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Water Resources Report



**SUNSET LAS PALMAS LOWER LOT PLAN
(6650 ROMAINE STREET, LOS ANGELES CA 90038)**

**HYDROLOGY & WATER RESOURCES TECHNICAL REPORT
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1. INTRODUCTION

1.1. PROJECT LOCATION AND EXISTING ON-SITE USES:

The Site consists of approximately 3.08 acres that encompass a City block bound by Romaine Street to the north, a City maintenance yard to the east, Barton Avenue to the south, and Las Palmas Avenue to the west. The Site is located at 6650 W. Romaine Street and 6619 Barton Avenue (APN 5532-014-039).

The Site is developed and occupied by three single-story buildings, one two-story building, and a surface and structured parking. It also includes a trash compactor, two storage containers, and a paint shop.

1.2. PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Lower Lot, bounded by Romaine Street to the north and N. Las Palmas Avenue to the west, has a site area of 133,989 square feet and is currently developed with 25,367 square feet of floor area and an existing parking structure. As part of the Project, approximately 25,367 square feet of existing floor area used for creative office and support areas will be demolished, and the following buildings constructed:

- Production Support/Mill Building: facing Romaine Street and N. Las Palmas Avenue.
 - Stories: 4-story above grade
 - Not a High Rise; top floor is below 75' from lowest level of fire department access.
 - Floor Area (net):
 - 69,883 square feet of lobby, shower facilities, and restrooms on the ground floor. Production support uses on levels one through four.
 - Height: 63'-0" Per LAMC 12.21.1
- Four Sound Stages: facing Barton Avenue and N. Las Palmas Avenue.
 - Stories: 1-story above grade
 - Not a High Rise; top floor is below 75' from lowest level of fire department access.
 - Floor Area (net):
 - Each contains approximately 15,000 square feet.
 - Height: 55'-0" Per LAMC 12.21.1

1.3. SCOPE OF WORK

This report provides a description of the existing site conditions and analyzes the Project's potential impacts to surface water hydrology, surface water quality, groundwater level, and groundwater quality.

2. REGULATORY FRAMEWORK

2.1. SURFACE WATER HYDROLOGY

County of Los Angeles Hydrology Manual

Per the City of Los Angeles (City) Special Order No. 007-1299, December 3, 1999, the City has adopted the Los Angeles County (County) Department of Public Works Hydrology Manual as its basis of design for storm drainage facilities. The Los Angeles County Department of Public Works (LACDPW) Hydrology Manual requires projects to have drainage facilities that meet the Urban Flood level of protection. The Urban Flood is runoff from a 25-year frequency design storm falling on a saturated watershed. A 25-year frequency design storm has a probability of 1/25 of being equaled or exceeded in any year. Areas with sump conditions are required to have a storm drain conveyance system capable of conveying flow from a 50-year storm event.¹ The County also limits the allowable discharge into existing storm drain facilities based on the municipal separate storm sewer systems (MS4) Permit, which is enforced on all new developments that discharge directly into the County's storm drain system. Any proposed drainage improvements of County owned storm drain facilities such as catch basins and storm drain lines require review and approval from the County Flood Control District department.

Los Angeles Municipal Code

Any proposed drainage improvements within the street right of way or any other property owned by or under the control of the City requires the approval of a B-permit (Section 62.105, Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC)). Under the B-permit process, storm drain installation plans are subject to review and approval by the City of Los Angeles Department of Public Works, Bureau of Engineering. Additionally, any connections to the City's storm drain system from a private property to a City catch basin or an underground storm drain pipe requires a storm drain connection permit from the City of Los Angeles Department of Public Works, Bureau of Engineering.

2.2. SURFACE WATER QUALITY

Clean Water Act

The Clean Water Act (CWA) was first introduced in 1948 as the Water Pollution Control Act. The Clean Water Act authorizes Federal, state, and local entities to cooperatively create comprehensive programs for eliminating or reducing the pollution of state waters and tributaries. The primary goals of the Clean Water Act are to restore and maintain the chemical, physical, and biological integrity of the nation's waters and to make all surface waters fishable and swimmable. As such, the Clean Water Act forms the basic national framework for the management of water quality and the control of pollutant discharges. The Clean Water Act also sets forth a number of objectives in order to achieve the above-

¹ Los Angeles County Department of Public Works Hydrology Manual, January 2006.

mentioned goals. These objectives include regulating pollutant and toxic pollutant discharges; providing for water quality that protects and fosters the propagation of fish, shellfish and wildlife; developing waste treatment management plans; and developing and implementing programs for the control of non-point sources of pollution.²

Since its introduction, major amendments to the Clean Water Act have been enacted (e.g., 1961, 1966, 1970, 1972, 1977, and 1987). Amendments enacted in 1970 created the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA), while amendments enacted in 1972 deemed the discharge of pollutants into waters of the United States from any point source unlawful unless authorized by a USEPA National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit. Amendments enacted in 1977 mandated development of a “Best Management Practices” Program at the state level and provided the Water Pollution Control Act with the common name of “Clean Water Act,” which is universally used today. Amendments enacted in 1987 required the USEPA to create specific requirements for discharges.

In response to the 1987 amendments to the Clean Water Act and as part of Phase I of its NPDES permit program, the USEPA began requiring NPDES permits for: (1) MS4 generally serving, or located in, incorporated cities with 100,000 or more people (referred to as municipal permits); (2) 11 specific categories of industrial activity (including landfills); and (3) construction activity that disturbs five acres or more of land. Phase II of the USEPA’s NPDES permit program, which went into effect in early 2003, extended the requirements for NPDES permits to: (1) numerous small municipal separate storm sewer systems,³ (2) construction sites of one to five acres, and (3) industrial facilities owned or operated by small municipal separate storm sewer systems. The NPDES permit program is typically administered by individual authorized states.

In 2008, the USEPA published draft Effluent Limitation Guidelines (ELGs) for the construction and development industry. On December 1, 2009 the USEPA finalized its 2008 Effluent Guidelines Program Plan.

In California, the NPDES stormwater permitting program is administered by the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB). The SWRCB was created by the Legislature in 1967. The joint authority of water distribution and water quality protection allows the Board to provide protection for the State’s waters, through its nine Regional Water Quality Control Boards (RWQCBs). The RWQCBs develop and enforce water quality objectives and implement plans that will best protect California’s waters, acknowledging areas of different climate, topography, geology, and hydrology. The RWQCBs develop “basin

² Non-point sources of pollution are carried through the environment via elements such as wind, rain, or stormwater and are generated by diffuse land use activities (such as runoff from streets and sidewalks or agricultural activities) rather than from an identifiable or discrete facility.

³ A small MS4 is any MS4 not already covered by the Phase I program as a medium or large MS4. The Phase II Rule automatically covers on a nationwide basis all small MS4s located in “urbanized areas” as defined by the Bureau of the Census (unless waived by the NPDES permitting authority), and on a case-by-case basis those small MS4s located outside of urbanized areas that the NPDES permitting authority designates.

plans” for their hydrologic areas, issue waste discharge requirements, enforce action against stormwater discharge violators, and monitor water quality.⁴

Federal Anti-Degradation Policy

The Federal Anti-degradation Policy (40 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 131.12) requires states to develop statewide anti-degradation policies and identify methods for implementing them. Pursuant to the CFR, state anti-degradation policies and implementation methods shall, at a minimum, protect and maintain (1) existing in-stream water uses; (2) existing water quality, where the quality of the waters exceeds levels necessary to support existing beneficial uses, unless the state finds that allowing lower water quality is necessary to accommodate economic and social development in the area; and (3) water quality in waters considered an outstanding national resource.

California Porter-Cologne Act

The Porter-Cologne Water Quality Control Act established the legal and regulatory framework for California’s water quality control. The California Water Code authorizes the SWRCB to implement the provisions of the CWA, including the authority to regulate waste disposal and require cleanup of discharges of hazardous materials and other pollutants.

As discussed above, under the California Water Code (CWC), the State of California is divided into nine RWQCBs, governing the implementation and enforcement of the CWC and CWA. The Project Site is located within Region 4, also known as the Los Angeles Region. Each RWQCB is required to formulate and adopt a Basin Plan for its region. This Plan must adhere to the policies set forth in the CWC and established by the SWRCB. The RWQCB is also given authority to include within its regional plan water discharge prohibitions applicable to particular conditions, areas, or types of waste.

California Anti-Degradation Policy

The California Anti-degradation Policy, otherwise known as the *Statement of Policy with Respect to Maintaining High Quality Water in California* was adopted by the SWRCB (State Board Resolution No. 68-16) in 1968. Unlike the Federal Anti-degradation Policy, the California Anti-degradation Policy applies to all waters of the State, not just surface waters. The policy states that whenever the existing quality of a water body is better than the quality established in individual Basin Plans, such high quality shall be maintained and discharges to that water body shall not unreasonably affect present or anticipated beneficial use of such water resource.

California Toxic Rule

⁴ Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board. LARWQCB Basin Plan. March 30, 2004. https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/losangeles/water_issues/programs/basin_plan/, accessed April 1, 2024.

In 2000, the USEPA promulgated the California Toxic Rule, which establishes water quality criteria for certain toxic substances to be applied to waters in the State. The USEPA promulgated this rule based on the USEPA's determination that the numeric criteria are necessary in the State to protect human health and the environment. The California Toxic Rule establishes acute (i.e., short-term) and chronic (i.e., long-term) standards for bodies of water such as inland surface waters and enclosed bays and estuaries that are designated by the Los Angeles RWQCB (LARWQCB) as having beneficial uses protective of aquatic life or human health.

Board Basin Plan for the Coastal Watersheds of Los Angeles and Ventura Counties

As required by the California Water Code, the LARWQCB has adopted a plan entitled “Water Quality Control Plan, Los Angeles Region: Basin Plan for the Coastal Watersheds of Los Angeles and Ventura Counties” (Basin Plan). Specifically, the Basin Plan designates beneficial uses for surface and groundwaters, sets narrative and numerical objectives that must be attained or maintained to protect the designated beneficial uses and conform to the State's anti-degradation policy, and describes implementation programs to protect all waters in the Los Angeles Region. In addition, the Basin Plan incorporates (by reference) all applicable State and Regional Board plans and policies and other pertinent water quality policies and regulations. Those of other agencies are referenced in appropriate sections throughout the Basin Plan.⁵

The Basin Plan is a resource for the LARWQCB and others who use water and/or discharge wastewater in the Los Angeles Region. Other agencies and organizations involved in environmental permitting and resource management activities also use the Basin Plan. Finally, the Basin Plan provides valuable information to the public about local water quality issues.

NPDES Permit Program

The NPDES permit program was first established under authority of the CWA to control the discharge of pollutants from any point source into the waters of the United States. As indicated above, in California, the NPDES stormwater permitting program is administered by the SWRCB through its nine RWQCBs.

The General Permit

SWRCB Order No. 2012-0006-DWQ known as “The General Permit” was adopted on July 17, 2012 and subsequent Order No. 2022-0057-DWQ was adopted on September 1, 2023. This NPDES permit establishes a risk-based approach to stormwater control requirements for construction projects by identifying three project risk levels. The main objectives of the General Permit are to:

⁵ Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board. LARWQCB Basin Plan. June 2019.
<http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/losangeles/water_issues/programs/basin_plan/> accessed March 26, 2024.

1. Reduce erosion;
2. Minimize or eliminate sediment in stormwater discharges;
3. Prevent materials used at a construction site from contacting stormwater;
4. Implement a sampling and analysis program;
5. Eliminate unauthorized non-stormwater discharges from construction sites;
6. Implement appropriate measures to reduce potential impacts on waterways both during and after construction of projects; and
7. Establish maintenance commitments on post-construction pollution control measures.

California mandates all construction activities disturbing more than one acre of land to develop and implement Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plans (SWPPP). The SWPPP documents the selection and implementation of Best Management Practices (BMPs) for a specific construction project, charging owners with stormwater quality management responsibilities. A construction site subject to the General Permit must prepare and implement a SWPPP that meets the requirements of the General Permit.^{6, 7}

Los Angeles County MS4 Permit

As described above, USEPA regulations require that MS4 permittees implement a program to monitor and control pollutants being discharged to the municipal system from both industrial and commercial projects that contribute a substantial pollutant load to the MS4.

On November 8, 2012, the LARWQCB adopted Order No. R4-2012-0175 under the CWA and the Porter-Cologne Act. This Order is the NPDES permit or MS4 permit for municipal stormwater and urban runoff discharges within Los Angeles County. The requirements of this Order (the “Permit”) cover 84 cities and most of the unincorporated areas of Los Angeles County. Under the Permit, the Los Angeles County Flood Control District (LACFCD) is designated as the Principal Permittee. The Permittees are the 84 Los Angeles County cities (including the City of Los Angeles) and Los Angeles County. Collectively, these are the “Co-Permittees”. The Principal Permittee helps to facilitate activities necessary to comply with the requirements outlined in the Permit but is not responsible for ensuring compliance of any of the Permittees.

Stormwater Quality Management Program (SQMP)

⁶ State Water Resources Control Board. NPDES - Wastewater
https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/npdes/. Accessed March 26, 2024

⁷ USEPA. U.S. Environmental Protection Agency - NPDES., <https://www.epa.gov/npdes>. Accessed March 26, 2024

In compliance with the Permit, the Co-Permittees are required to implement a stormwater quality management program (SQMP) with the goal of accomplishing the requirements of the Permit and reducing the amount of pollutants in stormwater runoff. The SQMP requires the County of Los Angeles and the 84 incorporated cities to:

- Implement a public information and participation program to conduct outreach on storm water pollution;
- Control discharges at commercial/industrial facilities through tracking, inspecting, and ensuring compliance at facilities that are critical sources of pollutants;
- Implement a development planning program for specified development projects;
- Implement a program to control construction runoff from construction activity at all construction sites within the relevant jurisdictions;
- Implement a public agency activities program to minimize storm water pollution impacts from public agency activities; and
- Implement a program to document, track, and report illicit connections and discharges to the storm drain system.

The Permit contains the following provisions for implementation of the SQMP by the Co-Permittees:

1. General Requirements:

- Each permittee is required to implement the SQMP in order to comply with applicable stormwater program requirements.
- The SQMP shall be implemented and each permittee shall implement additional controls so that discharge of pollutants is reduced.

2. Best Management Practice Implementation:

- Permittees are required to implement the most effective combination of BMPs for stormwater/urban runoff pollution control. This should result in the reduction of storm water runoff.

3. Revision of the SQMP:

- Permittees are required to revise the SQMP in order to comply with requirements of the RWQCB while complying with regional watershed requirements and/or waste load allocations for implementation of Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs) for impaired waterbodies.

4. Designation and Responsibilities of the Principal Permittee:

The Los Angeles County Flood Control District is designated as the Principal Permittee who is responsible for:

- Coordinating activities that comply with requirements outlined in the NPDES permit;
- Coordinating activities among Permittees;
- Providing personnel and fiscal resources for necessary updates to the SQMP;
- Providing technical support for committees required to implement the SQMP; and
- Implementing the Countywide Monitoring Program required under this Order and assessing the results of the monitoring program.

5. Responsibilities of Co-Permittees:

Each Co-Permittee is required to comply with the requirements of the SQMP as applicable to the discharges within its geographical boundaries. These requirements include:

- Coordinating among internal departments to facilitate the implementation of the SQMP requirements in an efficient way;
- Participating in coordination with other internal agencies as necessary to successfully implement the requirements of the SQMP; and
- Preparing an annual Budget Summary of expenditures for the storm water management program by providing an estimated breakdown of expenditures for different areas of concern, including budget projections for the following year.

6. Watershed Management Committees (WMCs):

- Each WMC shall be comprised of a voting representative from each Permittee in the Watershed Management Area (WMA).
- Each WMC is required to facilitate exchange of information between co-permittees, establish goals and deadlines for WMAs, prioritize pollution control measures, develop and update adequate information, and recommend appropriate revisions to the SQMP.

7. Legal Authority:

- Co-Permittees are granted the legal authority to prohibit non-storm water discharges to the storm drain system including discharge to the MS4 from various development types.

City of Los Angeles Water Quality Compliance Master Plan for Urban Runoff

On March 2, 2007, City Council Motion 07-0663 was introduced by the City of Los Angeles City Council to develop a water quality master plan with strategic directions for planning, budgeting and funding to reduce pollution from urban runoff in the City of Los Angeles. The Water Quality Compliance Master Plan for Urban Runoff was developed by the Bureau of Sanitation, Watershed Protection Division in collaboration with stakeholders to address the requirements of this Council Motion. The primary goal of the Water Quality Compliance Master Plan for Urban Runoff is to help meet water quality regulations. Implementation of the Water Quality Compliance Master Plan for Urban Runoff is intended over the next 20 to 30 years to result in cleaner neighborhoods, rivers, lakes and bays, augmented local water supply, reduced flood risk, more open space, and beaches that are safe for swimming. The Water Quality Compliance Master Plan for Urban Runoff also supports the Mayor and Council's efforts to make Los Angeles the greenest major city in the nation.

- The Water Quality Compliance Master Plan for Urban Runoff identifies and describes the various watersheds in the City, summarizes the water quality conditions of the City's waters, identifies known sources of pollutants, describes the governing regulations for water quality, describes the BMPs that are being implemented by the City, discusses existing TMDL Implementation Plans and Watershed Management Plans. Additionally, the Water Quality Compliance Master Plan for Urban Runoff provides an implementation strategy that includes the following three initiatives to achieve water quality goals:
- Water Quality Management Initiative, which describes how Water Quality Management Plans for each of the City's watershed and TMDL-specific Implementation Plans will be developed to ensure compliance with water quality regulations.
- The Citywide Collaboration Initiative, which recognizes that urban runoff management and urban (re)development are closely linked, requiring collaborations of many City agencies. This initiative requires the development of City policies, guidelines, and ordinances for green and sustainable approaches for urban runoff management.
- The Outreach Initiative, which promotes public education and community engagement with a focus on preventing urban runoff pollution.
- The Water Quality Compliance Master Plan for Urban Runoff includes a financial plan that provides a review of current sources of revenue, estimates costs for water quality compliance, and identifies new potential sources of revenue.

City of Los Angeles Stormwater Program

The City of Los Angeles supports the policies of the General Permit and the Los Angeles County NPDES permit through the *Development Best Management Practices Handbook*.

Part A Construction Activities, 3rd Edition, and associated ordinances were adopted in September 2004. *Part B Planning Activities*, 4th Edition was adopted in June 2011. The Handbook provides guidance for developers in complying with the requirements of the Development Planning Program regulations of the City's Stormwater Program. Compliance with the requirements of this manual is required by City of Los Angeles Ordinance No. 173,494. The handbook and ordinances also have specific minimum BMP requirements for all construction activities and require dischargers whose construction projects disturb one acre or more of soil to prepare a SWPPP and file a Notice of Intent (NOI) with the SWRCB. The NOI informs the SWRCB of a particular project and results in the issuance of a Waste Discharger Identification (WDID) number, which is needed to demonstrate compliance with the General Permit.

The City of Los Angeles implements the requirement to incorporate stormwater BMPs through the City's plan review and approval process. During the review process, project plans are reviewed for compliance with the City's General Plan, zoning ordinances, and other applicable local ordinances and codes, including storm water requirements. Plans and specifications are reviewed to ensure that the appropriate BMPs are incorporated to address storm water pollution prevention goals. The Standard Urban Stormwater Mitigation Plan (SUSMP) provisions that are applicable to new residential and commercial developments include, but are not limited to, the following:⁸

- Peak Storm Water Runoff Discharge Rate: Post-development peak stormwater runoff discharge rates shall not exceed the estimated pre-development rate for developments where the increased peak storm water discharge rate will result in increased potential for downstream erosion;
- Provide storm drain system Stenciling and Signage (only applicable if a catch basin is built on-site);
- Properly design outdoor material storage areas to provide secondary containment to prevent spills;
- Properly design trash storage areas to prevent off-site transport of trash;
- Provide proof of ongoing BMP Maintenance of any structural BMPs installed;

Design Standards for Structural or Treatment control BMPs:

- Conserve natural and landscaped areas;
- Provide planter boxes and/or landscaped areas in yard/courtyard spaces;

⁸ City of Los Angeles Stormwater Program website, <http://www.lastormwater.org/green-la/standard-urban-stormwater-mitigation-plan/>; accessed March 26, 2024.

- Properly design trash storage areas to provide screens or walls to prevent off-site transport of trash;
- Provide proof on ongoing BMP maintenance of any structural BMPs installed;

Design Standards for Structural or Treatment Control BMPs:

- Post-construction treatment control BMPs are required to incorporate, at minimum, either a volumetric or flow based treatment control design or both, to mitigate (infiltrate, filter or treat) storm water runoff.

In addition, project applicants subject to the SUSMP requirements must select source control and, in most cases, treatment control BMPs from the list approved by the RWQCB. The BMPs must control peak flow discharge to provide stream channel and over bank flood protection, based on flow design criteria selected by the local agency. Further, the source and treatment control BMPs must be sufficiently designed and constructed to collectively treat, infiltrate, or filter stormwater runoff from one of the following:

- The 85th percentile 24-hour runoff event determined as the maximized capture stormwater volume for the area, from the formula recommended in *Urban Runoff Quality Management, WEF Manual of Practice No. 23/ASCE Manual of Practice No. 87, (1998)*;
- The volume of annual runoff based on unit basin storage water quality volume, to achieve 80 percent or more volume treatment by the method recommended in *California Stormwater Best Management Practices Handbook—Industrial/Commercial, (1993)*;
- The volume of runoff produced from a 0.75-inch storm event, prior to its discharge to a stormwater conveyance system; or
- The volume of runoff produced from a historical-record based reference 24-hour rainfall criterion for “treatment” (0.75-inch average for the Los Angeles County area) that achieves approximately the same reduction in pollutant loads achieved by the 85th percentile 24-hour runoff event.

Los Angeles Municipal Code

Section 64.70 of the LAMC sets forth the City’s Stormwater and Urban Runoff Pollution Control Ordinance. The ordinance prohibits the discharge of the following into any storm drain system:

- Any liquids, solids, or gases which by reason of their nature or quantity are flammable, reactive, explosive, corrosive, or radioactive, or by interaction with other materials could result in fire, explosion or injury.

