

# **Appendix I**

## **Water Quality Technical Report**

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# **Storm Water Quality, Hydrologic, and Floodplain Criteria for McClellan-Palomar Airport Master Plan Update**

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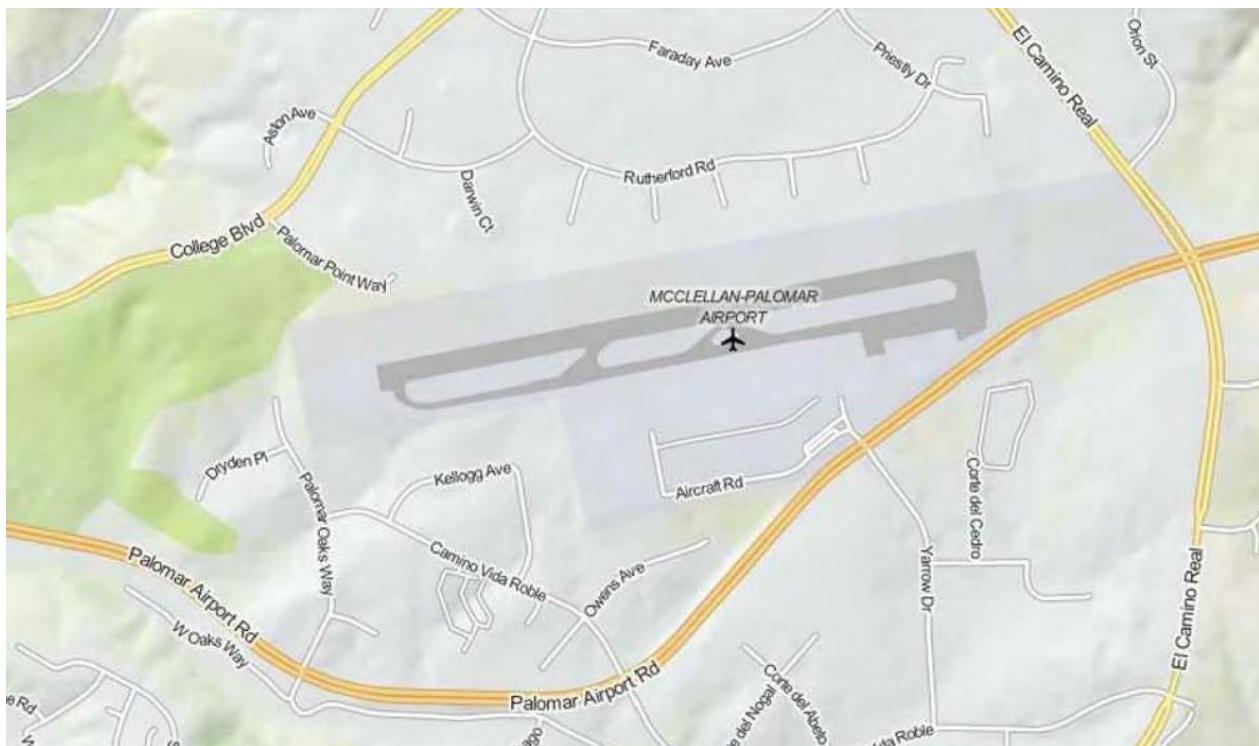
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## INTRODUCTION

The McClellan-Palomar Airport is owned and operated by the County of San Diego and supports a range of aviation activities. While County Airports owns approximately 454 acres in surrounding area, the Master Plan Update only focuses on approximately 231 acres, which the main active airfield located on the north side of Palomar Airport Road west of El Camino Real in the city of Carlsbad (see the Vicinity Map). The address is 2198 Palomar Airport Rd, Carlsbad, CA 92011. The airport is approximately four miles southeast of downtown Carlsbad, 30 miles north of downtown San Diego, and 50 miles southeast of the center of neighboring Orange County. The primary point of entry into the Airport is Yarrow Drive, but the Airport can also be accessed on Owens Avenue.



**Figure 1. Vicinity Map**

The existing airport facilities can be classified into airside and landside categories. The airside facilities consist of a single asphalt runway (Runway 06-24), two parallel taxiways (Taxiway A south of the runway and Taxiway N north of the runway), connecting taxiways, aircraft parking aprons north and south of the airfield, navigational aids, communication equipment, and airfield lighting. Runway 06-24 is 4,897-feet long and 150-feet wide. The airport also contains an asphalt helipad that is 100-feet by 100-feet.

The landside facilities include ground-based services and accommodations that support aircraft and pilot/passenger needs. The landside facilities include aircraft hangars, additional parking aprons, fuel storage tanks, vehicle parking areas, and a passenger terminal building. Landside services also include fuel and oil sales, emergency aircraft removals, inspections, and facilities for aircraft cleaning, maintenance, and storage.

A *McClellan-Palomar Airport Master Plan* (AMP) and *Airport Layout Plan Drawings* (ALP) have been developed for the County of San Diego by Kimley-Horn and Associates. Draft versions of these documents were reviewed for the purpose of this technical report. The purpose of the *Airport Master Plan* is to project the airport's conceptual long-term facility development while considering environmental, socioeconomic, and community development factors. This will provide the framework to guide airport development so that it meets existing and future aviation demand in a safe, cost-effective manner. The ALP provides a graphical representation of recommended development alternatives as well as changes since the last ALP.

The AMP outlines a "preferred development strategy" based on a 20-year planning horizon (see Exhibit 5-10 from the AMP included after this report text). The ALP also reflects the preferred development strategy. The strategy defines near-term (0-7 years), intermediate-term (8-12 years), and long-term (13-20-years) improvement projects. The near-term improvements will enhance safety and allow for future improvements of the runway and taxiway system. These projects include clearing within runway and taxiway protection areas, relocation of the Aircraft Rescue and Firefighting (ARFF) facility, construction of an engineered materials arresting system (EMAS) system on Runway End 06, and 200-foot extension to Runway 06-24 and Taxiway A. The intermediate-term improvements include removal of the North Parking Ramp Area and removal of the fuel farm on the North Ramp. The long-term improvements are focused on relocation and extension of Runway 06-24 and Taxiway A, consolidation of the connector taxiway system, relocation of the EMAS on Runway End 06, and construction of an EMAS on Runway End 24.

This report provides preliminary CEQA-level storm water quality, hydrologic, and floodplain criteria applicable to the preferred development strategy illustrated by the enclosed Exhibit 5-10. The following sections outline first the regulations associated with each of these three topics. This is followed by application and analysis of the criteria for each of the near-, intermediate-, and long-term improvements. Since the preferred development strategy is over a 20-year horizon and regulations are subject to change over time, the discussions and results in this report may be subject to revisions in the future. In particular, recent storm water quality regulations have continuously evolved, so current storm water quality criteria may change by the time the intermediate- and long-term improvements are implemented as well as towards the latter timeframe of the near-term period improvements.

## STORM WATER QUALITY REGULATIONS

In May 2013, the California Regional Water Quality Control Board for the San Diego Region (SDRWQCB) reissued its Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems (MS4) Permit (per Order No. R9-2013-0001), which governs the McClellan-Palomar Airport. The reissued MS4 Permit updated storm water requirements for new development and redevelopment. As required by the reissued MS4 Permit, the copermittees (including the County of San Diego and City of Carlsbad) prepared *BMP Design Manual's* that were effective February 2016. Although the County of San Diego and City of Carlsbad published individual manuals, the criteria are essentially the same. Federal regulations require municipal storm water permits to expire 5 years from adoption, after which the permit must be renewed and reissued. The May 2013 expires June 27,

2018, so the regulations are subject to change in a few years. The following summarizes the storm water quality regulations effective February 2016 and their applicability to the *Airport Master Plan* projects.

#### Standard Projects and Priority Development Projects

The *BMP Design Manual*'s define Standard Projects and Priority Development Projects (PDP). PDPs have more stringent best management practice (BMP) requirements, which are described below. As mentioned above, both agencies have similar manuals. For this report, the *Carlsbad BMP Design Manual* (CBMPDM) is used for reference since the McClellan-Palomar Airport is within the city limits. A project is a PDP if it is within a category listed on Step 3 from the City of Carlsbad's *Storm Water Standards Questionnaire E-34* (see Appendix A). PDPs can be either new development or redevelopment projects. Since the airport is an existing facility, the future improvements are all considered redevelopment projects. For redevelopment projects, the threshold for a PDP is reached upon meeting or exceeding one or more of the following categories:

- Creating or replacing 5,000 square feet or more of impervious surface collectively, and is a commercial project – this will apply for any airport improvements exceeding 5,000 square feet.
- Creating or replacing 5,000 square feet or more of impervious surface collectively, and supports a restaurant, automotive repair shop, or retail gasoline outlet – this will not apply because none of the airport projects propose a restaurant, automotive repair shop, or retail gasoline outlet.
- Creating or replacing 5,000 square feet or more of impervious surface collectively, and supports hillside development (25 percent slope or greater) – this will not apply because none of the airport projects will be on steep hillsides.
- Creating or replacing 5,000 square feet or more of impervious surface collectively, and supports a parking lot – this will apply for airport parking improvements exceeding 5,000 square feet.
- Creating or replacing 5,000 square feet or more of impervious surface collectively, and supports a street or road – this will apply for airport roadway improvements exceeding 5,000 square feet.
- Creating or replacing 2,500 square feet or more of impervious surface collectively, and discharges directly to an Environmentally Sensitive Area (ESA) – this does not apply because the closest ESA is Agua Hedionda Creek, which does meet the criteria for discharging directly.
- Disturbs one or more acres of land and are expected to generate pollutants post-construction – this will apply for airport projects exceeding an acre.
- Located within 200 feet of the Pacific Ocean – this does not apply since the airport is over 2 miles from the Pacific Ocean.

Standard Projects shall incorporate source control and site design best management practices (BMPs). A summary of source control and site design BMP requirements from the CBMPDM (Section 2.1.1.2 and 2.1.1.3, respectively) are included in Appendix A. PDPs shall meet Standard Project requirements, and also implement structural pollutant control and structural hydromodification management requirements. Standard Project requirements involve good housekeeping and qualitative measures, and must be used “where applicable and feasible.” These should be straightforward to implement for the airport projects. As a result, this report provides more details on assessing the proposed airport improvements that will be PDPs, which have more stringent BMP requirements. The following outlines the PDP storm water quality regulations.

#### *Priority Development Project Requirements*

The first step for PDPs is to determine whether critical coarse sediment yield areas exist on site. A critical coarse sediment yield area is one that has been identified as an active or potential source of coarse sediment to downstream natural channel reaches. These coarse sediments are considered to be beneficial to water quality, so development impacts to such areas shall be avoided. The critical coarse sediment yield areas near the airport are shown on the Critical Coarse Sediment Yield Areas Exhibit in Appendix A. The exhibit reveals that there are no areas at the site, so the airport projects from the *Airport Master Plan* are not subject to this criteria.

The next step is to determine whether harvest and use is feasible. Harvest and use BMPs capture and store storm water runoff for later use. Harvest and use is related to residential (e.g., toilet and urinal flushing) or irrigation demand. None of the airport projects propose plumbing fixtures, so residential demand does not apply. Furthermore, new landscaping associated with the airport projects will be relatively minor, so their irrigation demand will not meet harvest and use requirements.

The required structural control BMPs are assessed after critical coarse sediment yield areas and harvest and use are considered (and, in this case, neither is applicable). Structural control BMPs must meet pollutant control and flow control requirements. Pollutant control involves measures that remove pollutants from storm water during a 24-hour, 85<sup>th</sup> percentile storm event. For the McClellan-Palomar Airport this equates to 0.61 inches of rainfall in 24 hours (see Appendix A). Flow control or hydromodification management involves measures that store post-project runoff and infiltrate, evaporate, or discharge excess runoff at a rate below the critical flow rate. The intent of flow control is to reduce the range of flows that result in increased potential for erosion in natural downstream watercourses.

The CBMPDM outlines the hierarchy for selecting BMPs (see Appendix A for fact sheets of the BMPs discussed hereafter). The preferred BMPs for meeting pollutant and flow control requirements involve infiltration (i.e., retention) since infiltration mimics pre-development conditions where storm water is naturally absorbed by the pervious ground surface. However, infiltration may not be feasible for the airport projects for several reasons. First, the Natural Resources Conservation Service’s Web Soils Survey shows that hydrologic soil group D exists throughout the entire site (see Appendix B). Soil group D represents soils having a very slow infiltration rate (high runoff potential) when thoroughly wet. These consist chiefly of clays that have a high shrink-swell potential, soils that have a high water table, soils that have a claypan or

clay layer at or near the surface, and soils that are shallow over nearly impervious material. These soils have a very slow rate of water transmission, i.e., they have poor infiltration.

Second, infiltration can impact the geotechnical stability of adjacent improvements. Geotechnical stability is beyond the scope of this report and must be determined by a geotechnical engineer.

Third, the FAA's August 28, 2007, *Advisory Circular 150/5200-33B, Hazardous Wildlife Attractants on or Near Airports*, provides guidance on existing and new storm water management facilities to reduce the potential for attracting hazardous wildlife. A primary recommendation is to avoid drainage facilities that will pond water for more than 48 hours. The February 1, 2004, *Air Force Pamphlet 91-212, Bird/Wildlife Aircraft Strike Hazard (BASH) Management Techniques* also provides guidelines for reducing hazardous wildlife. These guidelines recommend against standing water and promote proper drainage. Ground level infiltration facilities can store water for up to 36 hours before fully infiltrating. Since this can cause aircraft safety issues associated with wildlife attractants, such facilities are not recommended for improvements near the airfield.

The next BMPs in the hierarchy involve biofiltration, which uses vegetation or engineered media to filter and attenuate storm water. Although infiltration is not required by these BMPs, so hydrologic soil group D is not an issue, surface level biofiltration can have long-term water storage that creates safety issues. In this case, surface water storage is allowed to occur over a 24 to 96 hour period. Therefore, biofiltration BMPs are not recommended for improvements near the airfield.

Finally, proprietary or underground BMPs can be considered if infiltration or biofiltration is not feasible. Certain proprietary BMPs are allowed by the regulations, e.g., devices that are at a minimum certified by the Technology Assessment Protocol – Ecology (TAPE) program from the Washington State Department of Ecology. Underground storage systems can also be used to meet hydromodification requirements.

These requirements will be used to establish the BMPs feasible for each of the *McClellan-Palomar Airport Master Plan* improvements, which are discussed in the Analyses and Recommendations section.

## HYDROLOGIC REGULATIONS

Proposed development can impact hydrology by adding impervious surfaces or altering drainage patterns. Hydrologic impacts associated with the proposed *McClellan-Palomar Airport Master Plan* (AMP) improvements are assessed. This section describes the hydrologic criteria used for the assessments.

The Federal Aviation Administration's (FAA) August 15, 2013, *Advisory Circular 150/5320-5D, Airport Drainage Design*, provides their concepts and procedures for the hydrologic design of drainage facilities. The circular indicates that the rational method procedure is suitable for the analysis of smaller watersheds and that regional intensity-duration-frequency data is available from local agency manuals. Furthermore, the 5-year event is recommended for airports with no

encroachment of runoff on taxiway and runway pavements (airside areas). The majority of the proposed improvements are in the airside areas, so the 5-year criteria is used for these areas.

In areas other than airfields, the FAA circular suggests a 10-year design for developed portions of military installations. A recommendation for non-military installations is not provided. The city of Carlsbad generally requires the 100-year event. The proposed landside area airport improvements are near Palomar Airport Road, which is a major public road. Therefore, the more conservative 100-year is used for landside areas in this report.

