

COUNTY OF VENTURA
2012 UPDATE OF STORMWATER QUALITY MANAGEMENT (SWQM) ORDINANCE
FACT SHEET

SWQM ORDINANCE HISTORY

The County of Ventura owns and operates the County Storm Drain System, which conveys stormwater from the County Unincorporated areas often comingled with discharges from other public and private areas. Stormwater discharges consist of surface water runoff generated from various land uses in all the hydrologic drainage basins, which discharge into Waters of the State. The quality of these discharges varies and is affected by geology, land use, season, hydrology, and sequence and duration of hydrologic events.

Since 1992, the discharges from the County Storm Drain System have been subject to the Ventura Countywide National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit No. CAS004002 for Stormwater (Wet-Weather) and Non-Stormwater (Dry-Weather) Discharges from the Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems within the Ventura County Watershed Protection District, County of Ventura and the Incorporated Cities therein. This Permit is referred to as "Municipal Stormwater Permit".

Under the Municipal Stormwater Permit, the County is required to regulate discharges into the County Storm Drain System to protect quality of the Waters of the State. To ensure legal authority to enforce NPDES permit requirements, in 1997 the County's Board of Supervisors adopted the Stormwater Quality Management (SWQM) Ordinance No. 4142.

Information is also available online at: www.onestoppermit.ventura.org under Surface Water Quality Section's "Laws/Ordinances" tab

WHY IS THE SWQM ORDINANCE UPDATED?

In July 2010, RWQCB adopted a new Municipal Stormwater Permit Order No. R4-2010-0108 introducing new regulations including the new requirements for the non-stormwater discharge prohibition. The SWQM Ordinance has been updated to meet requirements of the new Municipal Stormwater Permit as required by the RWQCB.

WHAT ARE THE NEW ADDITIONS AND REVISIONS IN THE 2012 UPDATE OF SWQM ORDINANCE?

Sec. 6910 - General language clarifications

Article 7 "Enforcement" was revised to improve effectiveness of enforcement program under this Ordinance No. 4142. The revisions are based on the RMA Planning Division's enforcement program.

Definitions (Sec. 6911) were added, revised, or deleted:

- (a) "Construction Activity"
- (b) "County Storm Drain System"
- (c) "Dechlorinated/Debrominated Swimming Pool Discharge"
- (d) "General Plan"
- (e) "Illicit Discharge"
- (f) "Invoice for Costs"
- (g) "Municipal Stormwater Permit"
- (h) "National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit"
- (i) "Non-Stormwater Discharge"

- (j) "New Development"
- (k) "Ocean Plan"
- (l) "Owner's Agent"
- (m) "Receiving Water Limitations"
- (n) "Post-Construction Stormwater Management Plan (PCSMP)"
- (o) "Receiving Waters"
- (p) "Redevelopment"
- (q) "State Board"
- (r) "Storm Drain System"
- (s) "Stormwater Pollution Control Plan (SWPCP)"
- (t) "Stormwater Quality Master Plan".
- (u) "Stormwater Quality Management Plan"
- (v) "Watercourse"
- (w) "Treatment"
- (x) "Unincorporated Urban Areas"
- (y) "Ventura County Technical Guidance Manual for Stormwater Quality Control Measures"

Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs):

- Sec. 6941 "Reduction of Bacteria and Nutrient Contamination" - This new Section was added to address the TMDL requirements to reduce bacteria, nitrogen, and phosphorus contamination by improving handling procedures and management of manure, fertilizers, and yard waste.
- Sec. 6942 "Reduction of Litter/Trash" (former Sec. 6923 "Litter") – This Section was updated with some minor language changes to address TMDL requirements to reduce litter/trash contamination by improving litter management procedures on residential, commercial, and industrial sites.
- Sec. 6943 "Disposal, Storage and Discharge Management" – This new Section was added to address the TMDL and the Municipal Stormwater Permit requirements to prevent Illicit Discharges into the County Storm Drain System from disposal and storage areas and due to activities related to management of disposal, storage, and discharges. Particularly, the revised Ordinance prohibits improper disposal, storage and discharge into the County Storm Drain System of household hazardous waste materials, fertilizers, herbicides, pesticides, untreated runoff containing grease, oil, antifreeze, and food waste. In addition, prohibition includes discharges from concrete, cement, pumps, tools, equipment washouts, spills, dumping, food processing facilities, and food processing activities.

