

**ABOP** – Anti-freeze, batteries, oil, latex paint.

**Annual Report** – Pursuant to the NPDES MS4 permit issued by the Colorado Regional Board to the Permittees, there is a requirement that an Annual Report be filed with the Colorado Regional Board.

**APN** – Assessor's parcel number.

**Basin Plan** – Water Quality Control Plan developed by the Colorado River Basin Regional Water Quality Control Board.

**BAT [Best Available Technology]** – BAT is the technology-based standard established by Congress in CWA section 402(p)(3)(A) for industrial dischargers of storm water. Technology-based standards establish the level of pollutant reductions that dischargers must achieve, typically by treatment or by a combination of source controls and structural treatment BMPs. For example, secondary treatment (or the removal of 85% suspended solids and BOD) is the BAT for suspended solid and BOD removal from a sewage treatment plant. BAT generally emphasizes treatment methods first and pollution prevention and source control BMPs secondarily. The best economically achievable technology that will result in reasonable further progress toward the national goal of eliminating the discharge of all pollutants is determined in accordance with regulations issued by the USEPA Administrator. Factors relating to the assessment of BAT shall take into account the age of equipment and facilities involved, the process employed, the engineering aspects of the application of various types of control techniques, process changes, the cost of achieving such effluent reduction, non-water quality environmental impact (including energy requirements), and such other factors as the permitting authority deems appropriate.

**BCT [Best Conventional Technology]** – BCT is the treatment techniques, processes and procedure innovations, and operating methods that eliminate or reduce chemical, physical, and biological pollutant constituents.

**Beneficial Uses** – The uses of water necessary for the survival or well being of man, plants, and wildlife. These uses of water serve to promote the tangible and intangible economic, social, and environmental goals. “Beneficial Uses” that may be protected against include, but are not limited to: domestic, municipal, agricultural and industrial supply; power generation; recreation; aesthetic enjoyment; navigation; and preservation and enhancement of fish, wildlife, and other aquatic resources or preserves. Existing beneficial uses are uses that were attained in the surface or ground water on or after November 28, 1975; and potential beneficial uses are uses that would probably develop in future years through the implementation of various control measures. “Beneficial Uses” are equivalent to “Designated Uses” under federal law. [California Water Code Section 13050(f)]

**Biological Integrity** – Defined in Karr J.R. and D.R. Dudley. 1981. Ecological perspective on water quality goals. Environmental Management 5:55-68 as: “A diversity, and functional organization comparable to that of natural habitat of the region.” Also referred to as ecosystem health.

**BMP [Best Management Practices]** – Defined in 40 CFR 122.2 as schedules of activities, prohibitions of practices, maintenance procedures, and other management practices to prevent or reduce the pollution of Waters of the U.S. BMPs also include treatment requirements, operating procedures and practices to

control plant site runoff, spillage or leaks, sludge or waste disposal, or drainage from raw material storage. In the case of MS4 permits, BMPs are typically used in place of numeric effluent limits.

**Caltrans** – California Department of Transportation

**CAP** – Compliance Assistance Program developed and funded by the Permittees.

**CASQA** – California Association of Stormwater Quality Agencies

**CEQA** – California Environmental Quality Act (Section 21000 et seq. of the California Public Resources Code).

**Cleaning** – The removal of litter or debris that can impact Receiving Waters.

**CMP** – Consolidated Program for Water Quality Monitoring

**Conditions of Concern** – Scour, erosion (sheet, rill and/or gully), aggradation (raising of a streambed from sediment deposition), changes in fluvial geomorphology, hydrology and changes in aquatic ecosystem.

**Construction Activity Permit** –The General Construction Activity Storm Water Permit.

**Contamination** – As defined in the Porter-Cologne Water Quality Control Act, contamination is “an impairment of the quality of waters of the State by waste to a degree which creates a hazard to the public health through poisoning or through the spread of disease.” ‘Contamination’ includes any equivalent effect resulting from the disposal of waste whether or not Waters of the U.S. are affected.