The FAA circular indicates that the rational method can be used for hydrologic analyses and suggests the use of local rational method parameters, where available. The City of Carlsbad criteria is also based on the rational method and uses the County of San Diego *Hydrology Manual* procedure and parameters. Therefore, the rational method per the County *Hydrology Manual* will be used for the analyses.

The rational method is based on the formula,

$$Q = CIA$$

where

Q is the peak discharge in cubic feet per second, cfs

C is the dimensionless runoff coefficient expressing the fraction of rainfall that occurs as surface flow

I is the time-averaged rainfall intensity in inches per hour, in/hr

A is the drainage area tributary to the selected point of concentration, acres

The following describes the rational method values from the *Hydrology Manual* used for this report.

#### Runoff Coefficient

The runoff coefficient, C, is a measure of the amount of surface runoff associated with rainfall at an average intensity when the total drainage area is contributing. A high runoff coefficient indicates higher surface runoff and lesser losses (infiltration, evapotranspiration, etc.). The selection of a runoff coefficient is based on the land use and hydrologic soil group within a drainage subarea (see Appendix B for the runoff coefficient table). As mentioned in the previous section, the hydrologic soil group throughout the McClellan-Palomar Airport site is D. The C factor for each subarea shall be assigned based on the approximate percent impervious within the subarea and hydrologic soil group D.

#### Time of Concentration

The rainfall intensity is related to the time of concentration,  $t_c$ , which is the time required for runoff to flow from the most hydrologically remote part of the drainage area to the point of interest. At this time, all parts of the drainage area are contributing to the flow, which is the premise of the rational method. The time of concentration is a function of the flow path length, the slope, and other characteristics of natural and improved channels in the area. Each of the individual AMP improvements is rather small, so the minimum  $t_c$  value of 5 minutes is assumed.

### Rainfall Intensity

The time of concentration is used to calculate the rainfall intensity for the rational method formula. The *Hydrology Manual* provides the Intensity-Duration Design Charts in Appendix B. The 5- and 100-year IDF curves were used. For a  $t_c$  value of 5 minutes, the 5- and 100-year rainfall intensities are 4.2 and 7.2 inches per hour, respectively.

### Drainage Area

The drainage area for the rational method formula is obtained by measuring the acreage in each subarea.

These requirements will be used to establish the 5- and 100-year flow rates associated with the relevant McClellan-Palomar Airport AMP improvements, which are discussed in the Analyses and Recommendations section.

## FLOODPLAIN REGULATIONS

Development is subject to floodplain (and floodway) regulations when a project is within a floodplain (or floodway). The 100-year floodplain is delineated on the Federal Emergency Management Agency's *Flood Insurance Rate Maps* (FIRM). The FIRMs covering the site are Map Numbers 06073C0768G and 06073C0769G dated May 16, 2012. These are included as Exhibits in the *Airport Master Plan* and attached after this report text. The exhibits show that neither a 100-year floodplain nor floodway exist at or near the proposed airport improvements. Therefore, none of the projects are subject to floodplain regulations.

## ANALYSES AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Storm water quality and hydrologic analyses and recommendations are discussed for each of the proposed *Airport Master Plan* improvements based on the associated regulations. The discussions are categorized for the near-term, intermediate-term, and long-term improvements. As mentioned in the Storm Water Quality Regulations section, the current municipal storm water permits expire 5 years from adoption, so the current storm water regulations may not apply to the intermediate- and long-term projects.

### Near-Term Projects

Based on review of the *McClellan-Palomar Airport Master Plan* and *Airport Layout Plan*, several of the near-term projects will not exceed the 5,000-square foot threshold of impervious area creation or replacement to become a priority development project (see enclosed Table 5.1 from the AMP included after this report text for project areas). These include the glideslope building and antenna relocation (approximately 360 sf), relocation of the segmented circle and windsock equipment (pavement removal and minor installation), relocation of the ARFF facility (4,700 sf), and relocation of the lighting vault (100 sf). As long as these are independent projects or the combined projects are less than 5,000 square feet, they will be Standard Projects and not subject to PDP structural control BMPs.

The remaining three projects will exceed 5,000 square feet, so are considered PDPs. These include the construction of the EMAS system on Runway End 06 (5,220 sf), vehicle service road relocation

(81,900 sf), and extension of Runway 06-24 and Taxiway A (104,400 sf). Since each of these is along the airfield, the proposed BMPs should not be infiltration or biofiltration basins unless the runoff from these areas can be conveyed to such basins located a safe distance from the airfield. An alternative will be to utilize a proprietary BMP to address treatment control and an underground vault to address flow control. An example of a proprietary treatment control BMP is a Modular Wetlands System Linear (see Appendix A). Other similar devices can also be considered. Any proprietary devices will be subject to the appropriate approvals. The cistern sizing factor table in Appendix A is used to determine the underground vault volume, and shows that the required volume is approximately 20 percent of the proposed impervious area assuming that only the impervious area is tributary to the cistern. A summary of the required underground vault volume for each improvement is included in Table 1.

Near-Term Improvement	Proposed Impervious Area, sf	Minimum BMP Volume <sup>1</sup> , cf
EMAS System	5,220	1,044
Vehicle Service Road	81,900	16,380
Runway and Taxiway Extension	104,400	20,880

<sup>1</sup>The vault must be used in conjunction with a treatment control BMP.

**Table 1. Near-Term BMP Storage Volume Requirements**

Each of the proposed improvements that increases the impervious area will increase the airport's flow rate. Table 2 provides 5-year hydrologic data and results for each of these improvements. The 5-year is given since these are airside facilities. Since the proposed improvements are completely impervious, the C values are 0.87. In addition, the 5-year intensity is based on a 5 minute time of concentration. The 5-year flow increase associated with the first four improvements are minor. The increase associated with the second two can be mitigated if necessary. Alternatively, mitigation may not be needed if the existing drainage infrastructure can handle the moderate flow increases.

Improvement	C	Intensity, in/hr	Area, ac	5-Year Flow Rate, cfs
Glideslope Building	0.87	4.2	0.008	0.03
ARFF Facility	0.87	4.2	0.108	0.4
Lighting Vault	0.87	4.2	0.002	0.01
EMAS System	0.87	4.2	0.120	0.4
Vehicle Service Road	0.87	4.2	1.880	6.9
Runway and Taxiway Extension	0.87	4.2	2.397	8.8

**Table 2. 5-Year Flow Rate Increase**

#### Intermediate-Term Projects

The intermediate-term projects are in the 8-12 year horizon. Therefore, the current storm water quality regulations will likely evolve by then and the intermediate-term regulations cannot be forecast at this time. The fuel farm and north apron removal projects will remove impervious surfaces, so these might be Standard Projects and not subject to PDP requirements. On the other hand, the future GA parking improvements and near-term auto parking improvements are

anticipated to add 7,200 square feet or more of impervious surfaces. Therefore, these will be subject to the future PDP requirements, which will likely be more stringent than current PDP requirements.

Similarly, the pavement removal projects (near the airfield) will reduce the 5-year flow rates. On the other hand, the parking improvements (landside facilities) will increase the 100-year flow rates and may require mitigation.

#### Long-Term Projects

The long-term projects are in the 13-20 year horizon and very likely subject to additional (more stringent future) storm water quality regulations. Based on the areas provided in the enclosed Table 5.1, it seems likely that most or all of these will be considered PDPs and will increase the airside flow rates.

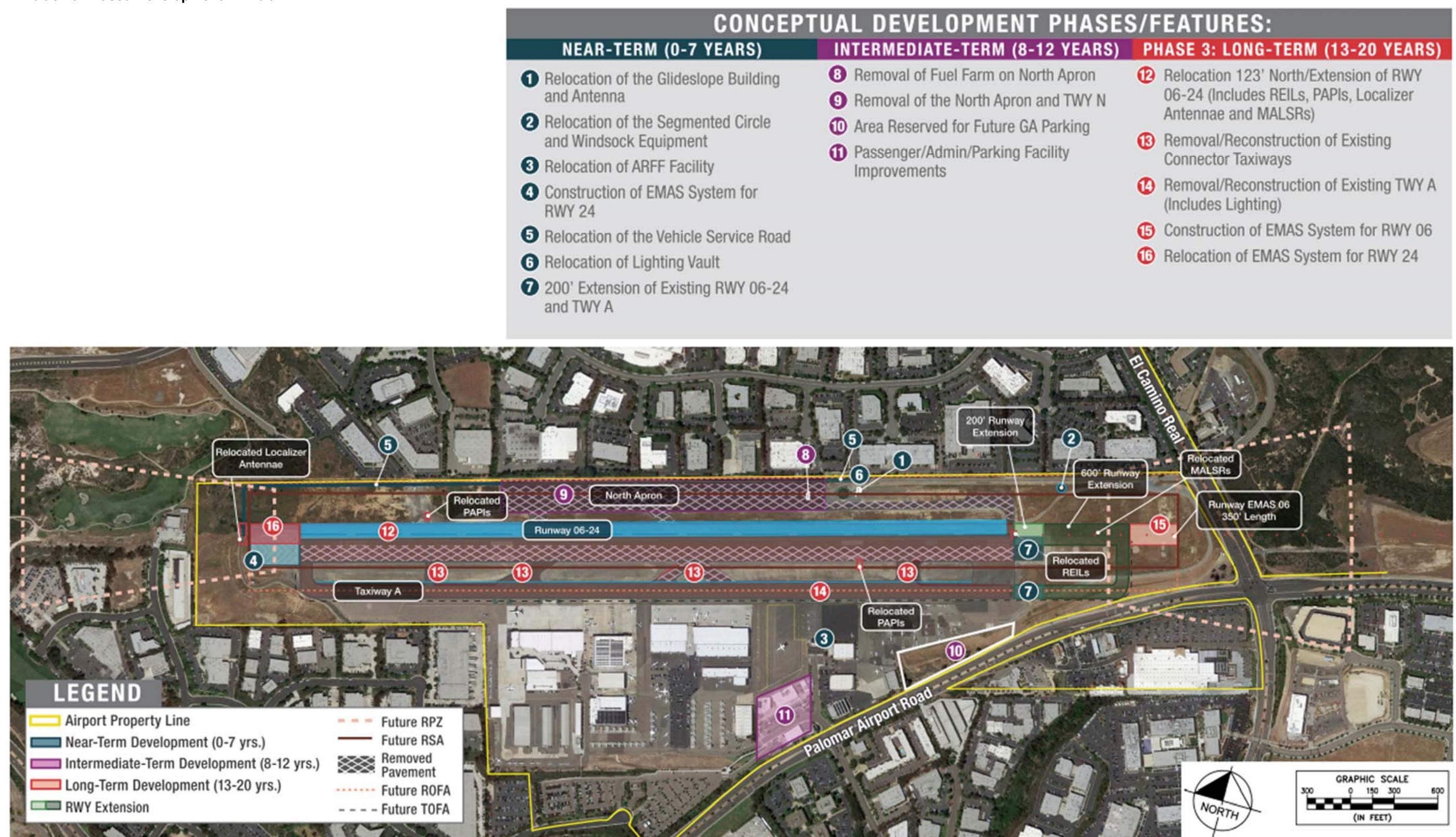
## CONCLUSION

This report has been prepared to address CEQA-level storm water quality, hydrologic, and floodplain criteria for the McClellan-Palomar Airport operated by the County of San Diego. The criteria are applied to the near-term, intermediate-term, and long-term improvements outlined in the *McClellan-Palomar Airport Master Plan* and *Airport Layout Plan Drawings*. The research reveals that some of the projects will likely qualify as Standard Projects, so structural BMPs will not be needed. Other projects will be Priority Development Projects that require structural pollutant control and flow control (hydromodification) BMPs. The structural BMP options will be limited due to the low infiltration soils at the site as well as the FAA's prohibition on long-term ponded water in airside areas.

The projects that increase impervious areas will increase the flow rates. It is anticipated that the existing drainage patterns can generally be maintained by future projects in conformance with CEQA guidelines since the proposed improvements should not require excessive alterations to the landform. Design remediation in the form of detention may be required if receiving facilities do not have capacity for the increases or if increases impact downstream erosion/siltation.

The projects will not be within a floodplain and will not alter a stream or river. The projects will not place housing in a 100-year flood hazard area on a flood hazard map or Flood Insurance Rate Map. The projects will not be impacted by levees, dams, seiches, tsunamis, or mudflows.

## Exhibit 5.10 Phased Development Exhibit



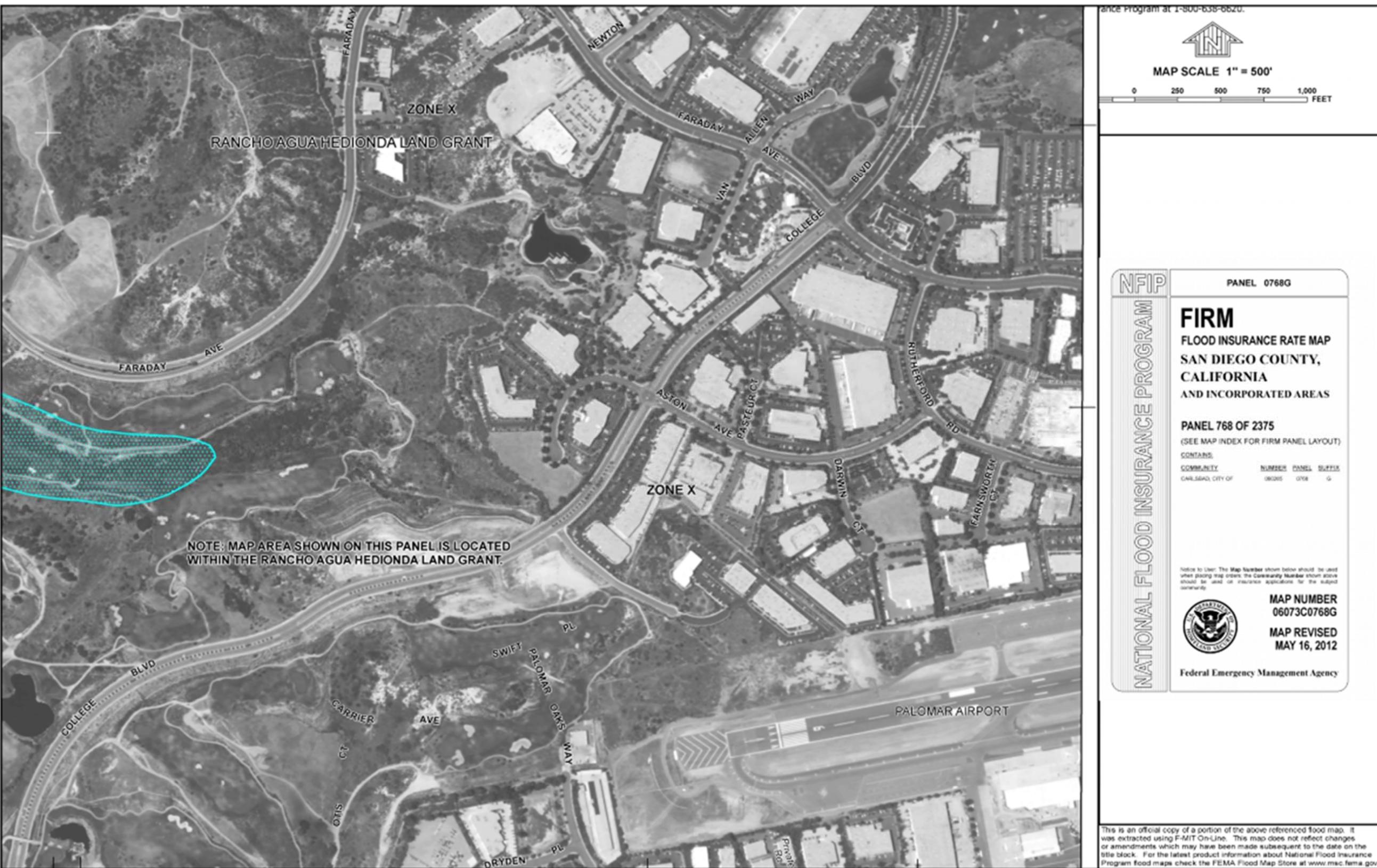
Source: Kimley-Horn, 2017.

