

Storm Water Program Fact Sheet

Fiscal Year (FY) 19/20

Overview of the Storm Water Program

The Storm Water Program implements National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permits to regulate the discharge of pollutants in storm water to waters of the US. The program is divided into three main areas of activity: construction (including Caltrans projects), industrial, and municipal. The permits require implementation of best management practices (BMPs) and other program elements and controls to minimize the discharge of pollutants, and require visual and chemical monitoring. Board staff review monitoring and other program reports, conduct compliance inspections and audits, and initiate enforcement activities as needed.

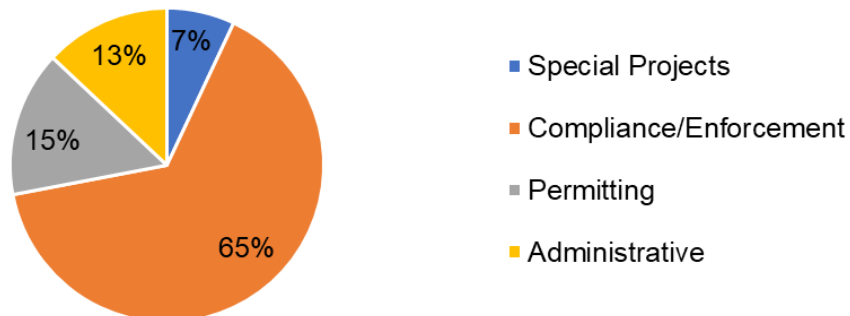
Program Goals

The goal of the Storm Water Program is to prevent discharges of pollutants in storm water and non-storm water running off of construction, industrial, and municipal areas. Pollutants frequently associated with storm water discharges include: sediment, petroleum products, pesticides/herbicides, metals, bacteria, trash and other debris. Program staff review individual projects, make site-specific recommendations and ensure compliance with pertinent regulations and policies through inspections and enforcement. Staff pursue water quality protection at construction and industrial sites through a strong field presence and through the review of reports and monitoring data. For municipal separate storm sewer system permittees, Board staff ensure approved management plans are being implemented and are effective.

Resources

The Central Valley Water Board has 12 PYs to implement the program. These resources are allocated as shown below.

Program Resources Distribution



FY 18/19 Accomplishments

- Maintained a strong field presence and conducted 394 Construction inspections, 212 Industrial inspections, and 8 Municipal inspections/audits.
- Transitioned regulation of East Contra Costa County permittees to the San Francisco Bay Water Board.
- Worked with MS4 permittees on development of Storm Water Management Plan elements.
- Implemented program improvements recommended by a State Audit of the MS4 program.
- Participated in a multi-agency cleanup of trash in Steelhead Creek.
- Responded to wildfires and supported implementation of sediment and erosion control measures and water quality monitoring and assessment efforts.
- Reviewed and permitted plans for fire recovery and Oroville Dam spillway reconstruction.

Priority Projects FY 19/20

- Maintain a strong field presence and conduct at least 385 Construction inspections, 195 Industrial inspections, and increase numbers of Municipal inspections/audits.
- Develop strategy for prioritization of cases for enforcement actions.
- Support reissuance of State Water Board general permits by participating in working groups, providing example language, and reviewing draft documents.
- Continue working with MS4 permittees on development of Storm Water Management Plan elements.
- Review and approve plans for capture of municipal trash, and pursue development of strategy to promote watershed-level trash cleanups.
- Provide opportunities for staff training and development, especially for new program staff.