



City of Santa Barbara California

PLANNING COMMISSION STAFF REPORT

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PROJECT: Draft Storm Water Management Program (SWMP)
TO: Planning Commission
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SUBJECT

Hearing to receive public comment on the revised Draft City of Santa Barbara Storm Water Management Program (SWMP), prepared pursuant to the National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Phase II requirements.

PROGRAM SUMMARY

The City of Santa Barbara Draft Storm Water Management Program describes City programs to comply with the five-year NPDES Phase II State General Permit, which regulates storm water discharges from Small Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems (MS4s).

The Draft SWMP is a guidance document to be used by the City organization, hired contractors, and the general public. This is an evolving program that will be monitored and revised as necessary in order to address changes in the compliance programs or in the Permit requirements.

The Draft SWMP defines strategies and guidelines for the protection of water quality and reduction of pollutant discharges to the maximum extent practicable (MEP) within the City.

- Section 2.0 describes the regulatory framework of the Phase II NPDES Program including the history of the Clean Water Act, purpose of the Storm Water Management Program, the Small MS4 requirements, and the public review process.
- Section 3.0 of the SWMP provides an overview of the City, including geography, demographics, current land uses, storm water pollutants of concern and related local water quality, land use and development policies and permitting processes, and City environmental programs.
- Section 4.0 of this document is the core of the City's SWMP and details Best Management Practices (BMPs), and associated measurable goals that will fulfill the requirements for the six Minimum Control Measures (MCMs) presented by the Phase II Guidelines.

The six Minimum Control Measures required described in the SWMP are:

1. Public Education
2. Public Participation
3. Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination
4. Construction Site Storm Water Runoff Control
5. Post Construction Storm Water Management
6. Pollution Prevention/Good Housekeeping for Municipal Operations

The City of Santa Barbara already implements many programs that address the six Minimum Control Measures, such as pollution prevention education, the creation and implementation of the Creeks Restoration/Water Quality Improvement Citizens Advisory Committee, storm drain maintenance, street sweeping, and ongoing development review and application of conditions of approval to address construction-related and long-term storm water quality protection. Other supplemental efforts include integrated pest management, mandatory trash service, and water conservation.

BACKGROUND AND PUBLIC REVIEW AND APPROVAL PROCESS

The initial Draft SWMP (June 2003) underwent public review and City Council approval in 2003 and was submitted to the Regional Water Quality Control Board in July 2003 for their approval. Comments on the Draft SWMP were received from the Regional Board December 23, 2004. The current revised Draft SWMP (June 2005) was prepared in response to Regional Board comments.

The revised Draft SWMP was released for public review on June 9, 2005, and a public meeting was held by the Creeks Restoration and Water Quality Improvement Citizens Advisory Committee on June 15, 2005 to introduce and review the Draft SWMP.

Written public comments on the Draft SWMP may be submitted through July 8, 2005 to the attention of Jill Zachary at the City Creeks Division at P.O. Box 1990, Santa Barbara, CA 93102, or via Email to jzachary@santabarbaraca.gov.

The revised Draft SWMP will be scheduled for a public meeting at the Creeks Committee again on July 13, to consider a recommendation to City Council. On August 9, 2005, City Council will consider approval of the SWMP. The document will then be submitted for Regional Water Quality Control Board review, and if approved, a final 60-day public comment period will occur.

Exhibit: Draft City of Santa Barbara Storm Water Management Program (SWMP), June 2005
Available on the City Web Site at the following locations:

http://www.santabarbaraca.gov/Resident/Community/Creeks/Water_Quality_Improvement.htm

[http://www.secure.ci.santa-](http://www.secure.ci.santa-barbaraca.us/departments/administrative_services/city_clerk/advisory_groups/agendas/creeks.asp)

[barbaraca.us/departments/administrative_services/city_clerk/advisory_groups/agendas/creeks.asp](http://www.secure.ci.santa-barbaraca.us/departments/administrative_services/city_clerk/advisory_groups/agendas/creeks.asp)