**Table 5.1 – Preferred Development Strategy by Phase**

<b>Near-Term (<math>\pm 0\text{-}7</math> Years)</b>			<b>Exhibit 5.9 #</b>
Relocation of Segmented Circle	Pavement Removal/Installation	\$150,000	2
Relocation of the Lighting Vault	Building Relocation 100 SF	\$575,000	6
Relocation of the Glideslope Building and Antenna	Building Relocation $\pm 360$ SF	\$350,000	1
Relocation of Windsock Equipment	Pavement Removal $\pm 760$ SY	\$130,000	2
Construction of EMAS System serving RWY 24 (Includes Relocation of the Vehicle Service Road)	EMAS $\pm 580$ SY VSR $\pm 9,100$ SY	\$25,000,000	4
Relocation of ARFF Facility	$\pm 4,700$ SF Facility	\$525,000	3
200' Extension of Existing Runway 06-24 and Taxiway A (Interim condition)	$\pm 11,600$ SY	\$14,320,500	7
<b>Phase Subtotal</b>		<b>\$26,730,000</b>	
<b>Phase Subtotal*</b>		<b>\$41,050,500</b>	
<b>Intermediate-Term (<math>\pm 8\text{-}12</math> Years)</b>			
Removal of North Apron and Taxiway N	Pavement Removal $\pm 43,000$ SY	\$684,000	9
Enhancement of Near-Term Auto Parking	$\pm 800$ SY of pavement	\$232,000	11
Removal of Fuel Farm on North Apron	$\pm 25,000$ GAL	\$45,000	8
Preservation of area reserved for GA aircraft parking	$\pm 3$ acres	TBD	10
Passenger/Admin/Parking Facility Improvements	$\pm 4$ acres	TBD	11
<b>Phase Subtotal</b>		<b>\$961,000</b>	
<b>Long-Term (<math>\pm 13\text{-}20</math> Years)</b>			
800' Relocation/Extension of RWY 06-24 (if completed in one phase)	$\pm 81,610$ SY	\$27,850,000	12
Remove/Reconstruct Connector Taxiways	$\pm 13,000$ SY	\$1,760,000	13
Remove/Reconstruct TWY A	$\pm 39,070$ SY	\$14,360,000	14
Construction of EMAS System serving RWY 06	$\pm 580$ SY	\$12,160,000	15
Relocation of EMAS System serving RWY 24	$\pm 580$ SY	\$11,240,000	16
Relocation of NAVAIDS (ILS, GS, MALSR, PAPI)		\$2,800,000	12
200' Relocation/Extension of Runway 06-24 and Taxiway A (if completed in 2 phases)		\$9,366,000	12/14
Additional 600' Relocation/Extension of Runway 06-24 and Taxiway A (if completed in 2 phases)		\$30,960,000	12/14
<b>Phase Subtotal (200' Extension plus 600' Extension)</b>		<b>\$82,646,000</b>	
<b>Phase Subtotal (800' Extension)</b>		<b>\$70,170,000</b>	
<b>Phased Development Total Costs</b>			
<b>Total Estimated Program Cost (200' Extension plus 600' Extension)</b>		<b>\$110,337,000</b>	
<b>Total Estimated Program Cost (800' Extension)</b>		<b>\$97,861,000</b>	
<b>Total Estimated Program Cost (200' Extension plus 600' Extension)*</b>		<b>\$124,657,500</b>	
<b>Total Estimated Program Cost (800' Extension)*</b>		<b>\$112,181,500</b>	

Source: Kimley-Horn, 2017. \* Includes interim 200' extension to existing Runway 06-24 and Taxiway A

## Exhibit 2.21 Floodplain Exhibit – West



## **Exhibit 2.22 Floodplain Exhibit – East**



# **APPENDIX A**

## **STORM WATER QUALITY DOCUMENTATION**



# STORM WATER STANDARDS QUESTIONNAIRE

## E-34

**Development Services**

Land Development Engineering

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### INSTRUCTIONS:

To address post-development pollutants that may be generated from development projects, the city requires that new development and significant redevelopment priority projects incorporate Permanent Storm Water Best Management Practices (BMPs) into the project design per Carlsbad BMP Design Manual (BMP Manual). To view the BMP Manual, refer to the Engineering Standards (Volume 5).

This questionnaire must be completed by the applicant in advance of submitting for a development application (subdivision, discretionary permits and/or construction permits). The results of the questionnaire determine the level of storm water standards that must be applied to a proposed development or redevelopment project. Depending on the outcome, your project will either be subject to '**STANDARD PROJECT**' requirements or be subject to '**PRIORITY DEVELOPMENT PROJECT**' (PDP) requirements.

Your responses to the questionnaire represent an initial assessment of the proposed project conditions and impacts. City staff has responsibility for making the final assessment after submission of the development application. If staff determines that the questionnaire was incorrectly filled out and is subject to more stringent storm water standards than initially assessed by you, this will result in the return of the development application as incomplete. In this case, please make the changes to the questionnaire and resubmit to the city.

If you are unsure about the meaning of a question or need help in determining how to respond to one or more of the questions, please seek assistance from Land Development Engineering staff.

A completed and signed questionnaire must be submitted with each development project application. Only one completed and signed questionnaire is required when multiple development applications for the same project are submitted concurrently.

### PROJECT INFORMATION

PROJECT NAME:	PROJECT ID:
ADDRESS:	APN:
The project is (check one): <input type="checkbox"/> New Development <input type="checkbox"/> Redevelopment	
The total proposed disturbed area is: _____ ft <sup>2</sup> (_____) acres	
The total proposed newly created and/or replaced impervious area is: _____ ft <sup>2</sup> (_____) acres	
If your project is covered by an approved SWQMP as part of a larger development project, provide the project ID and the SWQMP # of the larger development project:	
Project ID _____ SWQMP #: _____	
Then, go to Step 1 and follow the instructions. When completed, sign the form at the end and submit this with your application to the city.	

**STEP 1  
TO BE COMPLETED FOR ALL PROJECTS**

To determine if your project is a “development project”, please answer the following question:

YES      NO

Is your project LIMITED TO routine maintenance activity and/or repair/improvements to an existing building or structure that do not alter the size (See Section 1.3 of the BMP Design Manual for guidance)?

<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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If you answered “yes” to the above question, provide justification below then **go to Step 5**, mark the third box stating “my project is **not a ‘development project’** and not subject to the requirements of the BMP manual” and complete applicant information.

Justification/discussion: (e.g. the project includes only interior remodels within an existing building):

If you answered “no” to the above question, the project is a ‘**development project**’, **go to Step 2**.

**STEP 2  
TO BE COMPLETED FOR ALL DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS**

To determine if your project is exempt from PDP requirements pursuant to MS4 Permit Provision E.3.b.(3), please answer the following questions:

Is your project LIMITED to one or more of the following:

YES      NO

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|--|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. Constructing new or retrofitting paved sidewalks, bicycle lanes or trails that meet the following criteria:<br>a) Designed and constructed to direct storm water runoff to adjacent vegetated areas, or other non-erodible permeable areas;<br>b) Designed and constructed to be hydraulically disconnected from paved streets or roads;<br>c) Designed and constructed with permeable pavements or surfaces in accordance with USEPA Green Streets guidance? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2. Retrofitting or redeveloping existing paved alleys, streets, or roads that are designed and constructed in accordance with the USEPA Green Streets guidance?  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3. Ground Mounted Solar Array that meets the criteria provided in section 1.4.2 of the BMP manual?   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

If you answered “yes” to one or more of the above questions, provide discussion/justification below, then **go to Step 5**, mark the second box stating “my project is **EXEMPT** from PDP ...” and complete applicant information.

Discussion to justify exemption ( e.g. the project redeveloping existing road designed and constructed in accordance with the USEPA Green Street guidance):

If you answered “no” to the above questions, your project is not exempt from PDP, **go to Step 3**.

**STEP 3****TO BE COMPLETED FOR ALL NEW OR REDEVELOPMENT PROJECTS**

To determine if your project is a PDP, please answer the following questions (MS4 Permit Provision E.3.b.(1)):

	YES	NO
1. Is your project a new development that creates 10,000 square feet or more of impervious surfaces collectively over the entire project site? <i>This includes commercial, industrial, residential, mixed-use, and public development projects on public or private land.</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. Is your project a redevelopment project creating and/or replacing 5,000 square feet or more of impervious surface collectively over the entire project site on an existing site of 10,000 square feet or more of impervious surface? <i>This includes commercial, industrial, residential, mixed-use, and public development projects on public or private land.</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. Is your project a new or redevelopment project that creates and/or replaces 5,000 square feet or more of impervious surface collectively over the entire project site and supports a restaurant? A restaurant is a facility that sells prepared foods and drinks for consumption, including stationary lunch counters and refreshment stands selling prepared foods and drinks for immediate consumption (Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) code 5812).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. Is your project a new or redevelopment project that creates 5,000 square feet or more of impervious surface collectively over the entire project site and supports a hillside development project? A hillside development project includes development on any natural slope that is twenty-five percent or greater.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. Is your project a new or redevelopment project that creates and/or replaces 5,000 square feet or more of impervious surface collectively over the entire project site and supports a parking lot? A parking lot is a land area or facility for the temporary parking or storage of motor vehicles used personally for business or for commerce.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6. Is your project a new or redevelopment project that creates and/or replaces 5,000 square feet or more of impervious surface collectively over the entire project site and supports a street, road, highway, freeway or driveway? <i>A street, road, highway, freeway or driveway is any paved impervious surface used for the transportation of automobiles, trucks, motorcycles, and other vehicles.</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7. Is your project a new or redevelopment project that creates and/or replaces 2,500 square feet or more of impervious surface collectively over the entire site, and discharges directly to an Environmentally Sensitive Area (ESA)? <i>"Discharging Directly to" includes flow that is conveyed overland a distance of 200 feet or less from the project to the ESA, or conveyed in a pipe or open channel any distance as an isolated flow from the project to the ESA (i.e. not commingled with flows from adjacent lands).*</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
8. Is your project a new development or redevelopment project that creates and/or replaces 5,000 square feet or more of impervious surface that supports an automotive repair shop? <i>An automotive repair shop is a facility that is categorized in any one of the following Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) codes: 5013, 5014, 5541, 7532-7534, or 7536-7539.</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
9. Is your project a new development or redevelopment project that creates and/or replaces 5,000 square feet or more of impervious area that supports a retail gasoline outlet (RGO)? <i>This category includes RGO's that meet the following criteria: (a) 5,000 square feet or more or (b) a project Average Daily Traffic (ADT) of 100 or more vehicles per day.</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
10. Is your project a new or redevelopment project that results in the disturbance of one or more acres of land and are expected to generate pollutants post construction?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
11. Is your project located within 200 feet of the Pacific Ocean and (1) creates 2,500 square feet or more of impervious surface or (2) increases impervious surface on the property by more than 10%? (CMC 21.203.040)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<p>If you answered "yes" to one or more of the above questions, your project is a <b>PDP</b>. If your project is a redevelopment project, <b>go to step 4</b>. If your project is a new project, <b>go to step 5</b>, check the first box stating "My project is a <b>PDP</b> ..." and complete applicant information.</p> <p>If you answered "no" to all of the above questions, your project is a '<b>STANDARD PROJECT</b>'. <b>Go to step 5</b>, check the second box stating "My project is a '<b>STANDARD PROJECT</b>'..." and complete applicant information.</p>		

**STEP 4****TO BE COMPLETED FOR REDEVELOPMENT PROJECTS THAT ARE PRIORITY DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS (PDP)  
ONLY**

Complete the questions below regarding your redevelopment project (MS4 Permit Provision E.3.b.(2)):

YES      NO

Does the redevelopment project result in the creation or replacement of impervious surface in an amount of less than 50% of the surface area of the previously existing development? Complete the percent impervious calculation below:

Existing impervious area (A) = \_\_\_\_\_ sq. ft.

<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Total proposed newly created or replaced impervious area (B) = \_\_\_\_\_ sq. ft.

Percent impervious area created or replaced (B/A)\*100 = \_\_\_\_\_ %

If you answered "yes", the structural BMPs required for PDP apply only to the creation or replacement of impervious surface and not the entire development. **Go to step 5**, check the first box stating "My project is a **PDP** ..." and complete applicant information.

If you answered "no," the structural BMP's required for PDP apply to the entire development. **Go to step 5**, check the first box stating "My project is a **PDP** ..." and complete applicant information.

**STEP 5****CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX AND COMPLETE APPLICANT INFORMATION**

- My project is a **PDP** and must comply with **PDP** stormwater requirements of the BMP Manual. I understand I must prepare a Storm Water Quality Management Plan (**SWQMP**) for submittal at time of application.
- My project is a '**STANDARD PROJECT**' OR EXEMPT from PDP and must only comply with '**STANDARD PROJECT**' stormwater requirements of the BMP Manual. As part of these requirements, I will submit a "*Standard Project Requirement Checklist Form E-36*" and incorporate low impact development strategies throughout my project.

**Note:** For projects that are close to meeting the PDP threshold, staff may require detailed impervious area calculations and exhibits to verify if '**STANDARD PROJECT**' stormwater requirements apply.

- My Project is **NOT** a '**development project**' and is not subject to the requirements of the BMP Manual.

**Applicant Information and Signature Box**

Applicant Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Applicant Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

\* Environmentally Sensitive Areas include but are not limited to all Clean Water Act Section 303(d) impaired water bodies; areas designated as Areas of Special Biological Significance by the State Water Resources Control Board (Water Quality Control Plan for the San Diego Basin (1994) and amendments); water bodies designated with the RARE beneficial use by the State Water Resources Control Board (Water Quality Control Plan for the San Diego Basin (1994) and amendments); areas designated as preserves or their equivalent under the Multi Species Conservation Program within the Cities and County of San Diego; Habitat Management Plan; and any other equivalent environmentally sensitive areas which have been identified by the City.

**This Box for City Use Only**

	YES	NO
City Concurrence:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
By:		
Date:		
Project ID:		

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- (b) Structural BMPs must not be constructed within waters of the United States (U.S.); and
- (c) Onsite BMPs must be designed and implemented with measures to avoid the creation of nuisance or pollution associated with vectors (e.g. mosquitos, rodents, or flies).

### **2.1.1.2 Source Control Requirements**

**Pollutant source control BMPs** are features that must be implemented to address specific sources of pollutants.

The following source control BMPs must be implemented at all development projects where applicable and technically feasible:

- (a) Prevention of illicit discharges into the MS4;
- (b) Storm drain system stenciling or signage;
- (c) Protection of outdoor material storage areas from rainfall, run-on, runoff, and wind dispersal;
- (d) Protection of materials stored in outdoor work areas from rainfall, run-on, runoff, and wind dispersal;
- (e) Protection of trash storage areas from rainfall, run-on, runoff, and wind dispersal; and
- (f) Use of any additional BMPs determined to be necessary by the City Engineer to minimize pollutant generation at each project.

Further guidance is provided in Section 2.1.2 and Chapter 4.

### **2.1.1.3 Site Design Requirements**

**Site design requirements** are qualitative requirements that apply to the layout and design of **ALL** development project sites (Standard Projects and PDPs).