- Any solid or viscous materials, which could cause obstruction to the flow or operation of the storm drain system.
- Any pollutant that injures or constitutes a hazard to human, animal, plant, or fish life, or creates a public nuisance.
- Any noxious or malodorous liquid, gas, or solid in sufficient quantity, either singly or by interaction with other materials, which creates a public nuisance, hazard to life, or inhibits authorized entry of any person into the storm drain system.
- Any medical, infectious, toxic or hazardous material or waste.

Additionally, unless otherwise permitted by an NPDES permit, the ordinance prohibits industrial and commercial developments from discharging untreated wastewater or untreated runoff into the storm drain system. Furthermore, the ordinance prohibits trash or any other abandoned objects/materials from being deposited such that they could be carried into the storm drains. Lastly, the ordinance not only makes it a crime to discharge pollutants into the storm drain system and imposes fines on violators, but also gives City public officers the authority to issue citations or arrest business owners or residents who deliberately and knowingly dump or discharge hazardous chemicals or debris into the storm drain system.

Earthwork activities, including grading, are governed by the Los Angeles Building Code, which is contained in LAMC, Chapter IX, Article 1. Specifically, Section 91.7013 includes regulations pertaining to erosion control and drainage devices, and Section 91.7014 includes general construction requirements, as well as requirements regarding flood and mudflow protection.

Standard Urban Stormwater Mitigation Plan (SUSMP)

Under the Los Angeles County Municipal NPDES Permit, permittees are required to implement a development planning program to address storm water pollution. These programs require project applicants for certain types of projects to implement SUSMPs throughout the operational life of their projects. The purpose of SUSMP is to reduce the discharge of pollutants in storm water by outlining BMPs which must be incorporated into the design plans of new development and redevelopment. A project is subject to SUSMP if it falls under one of the categories listed below:

1. Single-family hillside homes;
2. Ten or more unit homes (including single family homes, multifamily homes, condominiums, and apartments);
3. Automotive service facilities;
4. Restaurants;

5. 100,000 or more square-feet of impervious surface in industrial/commercial development;
6. Retail gasoline outlet;
7. Parking lots with 5,000 square feet or more of surface area or with 25 or more parking spaces;
8. Redevelopment projects in subject categories that meet redevelopment thresholds;
9. Location within or directly adjacent to or discharging directly to an environmentally sensitive area if the discharge is likely to impact a sensitive biological species or habitat and the development creates 2,500 square feet or more of impervious surface.

Low Impact Development – City of Los Angeles (LID)

In October 2011, the City of Los Angeles passed an ordinance (Ordinance No. 181899) amending LAMC Chapter VI, Article 4.4, Sections 64.70.01 and 64.72 to expand the applicability of the existing SUSMP requirements by imposing rainwater Low Impact Development (LID) strategies on projects that require building permits. The LID ordinance became effective on May 12, 2012.

On Nov 8, 2012, the LARWQCB adopted Order No. RA-2012-0175 the NPDES Stormwater Permit for the County of Los Angeles and cities within (NPDES No. CAS004001). The NPDES permit was issued to Los Angeles County Flood Control District, the county of Los Angeles, and 84 incorporated cities within the coastal watersheds of Los Angeles County to reduce pollutants discharged from their MS4 to the Maximum Extent Practicable (MEP) statutory standard. On December 28, 2012 the Order became effective. The requirement to implement the NPDES permit is based on federal and state statutes, including Section 402(p) of the Federal Clean Water Act, Section 6217 of the Coastal Zone Act Reauthorization Amendments (CZARA) of 1990, and the California Water Code. The Federal Clean Water Act amendments of 1987 established a framework for regulating stormwater discharges from municipal, industrial, and construction activities under the NPDES program. The primary objectives of the stormwater program requirements are to:

- Effectively prohibit non-stormwater discharges, and
- Reduce the discharge of pollutants from stormwater conveyance systems to the MEP statutory standard.

LID is a stormwater management strategy that seeks to mitigate the impacts of increases in runoff and stormwater pollution as close to its source as possible. LID comprises a set of site design approaches and Best Management Practices (BMPs) that promote the use of natural systems for infiltration, evapotranspiration, and use of stormwater. These LID practices can effectively remove nutrients, bacteria, and metals from stormwater while reducing the volume and intensity of stormwater flows. With respect to urban development

and redevelopment projects, it can be applied onsite to mimic the site's predevelopment drainage characteristics. Through the use of various infiltration techniques, LID is geared towards minimizing surface area that produces large amounts of runoff and does not allow water to infiltrate into the ground. Where infiltration is infeasible, the use of bioretention, rain gardens, vegetated rooftops, and rain barrels that will store, evaporate, detain, and/or treat runoff can be used.⁹

In November 2011, the City adopted the Stormwater LID Ordinance (Ordinance #181899) with the stated purpose of:

The intent of the City of Los Angeles LID standards is to:

- Require the use of LID practices in future developments and redevelopments to encourage the beneficial use of rainwater and urban runoff;
- Reduce stormwater/urban runoff while improving water quality;
- Promote rainwater harvesting;
- Reduce offsite runoff and provide increased groundwater recharge;
- Reduce erosion and hydrologic impacts downstream; and
- Enhance the recreational and aesthetic values in our communities.

The recently adopted NPDES permit also adopts LID principals and requires development and redevelopment projects to incorporate similar requirements as those outlined in the City's LID Ordinance. Under the City's LID Ordinance, stormwater mitigation is required for a much larger number of development and redevelopment projects.

2.3. GROUNDWATER

Board Basin Plan for the Coastal Watersheds of Los Angeles and Ventura Counties

As required by the California Water Code, the LARWQCB has adopted the Basin Plan. Specifically, the Basin Plan designates beneficial uses for surface and ground waters, sets narrative and numerical objectives that must be attained or maintained to protect the designated beneficial uses and conform to the State's anti-degradation policy, and describes implementation programs to protect all waters in the Los Angeles Region. In addition, the Basin Plan incorporates (by reference) all applicable State and Regional Board plans and policies and other pertinent water quality policies and regulations. Those of other agencies are referenced in appropriate sections throughout the Basin Plan.

⁹ City of Los Angeles. "Planning and Land Development Handbook for Low Impact Development (LID)." May, 2016

The Basin Plan is a resource for the LARWQCB and others who use water and/or discharge wastewater in the Los Angeles Region. Other agencies and organizations involved in environmental permitting and resource management activities also use the Basin Plan. Finally, the Basin Plan provides valuable information to the public about local water quality issues.

Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA)

The Federal Safe Drinking Act, established in 1974, sets drinking water standards throughout the country and is administered by the USEPA. The drinking water standards established in the SDWA, as set forth in the CFR, are referred to as the National Primary Drinking Water Regulations (Primary Standards, Title 40, CFR Part 141) and the National Secondary Drinking Water Regulations (Second Standards, 40 CFR Part 143). California passed its own Safe Drinking Water Act in 1986 that authorizes the State's Department of Health Services (DHS) to protect the public from contaminants in drinking water by establishing maximum contaminants levels (MCLs), as set forth in the CCR, Title 22, Division 4, Chapter 15, that are at least as stringent as those developed by the USEPA, as required by the federal Safe Drinking Water Act.

California Water Plan

The California Water Plan (the Plan) provides a framework for water managers, legislators, and the public to consider options and make decisions regarding California's water future. The Plan, which is updated every five years, presents basic data and information on California's water resources including water supply evaluations and assessments of agricultural, urban, and environmental water uses to quantify the gap between water supplies and uses. The Plan also identifies and evaluates existing and proposed statewide demand management and water supply augmentation programs and projects to address the State's water needs.

The goal for the California Water Plan Update is to meet Water Code requirements, receive broad support among those participating in California's water planning, and be a useful document for the public, water planners throughout the state, legislators and other decision-makers.

3. ENVIRONMENTAL SETTING

3.1. SURFACE WATER HYDROLOGY

3.1.1. REGIONAL

The Project Site is located within the Ballona Creek Watershed (Watershed) in the Los Angeles Basin. The Watershed covers approximately 130 square miles in the coastal plain of the Los Angeles Basin. Its boundaries are the Santa Monica Mountains to the north, the Harbor Freeway (110) to the east, and the Baldwin Hills to the south. The watershed includes the cities of Beverly Hills, West Hollywood, portions of the cities of Los Angeles,

Culver City, Inglewood and Santa Monica, unincorporated areas of Los Angeles County, and areas under the jurisdiction of Caltrans.

The watershed is highly developed: residential (64%), industrial (4%), vacant/open space (17%), and commercial (8%) are the predominant land uses. Overall, 49% of the watershed is covered by roads, rooftops and other impervious surfaces.

Ballona Creek flows as an open channel for just under 10 miles from mid-Los Angeles (south of Hancock Park) through Culver City, reaching the Pacific Ocean at Playa del Rey (Marina del Rey Harbor).

The Estuary portion (from Centinela Avenue to the outlet) is soft bottomed, while the remainder of the creek is lined in concrete. Ballona Creek is fed by a network of underground storm drains, which reaches north into Beverly Hills and West Hollywood. Major tributaries of the Creek and Estuary include Centinela Creek, Sepulveda Channel, and Benedict Canyon Channel.

The average dry weather flow at the Watershed's terminus in Playa del Rey is 25 cubic feet per second – a slow, steady flow. The average wet weather flow is ten times higher, or even more during large storms.¹⁰ Refer to Figure 1 for Ballona Creek Watershed Map.

3.1.2. LOCAL

There is an existing 18-inch underground storm drain pipe located along Santa Monica Boulevard that flows toward the west. One catch basin located at the intersection of Santa Monica Boulevard and Las Palmas Avenue connects to this underground storm drain line. It then connects to a 27-inch underground storm drain main located along Sycamore Avenue that flows toward the south. There are four catch basins located at the intersection of Santa Monica Boulevard and Sycamore Avenue that connect to this underground storm drain system. In addition, there are three catch basins on the intersection of Las Palmas Avenue and Romaine Street, southwest of the project site, that ultimately discharge to a 21-inch storm drain main along Las Palmas Avenue. The aforementioned storm drain systems are owned and maintained by the City of Los Angeles.

Stormwater runoff from the Project Site will discharge toward the offsite catch basins and underground storm drain pipes located in Santa Monica Boulevard and Las Palmas Avenue that convey stormwater through various underground pipe networks into the Ballona Creek. The Ballona Creek flows generally southward, ultimately discharging into the Pacific Ocean at the Santa Monica Bay. The Ballona Creek was designed to discharge up to approximately 71,400 cubic feet of stormwater per second from a 50-year frequency storm event.¹¹

¹⁰ City of Los Angeles Stormwater Program website, https://www.lacitysan.org/san/faces/home/portal/s-lsh-wwd/s-lsh-wwd-wp/s-lsh-wwd-wp-ec/s-lsh-wwd-wp-ec-rm?_adf.ctrl-state=2ig2afvm2_10&_afLoop=28835010092041308#! accessed March 26, 2024

¹¹ Los Angeles County Department of Public Works, Ballona Creek Watershed, <https://www.ladpw.org/wmd/watershed/bc/> accessed March 26, 2024

3.1.3. ON SITE

The subject site consists of the western side of one city block in the Hollywood Community Plan area bounded by Romaine St, Seward Street, Barton Avenue, and Las Palmas Avenue. The area surrounding the site consists generally of commercial and residential properties and a parking lot to the west. Based on the historic drawings, it is assumed the existing structures to be demolished are constructed on a concrete slab-on-grade foundation. The Project is proposed to disturb approximately 133,989 square feet of site area.

Based on the existing site orientation and location of the main storm drain pipes, it has been assumed that the site will be discharging to Las Palmas Avenue. There are existing curb-inlet catchbasins located on the corners of Las Palmas Ave and Romaine St and Las Palmas Ave and Barton Ave that connect to an existing 21" storm drain main in Las Palmas Ave. The grade falls as you travel south along Las Palmas Ave so sight drainage could potentially flow south towards Barton Ave. See Figure 3 for proposed drainage.

See attached Figure 2 for existing on-site drainage pattern and Figure 4 for hydrology calculations. Drainage Area 1 primarily consists of the existing one story building. Drainage Area 2 is primarily the parking lot. Drainage Area 3 primarily consists of the existing two level parking structure.

Table 1 below shows existing volumetric flow rate generated by the 50-year storm event from each drainage area.

Table 1- Existing Drainage Stormwater Runoff Calculations		
Drainage Area	Area (Acres)	Q50 (cfs) (volumetric flow rate measured in cubic feet per second)
1	0.65	2.10
2	1.44	4.59
3	.99	3.16
Total	3.08	9.85

3.2. SURFACE WATER QUALITY

3.2.1. REGIONAL

As stated above, the Project Site lies within the Ballona Creek Watershed. Constituents of concern listed for Ballona Creek under California's Clean Water Act Section 303(d) List include Copper, Cyanide, Indicator Bacteria, Lead, Toxicity, Trash, Viruses (enteric) and Zinc. TMDL's that apply to this waterbody has been recorded by the USEPA and are as

follows: Cadmium, Chlordane, Copper, Lead, Polychlorinated Biphenyls (PCBs), Silver, Zinc and trash¹².

3.2.2. LOCAL

In general, urban stormwater runoff occurs following precipitation events, with the volume of runoff flowing into the drainage system depending on the intensity and duration of the rain event. Contaminants that may be found in stormwater from developed areas include sediments, trash, bacteria, metals, nutrients, organics, and pesticides. The source of contaminants includes surface areas where precipitation falls, as well as the air through which it falls. Contaminants on surfaces such as roads, maintenance areas, parking lots, and buildings, which are usually contained in dry weather conditions, may be carried by rainfall runoff into drainage systems. The City of Los Angeles typically installs catch basins with screens to capture debris before entering the storm drain system. In addition, the City conducts routine street cleaning operations, as well as periodic cleaning and maintenance of catch basins, to reduce stormwater pollution within the City.

3.2.3. ON SITE

The existing conditions of the Project Site were developed by the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power as a vehicle maintenance yard beginning in the late 1940s. The existing buildings were constructed in 1954. The Project Site contains a two-story office building and one-story warehouse building located at the western edge of the Project Site; a two-level parking structure occupying the southern portion of the Project Site; a linear, single-story building occupying the eastern edge of the Project Site; a large canopy/shed structure at the interior of the Project Site; one ancillary single story building; a control booth at the main entry to the Project Site off of Romaine Street; and paved circulation and surface parking areas. Based on the year the existing buildings were built, it is assumed the Project Site currently does not implement BMPs. As discussed above, it has been assumed that the site is discharging to Barton Ave and Las Palmas Avenue.

There is no evidence of existing stormwater treatment infrastructure and the runoff water does not get treated on site before get discharged to main storm drain facility. Please see Figure 2 for existing drainage exhibit.

3.3. GROUNDWATER HYDROLOGY

3.3.1. REGIONAL

Groundwater use for domestic water supply is a major beneficial use of groundwater basins in Los Angeles County. The City of Los Angeles overlies the Los Angeles Coastal Plain Groundwater Basin (Basin). The Basin is comprised of the Hollywood, Santa Monica, Central, and West Coast Groundwater Subbasins. Groundwater flow in the Basin is

¹² CA Water board: 2010 CALIFORNIA 303(d) LIST OF WATER QUALITY LIMITED SEGMENTS. available at https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/tmdl/2010state_ir_reports/category5_report.shtml; accessed March 26, 2024

generally south-southwesterly and may be restricted by natural geological features. Replenishment of groundwater basins occurs mainly by percolation of precipitation throughout the region via permeable surfaces, spreading grounds, and groundwater migration from adjacent basins, as well as injection wells designed to pump freshwater along specific seawater barriers to prevent the intrusion of salt water. Refer to Figure 5 for the groundwater basin exhibit.

3.3.2. LOCAL

The Project Site specifically overlies the northeastern portion of the Hollywood Subbasin. The Hollywood Subbasin underlies the northeastern part of the Coastal Plain of Los Angeles Groundwater Basin. The subbasin is bounded on the north by Santa Monica Mountains and the Hollywood fault, on the east by the Elysian Hills, on the west by the Inglewood fault zone, and on the south by the La Brea High, formed by an anticline that brings impermeable rocks close to the surface. Surface drainage flows southward to join Ballona Creek, then westward to the Pacific Ocean. Average annual precipitation ranges from 12 to 14 inches.¹³

Groundwater in the Hollywood Subbasin is replenished by percolation of precipitation and stream flow from the higher areas to the north. Paving of streets and lining of drainage channels have decreased greatly the surface area open to direct percolation. Subsurface inflow may take place to a limited extent from underflow through fractured rock of the Santa Monica Mountains and potentially from underflow around the La Brea High. The natural safe yield of the Subbasin is estimated to be approximately 3,300 acre-feet per year (AFY).

3.3.3. ON-SITE

The existing site is approximately 100% impervious and the majority of stormwater runoff currently leaves the site primarily through sheet flow and some observed curb drains in Barton Ave and Romaine St. There is very little pervious area for the stormwater to infiltrate and therefore, the existing site does not have any impact to ground water. Refer to Figure 2 for the existing on-site drainage pattern.

Based on, Geotechnical investigation prepared for the project site, review of the Hollywood 7.5 Minute Quadrangle Seismic Hazard Evaluation Report, Plate 1.2, Historically Highest Ground Water Contours (California Department of Conservation's Division of Mines and Geology [CDMG], 2006), the historically highest groundwater level in the area is reported to be approximately 17 to 21 feet beneath the ground surface. According to the Preliminary Geotechnical Engineering Investigation, groundwater was encountered in a boring at 22.2 feet below grade.

¹³ Coastal Plain of Los Angeles Groundwater Basin, Hollywood Subbasin, <
https://water.ca.gov/-/media/DWR-Website/Web-Pages/Programs/Groundwater-Management/Bulletin-118/Files/2003-Basin-Descriptions/4_011_04_CentralSubbasin.pdf> accessed March 26, 2024

Considering the reported historic high groundwater level (CDMG, 1998), the seepage encountered above the bedrock contact in the majority of borings drilled on adjacent sites, and the depth of the proposed excavations, it is likely that groundwater will be encountered construction.

It is not uncommon for groundwater levels to vary seasonally or for groundwater seepage conditions to develop where none previously existed, especially in impermeable fine-grained soils or bedrock which are heavily irrigated or after seasonal rainfall.

In addition, recent requirements for stormwater infiltration could result in shallower seepage conditions in the region. Proper surface drainage of irrigation and precipitation will be critical for future performance of the project.¹⁴

3.4. GROUNDWATER QUALITY

3.4.1. REGIONAL

As stated above, the City of Los Angeles overlies the Los Angeles Coastal Plain Groundwater Basin, which falls under the jurisdiction of the LARWQCB. According to LARWQCB's Basin Plan, objectives applying to all ground waters of the region include bacteria, chemical constituents and radioactivity, mineral quality, nitrogen (nitrate, nitrite), and taste and odor.¹⁵

3.4.2. LOCAL

As stated above, the Project Site specifically overlies the Hollywood Subbasin. Based upon LARWQCB's Basin Plan, constituents of concern listed for the Hollywood Subbasin include boron, chloride, sulfate, and Total Dissolved Solids (TDS). Contaminants that may be found in stormwater from developed areas include sediments, trash, bacteria, metals, nutrients, organics and pesticides. The source of contaminants includes surface areas where precipitation falls, as well as the air through which it falls. Contaminants on surfaces such as roads, maintenance areas, parking lots, and buildings, which are usually contained in dry weather conditions, may be carried by rainfall runoff into drainage systems. The City typically installs catch basins with screens to capture debris before entering the storm drain system. In addition, the City conducts routine street cleaning operations, as well as periodic cleaning and maintenance of catch basins, to reduce stormwater pollution within the City.

3.4.3. ON-SITE

The existing Project Site is fully improved with the existing buildings and mostly paved hardscape surfaces, and therefore does not substantially contribute to groundwater recharge onsite.

¹⁴ GEOTECHNOLOGIES. Preliminary Geotechnical Engineering Investigation, February 26, 2021

¹⁵ Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board, Basin Plan, March 2013, <http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/losangeles/water_issues/programs/basin_plan/electronics_documents/Final%20Chapter%203%20Text.pdf> accessed March 26, 2024.

According to the Phase 1 Environmental Site Assessment provided by Northgate Environmental Management, Inc. on March 31, 2021 for the Sunset Las Palmas Studios, it appears the Project Site was identified on the Los Angeles City Fire Department historic underground storage tanks database. The case received regulatory closure from the LARWQCB on October 10, 1996, and although residual hydrocarbons remain in soil and groundwater, no further action was required. As part of the Project, a soil management plan would be developed and employed during Site redevelopment to address any potentially impacted soil encountered during construction.

4. SIGNIFICANCE THRESHOLDS

In accordance with the significance thresholds described by CEQA, the Project has been analyzed for potential impacts on hydrology, water quality, and groundwater. This report includes an analysis of the Project with respect to the CEQA thresholds listed below.

4.1. SURFACE WATER HYDROLOGY

Appendix G of the State of California's CEQA Guidelines provides a set of sample questions that address impacts with regard to surface water hydrology. These questions are as follows:

Would the project:

- Substantially alter the existing drainage pattern of the site or area, including through the alteration of the course of a stream or river, in a manner which would result in substantial erosion or siltation on- or off-site;
- Substantially alter the existing drainage pattern of the site or area, including through the alteration of the course of a stream or river, in a manner which would result in flooding on- or off-site;
- Create or contribute runoff water which would exceed the capacity of existing or planned storm water drainage systems or provide substantial additional sources of polluted runoff
- Place housing within a 100-year flood hazard area as mapped on a federal Flood Hazard Boundary or Flood Insurance Rate Map or other flood hazard delineation map;
- Place within a 100-year flood hazard area structures which would impede or redirect flood flows;
- Expose people or structures to a significant risk of loss, injury, or death involving flooding, including flooding as result of the failure of levee or dam;

In the context of these questions from Appendix G of the CEQA Guidelines, the City of Los Angeles CEQA Thresholds Guide (*L.A. CEQA Thresholds Guide*) states that a project would normally have a significant impact on surface water hydrology if it would:

- Cause flooding during the projected 50-year developed storm event, which would have the potential to harm people or damage property or sensitive biological resources;
- Substantially reduce or increase the amount of surface water in a water body; or
- Result in a permanent, adverse change to the movement of surface water sufficient to produce a substantial change in the current or direction of water flow.