Consistency with the 2010 Municipal Stormwater Permit requirements:

- Sec. 6920 "Prohibition" under Article 2 "Prohibition of Non-Stormwater Discharges" – Under the 2010 Municipal Stormwater Permit, the County is required to prohibit non-stormwater discharges into the County Storm Drain System and Receiving Waters. The exemption list to this prohibition was updated for consistency with RWQCB's requirements. In addition, County is required to prohibit discharges into the County Storm Drain System from the 12 activities or activity areas including washing or cleaning of auto-related facilities, mobile washing or cleaning activities, repair areas, and others.

- Sec. 6922 "Exemption" under Article 2 "Prohibition of Non-Stormwater Discharges" – Under the 2010 Municipal Stormwater Permit, an exemption of non-stormwater discharge other than as listed in Sec. 6920, is not allowed.
- Sec. 6922 "Termination of Non-Stormwater Discharge" under Article 2 "Prohibition of Non-Stormwater Discharges" – This new Section was added to provide an enforcement measure to comply with requirements of the Permit Part 3(B)(1)(a) and Part 3(B)(2)(c) for the County to possess legal authority and enforcement measures to prohibit illicit discharges.
- Sec. 6931 "Termination of Illicit Connections" – Removed "Existing Conditions" since previous Ordinance language contradicts the 2010 Municipal Stormwater Permit's definition of "Illicit Connection", i.e., term "Illicit Connection" shall not include connection to the County Storm Drain System that were authorized by the County previously. In addition, as required by the 2010 Municipal Stormwater Permit {Part 4 (H)(I)(3)(b)}, the new termination of illicit connection requirements were added including elimination or acquisition of a permit for the connection in 90 days to allow all administrative and inspection requirements to be completed to meet 180 day completion deadline established in the 2010 Municipal Stormwater Permit.
- Sec. 6950 "Development Construction Program" – This Section was revised to reflect new Municipal Stormwater Permit requirements (Subpart 4.F "Development Construction Program"). Detailed requirements for implementation of the construction Best Management Practices and compliance with the State General Construction Permit are described in the Subpart 4.F of the new Municipal Stormwater Permit.
- Sec. 6951 "Development" – This Section was revised to reflect new Municipal Stormwater Permit requirements (Subpart 4.E "Planning and Land Development Program"). Detailed requirements for implementation of Post-Construction Stormwater Management Plan (PCSMP) are described in the Subpart 4.E.
- Sec. 6952 "Roadway Construction Projects" – This new Section was added to include requirements for Countywide roadway construction projects to implement specific requirements for roadway construction projects in accordance with the Subpart 4.E of the new Municipal Stormwater Permit.
- Sec. 6953 "Single-Family Hillside Homes" – This new Section was added to include requirements for Countywide New Development of single-family hillside homes to implement specific requirements for single-family hillside homes in accordance with Subpart 4.E of the new Municipal Stormwater Permit.
- Sec. 6954 "State General Permit Compliance" (former Sec. 6931) – This Section was revised to reflect County requirements for verification of coverage under the State General Permit when applicable.
- Sec. 6955 "Best Management Practices" (former Sec. 6953) – This Section was revised to ensure consistency with the 2010 Municipal Stormwater Permit and clarification was added regarding compliance requirements.
- Sec. 6956 "County Storm Drain Protection" (former Sec. 6955 "Watercourse Protection") – "Watercourse" was replaced with "County Storm Drain System" to ensure consistency with the 2010 Municipal Stormwater Permit.