**Co-Permittees** – Coachella Valley Water District (CVWD) and the Cities of Banning, Cathedral City, Coachella, Desert Hot Springs, Indian Wells, Indio, La Quinta, Palm Desert, Palm Springs and Rancho Mirage.

**County** – County of Riverside, legal entity

**CSA 152** – (County Service Area 152) -

**CVWD** - Coachella Valley Water District)

**CWA** – Federal Clean Water Act

**DAMP [Drainage Area Management Plan]** – The DAMP is a programmatic document developed for the Santa Ana and Santa Margarita Regions of Riverside County that outlines the major programs and policies collectively implemented to manage Urban Runoff in those Regions. The DAMP serves as the “Watershed Storm Water Management Plan (Watershed SWMP)” described in the SMR MS4 permit.

**DEH** – Riverside County Department of Environmental Health.

**Desert Task Force** – A Permittee staff committee to direct the development of the DAMP and direct the implementation of the overall Urban Runoff program as described in the ROWD.

**District** – Riverside County Flood Control and Water Conservation District

**E/CS** – Enforcement Compliance Strategy.

**Effluent Limitations** – Limitations on the volume of each waste discharge and the quantity and concentrations of pollutants in the discharge. The limitations are designed to ensure that the discharge does not cause water quality objectives to be exceeded in the receiving water and does not adversely affect beneficial uses. Effluent limitations are limitations of the quantity and concentrations of pollutants in a discharge. The limitations are designed to ensure that the discharge does not cause water quality objectives to be exceeded in the receiving water and does not adversely affect beneficial uses. In other words, an effluent limit is the maximum concentration of a pollutant that a discharge can contain. To meet effluent limitations, the effluent typically must undergo one or more forms of treatment to remove pollutants in order to lower the pollutant concentration below the limit. Effluent limits are typically numeric (e.g., 10 mg/l).

**ESA (Environmentally Sensitive Area)** – Areas “in which plant or animal life or their habitats are either rare or especially valuable because of their special nature or role in an ecosystem and which would easily be disturbed or degraded by human activities and developments “ (California Public Resources Code section 30107.5).

**Executive Officer** – The Executive Officer of the Regional Board

**General Permit-Construction** – General Permit for Storm Water Discharges Associated with Construction Activity; State Board Order No. 99-08 DWQ (NPDES No. CAS000002).

**General Permit-Industrial** – General Permit for Storm Water Discharges Associated with Industrial Activities; State Board Order No. 97-03 DWQ (NPDES No. CAS000001)

**General Storm Water Permits** – General Permit-Industrial and General Permit-Construction.

**GIS** – Geographical Information Systems.

**Hazardous Material** – Any substance that poses a threat to human health or the environment due to its toxicity, corrosiveness, ignitability, explosive nature or chemical reactivity. These also include materials named by the USEPA to be reported if a designated quantity of the material is spilled into the Waters of the U.S. or emitted into the environment.

**HAZMAT** – Hazardous materials.

**HHW** – Household hazardous waste.

**IC/ID** – Illicit Connection/Illegal Discharge

**Illegal Discharge** – Illegal discharge means any disposal, either intentionally or unintentionally, of material or waste to land or MS4s that can pollute storm water or create a nuisance. The term illegal discharge includes any discharge to the MS4 that is not composed entirely of storm water, except discharges pursuant to an NPDES permit, discharges that are identified as not prohibited in the Third-term MS4 Permit, and discharges authorized by the Executive Officer.

**Illicit Connection** – Illicit Connection means any connection to the MS4 that is prohibited under local, state, or federal statutes, ordinances, codes, or regulations. The term illicit connection includes all non storm-water discharges and connections except discharges pursuant to an NPDES permit, discharges that are identified in the Discharge Limitations/Prohibitions of the Third-term MS4 Permit, and discharges authorized by the Executive Officer.