4.2. SURFACE WATER QUALITY

Appendix G of the CEQA Guidelines provides a set of sample questions that address impacts with regard to surface water quality. These questions are as follows:

Would the project:

- Violate any water quality standard or waste discharge requirements; or
- Otherwise substantially degrade water quality.

In the context of the above questions from Appendix G, the *L.A. CEQA Thresholds Guide* states that a project would normally have a significant impact on surface water quality if it would result in discharges that would create pollution, contamination or nuisance, as defined in Section 13050 of the California Water Code (CWC) or that cause regulatory standards to be violated, as defined in the applicable NPDES permit or Water Quality Control Plan for the receiving water body.

The CWC includes the following definitions:

- “Pollution” means an alteration of the quality of the waters of the state to a degree which unreasonably affects either of the following: 1) the waters for beneficial uses or 2) facilities which serve these beneficial uses. “Pollution” may include “Contamination”.
- “Contamination” means an impairment of the quality of the waters of the state by waste to a degree, which creates a hazard to the public health through poisoning or through the spread of disease. “Contamination” includes any equivalent effect resulting from the disposal of waste, whether or not waters of the state are affected.
- “Nuisance” means anything which meets all of the following requirements: 1) is injurious to health, or is indecent or offensive to the senses, or an obstruction to the free use of property, so as to interfere with the comfortable enjoyment of life or property; 2) affects at the same time an entire community or neighborhood, or any considerable number of persons, although the extent of the annoyance or damage

inflicted upon individuals may be unequal; and 3) occurs during, or as a result of, the treatment or disposal of wastes.¹⁶

4.3. GROUNDWATER HYDROLOGY

Appendix G of the CEQA Guidelines provides a sample question that addresses impacts with regard to groundwater. This question is as follows:

Would the project:

- Substantially deplete groundwater supplies or interfere substantially with groundwater recharge such that there would be a net deficit in aquifer volume or lowering of the local groundwater table;

In the context of the above question from Appendix G, the *L.A. CEQA Thresholds Guide* states that a project would normally have a significant impact on groundwater if it would:

- Change potable water levels sufficiently to:
 - Reduce the ability of a water utility to use the groundwater basin for public water supplies, conjunctive use purposes, storage of imported water, summer/winter peaking, or to respond to emergencies and drought;
 - Reduce yields of adjacent wells or well fields (public or private); or
 - Adversely change the rate or direction of flow of groundwater; or
- Result in demonstrable and sustained reduction of groundwater recharge capacity.

4.4. GROUNDWATER QUALITY

With respect to groundwater quality, and in the context of the above question from Appendix G pertaining to groundwater, the *L.A. CEQA Thresholds Guide* states that a project would normally have a significant impact on groundwater quality if it would:

- Affect the rate or change the direction of movement of existing contaminants;
- Expand the area affected by contaminants;
- Result in an increased level of groundwater contamination (including that from direct percolation, injection or salt water intrusion); or

¹⁶ City of Los Angeles. *L.A. CEQA Thresholds Guide*. 2006
<https://planning.lacity.org/eir/CrossroadsHwd/deir/files/references/A07.pdf> accessed March 26, 2024

- Cause regulatory water quality standards at an existing production well to be violated, as defined in the California Code of Regulations (CCR), Title 22, Division 4, and Chapter 15 and in the Safe Drinking Water Act.

5. METHODOLOGY

5.1. SURFACE WATER HYDROLOGY

The Project Site is located within the City of Los Angeles, and drainage collection, treatment and conveyance are regulated by the City. Per the City's Special Order No. 007-1299, December 3, 1999, the City has adopted the LACDPW Hydrology Manual as its basis of design for storm drainage facilities. The LACDPW Hydrology Manual requires projects to have drainage facilities that meet the Urban Flood level of protection. The Urban Flood is runoff from a 25-year frequency design storm falling on a saturated watershed. A 25-year frequency design storm has a probability of 1/25 of being equaled or exceeded in any year. The *L.A. CEQA Thresholds Guide*, however, establishes the 50-year frequency design storm event as the threshold to analyze potential impacts on surface water hydrology as a result of development. To provide a more conservative analysis, this report analyzes the larger storm event threshold, i.e., the 50-year frequency design storm event.

The Modified Rational Method was used to calculate storm water runoff. The "peak" (maximum value) runoff for a drainage area is calculated using the formula, $Q = CIA$

Where,

Q = Volumetric flow rate (cfs)

C = Runoff coefficient (dimensionless)

I = Rainfall Intensity at a given point in time (in/hr)

A = Basin area (acres)

The Modified Rational Method assumes that a steady, uniform rainfall rate will produce maximum runoff when all parts of the basin area are contributing to outflow. This occurs when the storm event lasts longer than the time of concentration. The time of concentration (T_c) is the time it takes for rain in the most hydrologically remote part of the basin area to reach the outlet.

The method assumes that the runoff coefficient (C) remains constant during a storm. The runoff coefficient is a function of both the soil characteristics and the percentage of impervious surfaces in the drainage area.

LACDPW has developed a time of concentration calculator, Hydrocalc, to automate time of concentration calculations as well as the peak runoff rates and volumes using the Modified Rational Method design criteria as outlined in the Hydrology Manual. The data input requirements include: sub-area size, soil type, land use, flow path length, flow path slope and rainfall isohyet. The Hydrocalc Calculator was used to calculate the storm water peak runoff flow rate for the Project conditions by evaluating an individual sub-area independent of all adjacent subareas. See Figure 4 for the Hydrocalc Calculator results and Figure 7 for the Isohyet Map.

5.2. SURFACE WATER QUALITY

5.2.1. CONSTRUCTION

Construction BMPs will be designed and maintained as part of the implementation of the erosion control plan prepared for the Project (Erosion Control Plan) in compliance with the City grading permit regulations. The Erosion Control Plan shall be implemented when construction commences and before any site clearing or demolition activity. During construction, the Erosion Control Plan will be referred to regularly and amended as changes occur throughout the construction process.

Construction contractors disturbing more than one acre of soil will not be required to obtain coverage under the NPDES General Permit (order No. 2012-0006-DWQ). The site will be required to implement during construction and post construction BMPs that adhere to the California Stormwater Quality Association (CASQA) BMP Handbook. The Erosion Control plan would specify BMPs to be used during construction. BMPs would include but not be limited to: erosion control, sediment control, non-stormwater management, and materials management BMPs.

Additionally, the site will be required to implement a post-construction LID solution that will help to manage stormwater runoff captured on site as described below.

5.2.2. OPERATION

The Project will meet the requirements of the City's LID standards.¹⁷ Under section 3.1.3. of the LID Manual, post-construction stormwater runoff from a new development must be infiltrated, evapotranspired, captured and used, and/or treated through high efficiency BMPs onsite for at least the volume of water produced by the greater of the 85th percentile storm or the 0.75 inch storm event. The LID Manual prioritized the selection of BMPs used to comply with stormwater mitigation requirement. The order of priority is:

1. Infiltration Systems
2. Stormwater Capture and Use
3. High Efficient Biofiltration/Bioretenention Systems
4. Combination of Any of the Above

Feasibility screening delineated in the LID manual is applied to determine which BMP will best suit the Project. Specifically, LID guidelines require that infiltration systems maintain at least 10 feet of clearance to the groundwater, property line, and any building structure. Per the Project Geotechnical Report¹⁸, groundwater seepage was encountered at in borings at depths ranging between 22 and 26 feet beneath the existing ground surface.

¹⁷ The Development Best Management Practices Handbook, Part B Planning Activities, 5th edition was adopted by the City of Los Angeles, Board of Public Works on July 1, 2011 to reflect LID requirements that took effect May 12, 2012.

¹⁸ GEOTECHNOLOGIES. Preliminary Geotechnical Engineering Investigation, February 26, 2021

The historic high ground water level around 17 to 21 feet below the ground surface. Hence, taking the historic high groundwater level and the Project's planned excavation for two subterranean parking levels to depths of 21.5 feet, infiltration is not considered feasible. In addition, in the Geotechnical investigation prepared for the project site, infiltration is not considered feasible due to the proximity of the existing and proposed structures to the groundwater.

Therefore, stormwater capture and use will likely be required. According to the City's LID Handbook, all cisterns shall be sized to capture the runoff generated from the greater of the 85th percentile storm and the 0.75-inch storm event at a minimum:

$$V_{\text{design}} (\text{gallons}) = (85\text{th percentile or } 0.75 \text{ inch} * 7.48 \text{ gallons/cubic foot}) * \text{Catchment Area (sq. ft.)}$$

Where:

$$\text{Catchment Area} = (\text{Impervious Area} * 0.9) + [(\text{Pervious Area} + \text{Undeveloped Area}) * 0.1]$$

For catchment areas given in acres, multiply the above equation by 43,560 sq. ft./acre.

5.3. GROUNDWATER

The significance of this Project as it relates to the level of the underlying groundwater table of the Hollywood Subbasin Groundwater Basin included a review of the following considerations:

Analysis and Description of the Project's Existing Condition

- Identification of the Hollywood Subbasin as the underlying groundwater basin, and description of the level, quality, direction of flow, and existing uses for the water;
- Description of the location, existing uses, production capacity, quality, and other pertinent data for spreading grounds and potable water wells in the vicinity (usually within a one-mile radius), and;
- Area and degree of permeability of soils on the Project Site, and;

Analysis of the Proposed Project Impact on Groundwater Level

- Description of the rate, duration, location and quantity of extraction, dewatering, spreading, injection, or other activities;
- The projected reduction in groundwater resources and any existing wells in the vicinity (usually within a one-mile radius); and
- The projected change in local or regional groundwater flow patterns.

In addition, this report discusses the impact of both existing and proposed activities at the Project Site on the groundwater quality of the underlying Hollywood Subbasin.

Short-term groundwater quality impacts could potentially occur during construction of the Project as a result of soil or shallow groundwater being exposed to construction materials, wastes, and spilled materials. These potential impacts are qualitatively assessed.

6. PROJECT IMPACT ANALYSIS

6.1. CONSTRUCTION

6.1.1. SURFACE WATER HYDROLOGY

The subject site consists of the western side of a city block in the Hollywood Community Plan area bounded by Romaine Street, Barton Avenue, and Las Palmas Avenue. The area surrounding the site consists generally of commercial properties and residential development. Based on the historic drawings, the existing structures to be demolished are constructed on a concrete slab-on-grade foundation. The Project is proposed to disturb approximately 133,989 square feet (3.08 ac.) of site area.

Construction activities for the Project include demolition of all existing buildings, site clearing and excavating down approximately 21.5 feet below the ground surface to construct 2 subterranean parking levels.

It is anticipated that approximately 43,568 cubic yards of soil would need to be exported as a result of the Project. These activities will temporarily expose the underlying soils and may make the Project Site temporarily more permeable. Also, exposed and stockpiled soils could be subject to wind and conveyance into nearby storm drains during storm events. In addition, on-site watering activities to reduce airborne dust could contribute to pollutant loading in runoff.

However, as the construction site would be greater than one acre, the Project would be required to obtain coverage under the NPDES permit. In accordance with the requirements of this permit, the Project would implement an Erosion Control Plan that specifies BMPs and erosion control measures to be used during construction to manage runoff flows and prevent pollution. BMPs would be designed to reduce runoff and pollutant levels in runoff during construction. Refer to Exhibit 1 for typical Erosion Control BMPs to be implemented during construction of the Project. The Erosion Control Plan measures are designed to (and would in fact) contain and treat, as necessary, stormwater or construction watering on the Project Site so runoff does not impact off-site drainage facilities or receiving waters. Construction activities are temporary and flow directions and runoff volumes during construction will be controlled.

In addition, the Project will comply with all applicable City grading permit regulations, plans, and inspections to reduce sedimentation and erosion. Thus, through compliance with NPDES permit requirements, implementation of BMPs, and compliance with applicable City grading regulations, the Project would not substantially alter the Project Site drainage patterns in a manner that would result in substantial erosion or siltation. The Project would not result in a permanent adverse change to the movement of surface water. Therefore, construction-related impacts to surface water hydrology would be less than significant.

6.1.2. SURFACE WATER QUALITY

Construction activities such as earth moving, maintenance of construction equipment, handling of construction materials, and dewatering, can contribute to pollutant loading in stormwater runoff.

Erosion Control plan would specify BMPs to be used during construction. BMPs would include but not be limited to: erosion control, sediment control, non-stormwater management, and materials management BMPs. Refer to Exhibit 1 for typical Erosion Control BMPs to be implemented during construction of the Project.

Excavation depths during construction will occur below the level where groundwater has been observed on the site. As such, it is anticipated that dewatering will be required during construction. This projection is based on excavations on the site and does not reflect the natural variations which may occur between the excavations or which may result from changes in subsurface conditions. The temporary dewatering system would comply with all relevant NPDES requirements related to construction and discharges from dewatering operations.

With implementation of the Erosion Control Plan, site-specific BMPs would reduce or eliminate the discharge of potential pollutants from stormwater runoff. In addition, the Project Applicant would be required to comply with City grading permit regulations and inspections to reduce sedimentation and erosion. Construction of the Project would not result in discharge that would cause: (1) pollution which would alter the quality of the water of the State (i.e., Ballona Creek) to a degree which unreasonably affects beneficial uses of the waters; (2) contamination of the quality of the water of the State by waste to a degree which creates a hazard to the public health through poisoning or through the spread of diseases; or (3) nuisance that would be injurious to health; affect an entire community or neighborhood, or any considerable number of persons; and occurs during or as a result of the treatment or disposal of wastes. Furthermore, construction of the Project would not result in discharges that would cause regulatory standards to be violated in the Ballona Creek Watershed. Therefore, temporary construction-related impacts on surface water quality would be less than significant.

6.1.3. GROUNDWATER HYDROLOGY

As described in the Geotechnical Investigation¹⁹ prepared for the Project Site, groundwater was observed at 22 to 26 feet below ground surface. During construction, temporary dewatering would occur if required. The temporary system would comply with all relevant NPDES requirements related to construction and discharges from dewatering operations. Similar to the General Permit, in order to be authorized to discharge under this Permit, the developer must submit a NOI to discharge groundwater generated from dewatering operations during construction. Due to the operation of dewatering systems being temporary, local groundwater hydrology in the immediate vicinity of the Site is minimally affected. The purpose of dewatering operations is for the protection of both existing and proposed building structures. Due to the limited and temporary nature of construction dewatering operations, regional impacts to groundwater flow and level are not considered to be significant. Therefore, as Project development would not adversely impact the rate of direction of flow of groundwater and no water supply wells would be affected, the Project would not result in a significant impact on groundwater hydrology during construction.

6.1.4. GROUNDWATER QUALITY

As discussed above, the Project would include excavations to a maximum depth of approximately 21.5 feet below ground surface. The Project would also result in a net export of up to approximately 65,000 cubic yards of existing soil material. Although not anticipated at the Project Site, any contaminated soils found would be captured within that volume of excavated material, removed from the Project Site, and remediated at an approved disposal facility in accordance with regulatory requirements.

During on-site grading and building construction, hazardous materials, such as fuels, paints, solvents, and concrete additives, could be used and would therefore require proper management and, in some cases, disposal. The management of any resultant hazardous wastes could increase the opportunity for hazardous materials releases into groundwater. Compliance with all applicable federal, state, and local requirements concerning the handling, storage, and disposal of hazardous waste, would reduce the potential for the construction of the Project to release contaminants into groundwater that could affect existing contaminants, expand the area or increase the level of groundwater contamination, or cause a violation of regulatory water quality standards at an existing production well.

There is an existing groundwater monitoring well #2671A located within a one mile radius of the Project Site at intersection of Willoughby Ave and N El Centro Ave but due to compliance with measures as listed above and the implementation of BMPs, construction activities would not be anticipated to affect existing wells. Therefore, the Project would not result in any substantial increase in groundwater contamination through hazardous materials releases and impacts on groundwater quality would be less than significant.

6.2. OPERATION

¹⁹ GEOTECHNOLOGIES. Preliminary Geotechnical Engineering Investigation, February 26, 2021

6.2.1. SURFACE WATER HYDROLOGY

The project site's overall percentage of impervious area is expected to remain the same as the current condition of the project site. The project will develop a building and paved area creating a post-project condition of approximately 100% impervious surface area. There will be approximately 13,000 square feet of landscaping area introduced to the project site but will primarily occur on the roof top of a proposed structure and will not affect the site's imperviousness.

Accordingly, there is no incremental increase in the imperviousness of the project site. Therefore, peak flow rates would not increase and the runoff volumes into the existing storm drain system would remain the same.

Table 2 below shows the existing and proposed peak flow rates stormwater runoff calculations for the 50-year frequency design storm event. A comparison of the pre and post peak flow rates indicates no increase in stormwater runoff. Consequently, the Project would not cause flooding during the 50-year developed storm event, would not create runoff which would exceed the capacity of existing or planned drainage systems, would not require construction of new stormwater drainage facilities or expansion of existing facilities, would not substantially reduce or increase the amount of surface water in a water body, or result in a permanent adverse change to the movement of surface water. As such, operation of the Project would result in a less than significant impact on surface water hydrology.

Table 2 – Existing and Proposed Stormwater Runoff Calculations			
Project Site Area (Acres)	Pre-Project Q ₅₀ (cfs) ^(a)	Post-Project Q ₅₀ (cfs) ^(a)	Incremental Increase from Existing to Proposed Condition
3.08	9.86	9.28	-0.58
(a) peak volumetric flow rate measured in cubic feet per second			

The LID requirements for the Project Site would outline the stormwater treatment post-construction BMPs required to control pollutants associated with storm events up to the 85th percentile storm event. Due to the high ground water table, the proposed BMP method for the development is capture and use. The system will consist of a Contech CDS unit for pre-treatment, one stormwater storage tank, and the irrigation make-up system. The project will provide enough landscaping to utilize the stormwater stored in the tank within a 7-month period. The Project BMPs will meet City of LA requirements to mitigate the stormwater runoff quality and quantity.

Lastly, no water bodies are located on or within the immediate vicinity of the Project Site, and as such, the Project would not substantially reduce or increase the amount of surface water in a local water body. The Project peak flow rate of stormwater runoff discharging to the Ballona Creek will remain the same (the local receiving water).

The Project would not cause flooding during the 50-year developed storm event, would not create runoff which would exceed the capacity of existing or planned drainage systems, would not require construction of new stormwater drainage facilities or expansion of existing facilities, would not substantially reduce or increase the amount of surface water in a water body, or result in a permanent adverse change to the movement of surface water. Therefore, potential operational impacts to site surface water hydrology would be less than significant.

The Project Site is not located within a 100-year flood plain or within an area that could be impacted by a seiche, tsunami or mudflow. Therefore the risk of flooding from inundation by a seiche or dam failure is considered low and impacts are less than significant.

6.2.2. SURFACE WATER QUALITY

The Project Site will not increase concentrations of the items listed as constituents of concern for the Ballona Creek Watershed.

Under section 3.1.3. of the LID Manual, post-construction stormwater runoff from new projects must be infiltrated, evapotranspired, captured and used, and/or treated through high efficiency BMPs onsite for the volume of water produced by the 85th percentile storm event.

As indicated in section 5.2.2. of this report, stormwater capture and use will likely be required. A storage volume of 68,832 gallons is required for capturing the runoff water from the roof and surface drains. Approximately 13,645 square feet of landscaping would be required to accept this design volume. The stormwater will be pumped to the landscape planters from storage tank, for irrigation. Any excess rainfall volume will be conveyed to the adjacent streets by means of curb drain outlets.

The Project will implement either Capture and Use System or Biofiltration Planters for managing stormwater runoff in accordance with current LID requirements.

As is typical of most urban developments, stormwater runoff from the Project Site has the potential to introduce pollutants into the stormwater system. Anticipated and potential pollutants generated by the Project include sediment, nutrients, pesticides, metals, pathogens, and oil and grease. The pollutants listed above would be mitigated through the implementation of approved LID BMPs.

Furthermore, operation of the Project would not result in discharges that would cause regulatory standards to be violated. A portion of the Project Site will be allocated to stormwater mitigation, in compliance with LID BMP requirements, to control and treat stormwater runoff to mitigate the 85th percentile storm event. The installed BMP systems will be designed with an internal bypass overflow system to prevent upstream flooding during major storm events. Implementation of LID BMPs will mitigate operational impacts on surface water quality.

Operation of the Project would not result in discharges that would cause: (1) pollution which would alter the quality of the waters of the State (i.e., Los Angeles River) to a degree

which unreasonably affects beneficial uses of the waters; (2) contamination of the quality of the waters of the State by waste to a degree which creates a hazard to the public health through poisoning or through the spread of diseases; or (3) nuisance that would be injurious to health; affect an entire community or neighborhood, or any considerable number of persons; and occurs during or as a result of the treatment or disposal of wastes.

6.2.3. GROUNDWATER HYDROLOGY

Regarding groundwater recharge, the entire Project Site is virtually impervious in the existing condition, and there is minimal groundwater recharge potential. The Project will develop hardscape and structures that cover approximately 100% of the Project Site with impervious surfaces and is not anticipated to have any impact on the groundwater recharge potential. As stated above, any stormwater that bypasses the BMP systems would discharge to an approved discharge point in the public right-of-way and not result in infiltration of a large amount of rainfall that would affect groundwater hydrology, including the direction of groundwater flow. Therefore, the Project's potential impact on groundwater recharge is less than significant.

As discussed above, the Project would include excavations to a maximum depth of approximately 21.5 feet below ground surface. The Project would also result in a net export of existing soil material. Although not anticipated at the Project Site, any contaminated soils found would be captured within that volume of excavated material, removed from the Project Site, and remediated at an approved disposal facility in accordance with regulatory requirements.

As described in the Geotechnical Investigation prepared by Geotechnologies. for the Project Site, the historic groundwater level in the vicinity of the Project site was on the order of 21 to 17 feet below grade. Based on the subterranean nature of the proposed structure and the conditions encountered during site exploration of the adjacent properties, it is possible that groundwater could be encountered. That could require permanent dewatering system be implemented to relieve and mitigate the water pressure. Permanent dewatering operations utilized are to be in compliance with all relevant NPDES requirements related to dewatering operations. In addition, any dewatered groundwater shall be reinjected into the ground. Therefore, operation of the project would result in a less than significant impact on groundwater hydrology, including groundwater levels.

6.2.4. GROUNDWATER QUALITY

The Project does not include the installation of water wells, or any extraction or recharge system that is in the vicinity of the coast, an area of known groundwater contamination or seawater intrusion, a municipal supply well or spreading ground facility.