Site design performance standards define minimum requirements for how a site must incorporate LID BMPs, including the location of BMPs and the use of integrated site design practices. The following site design practices must be implemented at all development projects, where applicable and technically feasible:

- (a) Maintenance or restoration of natural storage reservoirs and drainage corridors (including topographic depressions, areas of permeable soils, natural swales, and ephemeral and intermittent streams)<sup>2</sup>;
- (b) Buffer zones for natural water bodies (where buffer zones are technically infeasible, require project applicant to include other buffers such as trees, access restrictions, etc.);
- (c) Conservation of natural areas within the project footprint including existing trees, other vegetation, and soils;
- (d) Construction of streets, sidewalks, or parking lot aisles to the minimum widths necessary,

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<sup>2</sup> Development projects proposing to dredge or fill materials in waters of the U.S. must obtain a Clean Water Act Section 401 Water Quality Certification. Projects proposing to dredge or fill waters of the state must obtain waste discharge requirements.

- provided public safety is not compromised;
- (e) Minimization of the impervious footprint of the project;
  - (f) Minimization of soil compaction to landscaped areas;
  - (g) Disconnection of impervious surfaces through distributed pervious areas;
  - (h) Landscaped or other pervious areas designed and constructed to effectively receive and infiltrate, retain and/or treat runoff from impervious areas, prior to discharging to the MS4;
  - (i) Small collection strategies located at, or as close as possible to, the source (i.e. the point where storm water initially meets the ground) to minimize the transport of runoff and pollutants to the MS4 and receiving waters;
  - (j) Use of permeable materials for projects with low traffic areas and appropriate soil conditions;
  - (k) Landscaping with native or drought tolerant species; and
  - (l) Harvesting and using precipitation.

A key aspect of this performance standard is that these design features must be used where applicable and feasible. Responsible implementation of this performance standard depends on evaluating applicability and feasibility. Further guidance is provided in Section 2.1.2 and Chapter 4.

### **2.1.2 Concepts and References**

**Land development tends to increase the amount of pollutants in storm water runoff.**

Land development generally alters the natural conditions of the land by removing vegetative cover, compacting soil, and/or placement of concrete, asphalt, or other impervious surfaces. These impervious surfaces facilitate entrainment of urban pollutants in storm water runoff (such as pesticides, petroleum hydrocarbons, heavy metals, and pathogens) that are otherwise not generally found in high concentrations in the runoff from the natural environment. Pollutants that accumulate on impervious surfaces and actively landscaped pervious surfaces may contribute to elevated levels of pollutants in runoff relative to the natural condition.

**Land development also impacts site hydrology.**

Impervious surfaces greatly affect the natural hydrology of the land because they do not allow natural infiltration, retention, evapotranspiration and treatment of storm water runoff to take place. Instead, storm water runoff from impervious surfaces is typically and has traditionally been directed through pipes, curbs, gutters, and other hardscape into receiving waters, with little treatment, at significantly increased volumes and accelerated flow rates over what would occur naturally. The increased pollutant loads, storm water volume, discharge rates and velocities, and discharge durations from the MS4 adversely impact stream habitat by causing accelerated, unnatural erosion and scouring within creek beds and banks. Compaction of pervious areas can have a similar effect to impervious surfaces on natural hydrology.

**Site Design LID involves attempting to maintain or restore the predevelopment hydrologic regime.**

LID is a comprehensive land planning and engineering design approach with a goal of maintaining and enhancing the pre-development hydrologic regime of urban and developing watersheds. LID



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YIELD AREAS EXHIBIT

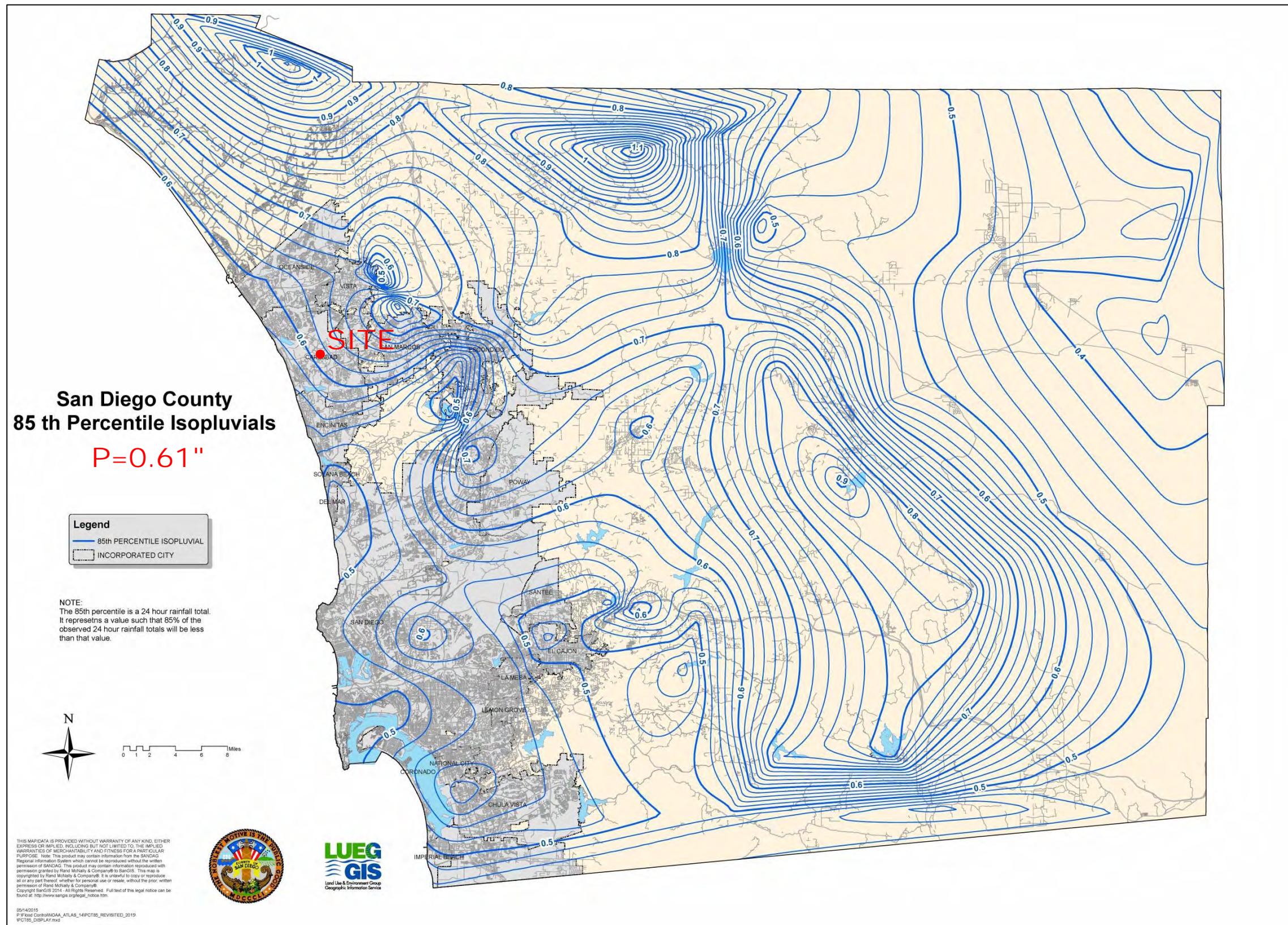


Figure B.1-1: 85th Percentile 24-hour Isopluvial Map

## E.8 INF-1 Infiltration Basin



### **MS4 Permit Category**

Retention

### **Manual Category**

Infiltration

### **Applicable Performance Standard**

Pollutant Control  
Flow Control

### **Primary Benefits**

Volume Reduction  
Peak Flow Attenuation

*Photo Credit: <http://www.stormwaterpartners.com/facilities/basin.html>*

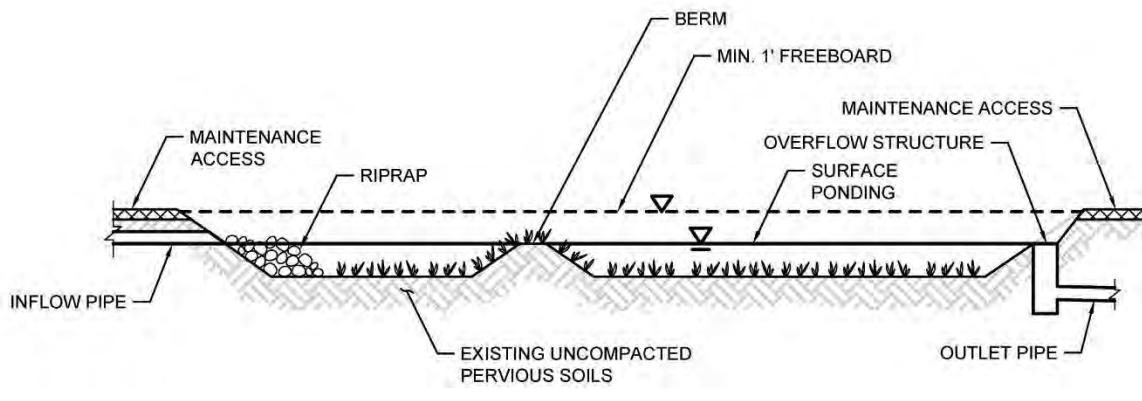
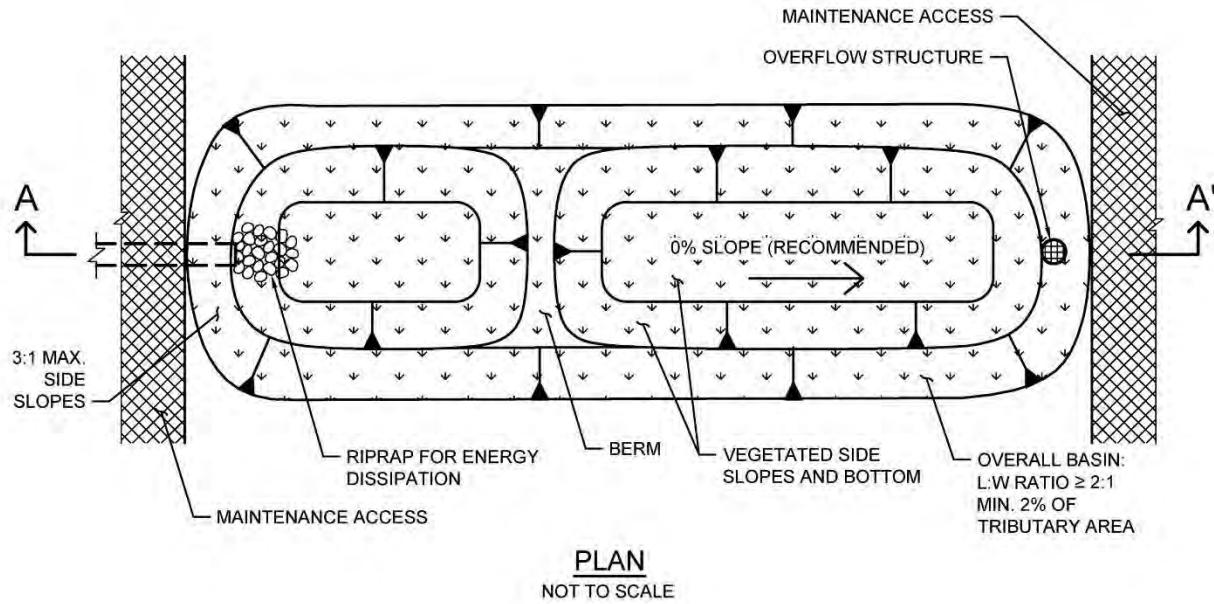
#### **Description**

An infiltration basin typically consists of an earthen basin with a flat bottom constructed in naturally pervious soils. An infiltration basin retains storm water and allows it to evaporate and/or percolate into the underlying soils. The bottom of an infiltration basin is typically vegetated with native grasses or turf grass; however other types of vegetation can be used if they can survive periodic inundation and long inter-event dry periods. Treatment is achieved primarily through infiltration, filtration, sedimentation, biochemical processes and plant uptake. Infiltration basins can be constructed as linear trenches or as **underground infiltration galleries**.

Typical infiltration basin components include:

- Inflow distribution mechanisms (e.g., perimeter flow spreader or filter strips)
- Energy dissipation mechanism for concentrated inflows (e.g., splash blocks or riprap)
- Forebay to provide pretreatment surface ponding for captured flows
- Vegetation selected based on basin use, climate, and ponding depth
- Uncompacted native soils at the bottom of the facility
- Overflow structure

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Typical plan and section view of an Infiltration BMP

### ***Design Adaptations for Project Goals***

**Full infiltration BMP for storm water pollutant control.** Infiltration basins can be used as a pollutant control BMP, designed to infiltrate runoff from direct rainfall as well as runoff from adjacent areas that are tributary to the BMP. Infiltration basins must be designed with an infiltration storage volume (a function of the surface ponding volume) equal to the full DCV and able to meet drawdown time limitations.

**Integrated storm water flow control and pollutant control configuration.** Infiltration basins can

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also be designed for flow rate and duration control by providing additional infiltration storage through increasing the surface ponding volume.

### ***Design Criteria and Considerations***

Infiltration basins must meet the following design criteria. Deviations from the below criteria may be approved at the discretion of the City Engineer if it is determined to be appropriate:

<b><i>Siting and Design</i></b>	<b><i>Intent/Rationale</i></b>
<input type="checkbox"/> Placement observes geotechnical recommendations regarding potential hazards (e.g., slope stability, landslides, liquefaction zones) and setbacks (e.g., slopes, foundations, utilities).	Must not negatively impact existing site geotechnical concerns.
<input type="checkbox"/> Selection and design of basin is based on infiltration feasibility criteria and appropriate design infiltration rate (See Appendix C and D).	Must operate as a full infiltration design and must be supported by drainage area and in-situ infiltration rate feasibility findings.
<input type="checkbox"/> Finish grade of the facility is $\leq 2\%$ (0% recommended).	Flatter surfaces reduce erosion and channelization with the facility.
<input type="checkbox"/> Settling forebay has a volume $\geq 25\%$ of facility volume below the forebay overflow.	A forebay to trap sediment can decrease frequency of required maintenance.
<input type="checkbox"/> Infiltration of surface ponding is limited to a 36-hour drawdown time.	Prolonged surface ponding reduce volume available to capture subsequent storms. The applicant has an option to use a different drawdown time up to 96 hours if the volume of the facility is adjusted using the percent capture method in Appendix B.4.2.
<input type="checkbox"/> Minimum freeboard provided is $\geq 1$ foot.	Freeboard minimizes risk of uncontrolled surface discharge.
<input type="checkbox"/> Side slopes are = 3H:1V or shallower.	Gentler side slopes are safer, less prone to erosion, able to establish vegetation more quickly and easier to maintain.

### ***Inflow and Overflow Structures***

<b>Siting and Design</b>	<b>Intent/Rationale</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> Inflow and outflow structures are accessible by required equipment (e.g., vactor truck) for inspection and maintenance.	Maintenance will prevent clogging and ensure proper operation of the flow control structures.
<input type="checkbox"/> Inflow velocities are limited to 3 ft/s or less or use energy dissipation methods (e.g., riprap, level spreader) for concentrated inflows.	High inflow velocities can cause erosion, scour and/or channeling.
<input type="checkbox"/> Overflow is safely conveyed to a downstream storm drain system or discharge point. Size overflow structure to pass 100-year peak flow for on-line basins and water quality peak flow for off-line basins.	Planning for overflow lessens the risk of property damage due to flooding.

#### **Conceptual Design and Sizing Approach for Storm Water Pollutant Control**

To design infiltration basins for storm water pollutant control only (no flow control required), the following steps should be taken:

1. Verify that siting and design criteria have been met, including placement and basin area requirements, forebay volume, and maximum slopes for basin sides and bottom.
2. Calculate the DCV per Appendix B based on expected site design runoff for tributary areas.
3. Use the sizing worksheet (Appendix B.4) to determine if full infiltration of the DCV is achievable based on the infiltration storage volume calculated from the surface ponding area and depth for a maximum 36-hour drawdown time. The drawdown time can be estimated by dividing the average depth of the basin by the design infiltration rate. Appendix D provides guidance on evaluating a site's infiltration rate.

