

California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Diego Region

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San Diego County Municipal Storm Water Copermittees

Subject: Postponement of the Effective Date of the *Model Best Management Practice (BMP) Design Manual for the San Diego Region*

On November 18, 2015, the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Diego Region (San Diego Water Board) adopted Order No. R9-2015-0100, *An Order Amending Order No. R9-2013-0001, NPDES No. CAS010266, as amended by Order No. R9-2015-0001, National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit and Waste Discharge Requirements for Discharges from the Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems (MS4s) Draining the Watersheds within the San Diego Region*. As a result of the changes made to Order No. R9-2013-0001 (Order), the San Diego County Municipal Storm Water Copermittees (Copermittees) must revise its *Model BMP Design Manual for the San Diego Region, dated June 2015* (Model BMP Design Manual) as soon as possible but no later than 90 days after the date of the Board's action. Pursuant to the amended Order, the required date for incorporating the necessary revisions into the Model BMP Design Manual and Copermittee development planning programs and making those revisions effective is changed from December 24, 2015, to no later than February 16, 2016.

Provisions E.3.a-d of the Order pertain to the definition of Priority Development Projects and its implementation. These provisions provide that Priority Development Projects are land development and redevelopment projects that meet minimum square footage thresholds for impervious surfaces, in combination with certain land-use designations. Priority Development Projects are required to implement numerically-sized permanent, post-construction pollutant control and hydromodification management (flow control) BMPs in order to mitigate their impacts on receiving water quality. In adopting Order No. R9-2015-0100, the San Diego Water Board made corrections to the definition of Priority Development Projects to make it fully consistent with the Board's prior MS4 permits for Riverside County and Orange County Copermittees.

The Model BMP Design Manual was developed collectively by the Copermittees for the purpose of implementing the land development requirements of the Order. The Order provides that each Copermittee must adopt the elements of the Model BMP Design Manual into their local ordinances and storm water management programs. Because the definition of Priority Development Projects is revised in the amended Order, both the Model BMP Design Manual

and Copermittee development planning programs must likewise be modified to incorporate the revised definition of Priority Development Projects no later than February 16, 2016. The necessary corrections to the Priority Development Project definition can be found in the amended Order on the San Diego Water Board's website at:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/sandiego/water_issues/programs/stormwater/index.shtml

In summary the Copermittees must update both the Model BMP Design Manual and the Copermittee development planning programs to include the revised Priority Development Project definition. The required effective date of the revised Model BMP Design Manual is changed from December 24, 2015, to no later than February 16, 2016. The Copermittees must also submit the revised Model BMP Design Manual to the San Diego Water Board no later than February 16, 2016.

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Should you have any questions or comments on this matter, please contact Christina Arias by phone at (619) 521-3361 or by e-mail at Christina.Arias@waterboards.ca.gov.

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