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## GLOSSARY

(List of Acronyms and Abbreviations can be found in the Appendix)

### **Antidegradation Policy**

Requires that existing high-quality waters be protected and maintained unless the need to lower water quality is justified.

### **Beneficial Uses**

Defined as the uses of water necessary for the survival or well being of man, plants, and wildlife  
Beneficial uses are designated in the Basin Plan for water bodies within the Region. Examples include municipal and domestic supply, water contact recreation, wildlife habitat, and warm water aquatic habitat.

### **BMPs (Best Management Practices)**

Schedules of activities, pollutant treatment practices or devices, prohibitions of practices, general good housekeeping practices, pollution prevention and educational practices, maintenance procedures, and other management practices or devices to prevent or reduce the discharge of pollutants directly or indirectly to receiving waters or the storm water conveyance system. BMPs also include but are not limited to treatment practices, operating procedures, and practices to control runoff, spillage or leaks, or drainage from raw materials storage. BMPs may include any type of pollution prevention, pollution control, or pollution treatment measure.

### **Developer**

A person who seeks or receives permits for or who undertakes land development activities.

### **Illicit Connection**

A pipe, facility, or other device connected to the Storm Water Conveyance System or Receiving Waters, which has not been reviewed and authorized by the City; or a permitted pipe, facility, or other device that subsequently conveys illegal discharges.

### **Illicit Discharge**

Any discharge into urban runoff, the Storm Water Conveyance System, or receiving waters that is prohibited by the City Code. This includes, but is not limited to, discharges of non-storm water that are not exempt discharges listed in Section 40.2.2 of the City Code, any discharge from an illicit connection, and any discharge that contains additional pollutants due to the absence of a required BMP or failure of a BMP. Discharges that require a County permit or a RWQCB permit that has not been issued or has not been acknowledged by the Discharger to be applicable are illegal Discharges. Discharges regulated under an applicable RWQCB or County permit or SWPPP are illegal discharges unless

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compliance with all applicable permit and SWPPP conditions is maintained.

### **Impaired Water Body**

Water body listed by the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) as impaired by a particular pollutant of concern.

### **Impervious Surface**

Constructed or modified surfaces that cannot effectively infiltrate rainwater. The term includes, but is not limited to, rooftops, pavement, sidewalks, and driveways.

### **Infiltrate**

The process of percolating storm water or non-storm water into the soil

### **Infiltration BMP**

Any structural treatment BMP designed to percolate water into the soil, such as an infiltration trench or basin.

### **MEP (Maximum Extent Practicable)**

The acceptability standard for BMPs. A BMP is considered effective if it prevents, reduces, or removes the pollutants that otherwise would be present in runoff due to human activity.

### **MS4 (Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System)**

System of conveyances (including roads, streets, catch basins, curbs, gutters, ditches, natural drainage features or channels) for urban runoff

### **Non-Point Source**

Diffuse, widespread sources of pollution. Non-point sources include but are not limited to urban, agricultural, or industrial areas, roads, highways, construction sites, communities served by septic systems, and/or recreational boating activities.

### **Non-Structural BMP**

A management practice or activity designed to reduce pollutants and/or to avoid the introduction of pollutants to the Storm Water Conveyance System, and/or to control the source of pollutants. Examples of non-structural BMPs include good housekeeping practices, employee training programs, preventative maintenance practices, public education and outreach, self-inspection and quality assurance practices, and spill response planning.

### **Pollutant**

Any agent that may cause or contribute to the degradation of water quality such that public health, the environment, or beneficial uses of the waters may be affected.

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## **Pollution Prevention Plan**

Document that meets the requirements of a Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) set out in the State General Construction Storm Water Permit or State General Industrial Storm Water Permit

## **Pollution Prevention Practices**

Non-structural methods to prevent pollution from entering the Storm Water Conveyance System such as use of smaller quantities of toxic materials, substitution of less toxic materials, changes to production processes to reduce waste, decreases in wastewater flows, segregation of wastes, treatment of wastes onsite to decrease volume and/or toxicity.

## **Receiving Waters**

All waters that are “Waters of the State” within the scope of the State Water Code, including, but not limited to, natural streams, creeks, rivers, reservoirs, lakes, ponds, water in vernal pools, lagoons, estuaries, bays, the Pacific Ocean, and groundwater.

## **Redevelopment**

Any construction, alteration or improvement of an already developed site that will increase the total Impervious Surface Area of that site, or that involves activities that could expose contaminants to rainfall.

## **Retrofit**

A BMP designed for an existing development site or activity that previously had either no BMPs in place or that relied on BMPs inadequate to meet the storm water management requirements of the site or activity

## **Storm Water**

Urban runoff consisting only of those discharges that originate from a precipitation event

## **(SWPPP) Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan**

A document other than a URMP, that describes the BMPs to be implemented and other steps to be taken by the Discharger to meet the requirements set out in the General Construction Storm Water Permit or General Industrial Storm Water Permit

## **Structural BMP**

Any BMP that relies on either a physical condition (other than an entirely natural and undisturbed condition), or on a constructed or installed device to reduce or prevent pollutants in storm water discharges or non-storm water discharges. Constructed or enhanced BMPs also may depend on natural materials and processes (e.g., buffers, constructed swales, treatment wetlands), that require periodic maintenance to function as designed.

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### **Tributary to an Impaired Water Body**

A stream or ephemeral stream that conveys urban runoff to an impaired water body.

### **Urban Runoff**

All flows in a storm water conveyance system and consists of the following components: (1) storm water (wet weather flows) and (2) non-storm water illicit discharges (dry weather flows).

### **URMP (Urban Runoff Management Plan)**

A plan submitted on a City-specific form or format in connection with an application for a City permit or other City approval, identifying measures that will be used for storm water and non-storm water management during the permitted activity.

### **Watercourse**

A permanent, ephemeral, or intermittent stream or other body of water, either natural or improved, which gathers or carries surface water.

### **Watershed**

The geographical area which drains to a specified point on a water course, usually a confluence of streams or rivers (also known as a drainage area).

### **Water Quality Objectives**

Numeric and/or narrative limits or bans on substances, water characteristics, and activities.

### **Water Quality Standards**

The water quality standards adopted by the State of California include water quality objectives, beneficial uses, and an antidegradation policy.