



THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO  
MAYOR JERRY SANDERS

# Erosion Control Assistance

## Information for Survivors of the 2007 Wildfires

The City of San Diego is moving rapidly to address post-fire sediment and erosion control problems stemming from the 2007 Wildfires. Best Management Practices (BMP) must be followed that includes erosion and sediment control materials, such as but not limited to sand bags, gravel bags, straw rolls, and straw blankets.

The City has sand, rock and gravel bags available, as well as fiber rolls.

### Public Property and Public Right-of-Way

- Engineering and Capital Projects Department will be the lead in implementing a Citywide Erosion Control Plan for City Right-of-Way and City property that will be categorized by areas of priority (high, medium & low).
- The City is in the process of aerial mapping the fire damaged areas.
- The City is also hiring a consultant to evaluate and prioritize the identified damaged areas.
- Once the mapping and field investigations have been completed, the City will assign priorities to areas with high risk of erosion.
- Engineering & Capital Projects will determine the correct and practicable course of action for erosion control on City property and within the City Right-of-Way. Examples of responses are: hydroseeding, geotextile blankets, sand bags, gravel bags, etc.
- The City is coordinating a citywide contract to hire a single Contractor to install the appropriate BMP measures within City property and Public Right-of-Way.
- For more information, contact Engineering and Capital Projects at 619-980-6928.

### Private Property

- Engineering and Capital Projects staff will provide technical advice for BMP placement efforts and site visits, as requested.
- The installation of BMP after debris removal is mandatory on all properties for site protection.
- Volunteers removing debris from private property must obtain permission to remove debris from the property owner.

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## General Information:

- **Erosion Control Handouts & Materials**
  - Handouts on Erosion Control for residential property are available on the City's website at [www.sandiego.gov](http://www.sandiego.gov) and at the Rancho Bernardo Local Assistance Center  
18448 W. Bernardo Drive  
San Diego, CA 92127  
(858) 538-8129
  - BMP materials (i.e. sand bags, gravel bags, straw rolls) are available at the Rancho Bernardo Local Assistance Center in the parking lot adjacent to West Bernardo Drive.
- **Volunteer Coordination**

The City is coordinating a volunteer effort to assist with erosion control. More details will follow. If you are interested in volunteering, you can register online at Volunteer San Diego at [www.volunteersandiego.org](http://www.volunteersandiego.org) or call their hotline at 858-636-4131.
- **Technical Advisor**

For technical questions related to BMP or site inspections  
Contact: Lisa Adams, Engineering and Capital Projects at 619-980-6928.
- **Best Management Practices (BMP)**

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- **Private Property Disputes**

For private property non-compliance issues, potential discharge issues and erosion control compliance issues contact Development Services Department, Neighborhood Code Compliance at 619-236-5500.
- **Code Enforcement**
  - **Zoning** – Site issues related to property owners in not maintaining or securing  
Contact: Bob Vacchi, Deputy Director  
Development Services Department  
**619-236-5502**
  - **Storm Water** – For actual discharges from private property  
Contact: Storm Water Hotline – 619-235-1000  
Tim Graham, Senior Public Information Officer at 619-525-8532