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CATCH BASIN DEBRIS SCREENS INSTALLED THROUGHOUT CITY- Screens keep trash and debris from reaching local creeks and the ocean.

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The City of Santa Barbara Creeks Restoration and Water Quality Improvement Division (Creeks Division) recently completed a two year project to install approximately 1,400 catch basin debris screens on storm drain inlets throughout the City. The stainless steel retractable screens keep trash from entering storm drains, creeks, estuaries, and the ocean.

The screens have perforated holes that allow moderate amounts of water to flow through while holding trash back at the curb side. Trash that is stopped in front of the screens is picked up by street sweeping trucks on their scheduled routes. To prevent the risk of flooding during large storms, the screens are designed to open and allow fast flowing water through. Once heavy stormwater flow subsides, the screens swing back into place against the catch basin opening parallel to the curbside.

“These catch basin screens are a great solution to keeping trash out of the creeks and off of the beaches without adding ongoing maintenance costs to the City,” said Tim Burgess, Water Resources Specialist with the Creeks Division.

In addition to Measure B funds, this project was made possible by a \$1.78 million grant provided by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 and the Clean Water State Revolving Fund, through an agreement with the State Water Resources Control Board.

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Before – Trash is held at the curb by the screen.



A street sweeper makes its normal pass.



After – Trash and debris successfully picked up by street sweeper.