**Impaired Waterbody** – Section 303(b) of the CWA requires each of California’s Regional Water Quality Control Boards to routinely monitor and assess the quality of waters of their respective regions. If this assessment indicates that beneficial uses are not met, then that waterbody must be listed under Section 303(d) of the CWA as an impaired waterbody.

**Implementation Agreement** – NPDES Storm Water Discharge Permit – Implementation Agreement by and among the Permittees. The purpose of the Implementation Agreement is to set forth the responsibilities of the Principal Permittee and the Co-Permittees and to provide for funding of “umbrella” activities.

**Impressions** – The most common measure is "gross impressions" that includes repetitions. This means if the same person sees an advertisement or hears a radio or sees a TV advertisement a thousand times, that will be counted as 1000 impressions. There are independent auditing agencies (e.g., Nielsen Rating) that perform this task and provide you with the numbers. In most cases, when you buy an advertisement in any media, they will provide you this number.

**LA** – Load allocations

**Land Disturbance** – The clearing, grading, excavation, stockpiling, or other construction activity that results in the possible mobilization of soils or other pollutants into MS4s. This specifically does not include routine maintenance activity to maintain the original line and grade, hydraulic capacity, or original purpose of the facility. This also does not include emergency construction activities required to protect public health and safety. The Permittees should first confirm with Regional Board staff if they believe that a particular routine maintenance activity is exempt under this definition from any General Storm Water Permit or other Orders issued by this Regional Board.

**MEP [Maximum Extent Practicable]** – There is no statutory or regulatory definition for MEP. The CWA section 402(p)(3)(B)(iii) requires that MS4 permits “shall require controls to reduce the discharge of pollutants to the MEP, including management practices, control techniques and system, design and engineering methods, and such other provisions as the Administrator or the State determines appropriate for the control of such pollutants...” However, there have been several interpretations that have been provided including:

1. MEP means that when considering and choosing BMPs to address an identified pollution problem, the municipality is to consider the following: technical feasibility, effectiveness, compliance with regulatory standards, cost, and public acceptance. The BMP chosen must achieve greater or substantially the same pollution control benefit as identified in the manuals developed by the California Storm Water Quality Task Force (Proposed by Permittees).

2. MEP means to the maximum extent feasible, taking into account considerations of synergistic, additive, and competing factors, including but not limited to, gravity of the problem, technical feasibility fiscal feasibility, public health risks, societal concerns, and social benefits. (Order R8-2001-10 Orange County MS4 Permit)

3. MEP is the technology-based standard established by Congress in CWA Section 402(p)(3)(B)(iii) that municipal dischargers of storm water (MS4s) must meet. Technology-based standards establish the level of pollutant reductions that dischargers must achieve, typically by treatment or by a combination of treatment and BMPs. MEP generally emphasizes pollution prevention and source control BMPs primarily (as the first line of defense) in combination with treatment methods serving as a backup (additional line of defense). MEP considers economics and is generally, but not necessarily, less stringent than BAT. A definition for MEP is not provided either in the statute or in the regulations. Instead the definition of MEP is dynamic and will be defined by the following process over time: municipalities propose their definition of MEP by way of their Water Quality Management Plan. Their total collective and individual activities conducted pursuant to the Water Quality Management Plan becomes their proposal for MEP as it applies both to their overall effort, as well as to specific activities (e.g., MEP for street sweeping, or MEP for municipal separate storm sewer system maintenance). In the absence of a proposal acceptable to the Regional Board, the Regional Board defines MEP.