#### **Conceptual Design and Sizing Approach for Storm Water Pollutant Treatment and Flow Control**

Control of flow rates and/or durations will typically require significant surface ponding volume, and therefore the following steps should be taken prior to determination of storm water pollutant control design. Pre-development and allowable post-project flow rates and durations should be determined as discussed in Chapter 6 of the manual.

1. Verify that siting and design criteria have been met, including placement and basin area requirements, forebay volume, and maximum slopes for basin sides and bottom.

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2. Iteratively determine the surface ponding required to provide infiltration storage to reduce flow rates and durations to allowable limits while adhering to the maximum 36-hour drawdown time. Flow rates and durations can be controlled using flow splitters that route the appropriate inflow amounts to the infiltration basin and bypass excess flows to the downstream storm drain system or discharge point.
3. If an infiltration basin cannot fully provide the flow rate and duration control required by this manual, an upstream or downstream structure with appropriate storage volume such as an underground vault can be used to provide additional control.
4. After the infiltration basin has been designed to meet flow control requirements, calculations must be completed to verify if storm water pollutant control requirements to treat the DCV have been met.

## E.9 INF-2 Bioretention



### MS4 Permit Category

Retention

### Manual Category

Infiltration

### Applicable Performance Standard

Pollutant Control  
Flow Control

### Primary Benefits

Volume Reduction  
Treatment  
Peak Flow Attenuation

#### Description

Bioretention (bioretention without underdrain) facilities are vegetated surface water systems that filter water through vegetation and soil, or engineered media prior to infiltrating into native soils. These facilities are designed to infiltrate the full DCV. Bioretention facilities are commonly incorporated into the site within parking lot landscaping, along roadsides, and in open spaces. They can be constructed in ground or partially aboveground, such as planter boxes with open bottoms (no impermeable liner at the bottom) to allow infiltration. Treatment is achieved through filtration, sedimentation, sorption, infiltration, biochemical processes and plant uptake.

Typical bioretention without underdrain components include:

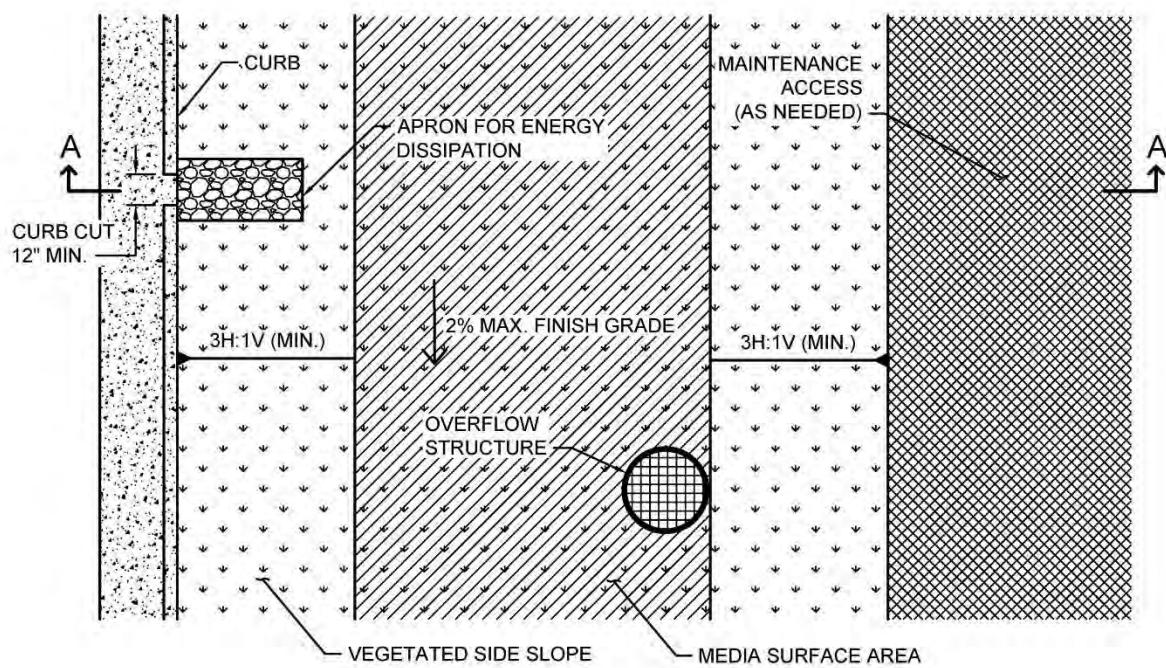
- Inflow distribution mechanisms (e.g., perimeter flow spreader or filter strips)
- Energy dissipation mechanism for concentrated inflows (e.g., splash blocks or riprap)
- Shallow surface ponding for captured flows
- Side slope and basin bottom vegetation selected based on expected climate and ponding depth
- Non-floating mulch layer (optional)
- Media layer (planting mix or engineered media) capable of supporting vegetation growth
- Filter course layer consisting of aggregate to prevent the migration of fines into uncompacted

native soils or the optional aggregate storage layer

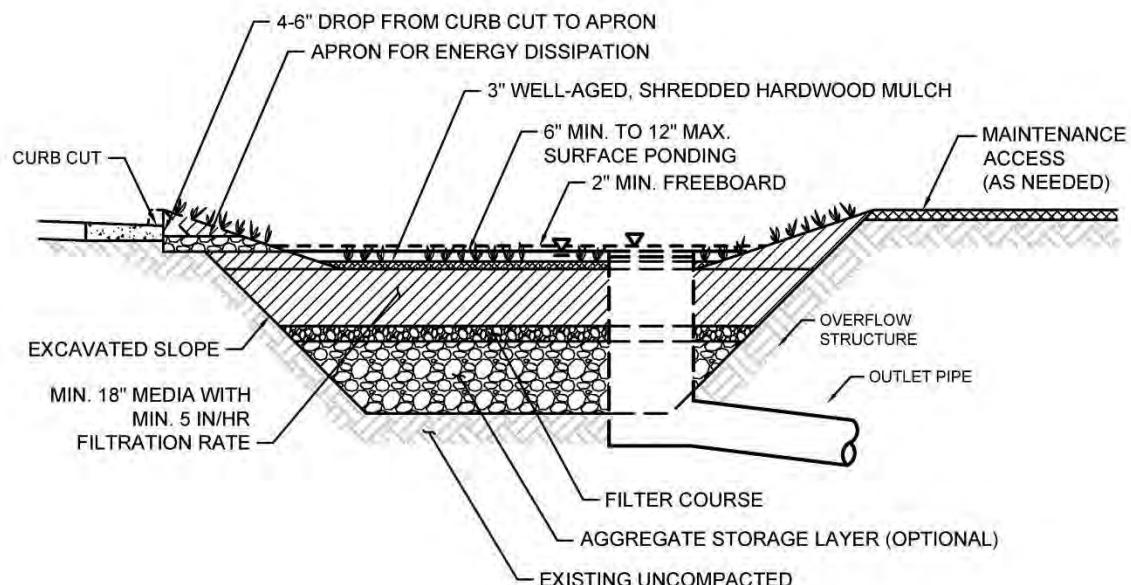
- Optional aggregate storage layer for additional infiltration storage
- Uncompacted native soils at the bottom of the facility
- Overflow structure

### ***Design Adaptations for Project Goals***

- **Full infiltration BMP for storm water pollutant control.** Bioretention can be used as a pollutant control BMP designed to infiltrate runoff from direct rainfall as well as runoff from adjacent tributary areas. Bioretention facilities must be designed with an infiltration storage volume (a function of the ponding, media and aggregate storage volumes) equal to the full DCV and able to meet drawdown time limitations.
- **Integrated storm water flow control and pollutant control configuration.** Bioretention facilities can be designed to provide flow rate and duration control. This may be accomplished by providing greater infiltration storage with increased surface ponding and/or aggregate storage volume for storm water flow control.



**PLAN**  
NOT TO SCALE



**SECTION A-A'**  
NOT TO SCALE

Typical plan and section view of a Bioretention BMP

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### ***Design Criteria and Considerations***

Bioretention must meet the following design criteria. Deviations from the below criteria may be approved at the discretion of the City Engineer if it is determined to be appropriate:

<b><i>Siting and Design</i></b>	<b><i>Intent/Rationale</i></b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>□ Placement observes geotechnical recommendations regarding potential hazards (e.g., slope stability, landslides, liquefaction zones) and setbacks (e.g., slopes, foundations, utilities).</li></ul>	Must not negatively impact existing site geotechnical concerns.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>□ Selection and design of BMP is based on infiltration feasibility criteria and appropriate design infiltration rate presented in Appendix C and D.</li></ul>	Must operate as a full infiltration design and must be supported by drainage area and in-situ infiltration rate feasibility findings.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>□ Contributing tributary area is <math>\leq</math> 5 acres (<math>\leq</math> 1 acre preferred).</li></ul>	Bigger BMPs require additional design features for proper performance.  Contributing tributary area greater than 5 acres may be allowed at the discretion of the City Engineer if the following conditions are met: 1) incorporate design features (e.g. flow spreaders) to minimizing short circuiting of flows in the BMP and 2) incorporate additional design features requested by the City Engineer for proper performance of the regional BMP.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>□ Finish grade of the facility is <math>\leq</math> 2%. In long bioretention facilities where the potential for internal erosion and channelization exists, the use of check dams is required.</li></ul>	Flatter surfaces reduce erosion and channelization within the facility.  Internal check dams reduce velocity and dissipate energy.
<b><i>Surface Ponding</i></b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>□ Surface ponding is limited to a 24-hour drawdown time.</li></ul>	24-hour drawdown time is recommended for plant health.  Surface ponding drawdown time greater than 24-hours but less than 96 hours may be allowed at the discretion of the City Engineer if certified by a landscape architect or agronomist.

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<b>Siting and Design</b>	<b>Intent/Rationale</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="197 551 878 593"><input type="checkbox"/> Surface ponding depth is <math>\geq 6</math> and <math>\leq 12</math> inches.</li></ul>	Surface ponding capacity lowers subsurface storage requirements. Deep surface ponding raises safety concerns. Surface ponding depth greater than 12 inches (for additional pollutant control or surface outlet structures or flow-control orifices) may be allowed at the discretion of the City Engineer if the following conditions are met: 1) surface ponding depth drawdown time is less than 24 hours; and 2) safety issues and fencing requirements are considered (typically ponding greater than 18" will require a fence and/or flatter side slopes) and 3) potential for elevated clogging risk is considered.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="197 931 878 1015"><input type="checkbox"/> A minimum of 2 inches of freeboard is provided.</li><li data-bbox="197 1058 878 1142"><input type="checkbox"/> Side slopes are stabilized with vegetation and are <math>\geq 3H: 1V</math>.</li></ul>	Freeboard provides room for head over overflow structures and minimizes risk of uncontrolled surface discharge. Gentler side slopes are safer, less prone to erosion, able to establish vegetation more quickly and easier to maintain.
<b>Vegetation</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="197 1248 878 1374"><input type="checkbox"/> Plantings are suitable for the climate and expected ponding depth. A plant list to aid in selection can be found in Appendix E.20.</li></ul>	Plants suited to the climate and ponding depth are more likely to survive.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="197 1417 878 1493">An irrigation system with a connection to water supply is provided as needed.</li></ul>	Seasonal irrigation might be needed to keep plants healthy.
<b>Mulch (Optional)</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="197 1575 878 1702"><input type="checkbox"/> A minimum of 3 inches of well-aged, shredded hardwood mulch that has been stockpiled or stored for at least 12 months is provided.</li><li data-bbox="197 1702 878 1755">Mulch must be non-floating to avoid clogging of overflow structure.</li></ul>	Mulch will suppress weeds and maintain moisture for plant growth. Aging mulch kills pathogens and weed seeds and allows beneficial microbes to multiply.
<b>Media Layer</b>	

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<b><i>Siting and Design</i></b>	<b><i>Intent/Rationale</i></b>
<p><input type="checkbox"/> Media maintains a minimum filtration rate of 5 in/hr over lifetime of facility. A minimum initial filtration rate of 10 in/hr is recommended.</p>	A high filtration rate through the soil mix minimizes clogging potential and allows flows to quickly enter the aggregate storage layer, thereby minimizing bypass.
<p>Media is a minimum 18 inches deep, meeting either of these two media specifications:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> City of San Diego Storm Water Standards, Appendix F (February 2016, unless superseded by more recent edition) <b>or</b> County of San Diego Low Impact Development Handbook: Appendix G -Bioretention Soil Specification (June 2014, unless superseded by more recent edition).</p>	A deep media layer provides additional filtration and supports plants with deeper roots.
<p><input type="checkbox"/> Alternatively, for proprietary designs and custom media mixes not meeting the media specifications contained in the 2016 City of San Diego Storm Water Standards or County LID Manual, the media meets the pollutant treatment performance criteria in Section F.1.</p>	Standard specifications shall be followed.
<p><input type="checkbox"/> Media surface area is 3% of contributing area times adjusted runoff factor or greater.</p>	<p>For non-standard or proprietary designs, compliance with F.1 ensures that adequate treatment performance will be provided.</p> <p>Greater surface area to tributary area ratios decrease loading rates per square foot and therefore increase longevity.</p> <p>Adjusted runoff factor is to account for site design BMPs implemented upstream of the BMP (such as rain barrels, impervious area dispersion, etc.). Refer to Appendix B.2 guidance.</p> <p>Use Worksheet B.5-1 Line 26 to estimate the minimum surface area required per this criteria.</p>
<b><i>Filter Course Layer (Optional)</i></b>	
<p><input type="checkbox"/> A filter course is used to prevent migration of fines through layers of the facility. Filter fabric is not used.</p>	Migration of media can cause clogging of the aggregate storage layer void spaces or subgrade. Filter fabric is more likely to clog.

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<b>Siting and Design</b>	<b>Intent/Rationale</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> Filter course is washed and free of fines.	Washing aggregate will help eliminate fines that could clog the facility and impede infiltration.
<input type="checkbox"/> Filter course calculations assessing suitability for particle migration prevention have been completed.	Gradation relationship between layers can evaluate factors (e.g., bridging, permeability, and uniformity) to determine if particle sizing is appropriate or if an intermediate layer is needed.
<b>Aggregate Storage Layer (Optional)</b>	
Class 2 Permeable per Caltrans specification 68-1.025 is recommended for the storage layer. <input type="checkbox"/> Washed, open-graded crushed rock may be used, however a 4-6 inch washed pea gravel filter course layer at the top of the crushed rock is required.	Washing aggregate will help eliminate fines that could clog the aggregate storage layer void spaces or subgrade.
<input type="checkbox"/> Maximum aggregate storage layer depth is determined based on the infiltration storage volume that will infiltrate within a 36-hour drawdown time.	A maximum drawdown time to facilitate provision of adequate storm water storage for the next storm event.
<b>Inflow and Overflow Structures</b>	
Inflow and overflow structures are accessible for inspection and maintenance. Overflow structures must be connected to downstream storm drain system or appropriate discharge point.	Maintenance will prevent clogging and ensure proper operation of the flow control structures.
<input type="checkbox"/> Inflow velocities are limited to 3 ft/s or less or use energy dissipation methods (e.g., riprap, level spreader) for concentrated inflows.	High inflow velocities can cause erosion, scour and/or channeling.
<input type="checkbox"/> Curb cut inlets are at least 12 inches wide, have a 4-6 inch reveal (drop) and an apron and energy dissipation as needed.	Inlets must not restrict flow and apron prevents blockage from vegetation as it grows in. Energy dissipation prevents erosion.
<input type="checkbox"/> Overflow is safely conveyed to a downstream storm drain system or discharge point. Size overflow structure to pass 100-year peak flow for on-line basins and water quality peak flow for off-line basins.	Planning for overflow lessens the risk of property damage due to flooding.

