Manning's *n* Values for Overland Flow[1]

The BMP Design Manuals within the County of San Diego allow for a land surface description other than short prairie grass to be used for hydromodification BMP design only if documentation provided is consistent with Table A.6 of the SWMM 5 User's Manual.

In January 2016, the EPA released the SWMM Reference Manual Volume I – Hydrology (SWMM Hydrology Reference Manual). The SWMM Hydrology Reference Manual complements the SWMM 5 User's Manual by providing an in-depth description of the program's hydrologic components. Table 3-5 of the SWMM Hydrology Reference Manual expounds upon Table A.6 of the SWMM 5 User's Manual by providing Manning's *n* values for additional overland flow surfaces. Therefore, in order to provide SWMM users with a wider range of land surfaces suitable for local application and to provide Copermittees with confidence in the design parameters, we recommend using the values published by Yen and Chow in Table 3-5 of the EPA SWMM Reference Manual Volume I – Hydrology. The values are provided in the table below:

Overland Surface	**Manning value (*n*)**
Smooth asphalt pavement	0.010
Smooth impervious surface	0.011
Tar and sand pavement	0.012
Concrete pavement	0.014
Rough impervious surface	0.015
Smooth bare packed soil	0.017
Moderate bare packed soil	0.025
Rough bare packed soil	0.032
Gravel soil	0.025
Mowed poor grass	0.030
Average grass, closely clipped sod	0.040
Pasture	0.040
Timberland	0.060
Dense grass	0.060
Shrubs and bushes	0.080
Land Use	
Business	0.014
Semibusiness	0.022
Industrial	0.020
Dense residential	0.025
Suburban residential	0.030
Parks and lawns	0.040

[1]Content summarized from *Improving Accuracy in Continuous Simulation Modeling: Guidance for Selecting Pervious Overland Flow Manning's n Values in the San Diego Region* (TRWE, 2016).