4. In a memo dated February 11, 1993, entitled "Definition of Maximum Extent Practicable," Elizabeth Jennings, Senior Staff Counsel of the State Board addressed the achievement of the MEP standard as follows: "To achieve the MEP standard, municipalities must employ whatever Best Management Practices (BMPs) are technically feasible (i.e., are likely to be effective) and are not cost prohibitive. The major emphasis is on technical feasibility. Reducing pollutants to the MEP means choosing effective BMPs, and rejecting applicable BMPs only where other effective BMPs will serve the same purpose, or the BMPs would not be technically feasible, or the cost would be prohibitive. In selecting BMPs to achieve the MEP standard, the following factors may be useful to consider:

*a. Effectiveness: Will the BMPs address a pollutant (or pollutant source) of concern*

*b. Regulatory Compliance: Is the BMP in compliance with storm water regulations as well as other environmental regulations?*

*c. Public Acceptance: Does the BMP have public support?*

*d. Cost: Will the cost of implementing the BMP have a reasonable relationship to the pollution control benefits to be achieved?*

*e. Technical Feasibility: Is the BMP technically feasible considering soils, geography, water resources, etc?*

The final determination regarding whether a municipality has reduced pollutants to the maximum extent practicable can only be made by the Regional Board or State Board, and not by the municipal discharger. If a municipality reviews a lengthy menu of BMPs and chooses to select only a few of the least expensive,

it is likely that MEP has not been met. On the other hand, if a municipal discharger employs all applicable BMPs except those where it can show that they are not technically feasible in the locality, or whose cost would exceed any benefit derived, it would have met the standard. Where a choice may be made between two BMPs that should provide generally comparable effectiveness, the discharger may choose the least expensive alternative and exclude the more expensive BMP. However, it would not be acceptable either to reject all BMPs that would address a pollutant source, or to pick a BMP base solely on cost, which would be clearly less effective. In selecting BMPs the municipality must make a serious attempt to comply and practical solutions may not be lightly rejected. In any case, the burden would be on the municipal discharger to show compliance with its permit. After selecting a menu of BMPs, it is the responsibility of the discharger to ensure that all BMPs are implemented.”

**MS4 – [Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System]** – An MS4 is a conveyance or system of conveyances (including roads with drainage systems, municipal streets, catch basins, curbs, gutters, ditches, natural drainage features or channels, modified natural channels, man-made channels, or storm drains): (i) Owned or operated by a State, city town, borough, county, parish, district, association, or other public body (created by or pursuant to State law) having jurisdiction over disposal of sewage, industrial wastes, storm water, or other wastes, including special districts under State law such as a sewer district, flood control district or drainage district, or similar entity, or an Indian tribe or an authorized Indian tribal organization, or designated and approved management agency under section 208 of the CWA that discharges to Waters of the U.S.; (ii) Designated or used for collecting or conveying storm water; (iii) Which is not a combined sewer; (iv) Which is not part of the POTW as defined at 40 CFR 122.2. Historic and current developments make use of natural drainage patterns and features as conveyances for urban runoff. Urban streams used in this manner are part of the municipalities MS4 regardless of whether they are natural, man-made, or partially modified features. In these cases, the urban stream is both an MS4 and a Receiving Water.

**New Development** – construction on a previously undisturbed parcel. \_New developments do not include routine maintenance to maintain original line and grade, hydraulic capacity, or original purpose of a facility, nor do they include emergency new developments required to protect public health and safety. Dischargers should confirm with Regional Board staff whether or not a particular routine maintenance activity is subject to the Third-term MS4 Permit.

**NOI [Notice of Intent]** – A NOI is an application for coverage under either General Storm Water Permits.

**Non-Point Source** – Non-point source refers to diffuse, widespread sources of pollution. These sources may be large or small, but are generally numerous throughout a watershed. Non-point sources, include but are not limited to urban, agricultural or industrial area, roads, highways, construction sites, communities served by septic systems, recreational boating activities, timber harvesting, mining, livestock grazing, as well as physical changes to stream channels, and habitat degradation. Non-point source pollution can occur year round any time rainfall, snowmelt, irrigation, or any other source of water runs over land or through the ground, picks up pollutants from these numerous, diffuse sources and deposits them into rivers, lakes and coastal waters or introduces them into ground water.