Due to compliance with all applicable federal, state, and local requirements concerning the handling, storage and disposal of hazardous waste, the Project is not anticipated to release contaminants into groundwater that could affect existing contaminants, expand the area or increase the level of groundwater contamination. Operational activities which could affect groundwater quality include hazardous material spills and leaking underground storage

tanks. No underground storage tanks are currently operated or will be operated by the Project. The Project would not expand any potential areas of contamination, increasing the level of contamination, or cause regulatory water quality standard violations, as defined in the California Code of Regulations, Title 22, Division 4, Chapter 15 and the Safe Drinking Water Act.

The Project is not anticipated to result in releases or spills of contaminants that could reach a groundwater recharge area or spreading ground or otherwise reach groundwater through percolation because the Project does not involve drilling to or through a clean or contaminated aquifer. Therefore, the Project's potential impact on groundwater recharge is less than significant.

6.3. CUMULATIVE IMPACT ANALYSIS

6.3.1. SURFACE WATER HYDROLOGY

The geographic context for the cumulative impact analysis on surface water hydrology is the Ballona Creek Watershed. In accordance with City requirements, the Project and related projects would be required to implement BMPs to manage stormwater runoff in accordance with LID guidelines. Furthermore, the City of Los Angeles Department of Public Works reviews projects on a case-by-case basis to ensure sufficient local and regional infrastructure is available to accommodate stormwater runoff. Therefore, potential cumulative impacts associated with the Project on surface water hydrology would be less than significant.

6.3.2. SURFACE WATER QUALITY

Future growth in the Ballona Creek Watershed would be subject to NPDES requirements relating to water quality for both construction and operation. The Project Site is located in a highly urbanized area and it is anticipated that future development projects would also be subject to LID requirements. The Project would comply with all applicable laws, rules and regulations, so cumulative impacts to surface water quality would be less than significant.

6.3.3. GROUNDWATER HYDROLOGY

The geographic context for the cumulative impact analysis on groundwater level is the Hollywood Subbasin.

The Project will develop hardscape and structures that cover the entirety of the development footprint with impervious surfaces. The Project would include capture and use and/or biofiltration systems that would capture the first flush or an 85th percentile storm event. The capture and use systems are designed to capture a small storm events or an 85th percentile storm event per City requirements and will be designed with an internal bypass to prevent upstream flooding in the scenario of a large storm event. In that scenario the stormwater bypasses the capture and use systems would discharge to an approved discharge point in the public right-of-way and not result in infiltration of a large amount of rainfall to the underlying soils. Hence, stormwater discharges from the Project Site, or the

limited onsite infiltration of stormwater, would not adversely impact groundwater hydrology. Therefore, operation of the Project would have a less than significant impact on groundwater hydrology.

The Project is located in a highly urbanized area so any potential reduction or increase in groundwater would be minimal in the context of the regional groundwater basin. Therefore, cumulative impacts to groundwater hydrology would be less than significant.

6.3.4. GROUNDWATER QUALITY

Future growth in the Hollywood Subbasin would be subject to LARWQCB requirements relating to groundwater quality. The Project would not expand any potential areas of contamination, increasing the level of contamination, or cause regulatory water quality standard violations, as defined in the California Code of Regulations, Title 22, Division 4, Chapter 15 and the Safe Drinking Water Act. The Project would comply with all applicable laws, rules and regulations, so cumulative impacts to surface water quality would be less than significant.

7. LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE

Based on the analysis contained in this report, no significant impacts have been identified for surface water hydrology, surface water quality, groundwater hydrology or groundwater quality for this Project.

APPENDIX

FIGURE 2 - EXISTING DRAINAGE EXHIBIT

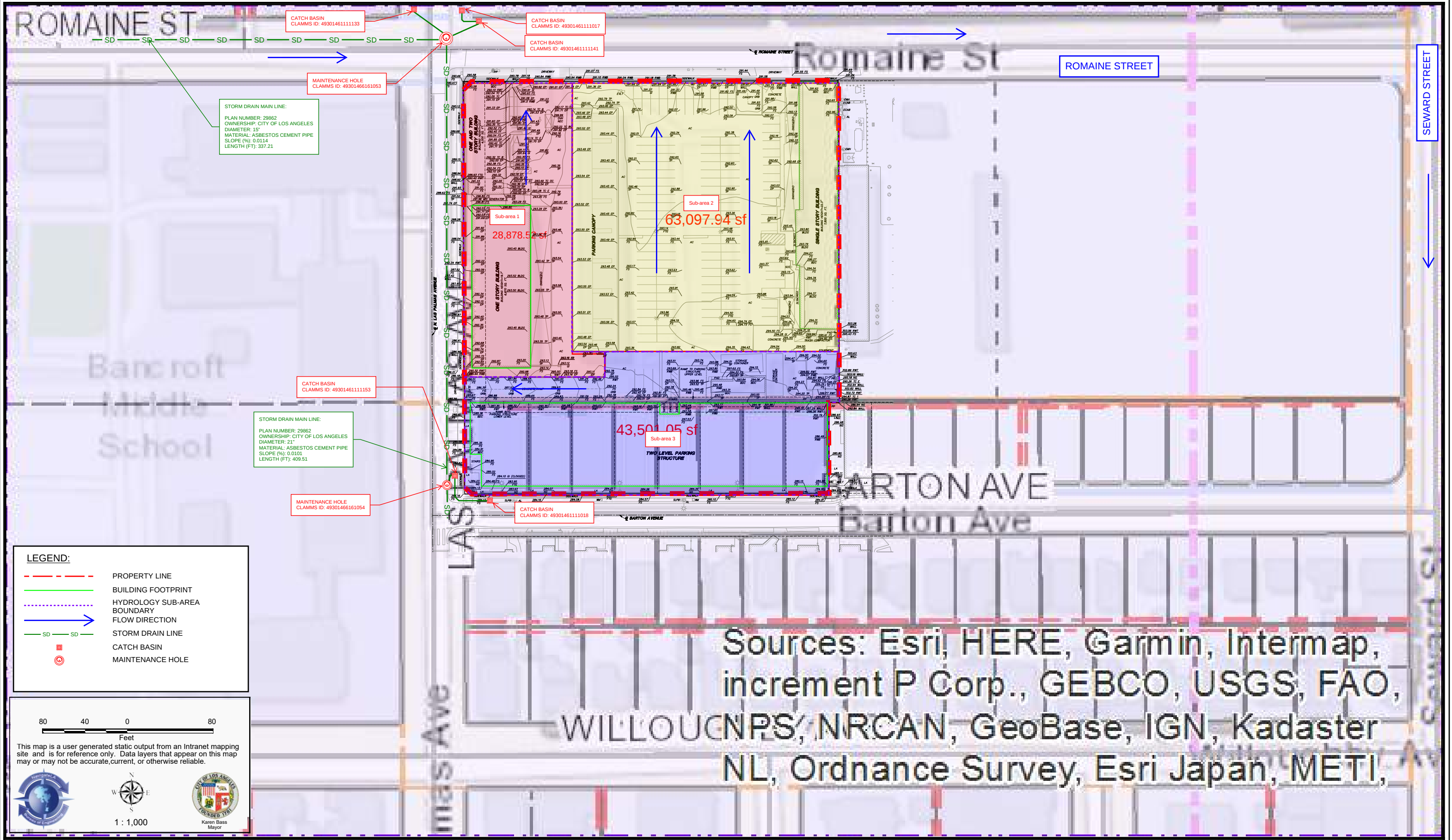


FIGURE 3 - PROPOSED DRAINAGE EXHIBIT

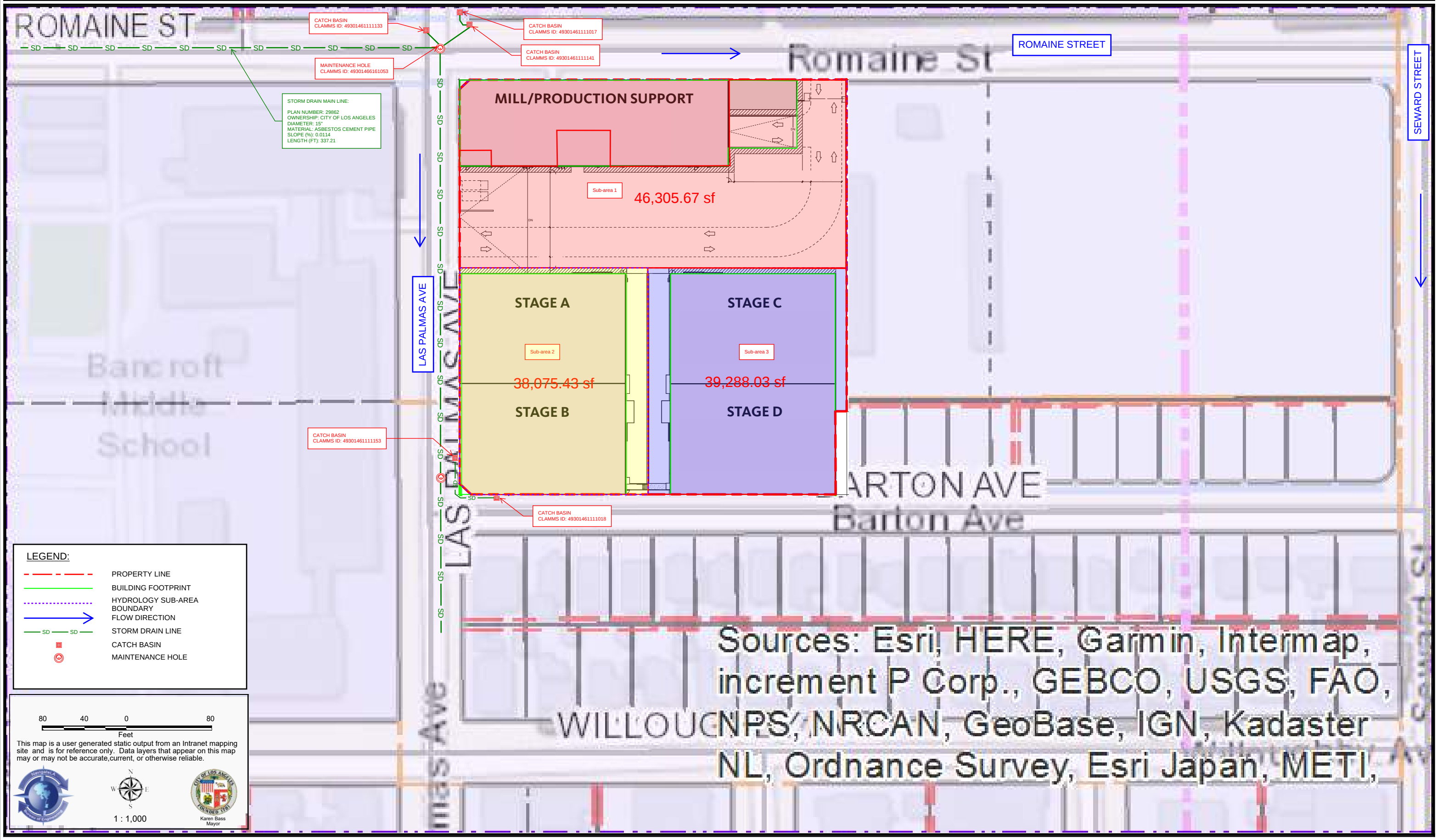


FIGURE 4 - HYDROCALC

Peak Flow Hydrologic Analysis

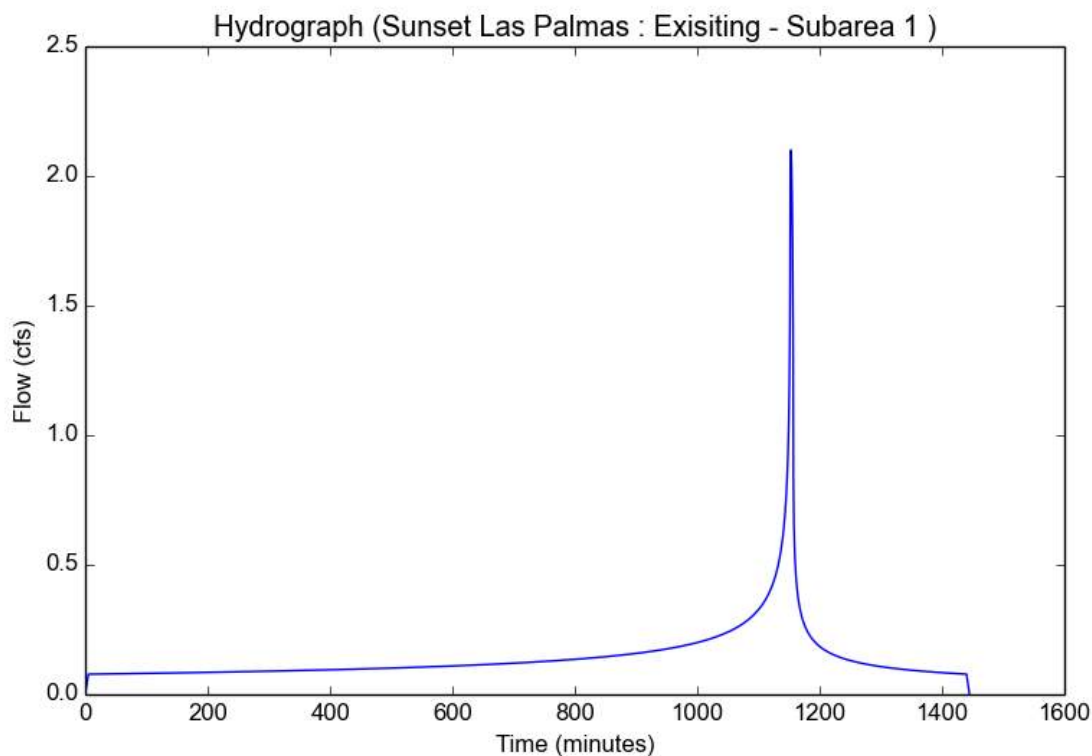
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Input Parameters

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Subarea ID	Exisiting - Subarea 1
Area (ac)	0.663
Flow Path Length (ft)	100.0
Flow Path Slope (vft/hft)	0.02
50-yr Rainfall Depth (in)	5.9
Percent Impervious	1.0
Soil Type	13
Design Storm Frequency	50-yr
Fire Factor	0
LID	False

Output Results

Modeled (50-yr) Rainfall Depth (in)	5.9
Peak Intensity (in/hr)	3.5201
Undeveloped Runoff Coefficient (Cu)	0.9482
Developed Runoff Coefficient (Cd)	0.9
Time of Concentration (min)	5.0
Clear Peak Flow Rate (cfs)	2.1004
Burned Peak Flow Rate (cfs)	2.1004
24-Hr Clear Runoff Volume (ac-ft)	0.291
24-Hr Clear Runoff Volume (cu-ft)	12673.912



Peak Flow Hydrologic Analysis

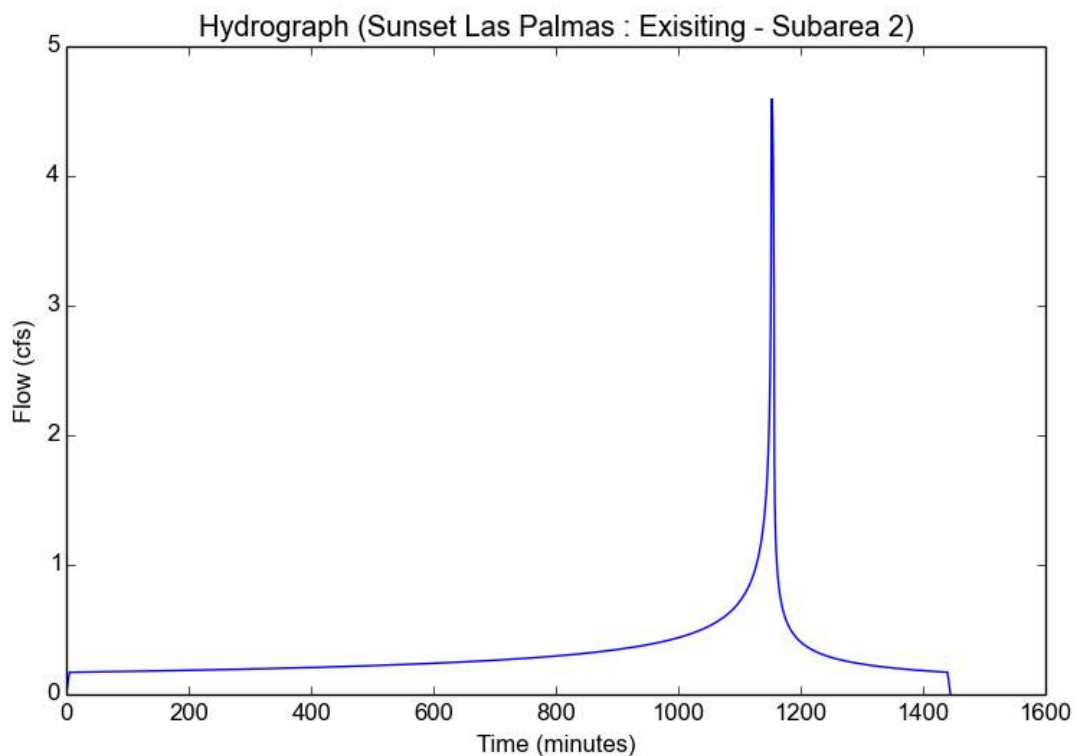
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Subarea ID	Exisiting - Subarea 2
Area (ac)	1.45
Flow Path Length (ft)	100.0
Flow Path Slope (vft/hft)	0.02
50-yr Rainfall Depth (in)	5.9
Percent Impervious	1.0
Soil Type	13
Design Storm Frequency	50-yr
Fire Factor	0
LID	False

Output Results

Modeled (50-yr) Rainfall Depth (in)	5.9
Peak Intensity (in/hr)	3.5201
Undeveloped Runoff Coefficient (Cu)	0.9482
Developed Runoff Coefficient (Cd)	0.9
Time of Concentration (min)	5.0
Clear Peak Flow Rate (cfs)	4.5937
Burned Peak Flow Rate (cfs)	4.5937
24-Hr Clear Runoff Volume (ac-ft)	0.6363
24-Hr Clear Runoff Volume (cu-ft)	27718.2087



Peak Flow Hydrologic Analysis

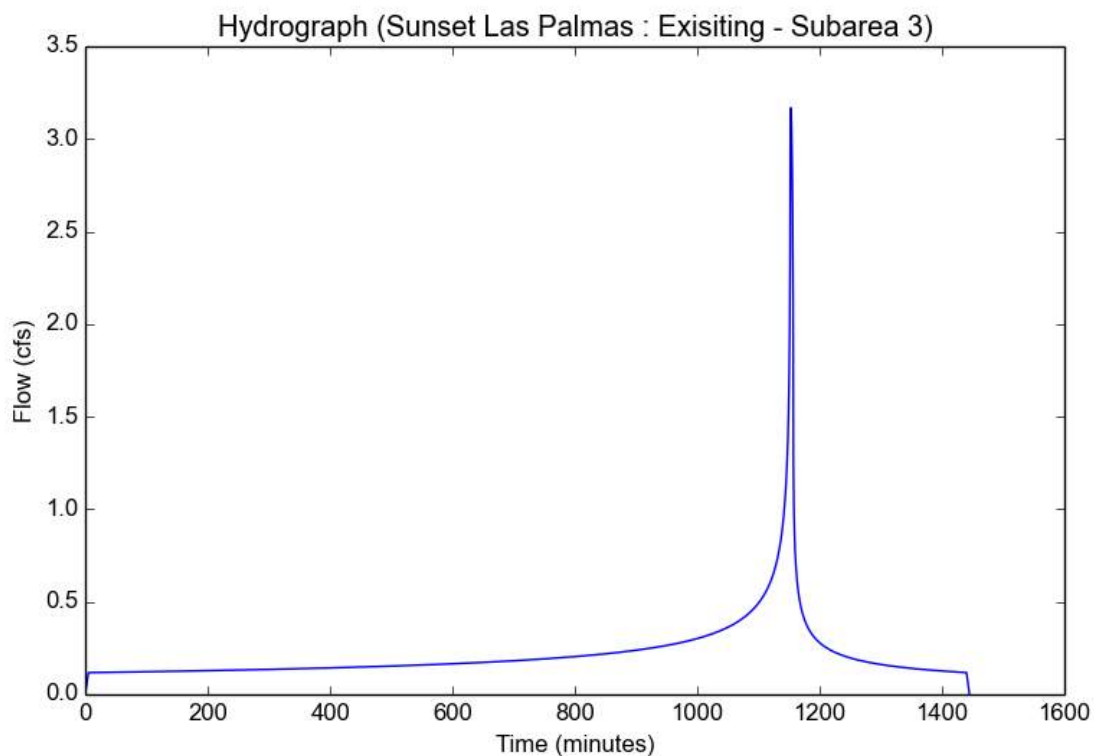
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Input Parameters

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Subarea ID	Exisiting - Subarea 3
Area (ac)	1.0
Flow Path Length (ft)	100.0
Flow Path Slope (vft/hft)	0.02
50-yr Rainfall Depth (in)	5.9
Percent Impervious	1.0
Soil Type	13
Design Storm Frequency	50-yr
Fire Factor	0
LID	False

Output Results

Modeled (50-yr) Rainfall Depth (in)	5.9
Peak Intensity (in/hr)	3.5201
Undeveloped Runoff Coefficient (Cu)	0.9482
Developed Runoff Coefficient (Cd)	0.9
Time of Concentration (min)	5.0
Clear Peak Flow Rate (cfs)	3.1681
Burned Peak Flow Rate (cfs)	3.1681
24-Hr Clear Runoff Volume (ac-ft)	0.4388
24-Hr Clear Runoff Volume (cu-ft)	19116.006



