

**STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD  
CENTRAL COAST REGION**

**SUPPLEMENTAL SHEET FOR REGULAR MEETING OF May 8, 2009**

Prepared April 30, 2009

**ITEM NUMBER:** 13

**SUBJECT:** **City of Grover Beach Stormwater Management Program (SWMP); Supplemental Sheet to Provide Access to the Entire draft SWMP and to Provide Clarification of SWMP Language, Resolution Language, and Public Comments**

The following items are meant to provide additional information to the Central Coast Water Board and provide clarification. Staff does not recommend changes to the recommendation.

- 1) Attachment two in the Item 13 agenda package includes an incomplete version of the Grover Beach draft SWMP. To view a complete version, without track changes and with appendices, please reference attachment two at the following link:

[http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralcoast/board\\_info/agendas/2009/may/item\\_13/index.shtml](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralcoast/board_info/agendas/2009/may/item_13/index.shtml)

- 2) Section 5.3 in the draft SWMP discusses Meadow Creek beneficial uses. The SWMP includes all the beneficial uses, listed in the September 1994 Central Coast Water Board Basin Plan, for Meadow Creek. Section 5.3.2 challenges some of the beneficial uses for Meadow Creek. Prior to SWMP adoption, Staff wants to clarify that the City is responsible for protecting all beneficial uses designated for Meadow Creek, the waterbody to which their stormwater discharges.
- 3) Item six in staff's proposed Table of Required Revisions, in the Resolution, includes various terms to reference the hydrologic condition baseline that a project applicant must use when mimicking runoff flows. Table 1 includes clarification for understanding how staff has used these terms. These terms may have been used differently by others in comments in this staff report. Staff also recommends that we standardize the terms as described in the "clarification" column of Table 1. We recommend that other stakeholders use these terms similarly in the future.

Table 1: Hydrologic Condition Baseline Definitions

Term in Required Revisions	Definition in Required Revisions	Clarification
Pre-construction	"...condition is defined as undeveloped soil type and vegetation."	The native vegetation and soil conditions that existed prior to human influence (e.g., urbanization, agriculture, grazing, timber harvest).
		The term <b>pre-development</b> is more commonly used to describe this condition.
Pre-development	"...refers to the soil type, vegetation and amount of impervious surface existing on the site prior to the development project."	Condition immediately prior to the proposed project. The condition includes, but is not limited to, soil type, vegetation, and amount of impervious surface.
		The term <b>pre-project</b> is more commonly used to describe this condition.
Pre-project	None	Condition immediately prior to the proposed project. The condition includes, but is not limited to, soil type, vegetation, and amount of impervious surface.

4) In a letter dated April 27, 2009 (Attachment 1), Water Board staff requested the Home Builders Association provide clarification on a few issues presented in the Home Builders Association December 12, 2008 letter. In a letter dated April 30, 2009 (Attachment 2), the Home Builders Association provided the requested clarifications. The following explains the issues requiring clarification and the responses:

- a) Issue Requiring Clarification: The types of Smart Growth projects, or examples of projects under development, that the Home Builders Association would find infeasible based on proposed approval of the City's SWMP.

Home Builders Association Response: The Environmental Protection Agency identifies hindrances to achieving Smart Growth and numerous local professionals find that implementing stormwater management criteria will hinder Smart Growth, urban infill, and redevelopment. The response also provides examples of recent infill projects within the City that faced challenges when trying to comply with the City's existing stormwater management criteria.

- b) Issue Requiring Clarification: Justification for extending the deadline for interim hydromodification control criteria from one year to two years.

Home Builders Association Response: The Home Builders Association is recommending two years, or more, to allow enough time for municipalities to

research several approaches for developing interim hydromodification control criteria. The response provides some suggested milestones to help track the development of interim hydromodification control criteria.

**ATTACHMENT**

Attachment 1: April 27, 2009 Water Board letter to the Home Builders Association

Attachment 2: April 30, 2009 Home Builders Association letter to the Water Board

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