**Non-Storm Water** – Non-storm water consists of all discharges to and from a storm water conveyance system that do not originate from precipitation events (i.e., all discharges from a conveyance system other

than storm water). Non-storm water includes illicit discharges, non-prohibited discharges and NPDES permitted discharges. An illicit discharge is defined at 40 CFR 122.26(b)(2) as any discharge to a MS4 that is not composed entirely of storm water except discharges pursuant to a separate NPDES permit and discharges resulting from emergency fire fighting activities.

**NPDES [National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System]** – Permits issued under Section 402(p) of the CWA for regulating discharge of pollutants to Waters of the U.S.

**Nuisance** – As defined in the Porter-Cologne Water Quality Control Act a nuisance is “anything which meets all of the following requirements: 1) Is injurious to health, or is indecent, or offensive to the senses, or an obstruction to the free use of property, so as to interfere with the comfortable enjoyment of life or property. 2) Affects at the same time an entire community or neighborhood, or any considerable number of persons, although the extent of the annoyance or damage inflicted upon individuals may be unequal. 3) Occurs during, or as a result of, the treatment or disposal of wastes.”

**Numeric Effluent Limitations** – A method by which "effluent limitations," see above, are prescribed for pollutants in waste discharge requirements using concentration based criteria to implement the federal NPDES regulations. When numeric effluent limits are met at the “end-of-pipe,” the effluent discharge generally will not cause water quality standards to be exceeded in the receiving waters (i.e., water quality standards will also be met).

**OES** – Office of Emergency Services

**Permit Area** – The Whitewater River Region.

**Permittees** – Co-Permittees and the Principal Permittees.

**Person or Party** – A person is defined as an individual, association, partnership, corporation, municipality, State or Federal agency, or an agent or employee thereof. [40 CFR 122.2].

**Point Source** – Any discernible, confined, and discrete conveyance, including, but not limited to, any pipe, ditch, channel, tunnel, conduit, well, discrete fissure, container, rolling stock, concentrated animal feeding operations, landfill leachate collection systems, vessel, or other floating craft from which pollutants are or may be discharged.

**Pollutant** – A pollutant is broadly defined as any agent that may cause or contribute to the degradation of water quality such that a condition of pollution or contamination is created or aggravated.

**Pollutants of Concern** – A list of potential pollutants to be analyzed for in the Monitoring and Reporting Program. This list shall include: TSS, total inorganic nitrogen, total phosphorus, soluble reactive phosphorus, acute toxicity, fecal coliform, total coliform, pH, and chemicals/potential pollutants expected to be present on the project site. In developing this list, consideration should be given to the chemicals and potential pollutants available for storm water to pick-up or transport to Receiving Waters, all pollutants for which a waterbody within the Permit Area that has been listed as impaired under CWA Section 303(d)), the category of development and the type of pollutants associated with that development category.

**Pollution** – As defined in the Porter-Cologne Water Quality Control Act, pollution is the alteration of the quality of the Waters of the U.S. by waste, to a degree that unreasonably affects either of the following: A) the waters for beneficial uses; or 2) facilities that serve these beneficial uses. Pollution may include contamination.

**Pollution Prevention** – Pollution prevention is defined as practices and processes that reduce or eliminate the generation of pollutants, in contrast to source control, treatment, or disposal.

**Post-Construction BMPs** – A subset of BMPs including source control and structural treatment BMPs which detain, retain, filter or educate to prevent the release of pollutants to surface waters during the final functional life of development.

**POTW** – Publicly owned treatment works

**Principal Permittees** – Riverside County Flood Control and Water Conservation District and the County of Riverside.

**Rainy Season** – Not defined for the Whitewater River Region.

**RCWMD** – Riverside County Waste Management Department

**Receiving Water(s)** – (1) The Waters of the U.S. that includes surface *and ground waters*. (2) The receiving waters within the Whitewater River Region.