Peak Flow Hydrologic Analysis

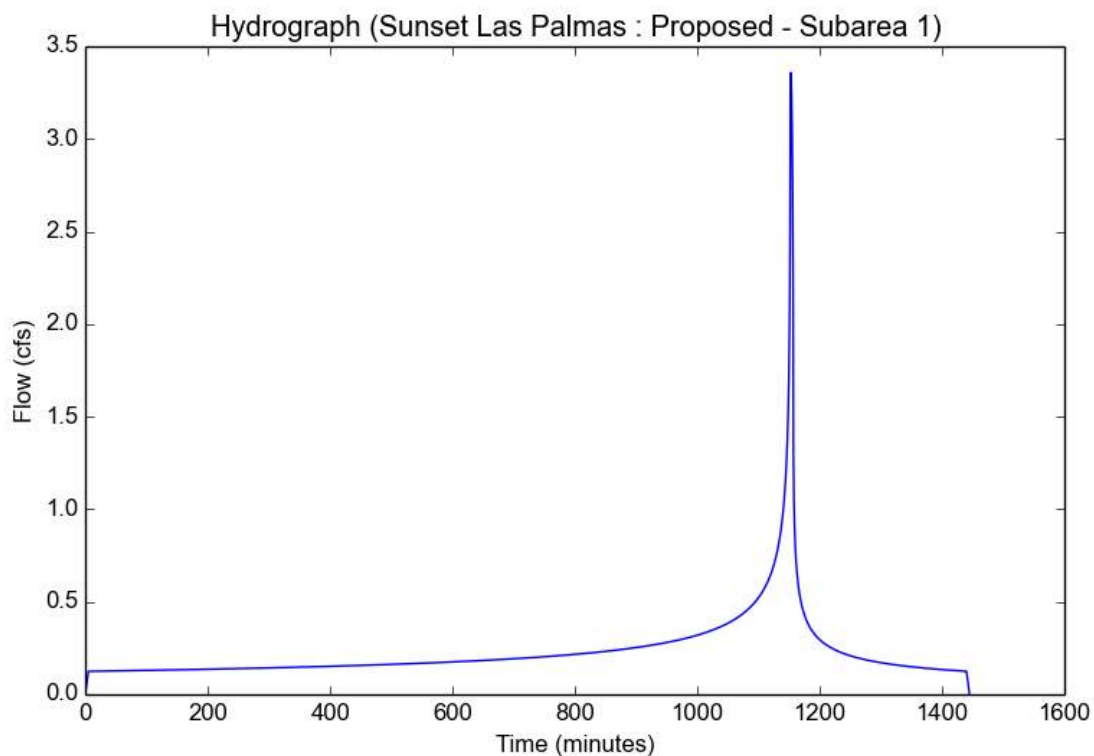
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Input Parameters

Project Name	Sunset Las Palmas
Subarea ID	Proposed - Subarea 1
Area (ac)	1.06
Flow Path Length (ft)	100.0
Flow Path Slope (vft/hft)	0.02
50-yr Rainfall Depth (in)	5.9
Percent Impervious	1.0
Soil Type	13
Design Storm Frequency	50-yr
Fire Factor	0
LID	False

Output Results

Modeled (50-yr) Rainfall Depth (in)	5.9
Peak Intensity (in/hr)	3.5201
Undeveloped Runoff Coefficient (Cu)	0.9482
Developed Runoff Coefficient (Cd)	0.9
Time of Concentration (min)	5.0
Clear Peak Flow Rate (cfs)	3.3582
Burned Peak Flow Rate (cfs)	3.3582
24-Hr Clear Runoff Volume (ac-ft)	0.4652
24-Hr Clear Runoff Volume (cu-ft)	20262.9663



Peak Flow Hydrologic Analysis

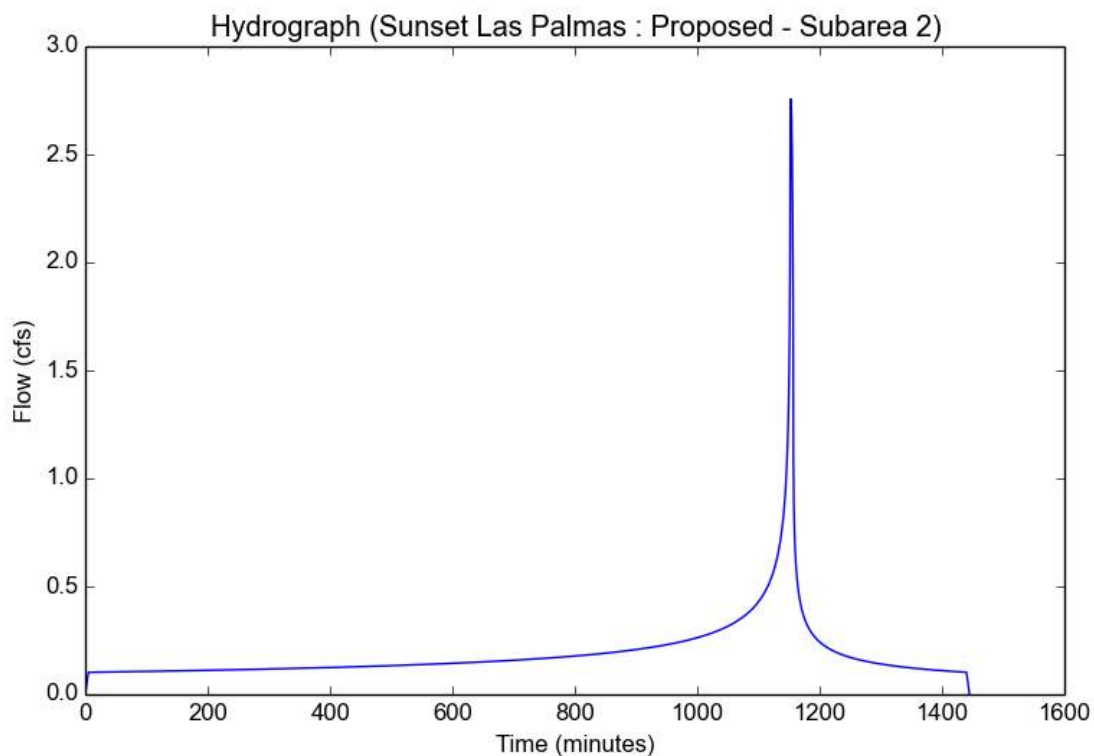
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Input Parameters

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Subarea ID	Proposed - Subarea 2
Area (ac)	0.87
Flow Path Length (ft)	100.0
Flow Path Slope (vft/hft)	0.02
50-yr Rainfall Depth (in)	5.9
Percent Impervious	1.0
Soil Type	13
Design Storm Frequency	50-yr
Fire Factor	0
LID	False

Output Results

Modeled (50-yr) Rainfall Depth (in)	5.9
Peak Intensity (in/hr)	3.5201
Undeveloped Runoff Coefficient (Cu)	0.9482
Developed Runoff Coefficient (Cd)	0.9
Time of Concentration (min)	5.0
Clear Peak Flow Rate (cfs)	2.7562
Burned Peak Flow Rate (cfs)	2.7562
24-Hr Clear Runoff Volume (ac-ft)	0.3818
24-Hr Clear Runoff Volume (cu-ft)	16630.9252



Peak Flow Hydrologic Analysis

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Subarea ID	Proposed - Subarea 3
Area (ac)	0.9
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Flow Path Slope (vft/hft)	0.02
50-yr Rainfall Depth (in)	5.9
Percent Impervious	1.0
Soil Type	13
Design Storm Frequency	50-yr
Fire Factor	0
LID	False

Output Results

Modeled (50-yr) Rainfall Depth (in)	5.9
Peak Intensity (in/hr)	3.5201
Undeveloped Runoff Coefficient (Cu)	0.9482
Developed Runoff Coefficient (Cd)	0.9
Time of Concentration (min)	5.0
Clear Peak Flow Rate (cfs)	2.8513
Burned Peak Flow Rate (cfs)	2.8513
24-Hr Clear Runoff Volume (ac-ft)	0.395
24-Hr Clear Runoff Volume (cu-ft)	17204.4054

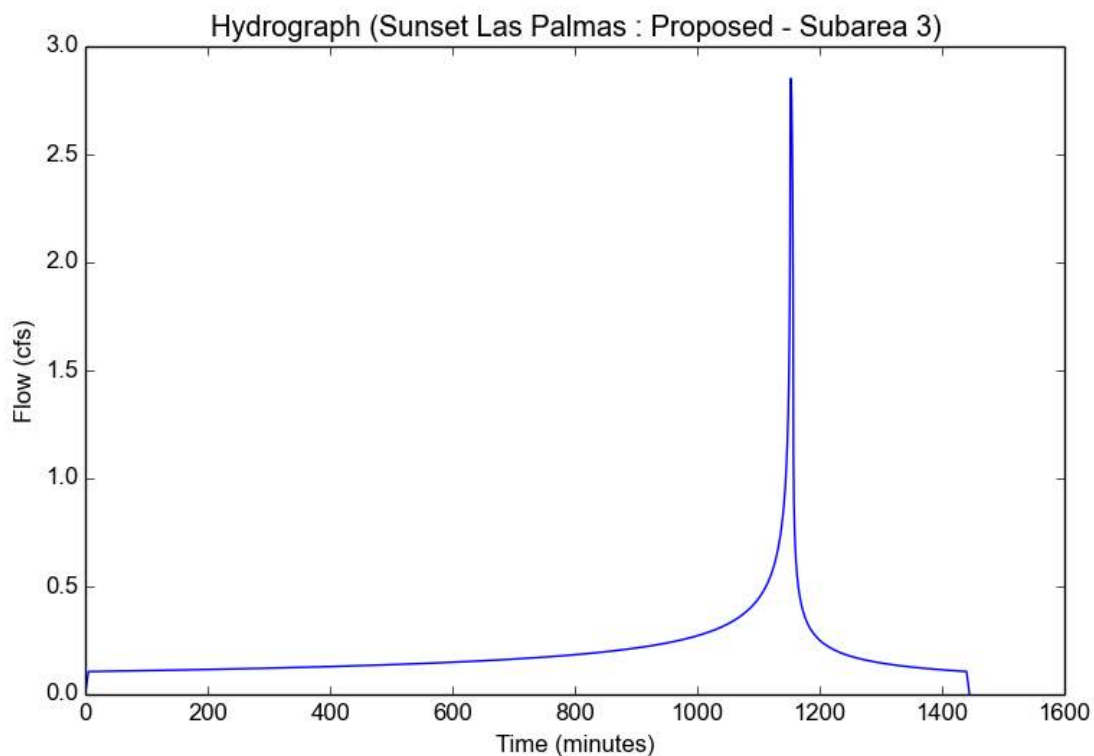


FIGURE 5 - COASTAL PLAIN OF LOS ANGELES GROUNDWATER BASIN EXHIBIT

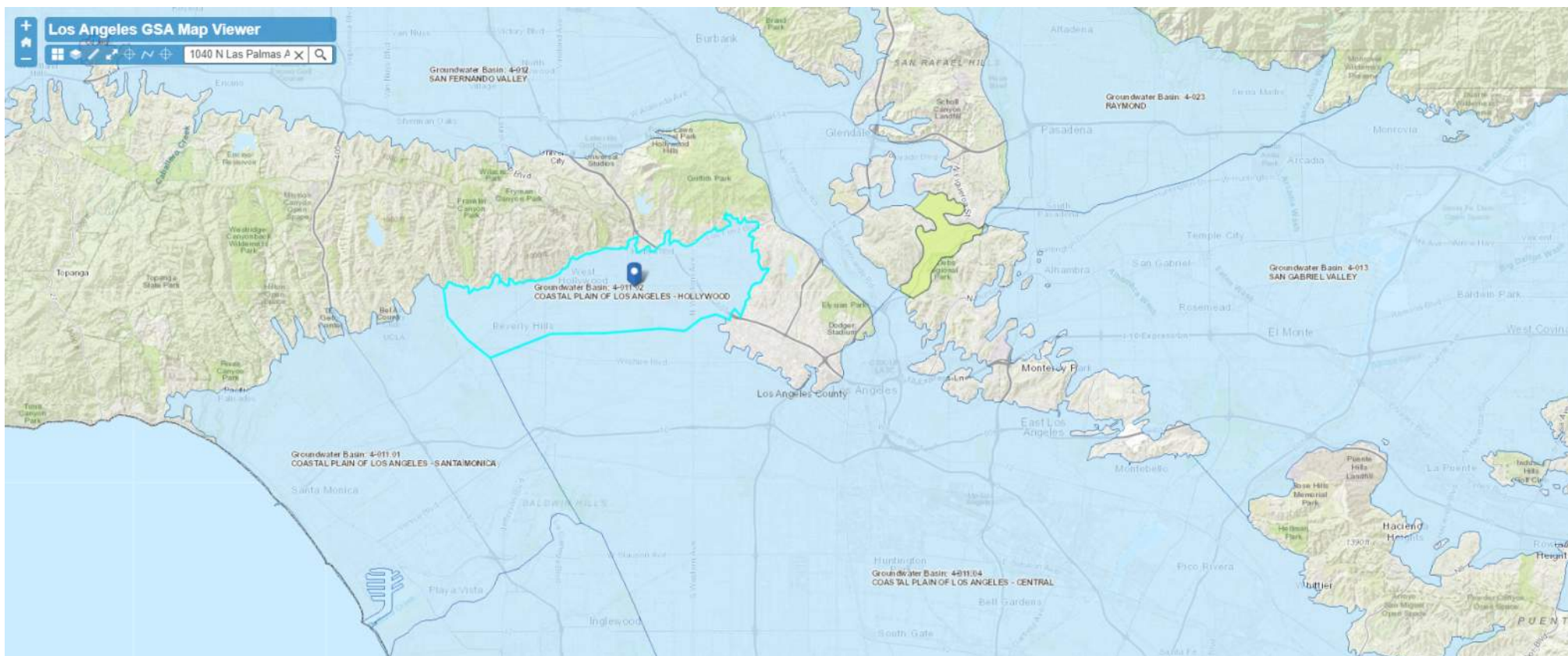


FIGURE 6 - LID CALCULATION

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Note:

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[1]	Total Area (SF)		122695
[2]	Impervious Area (SF)		122695
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[4]	Catchment Area (SF)	$([2] * 0.9) + ([3] * 0.1) =$	110425
[5]	Design Rainfall Depth (in)	Greater of 0.75", 85th percentile	1.00
[6]	V_{design} (gal)	$[5] / 12 * 7.48 * [4] =$	68832
[7]	Planting Area (SF)		13645
[8]	Plant Factor*		0.2
[9]	$ETWU_{(7\text{-month})}$	$21.7 * 0.62 * [8] * [7] =$	132030
[10]	Is $V_{\text{design}} \leq ETWU_{(7\text{-month})}$?		YES

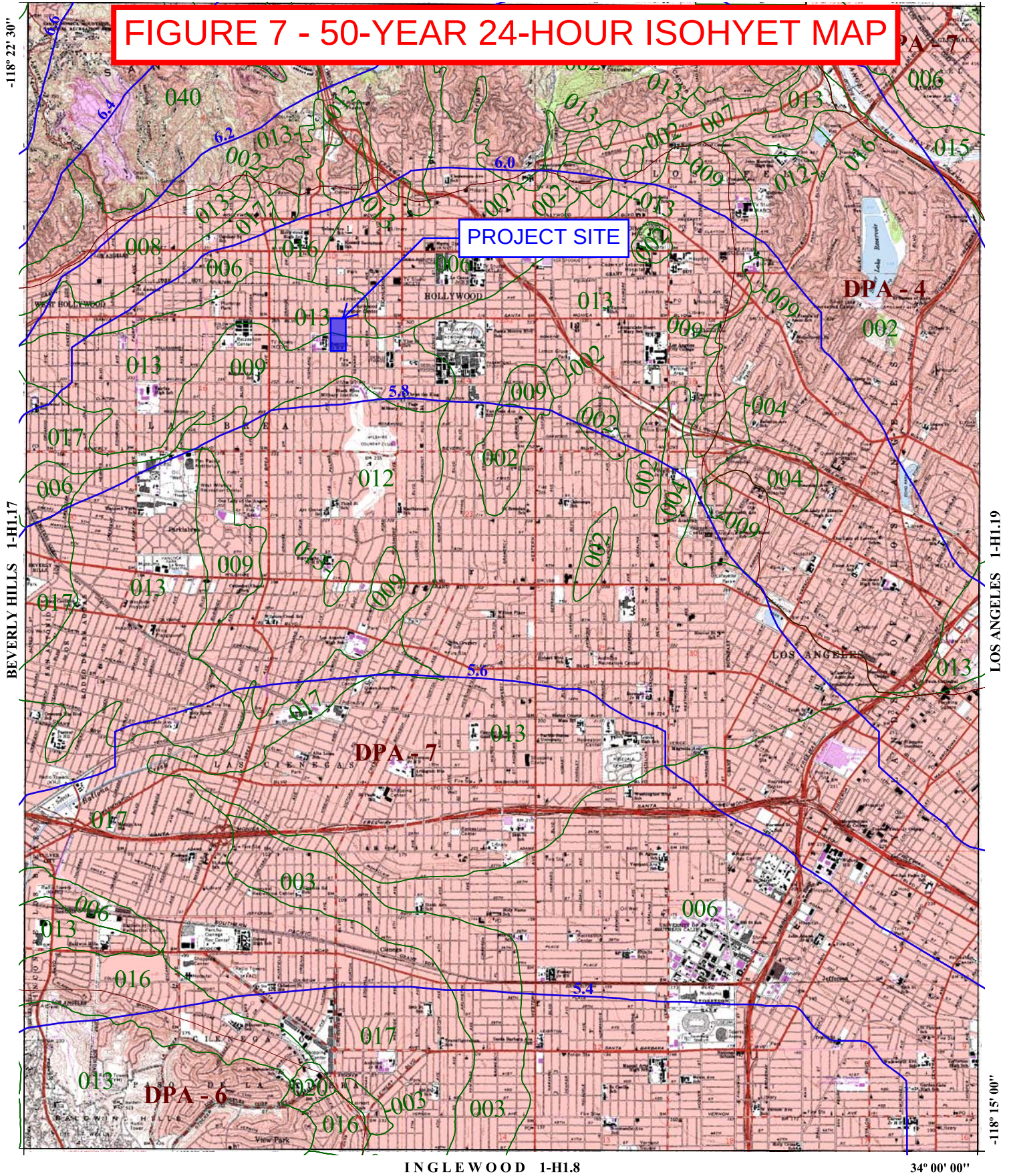
*The plant factor used shall be from WUCOLS. The plant factor ranges from 0 to 0.3 for low water use plants, from 0.4 to 0.6 for moderate water use plants, and from 0.7 to 1.0 for high water use plants.

Source: LID Handbook, City of LA (May 2012)

34° 07' 30"

BURBANK 1-H1.28

FIGURE 7 - 50-YEAR 24-HOUR ISOHYET MAP



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SOIL CLASSIFICATION AREA

7.2

INCHES OF RAINFALL

DPA - 6

DEBRIS POTENTIAL AREA

1 0 1 2 Miles

25-YEAR 24-HOUR ISOHYET REDUCTION FACTOR: 0.878
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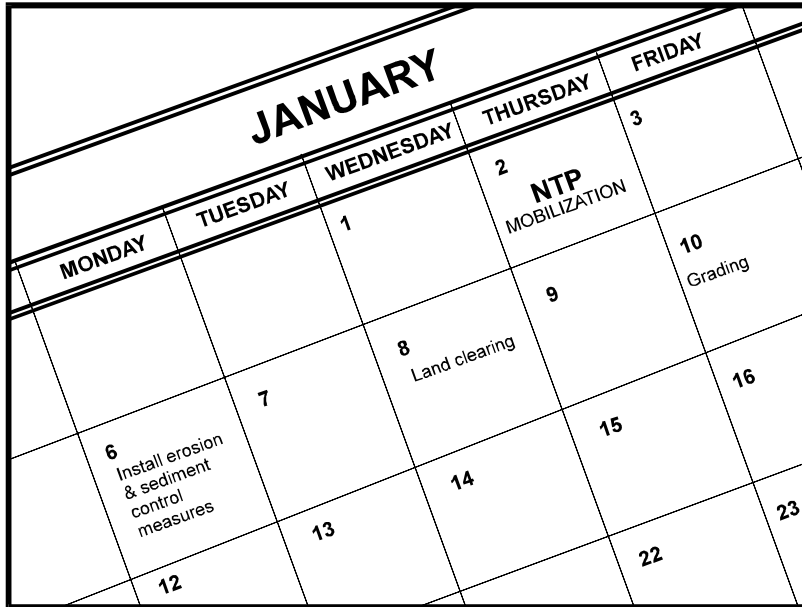
HOLLYWOOD
50-YEAR 24-HOUR ISOHYET

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Scheduling

EC-1



Description and Purpose

Scheduling is the development of a written plan that includes sequencing of construction activities and the implementation of BMPs such as erosion control and sediment control while taking local climate (rainfall, wind, etc.) into consideration. The purpose is to reduce the amount and duration of soil exposed to erosion by wind, rain, runoff, and vehicle tracking, and to perform the construction activities and control practices in accordance with the planned schedule.

Suitable Applications

Proper sequencing of construction activities to reduce erosion potential should be incorporated into the schedule of every construction project especially during rainy season. Use of other, more costly yet less effective, erosion and sediment control BMPs may often be reduced through proper construction sequencing.

Limitations

- Environmental constraints such as nesting season prohibitions reduce the full capabilities of this BMP.

Implementation

- Avoid rainy periods. Schedule major grading operations during dry months when practical. Allow enough time before rainfall begins to stabilize the soil with vegetation or physical means or to install sediment trapping devices.
- Plan the project and develop a schedule showing each phase of construction. Clearly show how the rainy season relates

Categories

EC	Erosion Control	☒
SE	Sediment Control	☒
TC	Tracking Control	☒
WE	Wind Erosion Control	☒
NS	Non-Stormwater Management Control	
WM	Waste Management and Materials Pollution Control	

Legend:

- ☒ **Primary Objective**
- ☒ **Secondary Objective**

Targeted Constituents

Sediment	☒
Nutrients	
Trash	
Metals	
Bacteria	
Oil and Grease	
Organics	

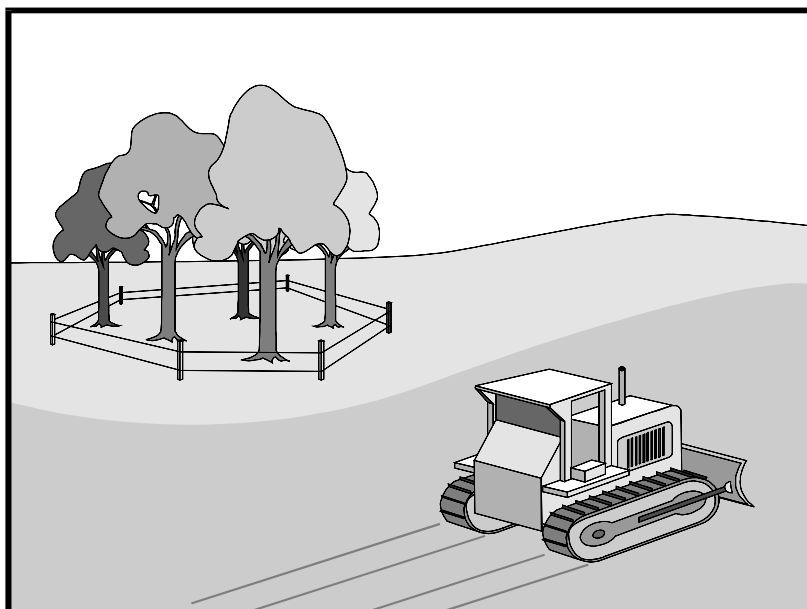
Potential Alternatives

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Preservation Of Existing Vegetation EC-2



Description and Purpose

Carefully planned preservation of existing vegetation minimizes the potential of removing or injuring existing trees, vines, shrubs, and grasses that protect soil from erosion.

