

**2012 UPDATE TO COUNTY OF VENTURA**  
**STORMWATER QUALITY MANAGEMENT (SWQM) ORDINANCE**  
**WORKSHOP MARCH 21, 2012**

Join us at a **Public Stakeholder Workshop from 2 – 4 pm at the Multipurpose Room at the Ventura County Hall of Administration** located at 800 S. Victoria Ave. Ventura, CA 93009 **on March 21** to review the **FIRST DRAFT** of the 2012 Update to Stormwater Quality Management Ordinance No. 4142 prior to its presentation to the County Board of Supervisors.



**WHO SHOULD ATTEND?** Any interested resident or property owner within the Ventura County Unincorporated areas; in addition, construction/ landscape contractor, architect, designer, civil engineer, business or industrial facility owner or operator conducting business or operating facility within the Ventura County Unincorporated areas.

**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 SWQM Ordinance No. 4142.

**WHY IS THE SWQM ORDINANCE UPDATED?** In July 2010, Regional Water Quality Control Board – Los Angeles Region (LARWQCB) 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 LARWQCB.



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

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