

The Caltrans NPDES Permit issued by the State Water Resources Control Board encourages Caltrans to partner with local municipalities and to provide funding for regional water quality treatment facilities in TMDL watersheds in which Caltrans is identified as a responsible party, or in significant trash generating areas. Caltrans receives Waste Load Reduction Credit and/or Trash Credit for financial contributions to local municipalities to facilitate mutually beneficial regulatory compliance objectives.



For questions regarding either of these programs, contact the Caltrans NPDES Coordinator for the Caltrans District in which the project is located or

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Caltrans & Local MS4 Partnership Opportunities for Stormwater Treatment Projects



CALTRANS HAS TWO FUNDING REIMBURSEMENT PROGRAMS

Cooperative Implementation Agreement (CIA)

CIA's provide capital and support funding for planning, design, environmental studies, right of way acquisition (easement only) and construction of stormwater treatment facilities. Treatment of runoff from Caltrans right of way (ROW) is required. This program does not have a dedicated funding source. The amount of funds are limited and vary from year to year. Regional Water Board approval of the proposed project is required. Submit project details* to the appropriate Watershed Manager. Projects under consideration are prioritized and funded accordingly. The encumbered funds on the projects must be used by the third fiscal year.



Financial Contribution Only (FCO)

FCOs provide funding for capital construction costs (labor and materials) only of stormwater treatment facilities. Treatment of runoff from Caltrans ROW must be included. Basic project details (brief project scope, location, tentative schedule and estimate) must be submitted to the District NPDES Coordinator by May 1 of even years to reserve funds. Additional details of the project* must be submitted by March 1 or earlier of odd years for Caltrans to develop a Project Initiation Report. Projects will be prioritized and if approved, funds are typically available within two years. Exceptions to the dates noted may be granted for high priority projects. Project plans and specifications, environmental document and permits, ROW acquisition, contract advertisement, award, and administration is the responsibility of the local municipality. Regional Water Board approval is not required unless non-Caltrans approved BMPs are proposed.

Projects not selected remain eligible for funding in following years.

For projects with multiple components (e.g., flood control, etc.), only components directly related to construction of the BMPs or restoration of areas disturbed by construction of the BMPs are eligible.

Maintenance and operation costs under each program must be solely borne by the local MS4.

** Information required to be submitted for project consideration:*

1. **Waterbody reach the project is located in and where on the Reach Prioritization Inventory List it lands**

The list is available on the Caltrans Stormwater Program website under "Tools": www.dot.ca.gov/env/stormwater

2. **ASBS Pollutant categories treated (for ASBS, TMDLs) or Trash (for Trash Provisions)**

1) Sediment/Nutrients/Mercury/Siltation/Turbidity; 2) Metals/Toxics/Pesticides; 3) Trash; 4) Bacteria; 5) Diazinon; 6) Selenium; 7) Temperature; 8) Chloride. Priority is given to projects that address significant trash generating areas.

3. **Phase the project is in (i.e., conceptual, environmental studies, design), tentative schedule and funding requested**

Status of environmental documents, permits, design. Provide project schedule and total funding (show funds broken down by fiscal year and phase).

4. **Number of Stakeholders benefitting from the project (list MS4s)**

5. **Type of BMP(s) to be built and number of acres treated and demonstration of hydraulic connectivity**

Provide sizing and tributary drainage area calculations and mapping for dry and wet weather flow acres being treated for Caltrans and each MS4 and a map of tributary drainage areas. Caltrans can assist with this.

6. **Status of Regional Water Board approval (e.g., WQIP, WMP, EWMP or RB Staff)**

7. **Lead agency.** Will Caltrans be working with an individual MS4?