Construction Storm Water Update: Discussion of Erosion Control Issues

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Construction Storm Water Program Overview

Successful

- Permit Based
 - Clear Requirements
- Risk-Based

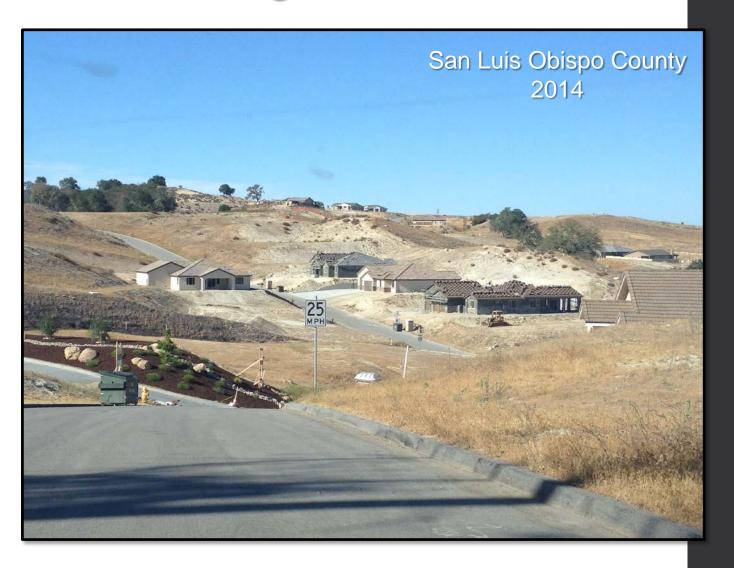
Electronic Tracking



Construction Storm Water Program Overview

- Site Specific Plans
- InteragencyCoordination

Prioritized Approach



Construction Storm Water Program Central Coast Region

- Central Coast Construction Team
 - Senior Engineering Geologist
 - Professional Geologist
 - Environmental Scientists
 - Scientific Aid
- Certification / Training
 - Site Specific Plans



Construction Projects - Central Coast Region

- 667 projects
- 500 acres of active construction

300 projectsbetween 1 and 2acres



Erosion and Sedimentation



Risk Determination

Determining Factors

- 1. Potential Sediment Risk
- 2. Receiving Water Risk

Risk

Level 3

Level 2

Level 1

Potential Threat to Water Quality

1. Potential Sediment Risk

Revised Universal Soil Loss Equation (RUSLE)

Factors

- R = Rainfall-runoff Erosivity
- K = Soil Erodibility

• <u>LS</u> =	Length-s	lope
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Potential	Soil	Loss
tons	/acre	!

High	≥ 75
Medium	≥ 15 and < 75
Low	< 15

2. Receiving Water Risk

- High or Low
- Sediment-sensitive waterbody
- Aquatic Habitat Beneficial Uses

Sediment Risk Low Medium High Receiving Water Low Risk High Level 2 Level 2 Level 3

Successful Program Implementation

Critical Elements

- Permit Based Clear Requirements
- Electronic Tracking
- Interagency Coordination
- Inspections
- Enforcement

Best Management

Practices

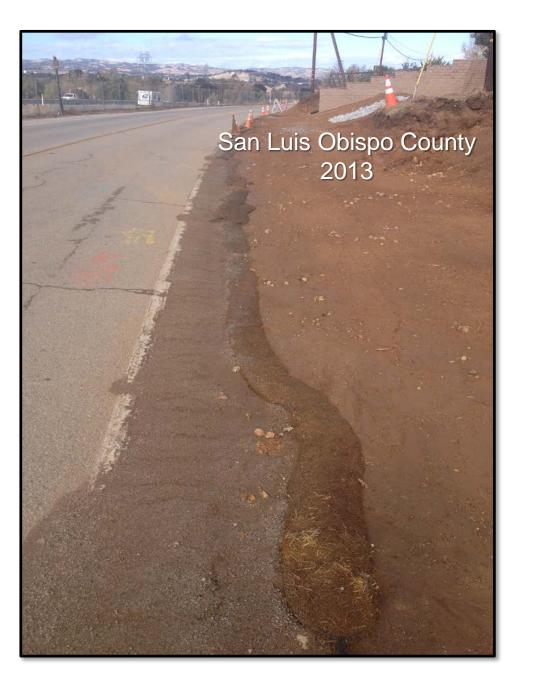


Best Management



Non-Compliance





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Conclusion

- Successful Program
- Prevention of Erosion and Sedimentation
- Surface Water Discharges Rare
- Effective Enforcement
- Water Quality Protection