Suitable Applications

Preservation of existing vegetation is suitable for use on most projects. Large project sites often provide the greatest opportunity for use of this BMP. Suitable applications include the following:

- Areas within the site where no construction activity occurs, or occurs at a later date. This BMP is especially suitable to multi year projects where grading can be phased.
- Areas where natural vegetation exists and is designated for preservation. Such areas often include steep slopes, watercourse, and building sites in wooded areas.
- Areas where local, state, and federal government require preservation, such as vernal pools, wetlands, marshes, certain oak trees, etc. These areas are usually designated on the plans, or in the specifications, permits, or environmental documents.
- Where vegetation designated for ultimate removal can be temporarily preserved and be utilized for erosion control and sediment control.

Categories

EC	Erosion Control	☒
SE	Sediment Control	
TC	Tracking Control	
WE	Wind Erosion Control	
NS	Non-Stormwater Management Control	
WM	Waste Management and Materials Pollution Control	

Legend:

- ☒ Primary Objective
- ☒ Secondary Objective

Targeted Constituents

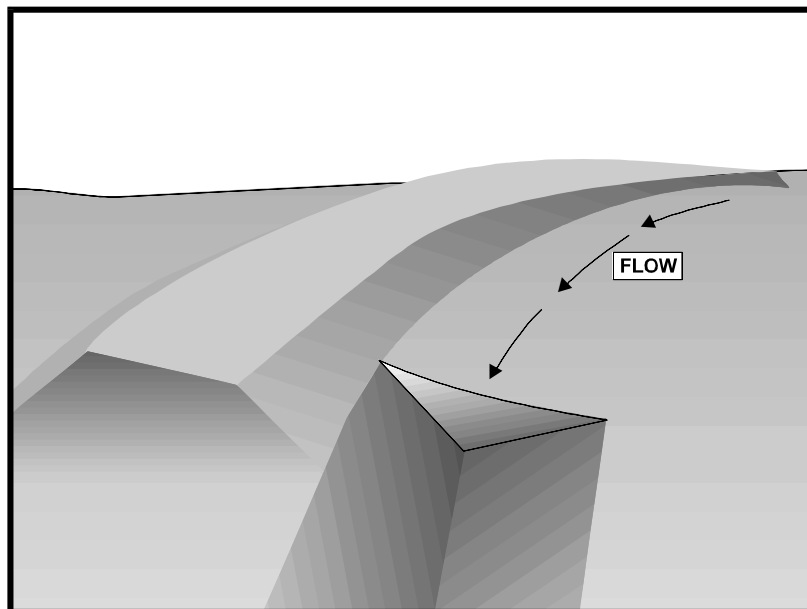
Sediment	☒
Nutrients	
Trash	
Metals	
Bacteria	
Oil and Grease	
Organics	

Potential Alternatives

None

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Description and Purpose

An earth dike is a temporary berm or ridge of compacted soil used to divert runoff or channel water to a desired location. A drainage swale is a shaped and sloped depression in the soil surface used to convey runoff to a desired location. Earth dikes and drainage swales are used to divert off site runoff around the construction site, divert runoff from stabilized areas and disturbed areas, and direct runoff into sediment basins or traps.

Suitable Applications

Earth dikes and drainage swales are suitable for use, individually or together, where runoff needs to be diverted from one area and conveyed to another.

- Earth dikes and drainage swales may be used:
 - To convey surface runoff down sloping land
 - To intercept and divert runoff to avoid sheet flow over sloped surfaces
 - To divert and direct runoff towards a stabilized watercourse, drainage pipe or channel
 - To intercept runoff from paved surfaces
 - Below steep grades where runoff begins to concentrate
 - Along roadways and facility improvements subject to flood drainage

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Targeted Constituents

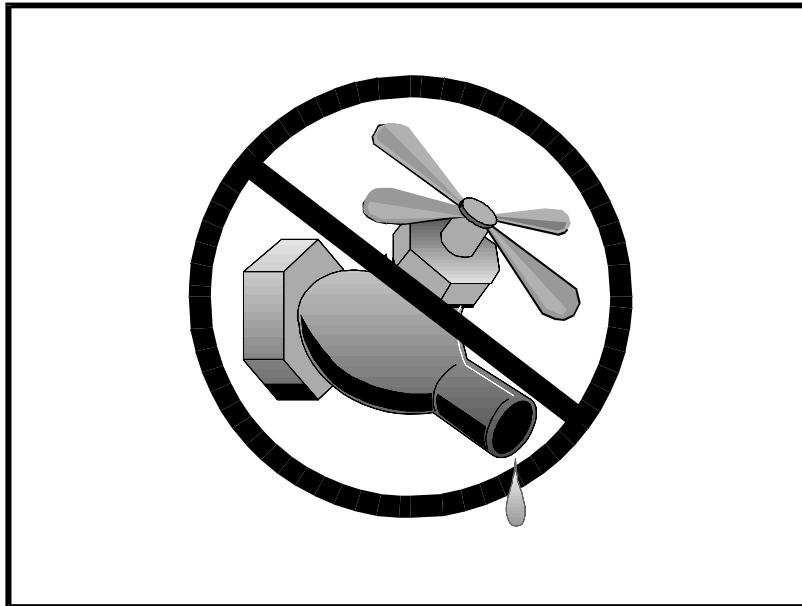
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Potential Alternatives

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Description and Purpose

Water conservation practices are activities that use water during the construction of a project in a manner that avoids causing erosion and the transport of pollutants offsite. These practices can reduce or eliminate non-stormwater discharges.

Suitable Applications

Water conservation practices are suitable for all construction sites where water is used, including piped water, metered water, trucked water, and water from a reservoir.

Limitations

- None identified.

Implementation

- Keep water equipment in good working condition.
- Stabilize water truck filling area.
- Repair water leaks promptly.
- Washing of vehicles and equipment on the construction site is discouraged.
- Avoid using water to clean construction areas. If water must be used for cleaning or surface preparation, surface should be swept and vacuumed first to remove dirt. This will minimize amount of water required.

Categories

EC	Erosion Control	☒
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WE	Wind Erosion Control	
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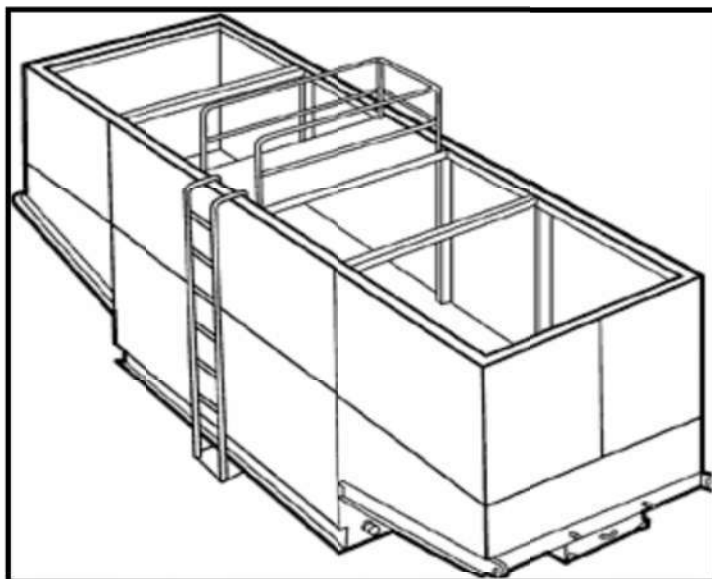
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Potential Alternatives

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Description and Purpose

Dewatering operations are practices that manage the discharge of pollutants when non-stormwater and accumulated precipitation (stormwater) must be removed from a work location to proceed with construction work or to provide vector control.

The General Permit incorporates Numeric Action Levels (NAL) for turbidity (see Section 2 of this handbook to determine your project's risk level and if you are subject to these requirements).

Discharges from dewatering operations can contain high levels of fine sediment that, if not properly treated, could lead to exceedances of the General Permit requirements or Basin Plan standards.

The dewatering operations described in this fact sheet are not Active Treatment Systems (ATS) and do not include the use of chemical coagulations, chemical flocculation or electrocoagulation.

Suitable Applications

These practices are implemented for discharges of non-stormwater from construction sites. Non-stormwaters include, but are not limited to, groundwater, water from cofferdams, water diversions, and waters used during construction activities that must be removed from a work area to facilitate construction.

Practices identified in this section are also appropriate for implementation when managing the removal of accumulated

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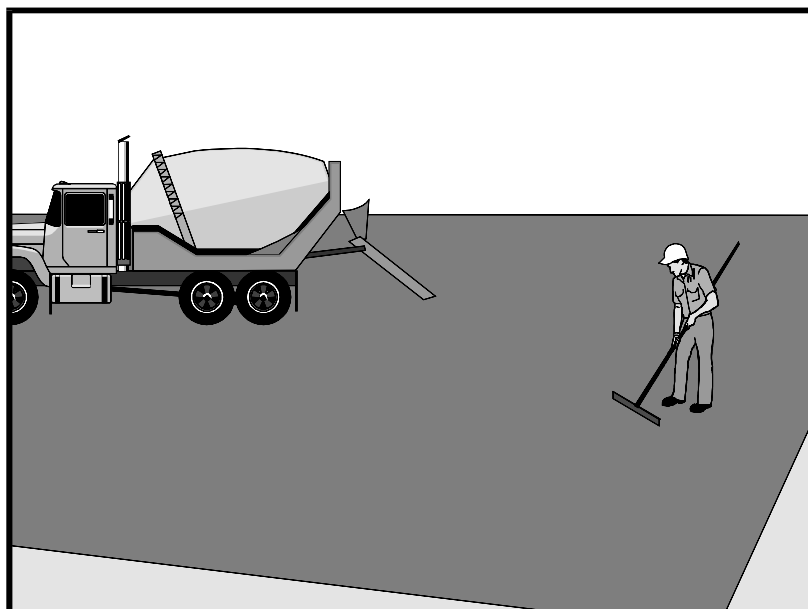
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Metals	
Bacteria	
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Organics	

Potential Alternatives

- SE-5: Fiber Roll
- SE-6: Gravel Bag Berm

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Description and Purpose

Prevent or reduce the discharge of pollutants from paving operations, using measures to prevent runoff and runoff pollution, properly disposing of wastes, and training employees and subcontractors.

The General Permit incorporates Numeric Action Levels (NAL) for pH and turbidity (see Section 2 of this handbook to determine your project's risk level and if you are subject to these requirements).

Many types of construction materials associated with paving and grinding operations, including mortar, concrete, and cement and their associated wastes have basic chemical properties that can raise pH levels outside of the permitted range. Additional care should be taken when managing these materials to prevent them from coming into contact with stormwater flows, which could lead to exceedances of the General Permit requirements.

Suitable Applications

These procedures are implemented where paving, surfacing, resurfacing, or sawcutting, may pollute stormwater runoff or discharge to the storm drain system or watercourses.

Limitations

- Paving opportunities may be limited during wet weather.

Discharges of freshly paved surfaces may raise pH to environmentally harmful levels and trigger permit violations.

Categories

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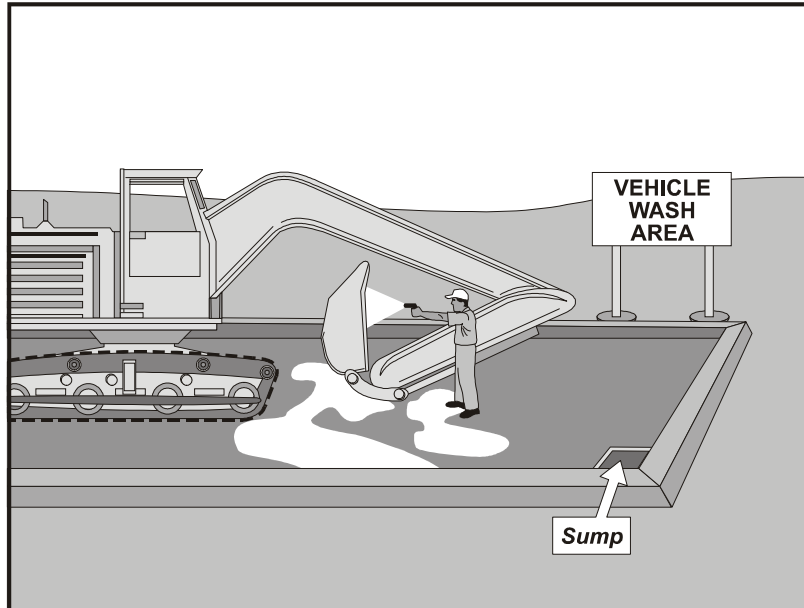
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Potential Alternatives

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Description and Purpose

Vehicle and equipment cleaning procedures and practices eliminate or reduce the discharge of pollutants to stormwater from vehicle and equipment cleaning operations. Procedures and practices include but are not limited to: using offsite facilities; washing in designated, contained areas only; eliminating discharges to the storm drain by infiltrating the wash water; and training employees and subcontractors in proper cleaning procedures.

Suitable Applications

These procedures are suitable on all construction sites where vehicle and equipment cleaning is performed.

Limitations

Even phosphate-free, biodegradable soaps have been shown to be toxic to fish before the soap degrades. Sending vehicles/equipment offsite should be done in conjunction with TC-1, Stabilized Construction Entrance/Exit.

Implementation

Other options to washing equipment onsite include contracting with either an offsite or mobile commercial washing business. These businesses may be better equipped to handle and dispose of the wash waters properly. Performing this work offsite can also be economical by eliminating the need for a separate washing operation onsite.

If washing operations are to take place onsite, then:

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WE	Wind Erosion Control	
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Targeted Constituents

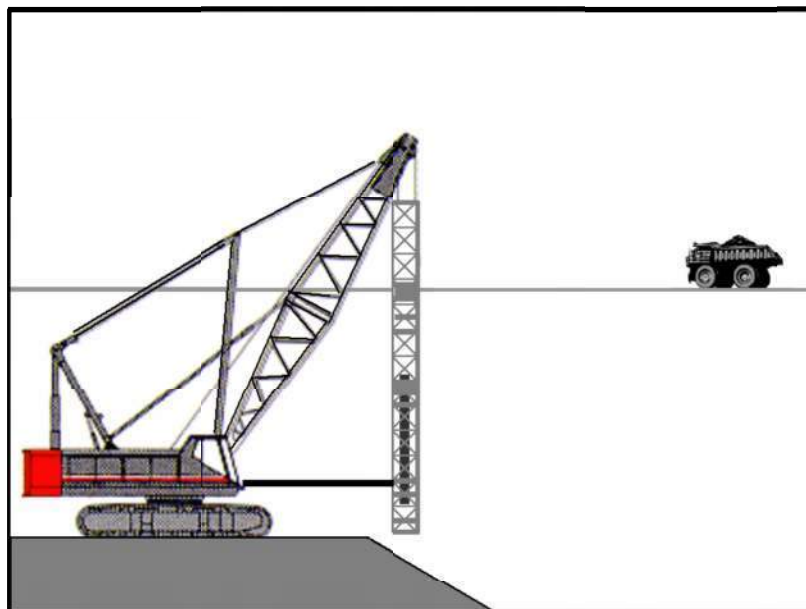
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Oil and Grease	☒
Organics	☒

Potential Alternatives

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Description and Purpose

The construction and retrofit of bridges and retaining walls often include driving piles for foundation support and shoring operations. Driven piles are typically constructed of precast concrete, steel, or timber. Driven sheet piles are also used for shoring and cofferdam construction. Proper control and use of equipment, materials, and waste products from pile driving operations will reduce or eliminate the discharge of potential pollutants to the storm drain system, watercourses, and waters of the United States.

Suitable Applications

These procedures apply to all construction sites near or adjacent to a watercourse or groundwater where permanent and temporary pile driving (impact and vibratory) takes place, including operations using pile shells as well as construction of cast-in-steel-shell and cast-in-drilled-hole piles.

Limitations

None identified.

Implementation

- Use drip pans or absorbent pads during vehicle and equipment operation, maintenance, cleaning, fueling, and storage. Refer to NS-8, Vehicle and Equipment Cleaning, NS-9, Vehicle and Equipment Fueling, and NS-10, Vehicle and Equipment Maintenance.

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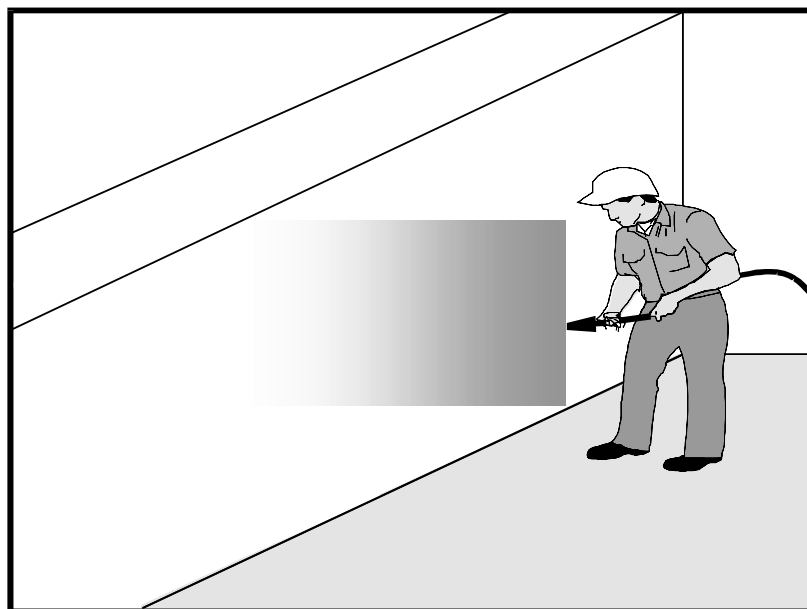
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Potential Alternatives

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Description and Purpose

Concrete curing is used in the construction of structures such as bridges, retaining walls, pump houses, large slabs, and structured foundations. Concrete curing includes the use of both chemical and water methods.

Concrete and its associated curing materials have basic chemical properties that can raise the pH of water to levels outside of the permitted range. Discharges of stormwater and non-stormwater exposed to concrete during curing may have a high pH and may contain chemicals, metals, and fines. The General Permit incorporates Numeric Action Levels (NAL) for pH (see Section 2 of this handbook to determine your project's risk level and if you are subject to these requirements).

Proper procedures and care should be taken when managing concrete curing materials to prevent them from coming into contact with stormwater flows, which could result in a high pH discharge.

Suitable Applications

Suitable applications include all projects where Portland Cement Concrete (PCC) and concrete curing chemicals are placed where they can be exposed to rainfall, runoff from other areas, or where runoff from the PCC will leave the site.

Limitations

- Runoff contact with concrete waste can raise pH levels in the water to environmentally harmful levels and trigger permit violations.

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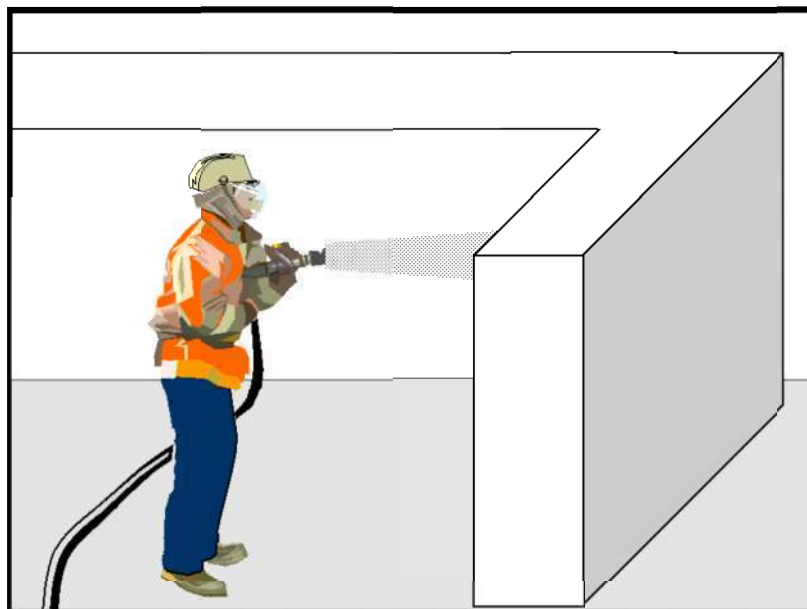
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Potential Alternatives

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Description and Purpose

Concrete finishing methods are used for bridge deck rehabilitation, paint removal, curing compound removal, and final surface finish appearances. Methods include sand blasting, shot blasting, grinding, or high pressure water blasting. Stormwater and non-stormwater exposed to concrete finishing by-products may have a high pH and may contain chemicals, metals, and fines. Proper procedures and implementation of appropriate BMPs can minimize the impact that concrete-finishing methods may have on stormwater and non-stormwater discharges.

The General Permit incorporates Numeric Action Levels (NAL) for pH (see Section 2 of this handbook to determine your project's risk level and if you are subject to these requirements).

Concrete and its associated curing materials have basic chemical properties that can raise pH levels outside of the permitted range. Additional care should be taken when managing these materials to prevent them from coming into contact with stormwater flows, which could lead to exceedances of the General Permit requirements.

Suitable Applications

These procedures apply to all construction locations where concrete finishing operations are performed.

