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(b) The annual fees for persons issued NPDES permits shall be based on the following schedules, plus applicable surcharge(s).

(1) Each public entity that owns and/or operates a storm water conveyance system, or part of such a system, that is subject to a NPDES permit for storm water discharges from a municipal separate storm sewer system (MS4) shall pay an annual fee according to the following schedule, plus applicable surcharge(s). The fee shall be based on the population of the public entity according to the most recently published United States Census. For public entities other than cities or counties, the population figure shall be the number of people using the entity's facilities on a daily basis. Flood control districts or other special districts named as co-permittees to MS4 permits and school districts, serving students between kindergarten and fourteenth grade, shall not pay an annual fee if the city or county within whose jurisdiction the district lies, pays an annual fee.

ANNUAL FEE SCHEDULE FOR AREAWIDE MUNICIPAL STORM WATER SEWER SYSTEM PERMITS AND CO-PERMITTEES	
Population equal to or greater than 250,000	\$29,750
Population between 200,000 and 249,999	\$26,031
Population between 150,000 and 199,999	\$22,461
Population between 100,000 and 149,999	\$18,594
Population between 75,000 and 99,999	\$14,875
Population between 50,000 and 74,999	\$11,156
Population between 25,000 and 49,999	\$7,438
Population between 10,000 and 24,999	\$4,463
Population between 1,000 and 9,999	\$2,975
Less than 1,000 population	\$1,488
Statewide Permit Holders	\$119,000

(2) Any entity or entities submitting a watershed improvement plan to the Regional Board for review pursuant to Section 16102 of the Water Code shall reimburse the Regional Board for its costs⁹ to review and oversee the implementation of the plan, which shall be calculated using a rate of \$150.00 per hour.

(3)(A) Facilities that discharge storm water associated with industrial activities that are regulated by a State Board or Regional Board general NPDES storm water permit, shall pay an annual fee of \$833, plus applicable surcharge(s). An amount equal to the fee prescribed shall be submitted with the discharger's Notice of Intent (NOI) to be regulated under a general NPDES permit and will serve as the first annual fee. For the purposes of this section, an NOI is considered to be a report of waste discharge.

⁹ These costs include labor, State Board and Regional Board administrative costs, and overhead costs.

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(B) Facilities that satisfy the conditions of a State Board certified Quality Assurance Program, adopted as part of a general NPDES storm water permit or by special resolution of the State Board, may receive up to a 50 percent fee reduction.

(4)(A) Storm water discharges associated with construction activities that are regulated by a general NPDES storm water permit other than those covered under (b)(5), including those issued by a Regional Board, shall pay an annual fee of \$238 plus \$24 per acre (rounded to the nearest whole acre and dollar amount), to a maximum fee of \$2,618, plus any applicable surcharge, based on the total acreage to be disturbed during the life of the project as listed on the NOI. An amount equal to the fee prescribed shall be submitted with the discharger's NOI to be regulated under a general NPDES permit and will serve as the first annual fee. For the purposes of this section, an NOI is considered to be a report of waste discharge.

(B) Dischargers applying for the Small Construction Rainfall Erosivity Waiver of the General Permit to Discharge Storm Water Associated with Construction Activity (Order No. 2009-0009-DWQ) shall pay an application fee of \$200, plus any applicable surcharge(s).

(5) Storm water discharges associated with small linear underground and overhead construction projects, that include but are not limited to, any conveyance, pipe or pipeline for the distribution of any gaseous liquid (including water for domestic municipal services or wastewater), liquescent, or slurry substance; any cable line or wire for the transmission of electrical energy; and any cable line or wire for communications, that are regulated by a general NPDES storm water permit are subject to the following annual fees, plus applicable surcharge(s):

Tier I: \$5,950 for each region in which activities subject to the permit are conducted, or
Tier II: A fee as prescribed by (b)(4)(A), based on the area covered by the project.