**Receiving Water Limitations** – Receiving Water Limitations are requirements included in the Third-term MS4 Permit issued by the Regional Board to assure that the regulated discharges do not violate water quality standards established in the Basin Plan at the point of discharge to Waters of the U.S. Receiving Water Limitations are used to implement the requirement of CWA section 301(b)(1)(C) that NPDES permits must include any more stringent limitations necessary to meet water quality standards.

**Receiving Water Quality Objectives** – Water quality objectives specified in the Basin Plan for Receiving Waters.

**Redevelopment Project** - A project where major modifications to an existing site or structure requiring a permit issued by a Co-Permittee are undertaken. Routine maintenance, interior remodeling, re-roofing, and parking lot maintenance are not included. A redevelopment project is not to be confused with the projects undertaken by a Redevelopment Agency.

**Regional Board** – California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Colorado River Basin

**Riverside County** – Territory within the geographical boundaries of the County.

**ROWD** – Report of Waste Discharge

**Santa Ana Region (SAR)** - The portion of the Santa Ana River watershed that is within the County of Riverside and identified in Appendix 1 of the 2002 MS4 Permit as "Urban Area" and those portions of

"Agriculture" and "Open Space" that do convert to industrial, commercial, or residential use during the term of the 2002 MS4 Permit.

**Santa Margarita Region (SMR)** – The Portion of the Santa Margarita River watershed that is within the County of Riverside.

**Sediment** – Soil, sand, and minerals washed from land into water. Sediment resulting from anthropogenic sources (i.e. human induced land disturbance activities) is considered a pollutant. The 2002 MS4 Permit regulates only the discharges of sediment from anthropogenic sources and does not regulate naturally occurring sources of sediment. Sediment can destroy fish-nesting areas, clog animal habitats, and cloud waters so that sunlight does not reach aquatic plants.

**SIC** – Standard Industrial Classification

**Source Control BMPs** – In general, activities or programs to educate the public or provide low cost non-physical solutions, as well as facility design or practices aimed to limit the contact between pollutant sources and storm water or authorized non-storm water. Examples include: activity schedules, prohibitions of practices, street sweeping, facility maintenance, detection and elimination of illicit connections and illegal dumping, and other non-structural measures. Facility design examples include providing attached lids to trash containers, or roof or awning over material and trash storage areas to prevent direct contact between water and pollutants. Additional examples are provided in Section 4 of Supplement A to the DAMP dated April 1996.

**SSMP** – Sewer System Management Plan

**SSO** – Sanitary sewer overflow

**Storm Water Management Plan (SWMP)** – Document describing those activities and programs implemented by the Permittees to manage Urban Runoff to comply with the requirements of the Third-term NPDES MS4 Permit for the Whitewater River Region.

**StormWater/CleanWater Protection Program (SW/CWPP)** – Riverside County urban runoff quality public education program.

**SWPPP** – Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan

**SWRCB** – State Water Resources Control Board

**Storm Water** – Runoff from urban, open space, and agricultural areas consisting only of those discharges that originates from precipitation events. Storm Water is that portion of precipitation that flows across a surface to the MS4 or receiving waters. Examples of this phenomenon include: the water that flows off a building's roof when it rains (runoff from an impervious surface); the water that flows into streams when snow on the ground begins to melt (runoff from a semi-pervious surface); and the water that flows from a vegetated surface when rainfall is in excess of the rate at which it can infiltrate into the underlying soil (runoff from a pervious surface). During precipitation events in urban areas, rain water picks up and transports pollutants through storm water conveyance systems, and ultimately to Waters of the U.S.

**Storm Water Ordinance** – The Storm Water/Urban Runoff Management and Discharge Control Ordinances and ordinances addressing grading and erosion control adopted by each of the Co-Permittees

**Structural BMPs** – Physical facilities or controls which may include secondary containment, treatment measures, (e.g. first flush diversion, detention/retention basins, and oil/grease separators), run-off controls (e.g., grass swales, infiltration trenches/basins, etc.), and engineering and design modification of existing structures. Additional examples are provided in Section 4 of Supplement A.

