



City of San Juan Capistrano

Stormwater and Urban Runoff Pollution Prevention Program

Monday - Thursday
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Implementation of Water Quality Management Plan (WQMP) Requirements Under National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit R9-2013-0001, as amended by R9-2015-0001 and R9-2015-0100

When is a WQMP required for a development project?

The City of San Juan Capistrano (City) will require new development and redevelopment projects to address the quality and quantity of stormwater runoff through the incorporation of permanent best management practices (BMP) in the project design.

For all private and public projects that:

1. Are subject to a condition of approval from a previous discretionary action; or
2. Qualify as a Priority Project as defined by the categories listed on the "Checklist for Categorizing Development and Significant Redevelopment Projects;" or
3. Do not qualify as a "Priority Project" but meets one of the following criteria:
 - a. Require discretionary action that will include a precise plan of development; or
 - b. Require issuance of Certificate of Occupancy for a parcel greater than 10,000 square feet;
4. The City determines that the post-construction runoff may result in the discharge of significant levels of pollutant into a tributary of the municipal separate storm sewer system.

Additional details regarding the specific BMPs that may be required as part of the WQMP or a discretionary project plan are presented in the following two checklists, available on the City's website (www.sanjuancapistrano.org).

- 1) Checklist for Source Control and Low Impact Development BMPs For All New and Redevelopment Projects
- 2) Checklist for Categorizing Development and Significant Redevelopment Projects As "Priority" or "Non-Priority"

The City will require a WQMP if required by the NPDES permit or deems that the project has the potential to contribute significant pollutant levels.

The WQMP review and approval process consists of:

1. The submittal of a Conceptual Water Quality Management Plan with the discretionary planning application, and
2. The submittal and approval of a “Final Water Quality Management Plan” prior to grading permit issuance.

Additional details regarding the Model Water Quality Management Plan (WQMP) and Technical Guidance Document are available on the City’s Stormwater and Urban Runoff Pollution Program website (www.sanjuancapistrano.org).

Exemptions to WQMP submittal requirements.

The following projects are exempted from the submittal of a WQMP unless the City determines that the post-construction runoff may result in the discharge of significant levels of a pollutant into the tributary of the municipal separate storm sewer system.

- Improvements to an existing development (e.g., single-family residence), for which a grading or building permit is required and that does not meet the definition of a “Priority Redevelopment Project,”
- Addition of a second story with no increase in the building footprint,
- A project that meets the following criteria:
 - Approved design that incorporates the stormwater drainage system in its entirety, including all applicable structural pollutant treatment control and, as applicable, hydromodification management BMPs, AND
 - Has received a private project permit, such as a rough grading permit, that authorizes the applicant to commence construction activities based on the approved design, AND
 - Started construction activities within 365 days prior to the December 20, 2013 effective date of the 2013 Model WQMP and Technical Guidance Document, OR
 - Will start construction activities within 180 days following the November 18, 2017 effective date of the 2017 Model WQMP and Technical Guidance Document (collectively referred to the 2017 BMP Design Manual).