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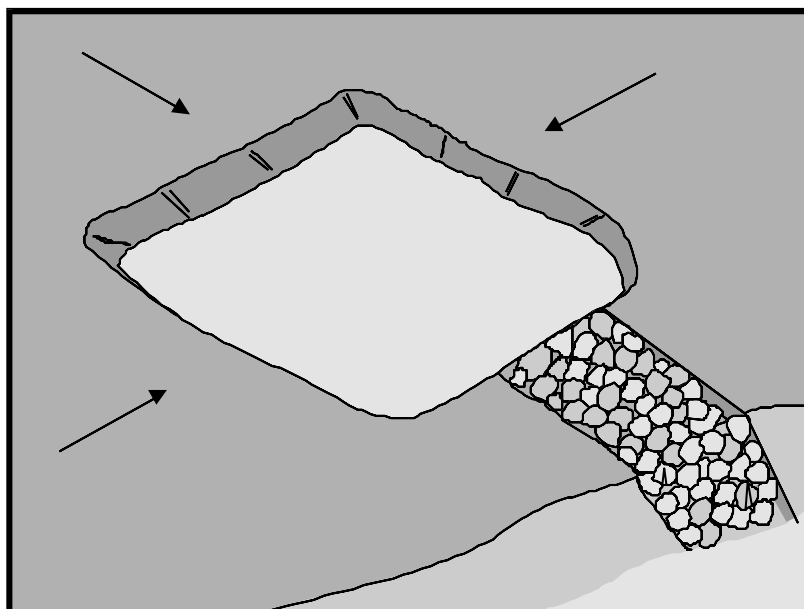
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Oil and Grease	
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Potential Alternatives

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Description and Purpose

A sediment trap is a containment area where sediment-laden runoff is temporarily detained under quiescent conditions, allowing sediment to settle out or before the runoff is discharged by gravity flow. Sediment traps are formed by excavating or constructing an earthen embankment across a waterway or low drainage area.

Trap design guidance provided in this fact sheet is not intended to guarantee compliance with numeric discharge limits (numeric action levels or numeric effluent limits for turbidity). Compliance with discharge limits requires a thoughtful approach to comprehensive BMP planning, implementation, and maintenance. Therefore, optimally designed and maintained sediment traps should be used in conjunction with a comprehensive system of BMPs.

Suitable Applications

Sediment traps should be considered for use:

- At the perimeter of the site at locations where sediment-laden runoff is discharged offsite.
- At multiple locations within the project site where sediment control is needed.
- Around or upslope from storm drain inlet protection measures.
- Sediment traps may be used on construction projects where the drainage area is less than 5 acres. Traps would be

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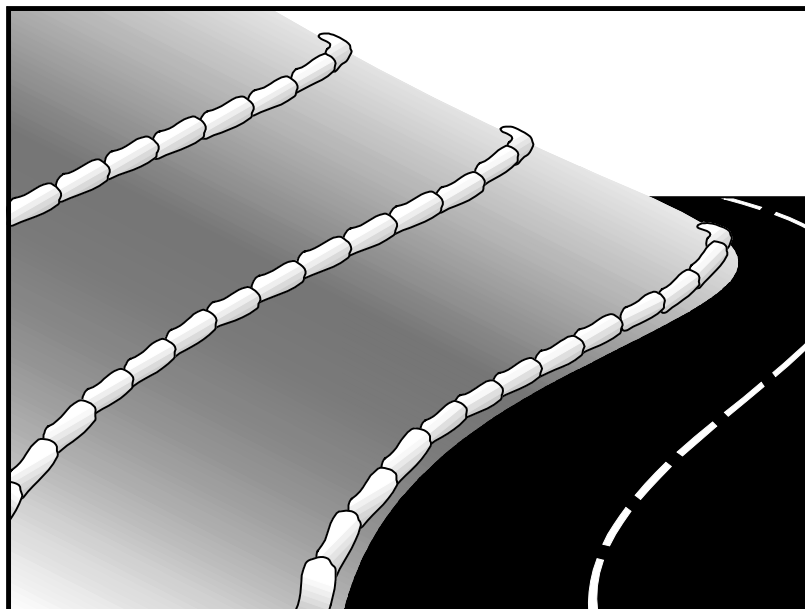
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Potential Alternatives

SE-2 Sediment Basin (for larger areas)

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Description and Purpose

A gravel bag berm is a series of gravel-filled bags placed on a level contour to intercept sheet flows. Gravel bags pond sheet flow runoff, allowing sediment to settle out, and release runoff slowly as sheet flow, preventing erosion.

Suitable Applications

Gravel bag berms may be suitable:

- As a linear sediment control measure:
 - Below the toe of slopes and erodible slopes
 - As sediment traps at culvert/pipe outlets
 - Below other small cleared areas
 - Along the perimeter of a site
 - Down slope of exposed soil areas
 - Around temporary stockpiles and spoil areas
 - Parallel to a roadway to keep sediment off paved areas
 - Along streams and channels
- As a linear erosion control measure:
 - Along the face and at grade breaks of exposed and erodible slopes to shorten slope length and spread runoff as sheet flow.

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Targeted Constituents

Sediment	☒
Nutrients	
Trash	
Metals	
Bacteria	
Oil and Grease	
Organics	

Potential Alternatives

- SE-1 Silt Fence
- SE-5 Fiber Roll
- SE-8 Sandbag Barrier
- SE-12 Temporary Silt Dike
- SE-14 Biofilter Bags

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Description and Purpose

Street sweeping and vacuuming includes use of self-propelled and walk-behind equipment to remove sediment from streets and roadways, and to clean paved surfaces in preparation for final paving. Sweeping and vacuuming prevents sediment from the project site from entering storm drains or receiving waters.

Suitable Applications

Sweeping and vacuuming are suitable anywhere sediment is tracked from the project site onto public or private paved streets and roads, typically at points of egress. Sweeping and vacuuming are also applicable during preparation of paved surfaces for final paving.

Limitations

Sweeping and vacuuming may not be effective when sediment is wet or when tracked soil is caked (caked soil may need to be scraped loose).

Implementation

- Controlling the number of points where vehicles can leave the site will allow sweeping and vacuuming efforts to be focused, and perhaps save money.
- Inspect potential sediment tracking locations daily.
- Visible sediment tracking should be swept or vacuumed on a daily basis.

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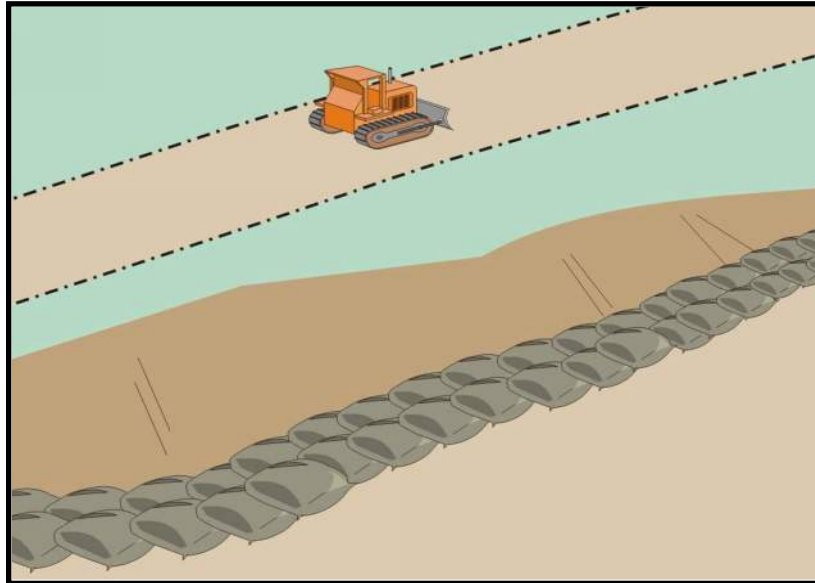
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Potential Alternatives

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Description and Purpose

A sandbag barrier is a series of sand-filled bags placed on a level contour to intercept or to divert sheet flows. Sandbag barriers placed on a level contour pond sheet flow runoff, allowing sediment to settle out.

Suitable Applications

Sandbag barriers may be a suitable control measure for the applications described below. It is important to consider that sand bags are less porous than gravel bags and ponding or flooding can occur behind the barrier. Also, sand is easily transported by runoff if bags are damaged or ruptured. The SWPPP Preparer should select the location of a sandbag barrier with respect to the potential for flooding, damage, and the ability to maintain the BMP.

- As a linear sediment control measure:
 - Below the toe of slopes and erodible slopes.
 - As sediment traps at culvert/pipe outlets.
 - Below other small cleared areas.
 - Along the perimeter of a site.
 - Down slope of exposed soil areas.
 - Around temporary stockpiles and spoil areas.
 - Parallel to a roadway to keep sediment off paved areas.
 - Along streams and channels.

Targeted Constituents

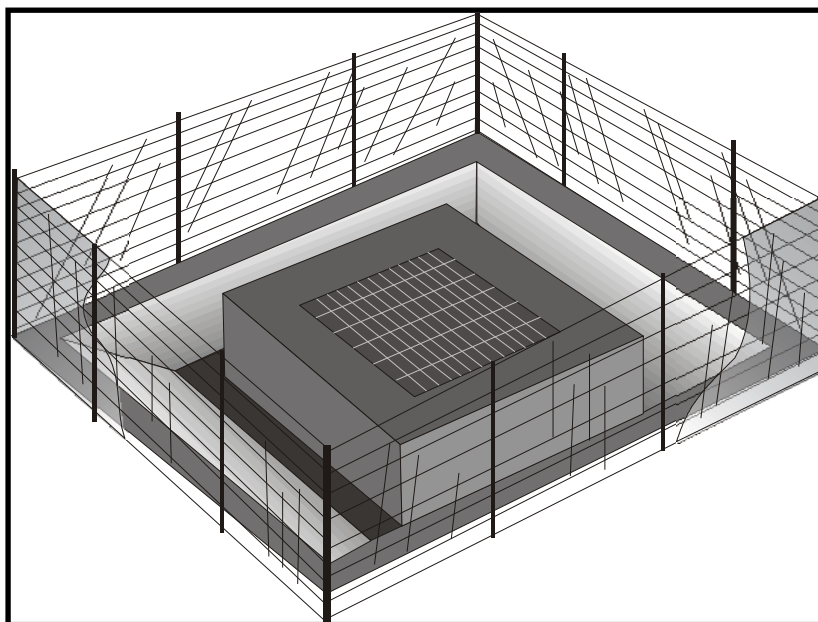
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Potential Alternatives

- SE-1 Silt Fence
- SE-5 Fiber Rolls
- SE-6 Gravel Bag Berm
- SE-12 Manufactured Linear Sediment Controls
- SE-14 Biofilter Bags

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Description and Purpose

Storm drain inlet protection consists of a sediment filter or an impounding area in, around or upstream of a storm drain, drop inlet, or curb inlet. Storm drain inlet protection measures temporarily pond runoff before it enters the storm drain, allowing sediment to settle. Some filter configurations also remove sediment by filtering, but usually the ponding action results in the greatest sediment reduction. Temporary geotextile storm drain inserts attach underneath storm drain grates to capture and filter storm water.

Suitable Applications

- Every storm drain inlet receiving runoff from unstabilized or otherwise active work areas should be protected. Inlet protection should be used in conjunction with other erosion and sediment controls to prevent sediment-laden stormwater and non-stormwater discharges from entering the storm drain system.

Limitations

- Drainage area should not exceed 1 acre.
- In general straw bales should not be used as inlet protection.
- Requires an adequate area for water to pond without encroaching into portions of the roadway subject to traffic.
- Sediment removal may be inadequate to prevent sediment discharges in high flow conditions or if runoff is heavily sediment laden. If high flow conditions are expected, use

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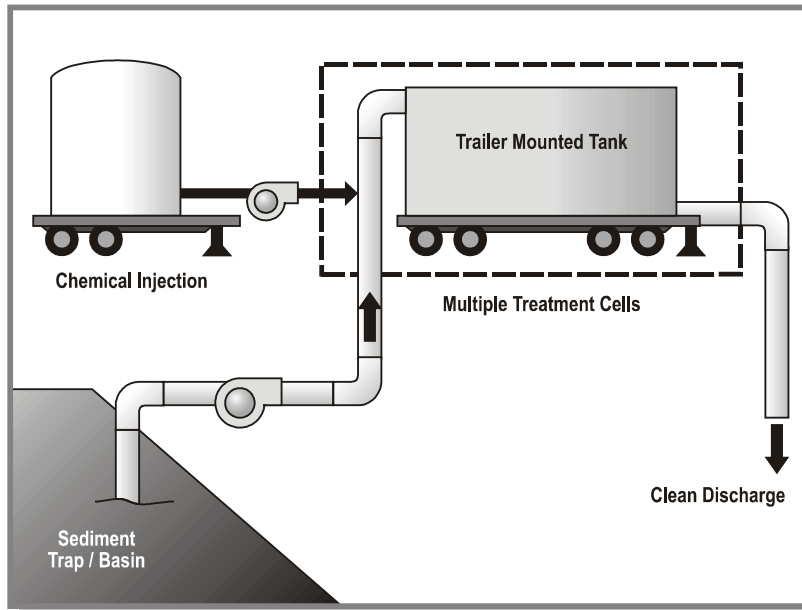
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Potential Alternatives

- SE-1 Silt Fence
- SE-5 Fiber Rolls
- SE-6 Gravel Bag Berm
- SE-8 Sandbag Barrier
- SE-14 Biofilter Bags
- SE-13 Compost Socks and Berms

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Description and Purpose

Active Treatment Systems (ATS) reduce turbidity of construction site runoff by introducing chemicals to stormwater through direct dosing or an electrical current to enhance flocculation, coagulation, and settling of the suspended sediment. Coagulants and flocculants are used to enhance settling and removal of suspended sediments and generally include inorganic salts and polymers (USACE, 2001). The increased flocculation aids in sedimentation and ability to remove fine suspended sediments, thus reducing stormwater runoff turbidity and improving water quality.

Suitable Applications

ATS can reliably provide exceptional reductions of turbidity and associated pollutants and should be considered where turbid discharges to sediment and turbidity sensitive waters cannot be avoided using traditional BMPs. Additionally, it may be appropriate to use an ATS when site constraints inhibit the ability to construct a correctly sized sediment basin, when clay and/or highly erosive soils are present, or when the site has very steep or long slope lengths.

Limitations

Dischargers choosing to utilize chemical treatment in an ATS must follow all guidelines of the Construction General Permit Attachment F – Active Treatment System Requirements. General limitations are as follows:

Targeted Constituents

Sediment	☒
Nutrients	
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Metals	
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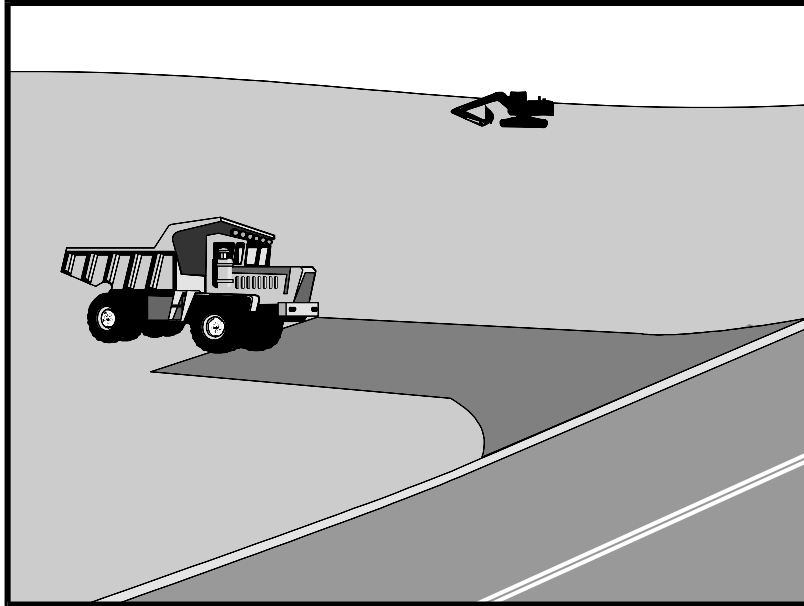
Potential Alternatives

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Stabilized Construction Entrance/Exit TC-1



Description and Purpose

A stabilized construction access is defined by a point of entrance/exit to a construction site that is stabilized to reduce the tracking of mud and dirt onto public roads by construction vehicles.

Suitable Applications

Use at construction sites:

- Where dirt or mud can be tracked onto public roads.
- Adjacent to water bodies.
- Where poor soils are encountered.
- Where dust is a problem during dry weather conditions.

Limitations

- Entrances and exits require periodic top dressing with additional stones.
- This BMP should be used in conjunction with street sweeping on adjacent public right of way.
- Entrances and exits should be constructed on level ground only.
- Stabilized construction entrances are rather expensive to construct and when a wash rack is included, a sediment trap of some kind must also be provided to collect wash water runoff.

Categories

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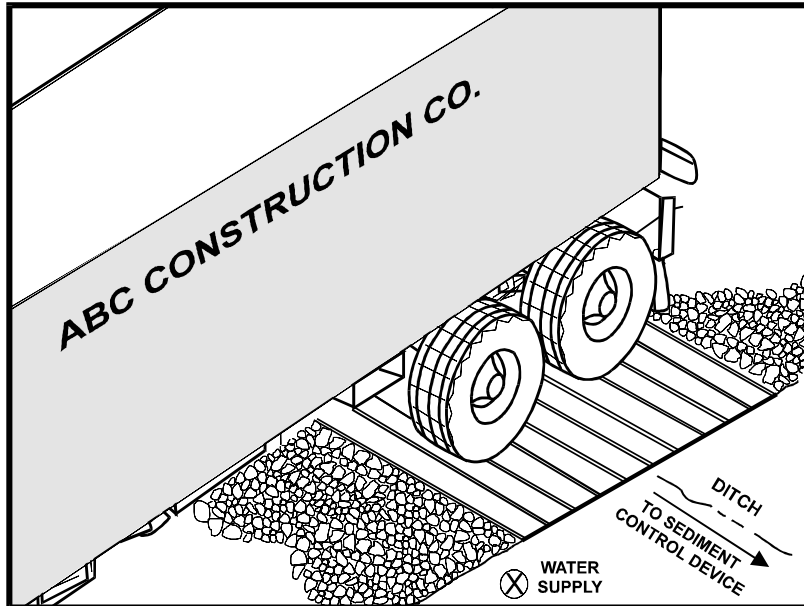
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Potential Alternatives

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Description and Purpose

A tire wash is an area located at stabilized construction access points to remove sediment from tires and undercarriages and to prevent sediment from being transported onto public roadways.

Suitable Applications

Tire washes may be used on construction sites where dirt and mud tracking onto public roads by construction vehicles may occur.

Limitations

- The tire wash requires a supply of wash water.
- A turnout or doublewide exit is required to avoid having entering vehicles drive through the wash area.
- Do not use where wet tire trucks leaving the site leave the road dangerously slick.

Implementation

- Incorporate with a stabilized construction entrance/exit. See TC-1, Stabilized Construction Entrance/Exit.
- Construct on level ground when possible, on a pad of coarse aggregate greater than 3 in. but smaller than 6 in. A geotextile fabric should be placed below the aggregate.
- Wash rack should be designed and constructed/manufactured for anticipated traffic loads.

Categories

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Legend:

- ☒ Primary Objective
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Targeted Constituents

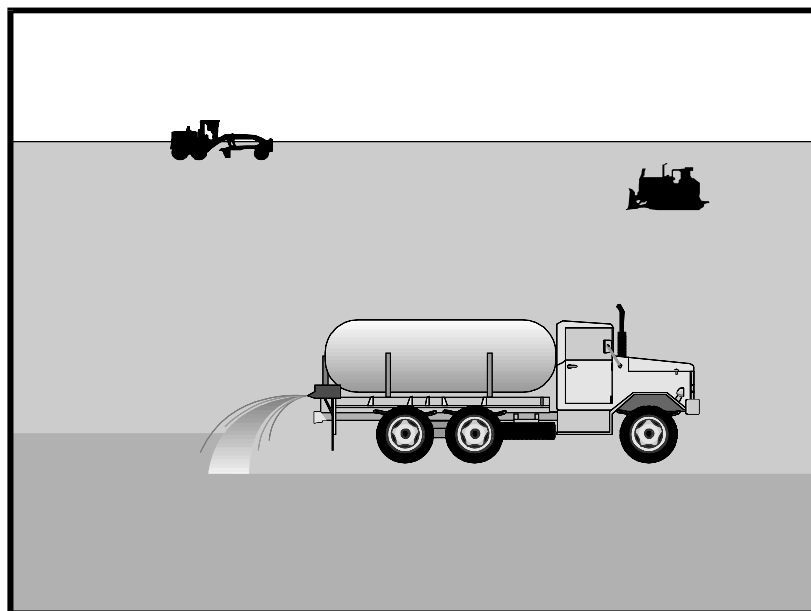
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Potential Alternatives

TC-1 Stabilized Construction Entrance/Exit

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Description and Purpose

Wind erosion or dust control consists of applying water or other chemical dust suppressants as necessary to prevent or alleviate dust nuisance generated by construction activities. Covering small stockpiles or areas is an alternative to applying water or other dust palliatives.

California's Mediterranean climate, with a short "wet" season and a typically long, hot "dry" season, allows the soils to thoroughly dry out. During the dry season, construction activities are at their peak, and disturbed and exposed areas are increasingly subject to wind erosion, sediment tracking and dust generated by construction equipment. Site conditions and climate can make dust control more of an erosion problem than water based erosion. Additionally, many local agencies, including Air Quality Management Districts, require dust control and/or dust control permits in order to comply with local nuisance laws, opacity laws (visibility impairment) and the requirements of the Clean Air Act. Wind erosion control is required to be implemented at all construction sites greater than 1 acre by the General Permit.