### ***Conceptual Design and Sizing Approach for Storm Water Pollutant Control Only***

To design bioretention for storm water pollutant control only (no flow control required), the following steps should be taken:

1. Verify that siting and design criteria have been met, including placement and basin area requirements, maximum side and finish grade slope, and the recommended media surface area tributary ratio.
2. Calculate the DCV per Appendix B based on expected site design runoff for tributary areas.
3. Use the sizing worksheet to determine if full infiltration of the DCV is achievable based on the available infiltration storage volume calculated from the bioretention without underdrain footprint area, effective depths for surface ponding, media and aggregate storage layers, and in-situ soil design infiltration rate for a maximum 36-hour drawdown time for the aggregate storage layer, with surface ponding no greater than a maximum 24-hour drawdown. The drawdown time can be estimated by dividing the average depth of the basin by the design infiltration rate of the underlying soil. Appendix D provides guidance on evaluating a site's infiltration rate. A generic sizing worksheet is provided in Appendix B.4.
4. Where the DCV cannot be fully infiltrated based on the site or bioretention constraints, an underdrain can be added to the design (use biofiltration with partial retention factsheet).

### ***Conceptual Design and Sizing Approach when Storm Water Flow Control is Applicable***

Control of flow rates and/or durations will typically require significant surface ponding and/or aggregate storage volumes, and therefore the following steps should be taken prior to determination of storm water pollutant control design. Pre-development and allowable post-project flow rates and durations shall be determined as discussed in Chapter 6 of the manual.

1. Verify that siting and design criteria have been met, including placement requirements, maximum side and finish grade slopes, and the recommended media surface area tributary area ratio. Design for flow control can be achieved using various design configurations.
2. Iteratively determine the facility footprint area, surface ponding and/or aggregate storage layer depth required to provide infiltration storage to reduce flow rates and durations to allowable limits while adhering to the maximum drawdown times for surface ponding and aggregate storage. Flow rates and durations can be controlled using flow splitters that route the appropriate inflow amounts to the bioretention facility and bypass excess flows to the downstream storm drain system or discharge point.
3. If bioretention without underdrain facility cannot fully provide the flow rate and duration control required by the MS4 permit, an upstream or downstream structure with appropriate storage volume such as an underground vault can be used to provide additional control.
4. After bioretention without underdrain BMPs have been designed to meet flow control requirements, calculations must be completed to verify if storm water pollutant control requirements to treat the DCV have been met.

## E.11 PR-1 Biofiltration with Partial Retention



*Location: 805 and Bonita Road, Chula Vista, CA.*

### MS4 Permit Category

NA

### Manual Category

Partial Retention

### Applicable Performance Standard

Pollutant Control

Flow Control

### Primary Benefits

Volume Reduction

Treatment

Peak Flow Attenuation

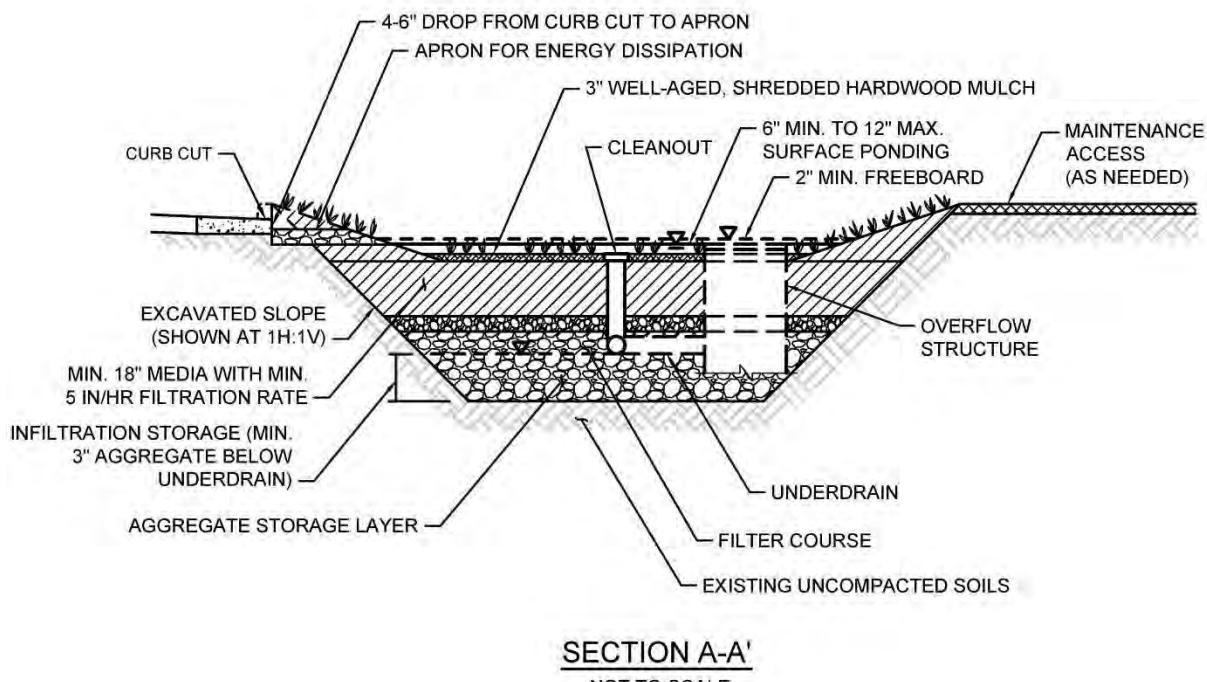
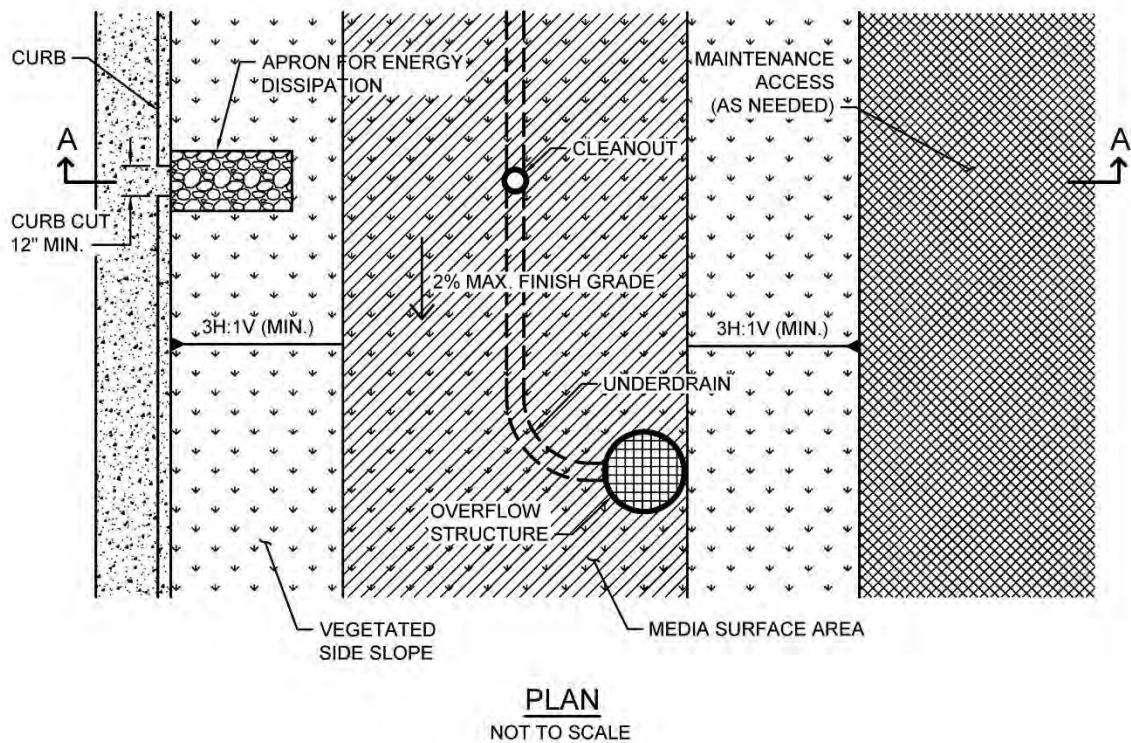
### Description

Biofiltration with partial retention (partial infiltration and biofiltration) facilities are vegetated surface water systems that filter water through vegetation, and soil or engineered media prior to infiltrating into native soils, discharge via underdrain, or overflow to the downstream conveyance system. Where feasible, these BMPs have an elevated underdrain discharge point that creates storage capacity in the aggregate storage layer. Biofiltration with partial retention facilities are commonly incorporated into the site within parking lot landscaping, along roadsides, and in open spaces. They can be constructed in ground or partially aboveground, such as planter boxes with open bottoms to allow infiltration. Treatment is achieved through filtration, sedimentation, sorption, infiltration, biochemical processes and plant uptake.

Typical biofiltration with partial retention components include:

- Inflow distribution mechanisms (e.g., perimeter flow spreader or filter strips)
- Energy dissipation mechanism for concentrated inflows (e.g., splash blocks or riprap)
- Shallow surface ponding for captured flows
- Side Slope and basin bottom vegetation selected based on climate and ponding depth
- Non-floating mulch layer (Optional)
- Media layer (planting mix or engineered media) capable of supporting vegetation growth
- Filter course layer consisting of aggregate to prevent the migration of fines into uncompacted native soils or the optional aggregate storage layer
- Aggregate storage layer with underdrain(s)
- Uncompacted native soils at the bottom of the facility
- Overflow structure

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Typical plan and Section view of a Biofiltration with Partial Retention BMP

### ***Design Adaptations for Project Goals***

**Partial infiltration BMP with biofiltration treatment for storm water pollutant control.** Biofiltration with partial retention can be designed so that a portion of the DCV is infiltrated by providing infiltration storage below the underdrain invert. The infiltration storage depth should be determined by the volume that can be reliably infiltrated within drawdown time limitations. Water discharged through the underdrain is considered biofiltration treatment. Storage provided above the underdrain within surface ponding, media, and aggregate storage is included in the biofiltration treatment volume.

**Integrated storm water flow control and pollutant control configuration.** The system can be designed to provide flow rate and duration control by primarily providing increased surface ponding and/or having a deeper aggregate storage layer. This will allow for significant detention storage, which can be controlled via inclusion of an orifice in an outlet structure at the downstream end of the underdrain.

### ***Design Criteria and Considerations***

Biofiltration with partial retention must meet the following design criteria and considerations. Deviations from the below criteria may be approved at the discretion of the City Engineer if it is determined to be appropriate:

<b><i>Siting and Design</i></b>	<b><i>Intent/Rationale</i></b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>□ Placement observes geotechnical recommendations regarding potential hazards (e.g., slope stability, landslides, liquefaction zones) and setbacks (e.g., slopes, foundations, utilities).</li></ul>	Must not negatively impact existing site geotechnical concerns.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>□ Selection and design of basin is based on infiltration feasibility criteria and appropriate design infiltration rate (See Appendix C and D).</li></ul>	Must operate as a partial infiltration design and must be supported by drainage area and in-situ infiltration rate feasibility findings.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>□ Contributing tributary area shall be <math>\leq</math> 5 acres (<math>\leq</math> 1 acre preferred).</li></ul>	<p>Bigger BMPs require additional design features for proper performance.</p> <p>Contributing tributary area greater than 5 acres may be allowed at the discretion of the City Engineer if the following conditions are met: 1) incorporate design features (e.g. flow spreaders) to minimizing short circuiting of flows in the BMP and 2) incorporate additional</p>

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<b>Siting and Design</b>	<b>Intent/Rationale</b>
	design features requested by the City Engineer for proper performance of the regional BMP.
<input type="checkbox"/> Finish grade of the facility is $\leq 2\%$ .	Flatter surfaces reduce erosion and channelization within the facility.
<b>Surface Ponding</b>	
	Surface ponding limited to 24 hours for plant health.
<input type="checkbox"/> Surface ponding is limited to a 24-hour drawdown time.	Surface ponding drawdown time greater than 24-hours but less than 96 hours may be allowed at the discretion of the City Engineer if certified by a landscape architect or agronomist.
	Surface ponding capacity lowers subsurface storage requirements. Deep surface ponding raises safety concerns.
<input type="checkbox"/> Surface ponding depth is $\geq 6$ and $\leq 12$ inches.	Surface ponding depth greater than 12 inches (for additional pollutant control or surface outlet structures or flow-control orifices) may be allowed at the discretion of the City Engineer if the following conditions are met: 1) surface ponding depth drawdown time is less than 24 hours; and 2) safety issues and fencing requirements are considered (typically ponding greater than 18" will require a fence and/or flatter side slopes) and 3) potential for elevated clogging risk is considered.
<input type="checkbox"/> A minimum of 2 inches of freeboard is provided.	Freeboard provides room for head over overflow structures and minimizes risk of uncontrolled surface discharge.
<input type="checkbox"/> Side slopes are stabilized with vegetation and are = 3H:1V or shallower.	Gentler side slopes are safer, less prone to erosion, able to establish vegetation more quickly and easier to maintain.
<b>Vegetation</b>	

<b>Siting and Design</b>	<b>Intent/Rationale</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> Plantings are suitable for the climate and expected ponding depth. A plant list to aid in selection can be found in Appendix E.20	Plants suited to the climate and ponding depth are more likely to survive.
<input type="checkbox"/> An irrigation system with a connection to water supply should be provided as needed.	Seasonal irrigation might be needed to keep plants healthy.
<b>Mulch (Optional)</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> A minimum of 3 inches of well-aged, shredded hardwood mulch that has been stockpiled or stored for at least 12 months is provided.  Mulch must be non-floating to avoid clogging of overflow structure.	Mulch will suppress weeds and maintain moisture for plant growth. Aging mulch kills pathogens and weed seeds and allows the beneficial microbes to multiply.
<b>Media Layer</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Media maintains a minimum filtration rate of 5 in/hr over lifetime of facility. An initial filtration rate of 8 to 12 in/hr is recommended to allow for clogging over time; the initial filtration rate should not exceed 12 inches per hour.	A filtration rate of at least 5 inches per hour allows soil to drain between events, and allows flows to relatively quickly enter the aggregate storage layer, thereby minimizing bypass. The initial rate should be higher than long term target rate to account for clogging over time. However an excessively high initial rate can have a negative impact on treatment performance, therefore an upper limit is needed.
Media is a minimum 18 inches deep, meeting either of these two media specifications:  City of San Diego Storm Water Standards Appendix F (February 2016, unless superseded by more recent edition) <b>or</b> County of San Diego Low Impact Development Handbook: Appendix G -Bioretention Soil Specification (June 2014, unless superseded by more recent edition).	A deep media layer provides additional filtration and supports plants with deeper roots.  Standard specifications shall be followed.
Alternatively, for proprietary designs and custom media mixes not meeting the media specifications contained in the 2016 City of San Diego Storm Water Standards or County LID	For non-standard or proprietary designs, compliance with Appendix F.1 ensures that adequate treatment performance will be provided.

