. Infiltration galleries come in a variety of material types, shapes and sizes.



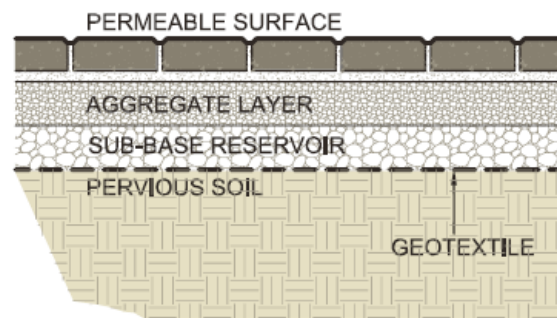
### Bioretention

Bioretention stormwater treatment facilities are landscaped shallow depressions that capture and filter stormwater runoff. These facilities function as a soil and plant-based filtration device that removes pollutants through a variety of physical, biological, and chemical treatment processes. The facilities normally consist of a ponding area, mulch layer, planting soils, plantings, and, optionally, a subsurface gravel reservoir layer.



### Permeable Pavements

Permeable (or pervious) pavements contain small voids that allow water to pass through to a stone base. They come in a variety of forms; they may be a modular paving system (concrete pavers, modular grass or gravel grids) or poured-in-place pavement (porous concrete, permeable asphalt). All permeable pavements with a stone reservoir base treat stormwater and remove sediments and metals to some degree by allowing stormwater to percolate through the pavement and enter the soil below.



### Multi-Directional Infiltration BMPs

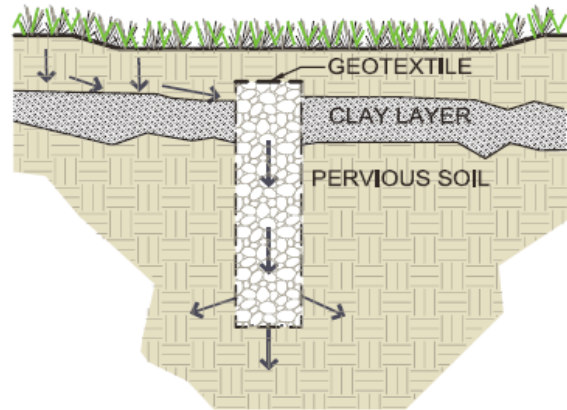
These BMPs take advantage of the hydraulic conductivities ( $K_{sat}$ ) of multiple soil strata and infiltration in multiple directions. They may be especially useful at locations where low  $K_{sat}$  values are present near the surface and soils with higher permeabilities exist beneath. A Multi-Directional Infiltration BMP may be implemented to infiltrate water at these lower soil layers,



thus allowing infiltration to occur at sites that otherwise would be infeasible. These infiltration BMPs typically have smaller footprints and include, but are not limited to:

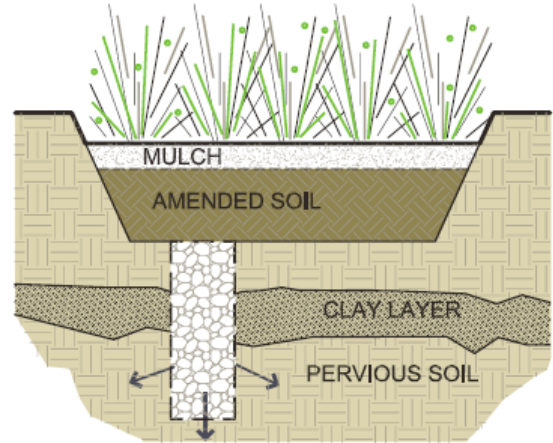
### Dry Wells

A dry well is defined as an excavated, bored, drilled, or driven shaft or hole whose depth is greater than its width. Drywells are similar to infiltration trenches in their design and function, as they are designed to temporarily store and infiltrate runoff, primarily from rooftops or other impervious areas with low pollutant loading. A dry well may be either a drilled borehole filled with aggregate or a prefabricated storage chamber or pipe segment.



