

SUBJECT: Uncontested NPDES Permits

City of Stockton and County of San Joaquin, Storm Water Discharges from Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System, San Joaquin County

The City of Stockton and the County of San Joaquin (Permittees) requested renewal of their NPDES permit to discharge storm water runoff from their Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System. The discharge consists of surface runoff generated from various land uses that discharge into storm drains, which in turn discharge to natural drainage watersheds. The major natural drainage watersheds in the Stockton Urbanized Area are Bear Creek, Mosher Slough, Five Mile Slough, Fourteen Mile Slough, the Calaveras River, Smith Canal, the Deep Water Channel, Mormon Slough, Walker Slough, Duck Creek, and Little Johns Creek, Smith Canal and Five Mile Slough. All of these water bodies discharge to the Sacramento-San Joaquin River Delta and are tidal freshwater. Federal regulations require the Permittees to develop a management program to reduce the discharge of pollutants in storm water to the Maximum Extent Practicable (MEP). The proposed Order requires the Permittees submit a Storm Water Management Plan (SWMP) that prescribes specific Best Management Practices (BMPs) and Performance Standards to be implemented. The SWMP is a comprehensive document that provides a schedule for the study of the source and effects of storm water pollution, and control measures to reduce pollutant discharge to surface waters. Regional Board staff has responded to the Permittees' comments and, where appropriate, has made revisions to the permit to address their concerns. (KAS)