**Subdivision Map Act** – Section 65000 et seq. of the California Government Code

**Supplement A** – Supplement A to the DAMP that is entitled "New Development Guidelines" and the attachment thereto entitled "Selection and Design of Storm Water Quality Controls."

**SUSMP** – Standard Urban Stormwater Mitigation Plan (see WQMP).

**SWPPP** – Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan

**TDS** – Total dissolved solids.

**Third-term MS4 Permits** – Referring to both the Third-term Santa Ana, Santa Margarita and Whitewater River Region MS4 Permits.

**TMDL [Total Maximum Daily Load]** – TMDL is the maximum amount of a pollutant that can be discharged into a water body from all sources (point and non-point) and still maintain water quality standards. Under CWA Section 303(d), TMDLs must be developed for all water bodies that do not meet water quality standards after application of technology-based controls.

**TMLA** – Riverside County Transportation and Land Management Agency.

**Toxicity** – Adverse responses of organisms to chemicals or physical agents ranging from mortality to physiological responses such as impaired reproduction or growth anomalies.

**TSS** – Total suspended solids.

**Uncontaminated Pumped Groundwater** – Groundwater that meets the surface water quality objectives specified in the Basin Plan to which it is proposed to be discharged.

**Urban Runoff** – Urban Runoff includes those discharges from residential, commercial, industrial, and construction areas within the Permit Area and excludes discharges from feedlots, dairies, farms, and open space. Urban Runoff discharges consist of storm water and non-storm water surface runoff from drainage sub-areas with various, often mixed, land uses within all of the hydrologic drainage areas that discharge into the Waters of the U. S. In addition to Urban Runoff, the MS4s regulated by the Third-term MS4 Permit receive flows from agricultural activities, open space, state and federal properties and other non-urban land uses not under the control of the Permittees. The quality of the discharges from the MS4s varies considerably and is affected by, among other things, past and present land use activities, basin hydrology, geography and geology, season, the frequency and duration of storm events, and the presence of past or present illegal and allowed disposal practices and illicit connections. The Permittees lack legal

jurisdiction over storm water discharges into their respective MS4s from agricultural activities, California and federal facilities, utilities and special districts, Native American tribal lands, wastewater management agencies and other point and non-point source discharges otherwise permitted by or under the jurisdiction of the Regional Board. The Regional Board recognizes that the Permittees should not be held responsible for such facilities and/or discharges. Similarly, certain activities that generate pollutants present in Urban Runoff are beyond the ability of the Permittees to eliminate. Examples of these include operation of internal combustion engines, atmospheric deposition, brake pad wear, tire wear, residues from lawful application of pesticides, nutrient runoff from agricultural activities, and leaching of naturally occurring minerals from local geography.

**USEPA** – United States Environmental Protection Agency

**Waste** – As defined in Water Code Section 13050(d), “waste includes sewage and any and all other waste substances, liquid, solid, gaseous, or radioactive, associated with human habitation, or of human or animal origin, or from any producing, manufacturing, or processing operation, including waste placed within containers of whatever nature prior to, and for purposes of, disposal.” Article 2 of CCR Title 23, Chapter 15 (Chapter 15) contains a waste classification system that applies to solid and semi-solid waste that cannot be discharged directly or indirectly to waters of the state and which therefore must be discharged to land for treatment, storage, or disposal in accordance with Chapter 15. There are four classifications of waste (listed in order of highest to lowest threat to water quality): hazardous waste, designated waste, non-hazardous solid waste, and inert waste.

**Waste Discharge Requirements** – As defined in Section 13374 of the California Water Code, the term “waste discharge requirements” is the equivalent of the term “permits” as used in the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, as amended. The Regional Board usually reserves reference to the term “permit” to Waste Discharge Requirements for discharges to surface Waters of the U.S.