### Hybrid Bioretention/Dry Wells

A bioretention facility with dry wells is useful in areas with low surface-level hydraulic conductivities that would normally deem a bioretention BMP infeasible but have higher levels of permeability in deeper strata. By incorporating drywells underneath the bioretention facility, water is able to be infiltrated at deeper soil layers that are suitable for infiltration, if present. This hybrid BMP combines the aesthetic and filtration qualities of a bioretention facility with the enhanced infiltration capabilities of a dry well.



#### 4.4.2 Siting Requirements and Opportunity Criteria

Drainage areas implementing infiltration BMPs must pass the Category 1 or Category 2 Screening in accordance with the siting requirements set forth in Table 4.1. This screening process must be approved by a site-specific geotechnical investigation report and/or hydrologic analysis conducted and certified by a State of California registered professional geotechnical engineer or geologist.

Additionally, drainage areas that will result in high sediment loading rates to the infiltration facility shall require pretreatment to reduce sediment loads and avoid system clogging. Examples of appropriate pretreatment may include: sedimentation/settling basins, baffle boxes, hydrodynamic separators, media filters, vegetated swales, or filter strips.

## 4.5 CAPTURE AND USE BMPS

Capture and Use refers to a specific type of BMP that operates by capturing stormwater runoff and holding it for efficient use at a later time. On a commercial or industrial scale, capture and use BMPs are typically synonymous with cisterns, which can be implemented both above and below ground. Cisterns are sized to store a specified volume of water with no surface discharge until this volume is exceeded. The primary use of captured runoff is for subsurface drip irrigation purposes. The temporary storage of roof runoff reduces the runoff volume from a property and may reduce the peak runoff velocity for small, frequently occurring storms. In addition, by reducing the amount of stormwater runoff that flows overland into a stormwater conveyance system, less pollutants are transported through the conveyance system into local streams and the ocean. The onsite use of the harvested water for non-potable domestic purposes conserves City-supplied potable water and, where directed to unpaved surfaces, can recharge groundwater in local aquifers.



**Underground Cistern**  
Taylor Yard

### 4.5.1 Siting Requirements and Opportunity Criteria

Drainage areas implementing capture and use BMPs must pass the feasibility screening in accordance with the siting requirements set forth in Section 4.3. This screening process must be approved by a site-specific geotechnical investigation report and/or hydrologic analysis conducted and certified by a State of California registered professional civil engineer, geotechnical engineer, geologist, or other qualified professional.

Capture and use BMPs designed for these extended holding times will require additional treatment such as filtration or disinfection to protect the collection tanks from fouling, to prevent the breeding of vectors, and/or to improve the quality of water for reuse applications. These scenarios will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis.

### 4.5.2 Irrigation / Dispersal of Captured Stormwater

A developer is required to hold harvested stormwater for the purpose of irrigation during dry periods. Calculations in line with the California Department of Water Resources Model Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance AB 1881 (also refer to City of Los Angeles Irrigation Guidelines<sup>6</sup>) shall be provided. Captured stormwater should be used to offset the potable irrigation demand that would occur during the rain season (Oct 1 – Apr 31, 7 months). If the volume of captured

<sup>6</sup> City of Los Angeles Irrigation Guidelines: [http://cityplanning.lacity.org/Forms\\_Procedures/2405.pdf](http://cityplanning.lacity.org/Forms_Procedures/2405.pdf)

## 4.6 HIGH EFFICIENCY BIOFILTRATION BMPS

Projects that have demonstrated they cannot manage 100% of the water quality design volume onsite through infiltration and/or capture and use BMPs may manage the remaining volume through the use of a high removal efficiency biofiltration/biotreatment BMP. A high removal efficiency biofiltration/biotreatment BMP shall be sized to adequately capture 1.5 times the volume not managed through infiltration and/or capture and use.



