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

(1)(A) 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 dischargers from a municipal separate storm sewer system (MS4) shall pay an annual fee according to the following schedule. The fee shall be based on the population of the public entity according to the most recently published United States Census. Public entities other than cities or counties (Non-Traditional Small MS4s¹⁸), shall pay an annual fee according to the following schedule, based on the average daily population¹⁹ using the entities' facilities, unless otherwise provided in the schedule. 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 oversees the district's storm water compliance and pays an annual fee.

ANNUAL FEE SCHEDULE FOR AREAWIDE MUNICIPAL STORM WATER SEWER SYSTEM PERMITS AND CO-PERMITTEES

Population	Fee
Equal to or greater than 250,000	\$59,938
200,000 to 249,999	\$52,445
150,000 to 199,999	\$45,252
100,000 to 149,999	\$37,463
75,000 to 99,999	\$29,969
50,000 to 74,999	\$22,475
25,000 to 49,999	\$14,984
10,000 to 24,999	\$8,992
1,000 to 9,999	\$5,994
Less than 1,000 population	\$2,998
Statewide Permit Holders	\$239,749
High Speed Rail Authority	\$140,576

(B) Dischargers applying for the Small MS4 Waiver of a General Permit to Discharge Storm Water Associated with Small Municipal Activity issued by the state board shall pay an application fee of \$200.

¹⁸ Non-Traditional Small MS4s are facilities that have systems similar to separate storm sewer systems in municipalities, such as systems at military bases, large hospital or prison complexes, and highways and other thoroughfares. (40 C.F.R. § 122.26(b)(16)(iii)).

¹⁹ Total daily population must include resident and commuter populations. For public entities other than cities or counties, total daily population must include resident population and non-residents regularly employed in the areas served by the public entity.

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(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 costs²⁰

to review and oversee the implementation of the plan, which shall be calculated using a rate of \$150.00 per hour.

(3) 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 \$1,474. 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.

(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 \$421 plus \$44 per acre (rounded to the nearest whole acre and dollar amount), to a maximum fee of \$7,021, 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 a General Permit to Discharge Storm Water Associated with Construction Activity issued by the state board shall pay an application fee of \$200.

Section 2200.5. No Exposure Certification.

Dischargers filing an application for a No Exposure Certification (NEC) shall pay a fee of \$150 for each facility for which an application is submitted, as prescribed in a general industrial storm water permit. The fee shall be paid each time an application for initial certification or renewal of certification is submitted. NEC fees are not subject to any surcharges.

Note: Authority cited: Sections 185 and 1058 of the Water Code. Reference: Sections 13260 and 13260.2 of the Water Code.

²⁰ These costs include labor, state board and regional board administrative costs, and overhead costs.