Suitable Applications

Most BMPs that provide protection against water-based erosion will also protect against wind-based erosion and dust control requirements required by other agencies will generally meet wind erosion control requirements for water quality protection. Wind erosion control BMPs are suitable during the following construction activities:

Categories

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SE	Sediment Control	☒
TC	Tracking Control	
WE	Wind Erosion Control	☒
NS	Non-Stormwater Management Control	
WM	Waste Management and Materials Pollution Control	

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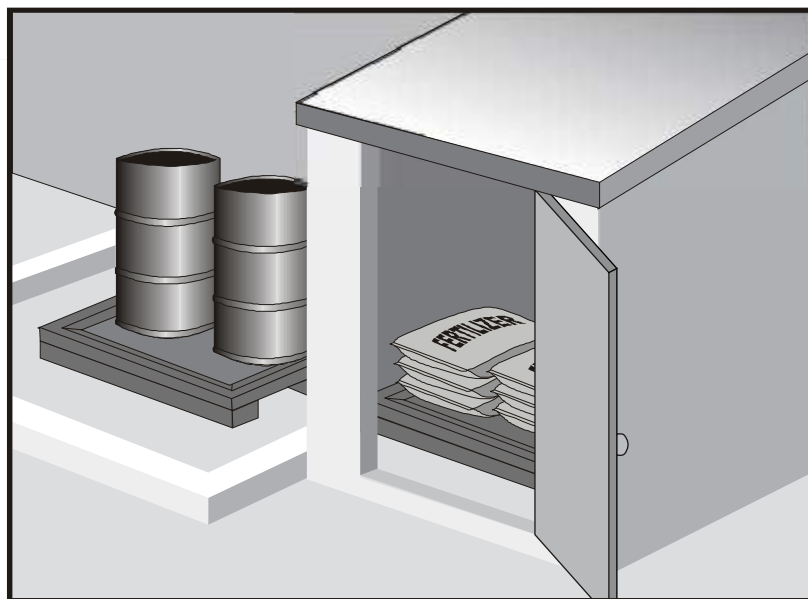
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Potential Alternatives

EC-5 Soil Binders

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Description and Purpose

Prevent, reduce, or eliminate the discharge of pollutants from material delivery and storage to the stormwater system or watercourses by minimizing the storage of hazardous materials onsite, storing materials in watertight containers and/or a completely enclosed designated area, installing secondary containment, conducting regular inspections, and training employees and subcontractors.

This best management practice covers only material delivery and storage. For other information on materials, see WM-2, Material Use, or WM-4, Spill Prevention and Control. For information on wastes, see the waste management BMPs in this section.

Suitable Applications

These procedures are suitable for use at all construction sites with delivery and storage of the following materials:

- Soil stabilizers and binders
- Pesticides and herbicides
- Fertilizers
- Detergents
- Plaster
- Petroleum products such as fuel, oil, and grease

Categories

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WE	Wind Erosion Control	
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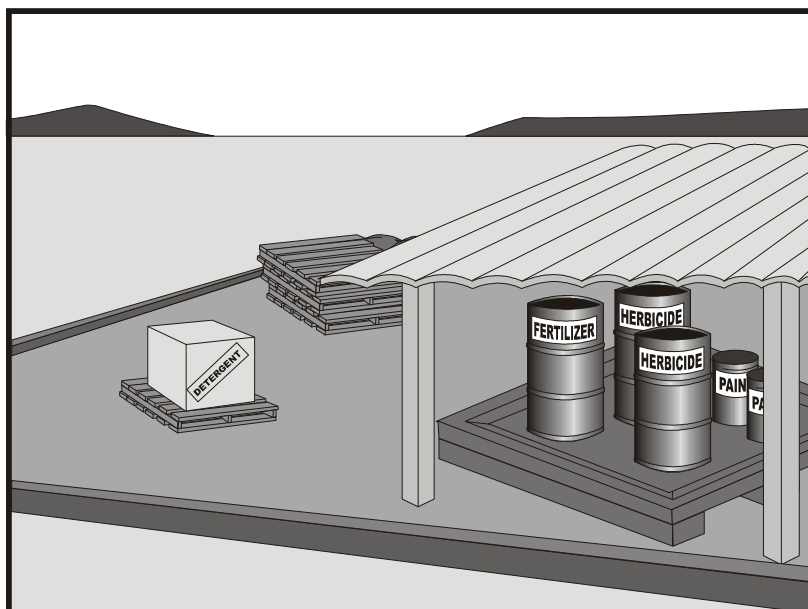
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Potential Alternatives

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Description and Purpose

Prevent or reduce the discharge of pollutants to the storm drain system or watercourses from material use by using alternative products, minimizing hazardous material use onsite, and training employees and subcontractors.

Suitable Applications

This BMP is suitable for use at all construction projects. These procedures apply when the following materials are used or prepared onsite:

- Pesticides and herbicides
- Fertilizers
- Detergents
- Petroleum products such as fuel, oil, and grease
- Asphalt and other concrete components
- Other hazardous chemicals such as acids, lime, glues, adhesives, paints, solvents, and curing compounds
- Other materials that may be detrimental if released to the environment

Categories

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WE	Wind Erosion Control	
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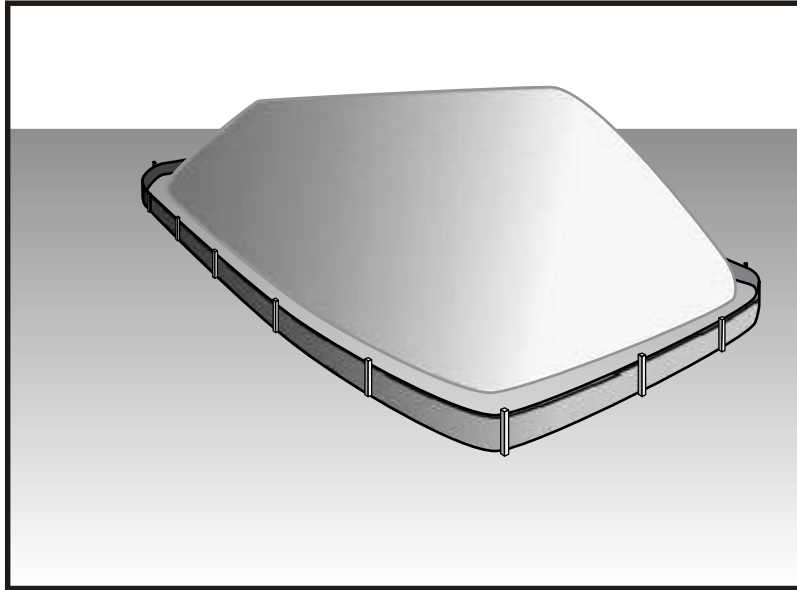
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Potential Alternatives

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Description and Purpose

Stockpile management procedures and practices are designed to reduce or eliminate air and stormwater pollution from stockpiles of soil, soil amendments, sand, paving materials such as portland cement concrete (PCC) rubble, asphalt concrete (AC), asphalt concrete rubble, aggregate base, aggregate sub base or pre-mixed aggregate, asphalt minder (so called “cold mix” asphalt), and pressure treated wood.

Suitable Applications

Implement in all projects that stockpile soil and other loose materials.

Limitations

- Plastic sheeting as a stockpile protection is temporary and hard to manage in windy conditions. Where plastic is used, consider use of plastic tarps with nylon reinforcement which may be more durable than standard sheeting.
- Plastic sheeting can increase runoff volume due to lack of infiltration and potentially cause perimeter control failure.
- Plastic sheeting breaks down faster in sunlight.
- The use of Plastic materials and photodegradable plastics should be avoided.

Implementation

Protection of stockpiles is a year-round requirement. To properly manage stockpiles:

Categories

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TC	Tracking Control	
WE	Wind Erosion Control	
NS	Non-Stormwater Management Control	☒
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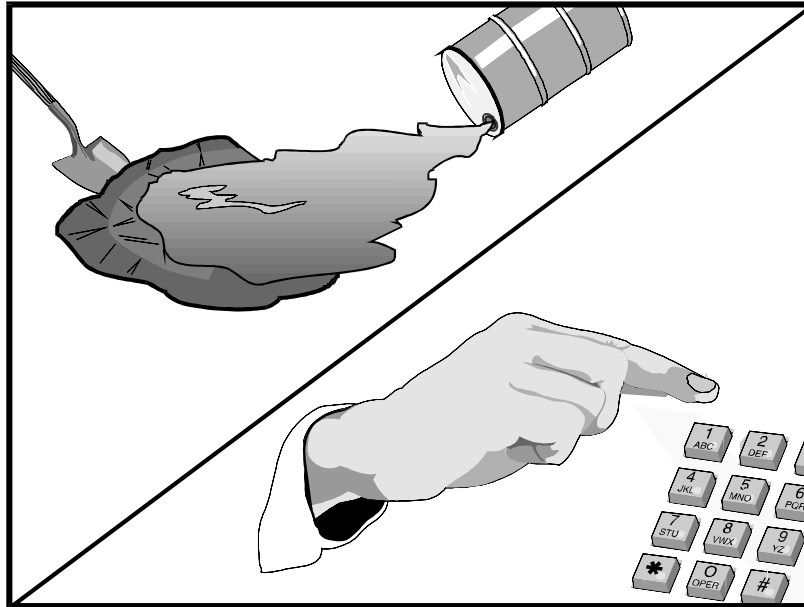
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Potential Alternatives

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Description and Purpose

Prevent or reduce the discharge of pollutants to drainage systems or watercourses from leaks and spills by reducing the chance for spills, stopping the source of spills, containing and cleaning up spills, properly disposing of spill materials, and training employees.

This best management practice covers only spill prevention and control. However, WM-1, Materials Delivery and Storage, and WM-2, Material Use, also contain useful information, particularly on spill prevention. For information on wastes, see the waste management BMPs in this section.

Suitable Applications

This BMP is suitable for all construction projects. Spill control procedures are implemented anytime chemicals or hazardous substances are stored on the construction site, including the following materials:

- Soil stabilizers/binders
- Dust palliatives
- Herbicides
- Growth inhibitors
- Fertilizers
- Deicing/anti-icing chemicals

Categories

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WE	Wind Erosion Control	
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Targeted Constituents

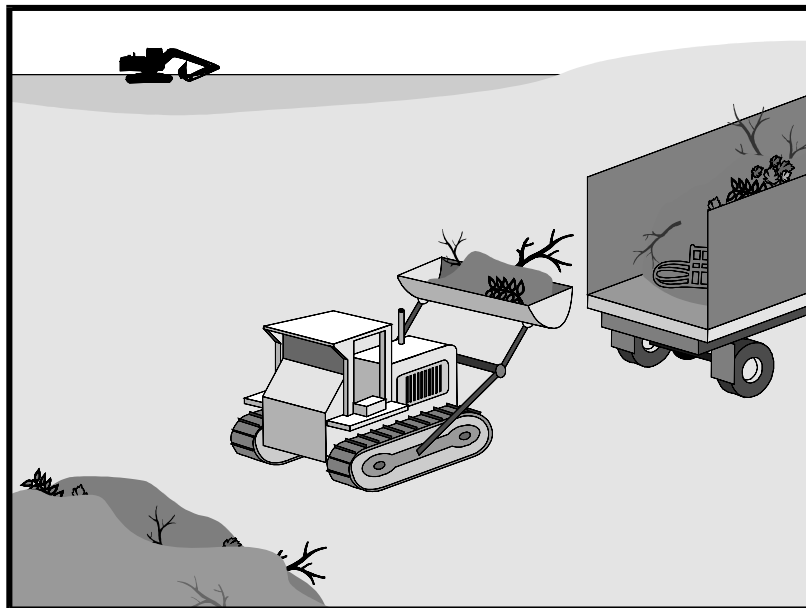
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Potential Alternatives

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Description and Purpose

Solid waste management procedures and practices are designed to prevent or reduce the discharge of pollutants to stormwater from solid or construction waste by providing designated waste collection areas and containers, arranging for regular disposal, and training employees and subcontractors.

Suitable Applications

This BMP is suitable for construction sites where the following wastes are generated or stored:

- Solid waste generated from trees and shrubs removed during land clearing, demolition of existing structures (rubble), and building construction
- Packaging materials including wood, paper, and plastic
- Scrap or surplus building materials including scrap metals, rubber, plastic, glass pieces, and masonry products
- Domestic wastes including food containers such as beverage cans, coffee cups, paper bags, plastic wrappers, and cigarettes
- Construction wastes including brick, mortar, timber, steel and metal scraps, pipe and electrical cuttings, non-hazardous equipment parts, styrofoam and other materials used to transport and package construction materials

Categories

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TC	Tracking Control	
WE	Wind Erosion Control	
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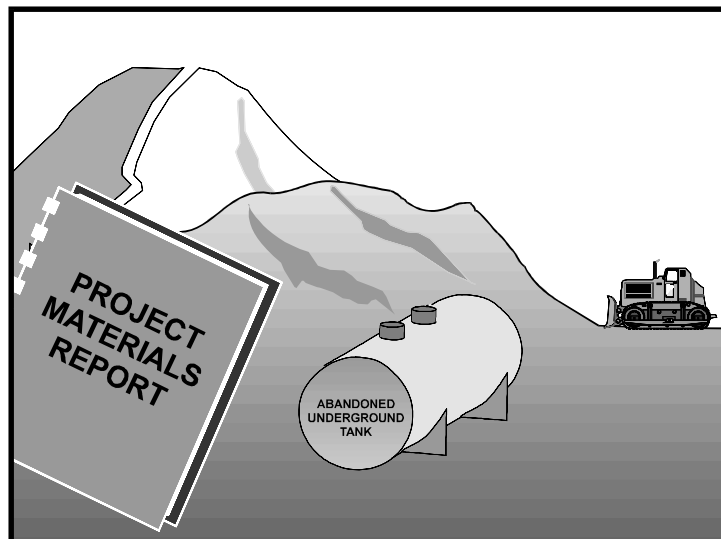
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Potential Alternatives

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- ☒ **Primary Objective**
- ☒ **Secondary Objective**

Description and Purpose

Prevent or reduce the discharge of pollutants to stormwater from contaminated soil and highly acidic or alkaline soils by conducting pre-construction surveys, inspecting excavations regularly, and remediating contaminated soil promptly.

Suitable Applications

Contaminated soil management is implemented on construction projects in highly urbanized or industrial areas where soil contamination may have occurred due to spills, illicit discharges, aerial deposition, past use and leaks from underground storage tanks.

Limitations

Contaminated soils that cannot be treated onsite must be disposed of offsite by a licensed hazardous waste hauler. The presence of contaminated soil may indicate contaminated water as well. See NS-2, Dewatering Operations, for more information.

The procedures and practices presented in this BMP are general. The contractor should identify appropriate practices and procedures for the specific contaminants known to exist or discovered onsite.

Implementation

Most owners and developers conduct pre-construction environmental assessments as a matter of routine. Contaminated soils are often identified during project planning and development with known locations identified in the plans, specifications and in the SWPPP. The contractor should review applicable reports and investigate appropriate call-outs in the

Targeted Constituents

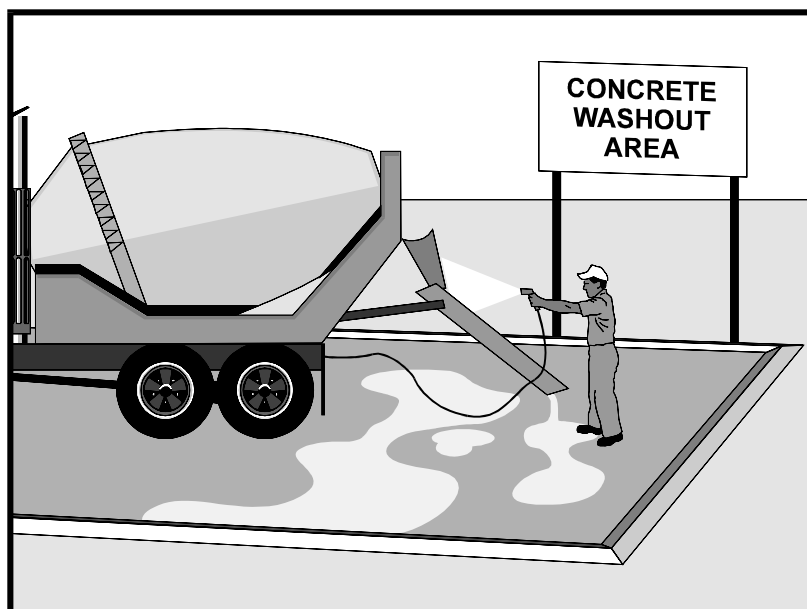
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Potential Alternatives

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Description and Purpose

Prevent the discharge of pollutants to stormwater from concrete waste by conducting washout onsite or offsite in a designated area, and by employee and subcontractor training.

The General Permit incorporates Numeric Action Levels (NAL) for pH (see Section 2 of this handbook to determine your project's risk level and if you are subject to these requirements).

Many types of construction materials, including mortar, concrete, stucco, cement and block and their associated wastes have basic chemical properties that can raise pH levels outside of the permitted range. Additional care should be taken when managing these materials to prevent them from coming into contact with stormwater flows and raising pH to levels outside the accepted range.

Suitable Applications

Concrete waste management procedures and practices are implemented on construction projects where:

- Concrete is used as a construction material or where concrete dust and debris result from demolition activities.
- Slurries containing portland cement concrete (PCC) are generated, such as from saw cutting, coring, grinding, grooving, and hydro-concrete demolition.
- Concrete trucks and other concrete-coated equipment are washed onsite.

Categories

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WM	Waste Management and Materials Pollution Control	☒

Legend:

- ☒ **Primary Category**
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Targeted Constituents

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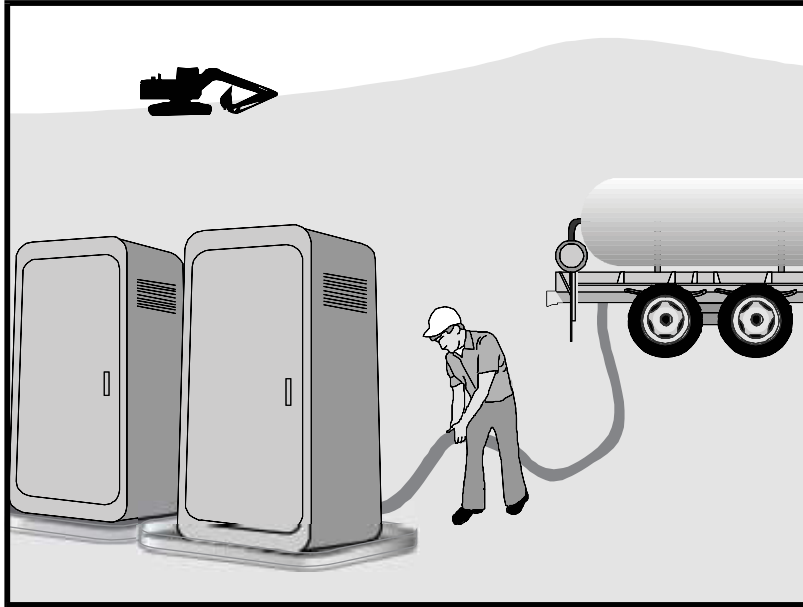
Potential Alternatives

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Sanitary/Septic Waste Management WM-9



Description and Purpose

Proper sanitary and septic waste management prevent the discharge of pollutants to stormwater from sanitary and septic waste by providing convenient, well-maintained facilities, and arranging for regular service and disposal.

Suitable Applications

Sanitary septic waste management practices are suitable for use at all construction sites that use temporary or portable sanitary and septic waste systems.

Limitations

None identified.

Implementation

Sanitary or septic wastes should be treated or disposed of in accordance with state and local requirements. In many cases, one contract with a local facility supplier will be all that it takes to make sure sanitary wastes are properly disposed.

Storage and Disposal Procedures

- Temporary sanitary facilities should be located away from drainage facilities, watercourses, and from traffic circulation. If site conditions allow, place portable facilities a minimum of 50 feet from drainage conveyances and traffic areas. When subjected to high winds or risk of high winds, temporary sanitary facilities should be secured to prevent overturning.

Categories

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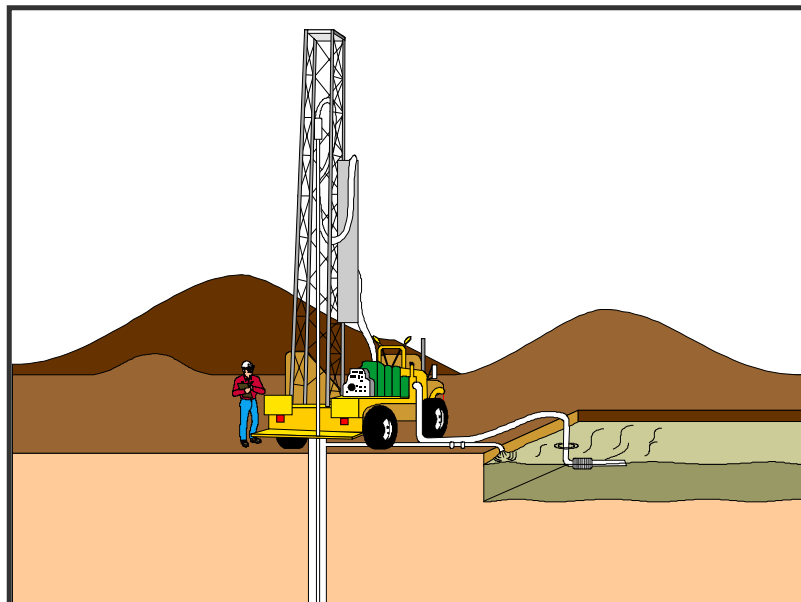
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Potential Alternatives

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Description and Purpose

Liquid waste management includes procedures and practices to prevent discharge of pollutants to the storm drain system or to watercourses as a result of the creation, collection, and disposal of non-hazardous liquid wastes.

Suitable Applications

Liquid waste management is applicable to construction projects that generate any of the following non-hazardous by-products, residuals, or wastes:

- Drilling slurries and drilling fluids
- Grease-free and oil-free wastewater and rinse water
- Dredgings
- Other non-stormwater liquid discharges not permitted by separate permits

Limitations

- Disposal of some liquid wastes may be subject to specific laws and regulations or to requirements of other permits secured for the construction project (e.g., NPDES permits, Army Corps permits, Coastal Commission permits, etc.).
- Liquid waste management does not apply to dewatering operations (NS-2 Dewatering Operations), solid waste management (WM-5, Solid Waste Management), hazardous wastes (WM-6, Hazardous Waste Management), or

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WM	Waste Management and Materials Pollution Control	☒

Legend:

- ☒ **Primary Objective**
- ☒ **Secondary Objective**

Targeted Constituents

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Potential Alternatives

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