



CITY OF SAN DIEGO - 1222 FIRST AVE., M.S. 501, SAN DIEGO, CA 92101

PUBLIC NOTICE

Date: July 15, 2024

Subject: Stormwater Standards Manual Minor Update

The City of San Diego [Stormwater Department](#) has updated the Stormwater Standards Manual. These updates are intended to provide minor clarifications and further guidance, ensuring compliance with the City of San Diego Standards and the current Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) Permit (Order No. R9-2013-0001, as amended by orders No. R9-2015-0001 and R9-2015-0100) requirements. The update will go into effect Thursday, August 15, 2024.

Summary of Key Updates

- **Section 3.5 - BMPs in Floodplain/Floodway**
Added text to provide direction for Best Management Practices (BMPs) proposed in the 100-year floodplain or floodway.
- **Section 7.3 - Maintenance Responsibility**
Updated to specify that permanent structural BMPs for private projects cannot be located on City property or rights-of-way unless a written agreement is signed, holding the private property owner responsible for maintenance, per Development Services Department (DSD) [Information Bulletin 576](#).
- **Chapter 8 - Submittal Requirements**
Minor clarifications have been added, stating that submittals prepared using other jurisdictions' PDP SWQMP templates will not be accepted.
- **Appendix B, Worksheet B.5-2- Sizing Method for Volume Retention Criteria**
Revisions to clarify that applicants are to include supporting documentation and provide clarifications on infiltration rates for calculations.
- **Appendix B, Worksheet B.5-4- DCV Calculation**
Added detailed guidance on performing the calculation and computing a runoff-weighted average.

- **Appendix B.5.2 - Biofiltration Requirements**
Added clarifications to state that proprietary biofiltration downstream of a storage unit, such as a hydromodification management vault or basin, must be sized for the flow rate into the storage unit.
- **Appendix E - BMP Fact Sheets**
Added clarifications to Bioretention (INF-2), Biofiltration with Partial Retention (PR-1), and Biofiltration (BF-1) fact sheets.
- **Section F.3 - BSM and Underlying Aggregate Material**
Introduced an option to follow the County of San Diego BSM specification.
- **Appendix K - Environmentally Sensitive Area (ESA) Mapping**
Updated mapping and added text to describe the ESA data sources.
- **Form I-10 - Compact Biofiltration BMP Checklist**
Various revisions have been made to this form, which is a separate file from the Stormwater Standards Manual.

The updates aim to enhance clarity and compliance with the MS4 Permit and City of San Diego Standards. The Development Services Department (DSD) and Stormwater Department will present the changes at a virtual public workshop on Wednesday, July 24, 2024, from 2 to 4 p.m.

Virtual Public Workshop

- Date: Wednesday, July 24
- Time: 2 to 4 p.m.
- [Join Zoom meeting](#)
- Meeting ID: 160 810 7391
- Passcode: VEA8

For further information or questions, please contact Senior Civil Engineer Alex Gostomelskiy at aleksandrg@sandiego.gov or 858-541-4337.

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