



COUNTY OF VENTURA

STORMWATER PERMIT REQUIREMENTS FOR CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES QUESTIONNAIRE

The Ventura County Municipal Stormwater Permit requires implementation of an effective combination of Best Management Practices (BMPs) at construction sites in order to prevent erosion and sediment loss, or the discharge of construction wastes to the storm drain system (available at <http://onestoppermit.ventura.org/>, subpart 4.F of the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board Permit Order No. 10-0108). Additionally, construction activities causing one acre or more of soil disturbance (or less than one acre but as a part of a larger common area of development or sale) require coverage under the California Statewide General Construction Permit CAS000002, available online at http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/stormwater/construction.shtml.

✓ Please place a check mark in all the boxes that apply to project.

Construction activities causing less than 1 acre of soil disturbance:

- Complete and submit **SW-1** (Best Management Practices for Construction Less than 1 Acre) with the Building Permit application.

Construction activities with soil disturbance of 1 acre or greater:

- As required by the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) State General Construction Permit No.CAS000002, the following items must be completed and submitted to the SWRCB:
 - **Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP)**
 - **Notice of Intent (NOI)**
 - **SWRCB fee**

(Additional information available online at:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/stormwater/construction.shtml)

- Complete **SW-2** (Best Management Practices for Construction 1 Acre or Greater).
- Include completed form **SW-2** in the prepared site-specific **SWPPP** and submit with the Building Permit application and to the Watershed Protection District County Unincorporated Stormwater Program for certification as a **Local SWPPP/SW-2**. If your project requires a Grading Permit, then submit documentation with Grading Permit application instead.

Construction Activities at High Risk Sites (see map and definition on back):

- Complete and submit **SW-HR** (Best Management Practices for Construction at High Risk Sites worksheet) and **SW-1** or **Local SWPPP/SW-2** (whichever is applicable as listed above) with the Building Permit application.
- Qualified SWPPP Developer (QSD), Qualified SWPPP Practitioner (QSP), or personnel or consultants who are Certified Professionals in Erosion and Sediment Control (CPESC) shall inspect the site:
 - at the time of BMP installation,
 - at least weekly between October 1 and April 15, and
 - at least once each 24 hour period during a storm event that generates runoff from the site.
- Retain records of inspection reports for review by the Building Permit inspectors upon request.

REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL CONSTRUCTION SITES

- A copy of the required forms (**SW-1**, **Local SWPPP/SW-2**, or **SW-HR** as applicable) must be kept at the site during construction activities.
- Implement all required BMPs during construction.

Questionnaire was prepared by:

Name: _____ Title: _____

Organization Name: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Documents referenced in this questionnaire area available at <http://onestoppermit.ventura.org/>.

DEFINITIONS:

CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY includes any construction or demolition activity, clearing, grading, grubbing, or excavation or any other activity that results in a land disturbance. Construction does not include emergency construction activities required to immediately protect public health and safety or routine maintenance activities required to maintain the integrity of structures by performing minor repair and restoration work, maintain original line and grade, hydraulic capacity, or original purpose of the facility. See "**ROUTINE MAINTENANCE**" definition for further explanation. Where clearing, grading or excavating of underlying soil takes place during a repaving operation, State General Construction Permit Order No. 2009-0009-DWQ (CAS000002) coverage is required if more than one acre is disturbed or the activities are a part of a larger plan.

ROUTINE MAINTENANCE – Routine maintenance projects include, but are not limited to projects conducted to:

1. Maintain the original line and grade, hydraulic capacity, or original purpose of the facility.
2. Perform as needed restoration work to preserve the original design grade, integrity and hydraulic capacity of flood control facilities.
3. Includes road shoulder work, re-grading dirt or gravel roadways and shoulders and performing ditch cleanouts.
4. Update existing lines^A and facilities to comply with applicable codes, standards, and regulations regardless if such projects result in increased capacity.
5. Repair leaks

Routine maintenance does not include construction of new lines^B or facilities resulting from compliance with applicable codes, standards and regulations.

Notes: ^A Update existing lines includes replacing existing lines with new materials or pipes. ^B New lines are those that are not associated with existing facilities and are not part of a project to update or replace existing lines.

HIGH RISK SITES:

- (i) Construction sites on hillsides (on average 20% or greater slope); and
- (ii) Construction sites that **directly discharge**¹ to a waterbody listed on the CWA § 303 (d) list for siltation or sediment; or
- (iii) Construction activities that occur within or **directly adjacent**² to an **Environmentally Sensitive Area**³. Refer to Figure 1 (Ventura County Environmentally Sensitive Areas) illustrating ESA locations in Ventura County.

¹ **Directly Discharge** - means outflow from a drainage conveyance system that is composed entirely or predominantly of flows from the subject, property, development, subdivision, or industrial facility, and not commingled with the flows from adjacent lands.

² **Directly Adjacent** - means situated within 200 feet of the contiguous zone required for the continued maintenance, function, and structural stability of the environmentally sensitive area.

³ **Environmentally Sensitive Area (ESA)** - means an area "in which plant or animal life or their habitats are either rare or especially valuable because of their special nature or role in an ecosystem and which would be easily disturbed or degraded by human activities and developments" (Reference: California Public Resources Code § 30107.5). ESAs will include Clean Water Act 303d Listed Water Bodies in all reaches that are unimproved, all California Coastal Commission's Environmentally Sensitive Habitat Areas as delineated on maps in Local Coastal Plans and the Regional Water Quality Control Board's Basin Plan's Rare, Threatened or Endangered Species (RARE) and Preservation of Biological Habitats (BIOL) designated waterbodies. The California Department of Fish and Game's Significant Natural Areas map will be considered for inclusion as the department field verifies the designated locations. Watershed restoration projects will be considered for inclusion as the department field verifies the designated locations.

For information on requirements for **Qualified SWPPP Developer (QSD) and Qualified SWPPP Practitioner (QSP)**, refer to http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/stormwater/construction.shtml.

For information on requirements for **Certified Professionals in Erosion and Sediment Control (CPESC)**, refer to <http://www.cpesc.net/>