**Bioretention (Planter Boxes)**  
Watermarke Tower

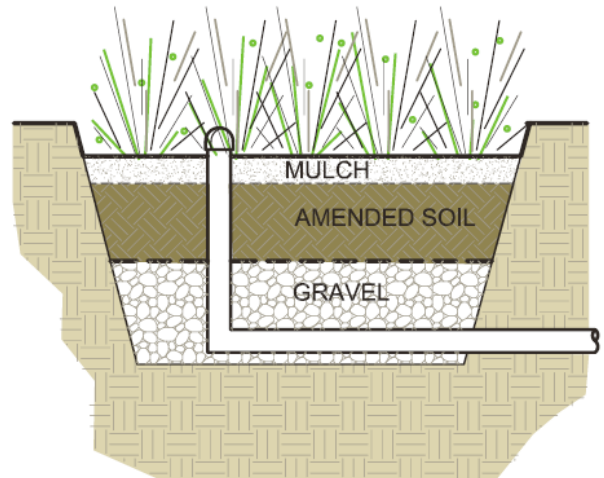
Bioretention BMPs are landscaped facilities that capture and treat stormwater runoff through a variety of physical and biological treatment processes. Facilities normally consist of a ponding area, mulch layer, planting soils, plants, and in some cases, an underdrain. Runoff that passes through a biofiltration system is treated by the natural adsorption and filtration characteristics of the plants, soils, and microbes with which the water contacts. Biofiltration BMPs include vegetated swales, filter strips, planter boxes, high flow biotreatment units, bioinfiltration facilities, and bioretention facilities with underdrains. Biofiltration can provide multiple benefits, including pollutant removal, peak flow control, and low amounts of volume reduction through infiltration and evapotranspiration.

### 4.6.1 Biofiltration BMP Types

Biofiltration BMPs rely on various hydraulic residence times and flow-through rates for effective treatment. As a result, a variety of BMPs are available.

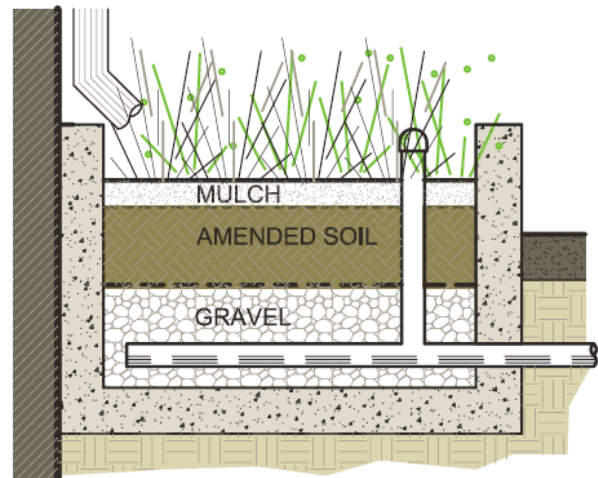
### Bioretention with Underdrain

Bioretention facilities are landscaped shallow depressions that capture and filter stormwater runoff. As stormwater passes down through the planting soil, pollutants are filtered, adsorbed, and biodegraded by the soil and plants. Because they are not contained within an impermeable structure, they may allow for infiltration. For sites not passing the infiltration feasibility screening for reasons other than low infiltration rates (such as soil contamination, expansive soils, etc.), an impermeable liner may be needed to prevent incidental infiltration.



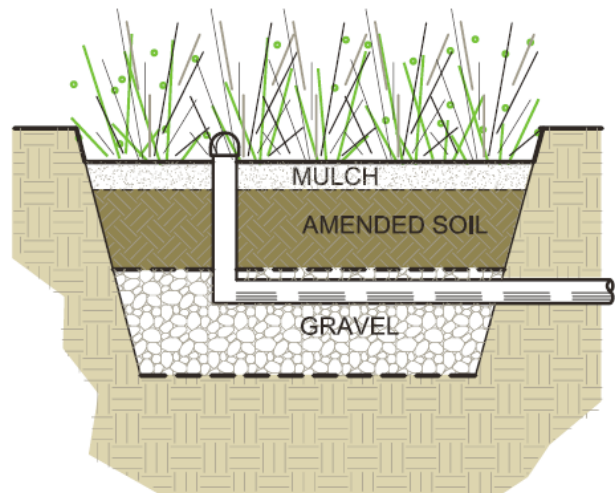
### Planter Boxes

Planter boxes are bioretention treatment control measures that are completely contained within an impermeable structure with an underdrain (they do not infiltrate). They are similar to bioretention facilities with underdrains except they are situated at or above ground and are bound by impermeable walls. Planter boxes may be placed adjacent to or near buildings, other structures, or sidewalks.



