

STORMWATER REGULATIONS

Compliance & Implementation

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AVAILABLE WEBSITE INFORMATION

- www.ventura.org/vcpwa/fc/stormwater/index.htm
- www.swrcb.ca.gov
- www.swrcb.ca.gov/~rwqcb4
- www.ieca.org
- www.forester.net/ec.html
- www.forester.net/sw.html

BE PREPARED FOR A RWQCB INSPECTION

- SWPPP development & implementation
- BMP selection (Structural & Non - Structural)
- Regulatory monitor/inspect the entire site
- Use and "Inspection Checklist"
- Perform maintenance as needed
- Implement corrective measures
- Amend your SWPPP to as conditions change
- Keep an active log

SWPPPs - Development & Implementation

- Review the permit & be certain that your SWPPP contains all required components
SWRCB website has a helpful "checklist"
- Have the SWPPP on - site & available
Know where it is & what it is
- Don't keep this information a secret
Educate superintendents
Educate laborers (these guys can get you fined)
- Educate your subcontractors
Include storm water regulations & compliance as part of the discussion/language @ contract negotiations
Educate subcontractors forams
- Educating field people is a BMP
Document these activities & insert them in the SWPPP
- See that the SWPPP is site specific
Your site conditions change constantly
Your SWPPP needs to reflect those changes
Planning & preparation can simplify this process

SWPPPs - Signatures & Certifications

- Be certain your meets signatory requirements
Page 22 of the permit
- Include the required certification language
Page 23 of the permit

SWPPPs - Monitoring /Inspections

- Perform periodic inspections w/ a checklist
 - See page 17 of the permit
 - Before every forecast rain event
 - After each rain event
 - At 24 hour intervals during extended storms
 - Inspect all BMPs & the SWPPP for effectiveness & implement repairs or necessary changes ASAP

SWPPPs - Maintenance/Inspection/Repairs

- This may be the single most important activity to avoid fines & receive favorable treatment from the RWQCB inspectors
 - Don't waste the \$\$\$\$ you spend here
 - Use your resources wisely
 - Be innovative & effective

SWPPPs - Records & Reporting

- Annual compliance certification is required
 - Based on site inspections
 - Prior to July 1st each year
- Retain all records & the SWPPP for three years

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DO ANY OF YOU LIKE TO WASTE MONEY?
HAS ANYONE MISSED ANYTHING SO FAR?

RWQCB - Enforcement Tools

- (NTC) Notice to Comply
 - This is like a "Fix - it - Ticket"
 - Allows 0 - 30 days as determined by the inspector (discretionary)
 - Appropriate & adequate response will prevent escalated enforcement
- (NOV) Notice of Violation
 - Formal letter signed by the "Executive Officer"
 - Now you are in trouble
 - Might lead to a fine
- (ACL) Administrative Civil Liability
 - This one is going to cost you
 - Violators could be sent to jail (2 years max.)
 - Fines could be imposed @
 - \$10,000/violation
 - \$27,500/day for non - compliance with the permit
 - \$10/gallon of discharge







Countywide Municipal Permit

- Prohibits non - stormwater discharges unless covered by a discharge permit (with minor exceptions that include BMP application)

Examples of Allowable Non - stormwater Discharges

- **Dechlorinated** potable water line flushing that does not pick up pollutants in its path to the discharge point
- Landscape irrigation runoff that does not pick up pollutants
- Individual residential car washing
- Emergency fire fighting activities