**Water Code** – California Water Code

**Waters of the U.S.** – Waters of the U.S. can be broadly defined as navigable surface waters and all tributary surface waters to navigable surface waters. Groundwater is not considered to be a Waters of the U.S. As defined in 40 CFR 122.2, the Waters of the U.S. are defined as: (a) All waters, which are currently used, were used in the past, or may be susceptible to use in interstate or foreign commerce, including all waters which are subject to the ebb and flow of the tide; (b) All interstate waters, including interstate “wetlands;” (c) All other waters such as intrastate lakes, rivers, streams (including intermittent streams), mudflats, sandflats, “wetlands,” sloughs, prairie potholes, wet meadows, playa lakes, or natural ponds the use, degradation or destruction of which would affect or could affect interstate or foreign commerce including any such waters: (1) Which are or could be used by interstate or foreign travelers for recreational or other purposes; (2) From which fish or shellfish are or could be taken and sold in interstate or foreign commerce; or (3) Which are used or could be used for industrial purposes by industries in interstate commerce; (d) All impoundments of waters otherwise defined as Waters of the U.S. under this definition; (e) Tributaries of waters identified in paragraphs (a) through (d) of this definition; (f) The territorial seas; and (g) “Wetlands” adjacent to waters (other than waters that are themselves wetlands) identified in paragraphs (a) through (f) of this definition. Waters of the U.S. do not include prior converted cropland. Notwithstanding the determination of an area’s status as prior converted cropland by

any other federal agency, for the purposes of the CWA, the final authority regarding CWA jurisdiction remains with the USEPA.

**Water Quality Objectives** – Numerical or narrative limits on constituents or characteristics of water designated to protect designated beneficial uses of the water [California Water Code Section 13050 (h)]. The Regional Boards establish California’s water quality objectives in the Water Quality Control Plans. As stated in the Porter-Cologne requirements for discharge (CWC 13263): "(Waste discharge) requirements shall implement any relevant water quality control plans that have been adopted, and shall take into consideration the beneficial uses to be protected, the water objectives reasonably required for that purpose, other waste discharges, the need to prevent nuisance, and the provisions of Section 13241." Numeric or narrative limits for pollutants or characteristics of water designed to protect the beneficial uses of the water. In other words, a water quality objective is the maximum concentration of a pollutant that can exist in a Receiving Water and still generally ensure that the beneficial uses of the Receiving Water remain protected (i.e., not impaired). Since water quality objectives are designed specifically to protect the beneficial uses, when the objectives are violated the beneficial uses are, by definition, no longer protected and become impaired. This is a fundamental concept under the Porter Cologne Act. Equally fundamental is Porter Cologne’s definition of pollution. A condition of pollution exists when the water quality needed to support designated beneficial uses has become unreasonably affected or impaired; in other words, when the water quality objectives have been violated. These underlying definitions (regarding beneficial use protection) are the reason why all waste discharge requirements implementing the federal NPDES regulations require compliance with water quality objectives. (Water quality objectives are also called water quality criteria in the CWA.)

**Water Quality Standards** – are defined as the water quality goals of a waterbody (or a portion of the waterbody) designating beneficial uses (e.g., swimming, fishing, municipal drinking water supply, etc.) to be made of the water and the water quality objectives or criteria necessary to protect those uses.

**Watershed** – That geographical area which drains to a specified point on a watercourse, usually a confluence of streams or rivers (also known as drainage area, catchments, or river basin).

**Watershed Storm Water Management Plan (Watershed SWMP)** – The Riverside County DAMP as referenced in the Third-term SMR MS4 Permit.

**WDID** – Waste discharger identification number.

**Whitewater River Region** - The urbanized area of the Whitewater River watershed under the jurisdiction of the Permittees.

**Whitewater River Watershed Benefit Assessment Area (WWBAA)** - the District’s funding source for MS4 Permit compliance program activities. The WWBAA covers the northwesterly portion of the watershed including County and city jurisdictions that lie within the District’s service area. WWBAA revenues fund both area-wide MS4 program and the District’s individual MS4 Permit compliance activities.

**WLA** – Waste load allocations