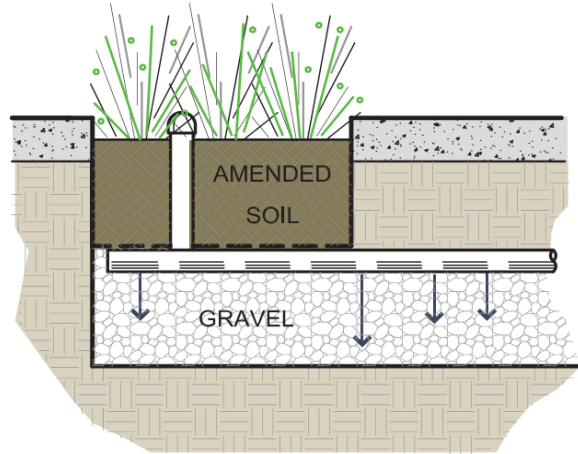
### Bioinfiltration

Bioinfiltration facilities are designed for partial infiltration of runoff and partial biotreatment. These facilities are similar to bioretention devices with underdrains but they include a raised underdrain above a gravel sump designed to facilitate infiltration and nitrification/denitrification. These facilities can be used in areas where there are little to no hazards associated with infiltration, but infiltration screening does not allow for infiltration BMPs due to low infiltration rates or high depths of fill.



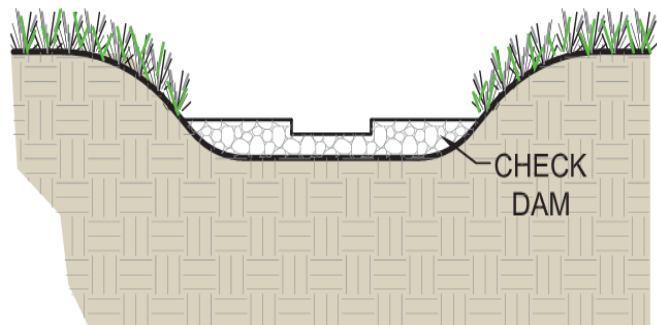
### High-Flow Biotreatment with Raised Underdrain

High-flow biotreatment devices are proprietary treatment BMPs that incorporate plants, soil, and microbes engineered to provide treatment at higher flow rates and with smaller footprints than their non-proprietary counterparts. Like bioinfiltration devices, they should incorporate a raised underdrain above a gravel sump to facilitate incidental infiltration where feasible. They must be shown to have pollutant removal efficiencies equal to or greater than the removal efficiencies of their non-proprietary counterparts. Proof of this performance must be provided by adequate third party field testing.



### Vegetated Swales

Vegetated swales are open, shallow channels with dense, low-lying vegetation covering the side slopes and bottom that collect and slowly convey runoff to downstream discharge points. An effective vegetated swale achieves uniform sheet flow through the densely vegetated area for a period of several minutes. The vegetation in the swale can vary depending on its location and is the choice of the designer. Most swales are grass-lined.



### Filter Strips (to be used as part of a treatment train)

Filter strips are vegetated areas designed to treat sheet flow runoff from adjacent impervious surfaces such as parking lots and roadways, or intensive landscaped areas such as golf courses. While some assimilation of dissolved constituents may occur, filter strips are generally more effective in trapping sediment and particulate-bound metals, nutrients, and pesticides. Filter strips are more effective when the runoff passes through the vegetation and thatch layer in the form of shallow, uniform flow. Filter strips are primarily used to pretreat runoff before it flows to an infiltration BMP or another biofiltration BMP.