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<b><i>Siting and Design</i></b>	<b><i>Intent/Rationale</i></b>
Manual, the media meets the pollutant treatment performance criteria in Section F.1.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Media surface area is 3% of contributing area times adjusted runoff factor or greater.	Greater surface area to tributary area ratios: a) maximizes volume retention as required by the MS4 Permit and b) decrease loading rates per square foot and therefore increase longevity.  Adjusted runoff factor is to account for site design BMPs implemented upstream of the BMP (such as rain barrels, impervious area dispersion, etc.). Refer to Appendix B.2 guidance.
<input type="checkbox"/> Where receiving waters are impaired or have a TMDL for nutrients, the system is designed with nutrient sensitive media design (see fact sheet BF-2).	Use Worksheet B.5-1 Line 26 to estimate the minimum surface area required per this criteria.
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<b><i>Filter Course Layer</i></b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> A filter course is used to prevent migration of fines through layers of the facility. Filter fabric is not used.	Potential for pollutant export is partly a function of media composition; media design must minimize potential for export of nutrients, particularly where receiving waters are impaired for nutrients.
<input type="checkbox"/> Filter course is washed and free of fines.	Migration of media can cause clogging of the aggregate storage layer void spaces or subgrade. Filter fabric is more likely to clog.  Washing aggregate will help eliminate fines that could clog the facility
<input type="checkbox"/> Filter course calculations assessing suitability for particle migration prevention have been completed.	Gradation relationship between layers can evaluate factors (e.g., bridging, permeability, and uniformity) to determine if particle sizing is appropriate or if an intermediate layer is needed.
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<b><i>Aggregate Storage Layer</i></b>	

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<b><i>Siting and Design</i></b>	<b><i>Intent/Rationale</i></b>
<p>Class 2 Permeable per Caltrans specification 68-1.025 is recommended for the storage layer.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Washed, open-graded crushed rock may be used, however a 4-6 inch washed pea gravel filter course layer at the top of the crushed rock is required.</p>	Washing aggregate will help eliminate fines that could clog the aggregate storage layer void spaces or subgrade.
<p><input type="checkbox"/> Maximum aggregate storage layer depth below the underdrain invert is determined based on the infiltration storage volume that will infiltrate within a 36-hour drawdown time.</p>	A maximum drawdown time is needed for vector control and to facilitate providing storm water storage for the next storm event.
<b><i>Inflow, Underdrain, and Outflow Structures</i></b>	
<p><input type="checkbox"/> Inflow, underdrains and outflow structures are accessible for inspection and maintenance.</p>	Maintenance will prevent clogging and ensure proper operation of the flow control structures.
<p><input type="checkbox"/> Inflow velocities are limited to 3 ft/s or less or use energy dissipation methods. (e.g., riprap, level spreader) for concentrated inflows.</p>	High inflow velocities can cause erosion, scour and/or channeling.
<p><input type="checkbox"/> Curb cut inlets are at least 12 inches wide, have a 4-6 inch reveal (drop) and an apron and energy dissipation as needed.</p>	Inlets must not restrict flow and apron prevents blockage from vegetation as it grows in. Energy dissipation prevents erosion.
<p><input type="checkbox"/> Underdrain outlet elevation should be a minimum of 3 inches above the bottom elevation of the aggregate storage layer.</p>	A minimal separation from subgrade or the liner lessens the risk of fines entering the underdrain and can improve hydraulic performance by allowing perforations to remain unblocked.
<p><input type="checkbox"/> Minimum underdrain diameter is 6 inches.</p>	Smaller diameter underdrains are prone to clogging.
<p><input type="checkbox"/> Underdrains are made of slotted, PVC pipe conforming to ASTM D 3034 or equivalent or corrugated, HDPE pipe conforming to AASHTO 252M or equivalent.</p>	Slotted underdrains provide greater intake capacity, clog resistant drainage, and reduced entrance velocity into the pipe, thereby reducing the chances of solids migration.
<p><input type="checkbox"/> An underdrain cleanout with a minimum 6-inch diameter and lockable cap is placed every 250 to 300 feet as required based on underdrain length.</p>	Properly spaced cleanouts will facilitate underdrain maintenance.

<b>Siting and Design</b>	<b>Intent/Rationale</b>
<p>Overflow is safely conveyed to a downstream storm drain system or discharge point. Size overflow structure to pass 100-year peak flow for on-line infiltration basins and water quality peak flow for off-line basins.</p>	Planning for overflow lessens the risk of property damage due to flooding.

#### **Nutrient Sensitive Media Design**

To design biofiltration with partial retention with underdrain for storm water pollutant control only (no flow control required), the following steps should be taken:

#### **Conceptual Design and Sizing Approach for Storm Water Pollutant Control Only**

To design biofiltration with partial retention and an underdrain for storm water pollutant control only (no flow control required), the following steps should be taken:

1. Verify that siting and design criteria have been met, including placement requirements, contributing tributary area, maximum side and finish grade slopes, and the recommended media surface area tributary ratio.
2. Calculate the DCV per Appendix B based on expected site design runoff for tributary areas.
3. Generalized sizing procedure is presented in Appendix B.5. The surface ponding should be verified to have a maximum 24-hour drawdown time.

#### **Conceptual Design and Sizing Approach when Storm Water Flow Control is Applicable**

Control of flow rates and/or durations will typically require significant surface ponding and/or aggregate storage volumes, and therefore the following steps should be taken prior to determination of storm water pollutant control design. Pre-development and allowable post-project flow rates and durations should be determined as discussed in Chapter 6 of this manual.

1. Verify that siting and design criteria have been met, including placement requirements, contributing tributary area, maximum side and finish grade slopes, and the recommended media surface area tributary ratio.
2. Iteratively determine the facility footprint area, surface ponding and/or aggregate storage layer depth required to provide detention and/or infiltration storage to reduce flow rates and durations to allowable limits. Flow rates and durations can be controlled from detention storage by altering outlet structure orifice size(s) and/or water control levels. Multi-level orifices can be used within an outlet structure to control the full range of flows.
3. If biofiltration with partial retention cannot fully provide the flow rate and duration control required by this manual, an upstream or downstream structure with significant storage volume such as an underground vault can be used to provide remaining controls.
4. After biofiltration with partial retention has been designed to meet flow control

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requirements, calculations must be completed to verify if storm water pollutant control requirements to treat the DCV have been met.

## E.12 BF-1 Biofiltration



### MS4 Permit Category

Biofiltration

### Manual Category

Biofiltration

### Applicable Performance Standard

Pollutant Control

Flow Control

### Primary Benefits

Treatment

Volume Reduction (Incidental)

Peak Flow Attenuation (Optional)

*Location: 43<sup>rd</sup> Street and Logan Avenue, San Diego, California*

### Description

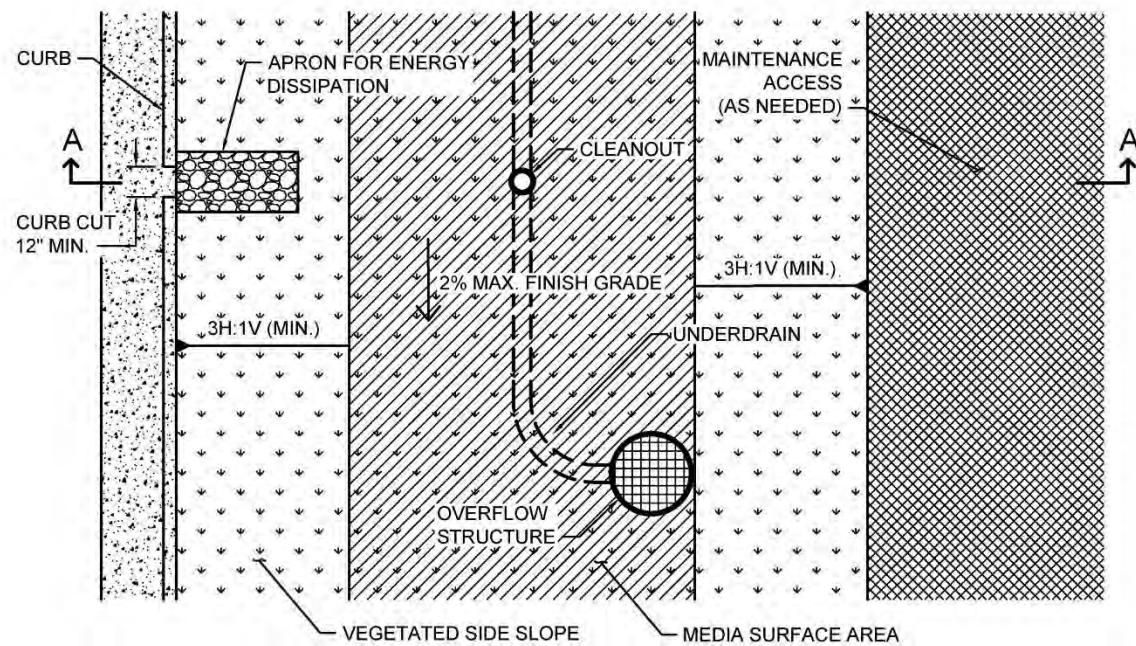
Biofiltration (Bioretention with underdrain) facilities are vegetated surface water systems that filter water through vegetation, and soil or engineered media prior to discharge via underdrain or overflow to the downstream conveyance system. Bioretention with underdrain facilities are commonly incorporated into the site within parking lot landscaping, along roadsides, and in open spaces. Because these types of facilities have limited or no infiltration, they are typically designed to provide enough hydraulic head to move flows through the underdrain connection to the storm drain system. Treatment is achieved through filtration, sedimentation, sorption, biochemical processes and plant uptake.

Typical bioretention with underdrain components include:

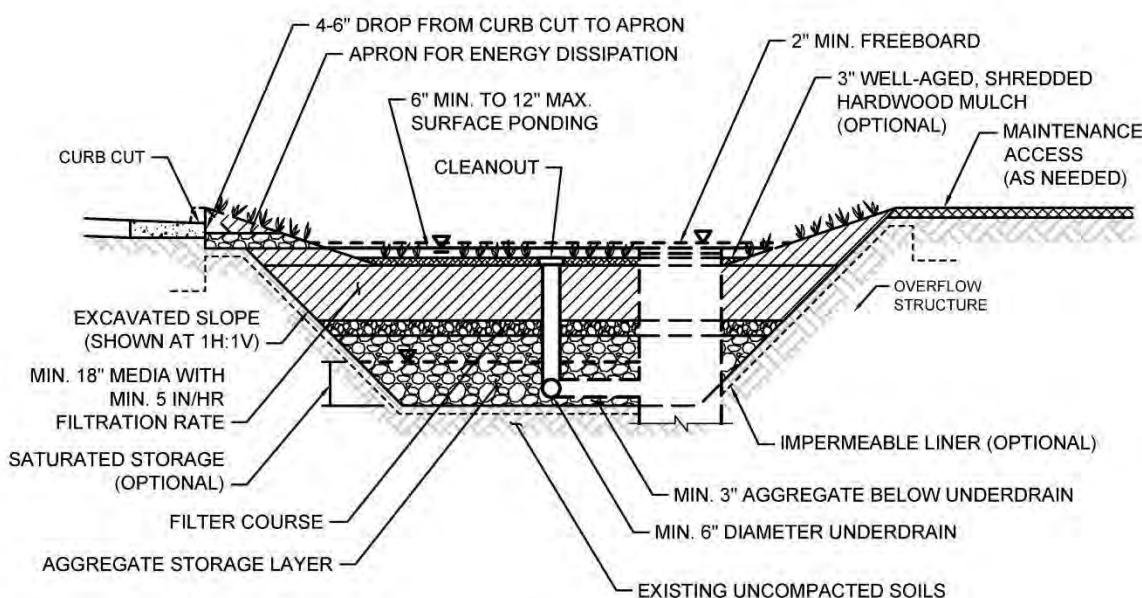
- Inflow distribution mechanisms (e.g, perimeter flow spreader or filter strips)
- Energy dissipation mechanism for concentrated inflows (e.g., splash blocks or riprap)
- Shallow surface ponding for captured flows
- Side slope and basin bottom vegetation selected based on expected climate and ponding depth
- Non-floating mulch layer (Optional)
- Media layer (planting mix or engineered media) capable of supporting vegetation growth
- Filter course layer consisting of aggregate to prevent the migration of fines into uncompacted native soils or the aggregate storage layer
- Aggregate storage layer with underdrain(s)
- Impermeable liner or uncompacted native soils at the bottom of the facility

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- Overflow structure



**PLAN**  
NOT TO SCALE



**SECTION A-A'**  
NOT TO SCALE

**Typical plan and Section view of a Biofiltration BMP**

### ***Design Adaptations for Project Goals***

**Biofiltration Treatment BMP for storm water pollutant control.** The system is lined or un-lined to provide incidental infiltration, and an underdrain is provided at the bottom to carry away filtered runoff. This configuration is considered to provide biofiltration treatment via flow through the media layer. Storage provided above the underdrain within surface ponding, media, and aggregate storage is considered included in the biofiltration treatment volume. Saturated storage within the aggregate storage layer can be added to this design by raising the underdrain above the bottom of the aggregate storage layer or via an internal weir structure designed to maintain a specific water level elevation.

**Integrated storm water flow control and pollutant control configuration.** The system can be designed to provide flow rate and duration control by primarily providing increased surface ponding and/or having a deeper aggregate storage layer above the underdrain. This will allow for significant detention storage, which can be controlled via inclusion of an outlet structure at the downstream end of the underdrain.

### ***Design Criteria and Considerations***

Bioretention with underdrain must meet the following design criteria. Deviations from the below criteria may be approved at the discretion of the City Engineer if it is determined to be appropriate:

<b><i>Siting and Design</i></b>	<b><i>Intent/Rationale</i></b>
<p>Placement observes geotechnical recommendations regarding potential hazards (e.g., slope stability, landslides, liquefaction zones) and setbacks (e.g., slopes, foundations, utilities).</p>	<p>Must not negatively impact existing site geotechnical concerns.</p>
<p><input type="checkbox"/> An impermeable liner or other hydraulic restriction layer is included if site constraints indicate that infiltration or lateral flows should not be allowed.</p>	<p>Lining prevents storm water from impacting groundwater and/or sensitive environmental or geotechnical features. Incidental infiltration, when allowable, can aid in pollutant removal and groundwater recharge.</p>
<p><input type="checkbox"/> Contributing tributary area shall be <math>\leq</math> 5 acres (<math>\leq</math> 1 acre preferred).</p>	<p>Bigger BMPs require additional design features for proper performance.</p> <p>Contributing tributary area greater than 5 acres may be allowed at the discretion of the City Engineer if the following conditions are met: 1) incorporate design features (e.g. flow spreaders) to minimizing short circuiting of flows in</p>

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<b><i>Siting and Design</i></b>	<b><i>Intent/Rationale</i></b>
	the BMP and 2) incorporate additional design features requested by the City Engineer for proper performance of the regional BMP.
<input type="checkbox"/> Finish grade of the facility is $\leq 2\%$ .	Flatter surfaces reduce erosion and channelization within the facility.
<b><i>Surface Ponding</i></b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Surface ponding is limited to a 24-hour drawdown time.	Surface ponding limited to 24 hours for plant health. Surface ponding drawdown time greater than 24-hours but less than 96 hours may be allowed at the discretion of the City Engineer if certified by a landscape architect or agronomist.
<input type="checkbox"/> Surface ponding depth is $\geq 6$ and $\leq 12$ inches.	Surface ponding capacity lowers subsurface storage requirements. Deep surface ponding raises safety concerns. Surface ponding depth greater than 12 inches (for additional pollutant control or surface outlet structures or flow-control orifices) may be allowed at the discretion of the City Engineer if the following conditions are met: 1) surface ponding depth drawdown time is less than 24 hours; and 2) safety issues and fencing requirements are considered (typically ponding greater than 18" will require a fence and/or flatter side slopes) and 3) potential for elevated clogging risk is considered.
<input type="checkbox"/> A minimum of 2 inches of freeboard is provided.	Freeboard provides room for head over overflow structures and minimizes risk of uncontrolled surface discharge.
<input type="checkbox"/> Side slopes are stabilized with vegetation and are = 3H:1V or shallower.	Gentler side slopes are safer, less prone to erosion, able to establish vegetation more quickly and easier to maintain.
<b><i>Vegetation</i></b>	

<b>Siting and Design</b>	<b>Intent/Rationale</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> Plantings are suitable for the climate and expected ponding depth. A plant list to aid in selection can be found in Appendix E.20.	Plants suited to the climate and ponding depth are more likely to survive.
<input type="checkbox"/> An irrigation system with a connection to water supply should be provided as needed.	Seasonal irrigation might be needed to keep plants healthy.
<b>Mulch (Optional)</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> A minimum of 3 inches of well-aged, shredded hardwood mulch that has been stockpiled or stored for at least 12 months is provided.	Mulch will suppress weeds and maintain moisture for plant growth. Aging mulch kills pathogens and weed seeds and allows the beneficial microbes to multiply.
<b>Media Layer</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Media maintains a minimum filtration rate of 5 in/hr over lifetime of facility. An initial filtration rate of 8 to 12 in/hr is recommended to allow for clogging over time; the initial filtration rate should not exceed 12 inches per hour.	A filtration rate of at least 5 inches per hour allows soil to drain between events. The initial rate should be higher than long term target rate to account for clogging over time. However an excessively high initial rate can have a negative impact on treatment performance, therefore an upper limit is needed.
Media is a minimum 18 inches deep, meeting either of these two media specifications: City of San Diego Storm Water Standards Appendix F (February 2016, unless superseded by more recent edition) <b>or</b> County of San Diego Low Impact Development Handbook: Appendix G -Bioretention Soil Specification (June 2014, unless superseded by more recent edition).	A deep media layer provides additional filtration and supports plants with deeper roots. Standard specifications shall be followed.
Alternatively, for proprietary designs and custom media mixes not meeting the media specifications contained in the 2016 City of San Diego Storm Water Standards or County LID Manual, the media meets the pollutant treatment performance criteria in Section F.1.	For non-standard or proprietary designs, compliance with F.1 ensures that adequate treatment performance will be provided.

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<i>Siting and Design</i>	<i>Intent/Rationale</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><input type="checkbox"/> Media surface area is 3% of contributing area times adjusted runoff factor or greater.</li></ul>	<p>Greater surface area to tributary area ratios: a) maximizes volume retention as required by the MS4 Permit and b) decrease loading rates per square foot and therefore increase longevity.</p> <p>Adjusted runoff factor is to account for site design BMPs implemented upstream of the BMP (such as rain barrels, impervious area dispersion, etc.). Refer to Appendix B.2 guidance.</p> <p>Use Worksheet B.5-1 Line 26 to estimate the minimum surface area required per this criteria.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><input type="checkbox"/> Where receiving waters are impaired or have a TMDL for nutrients, the system is designed with nutrient sensitive media design (see fact sheet BF-2).</li></ul>	Potential for pollutant export is partly a function of media composition; media design must minimize potential for export of nutrients, particularly where receiving waters are impaired for nutrients.
<i>Filter Course Layer</i>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><input type="checkbox"/> A filter course is used to prevent migration of fines through layers of the facility. Filter fabric is not used.</li></ul>	Migration of media can cause clogging of the aggregate storage layer void spaces or subgrade. Filter fabric is more likely to clog.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><input type="checkbox"/> Filter course is washed and free of fines.</li></ul>	Washing aggregate will help eliminate fines that could clog the facility and impede infiltration.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><input type="checkbox"/> Filter course calculations assessing suitability for particle migration prevention have been completed.</li></ul>	Gradation relationship between layers can evaluate factors (e.g., bridging, permeability, and uniformity) to determine if particle sizing is appropriate or if an intermediate layer is needed.
<i>Aggregate Storage Layer</i>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><input type="checkbox"/> Class 2 Permeable per Caltrans specification 68-1.025 is recommended for the storage layer. Washed, open-graded crushed rock may be used, however a 4-6 inch washed pea gravel</li></ul>	Washing aggregate will help eliminate fines that could clog the aggregate storage layer void spaces or subgrade.

<b>Siting and Design</b>	<b>Intent/Rationale</b>
filter course layer at the top of the crushed rock is required.	
<input type="checkbox"/> The depth of aggregate provided (12-inch typical) and storage layer configuration is adequate for providing conveyance for underdrain flows to the outlet structure.	Proper storage layer configuration and underdrain placement will minimize facility drawdown time.
<b>Inflow, Underdrain, and Outflow Structures</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Inflow, underdrains and outflow structures are accessible for inspection and maintenance.	Maintenance will prevent clogging and ensure proper operation of the flow control structures.
<input type="checkbox"/> Inflow velocities are limited to 3 ft/s or less or use energy dissipation methods. (e.g., riprap, level spreader) for concentrated inflows.	High inflow velocities can cause erosion, scour and/or channeling.
<input type="checkbox"/> Curb cut inlets are at least 12 inches wide, have a 4-6 inch reveal (drop) and an apron and energy dissipation as needed.	Inlets must not restrict flow and apron prevents blockage from vegetation as it grows in. Energy dissipation prevents erosion.
<input type="checkbox"/> Underdrain outlet elevation should be a minimum of 3 inches above the bottom elevation of the aggregate storage layer.	A minimal separation from subgrade or the liner lessens the risk of fines entering the underdrain and can improve hydraulic performance by allowing perforations to remain unblocked.
<input type="checkbox"/> Minimum underdrain diameter is 6 inches.	Smaller diameter underdrains are prone to clogging.
<input type="checkbox"/> Underdrains are made of slotted, PVC pipe conforming to ASTM D 3034 or equivalent or corrugated, HDPE pipe conforming to AASHTO 252M or equivalent.	Slotted underdrains provide greater intake capacity, clog resistant drainage, and reduced entrance velocity into the pipe, thereby reducing the chances of solids migration.
<input type="checkbox"/> An underdrain cleanout with a minimum 6-inch diameter and lockable cap is placed every 250 to 300 feet as required based on underdrain length.	Properly spaced cleanouts will facilitate underdrain maintenance.
<input type="checkbox"/> Overflow is safely conveyed to a downstream storm drain system or discharge point Size overflow structure to pass 100-year peak flow	Planning for overflow lessens the risk of property damage due to flooding.

<b>Siting and Design</b>	<b>Intent/Rationale</b>
for on-line infiltration basins and water quality peak flow for off-line basins.	

#### ***Conceptual Design and Sizing Approach for Storm Water Pollutant Control Only***

To design bioretention with underdrain for storm water pollutant control only (no flow control required), the following steps should be taken:

1. Verify that siting and design criteria have been met, including placement requirements, contributing tributary area, maximum side and finish grade slopes, and the recommended media surface area tributary ratio.
2. Calculate the DCV per Appendix B based on expected site design runoff for tributary areas.
3. Use the sizing worksheet presented in Appendix B.5 to size biofiltration BMPs.

#### ***Conceptual Design and Sizing Approach when Storm Water Flow Control is Applicable***

Control of flow rates and/or durations will typically require significant surface ponding and/or aggregate storage volumes, and therefore the following steps should be taken prior to determination of storm water pollutant control design. Pre-development and allowable post-project flow rates and durations should be determined as discussed in Chapter 6 of the manual.

1. Verify that siting and design criteria have been met, including placement requirements, contributing tributary area, maximum side and finish grade slopes, and the recommended media surface area tributary ratio.
2. Iteratively determine the facility footprint area, surface ponding and/or aggregate storage layer depth required to provide detention storage to reduce flow rates and durations to allowable limits. Flow rates and durations can be controlled from detention storage by altering outlet structure orifice size(s) and/or water control levels. Multi-level orifices can be used within an outlet structure to control the full range of flows.
3. If bioretention with underdrain cannot fully provide the flow rate and duration control required by this manual, an upstream or downstream structure with significant storage volume such as an underground vault can be used to provide remaining controls.
4. After bioretention with underdrain has been designed to meet flow control requirements, calculations must be completed to verify if storm water pollutant control requirements to treat the DCV have been met.

## E.14 BF-3 Proprietary Biofiltration Systems

The purpose of this fact sheet is to help explain the potential role of proprietary BMPs in meeting biofiltration requirements, when full retention of the DCV is not feasible. The fact sheet does not describe design criteria like the other fact sheets in this appendix because this information varies by BMP product model.

### ***Criteria for Use of a Proprietary BMP as a Biofiltration BMP***

A proprietary BMP may be acceptable as a “biofiltration BMP” under the following conditions:

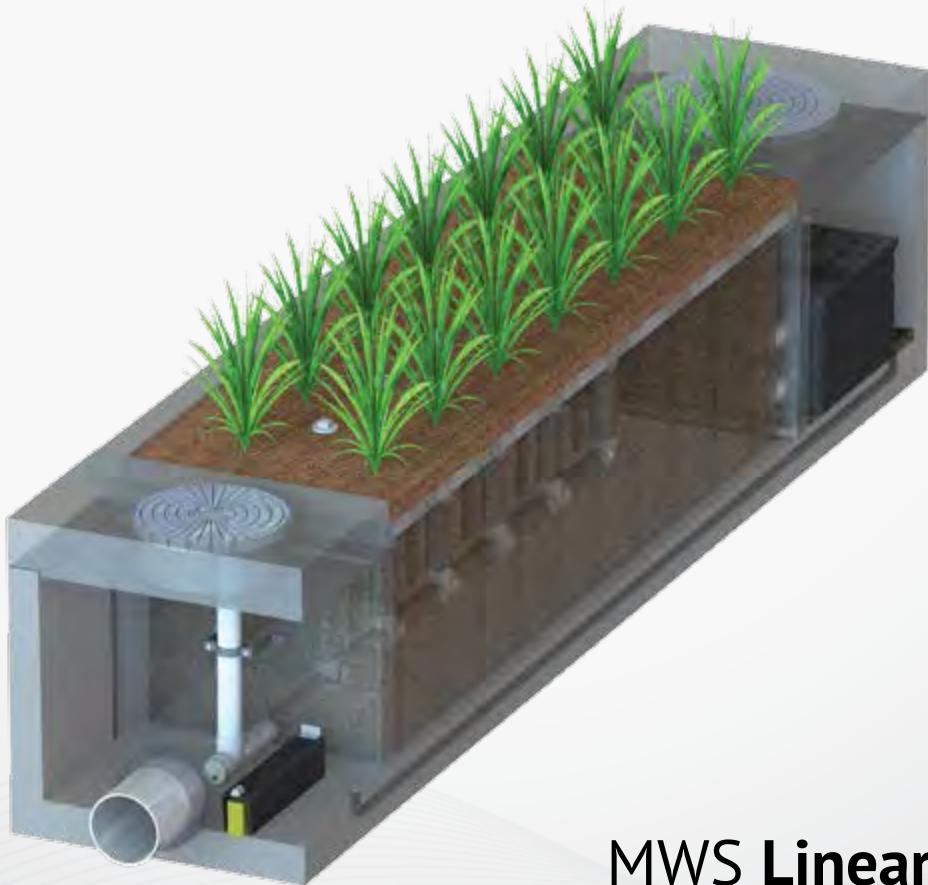
- (1) The BMP meets the minimum design criteria listed in Appendix F, including the pollutant treatment performance standard in Appendix F.1;
- (2) The BMP is designed and maintained in a manner consistent with its performance certifications (See explanation in Appendix F.2); and
- (3) The BMP is acceptable at the discretion of the City Engineer. In determining the acceptability of a BMP, the City Engineer should consider, as applicable, (a) the data submitted; (b) representativeness of the data submitted; (c) consistency of the BMP performance claims with pollutant control objectives; certainty of the BMP performance claims; (d) for projects within the public right of way and/or public projects: maintenance requirements, cost of maintenance activities, relevant previous city experience with operation and maintenance of the BMP type, ability to continue to operate the system in event that the vending company is no longer operating as a business; and (e) other relevant factors.

### ***Guidance for Sizing a Proprietary BMP as a Biofiltration BMP***

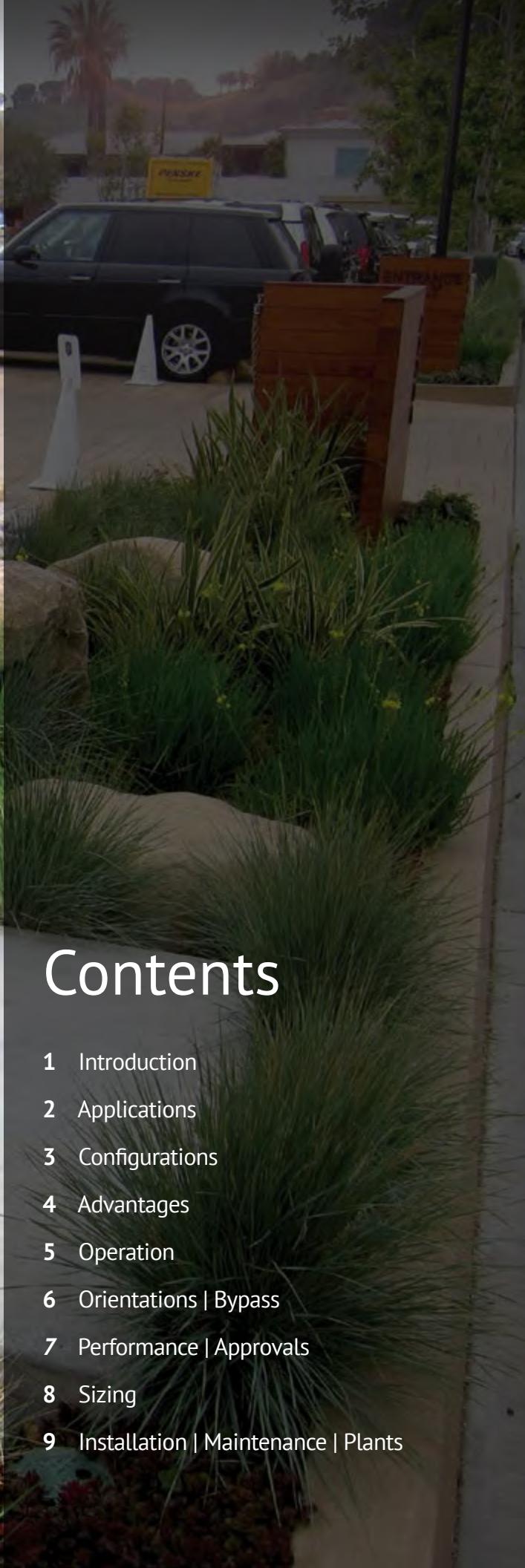
Proprietary biofiltration BMPs must meet the same sizing guidance as non-proprietary BMPs. Sizing is typically based on capturing and treating 1.50 times the DCV not reliably retained. Guidance for sizing biofiltration BMPs to comply with requirements of this manual is provided in Appendix F.2.



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**MWS Linear**



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# The Urban Impact

For hundreds of years natural wetlands surrounding our shores have played an integral role as nature's stormwater treatment system. But as our cities grow and develop, these natural wetlands have perished under countless roads, rooftops, and parking lots.



## Plant A Wetland

Without natural wetlands our cities are deprived of water purification, flood control, and land stability. Modular Wetlands and the MWS Linear re-establish nature's presence and rejuvenate water ways in urban areas.



## MWS Linear

The Modular Wetland System Linear represents a pioneering breakthrough in stormwater technology as the only biofiltration system to utilize patented horizontal flow, allowing for a smaller footprint and higher treatment capacity. While most biofilters use little or no pre-treatment, the MWS Linear incorporates an advanced pre-treatment chamber that includes separation and pre-filter cartridges. In this chamber sediment and hydrocarbons are removed from runoff before it enters the biofiltration chamber, in turn reducing maintenance costs and improving performance.

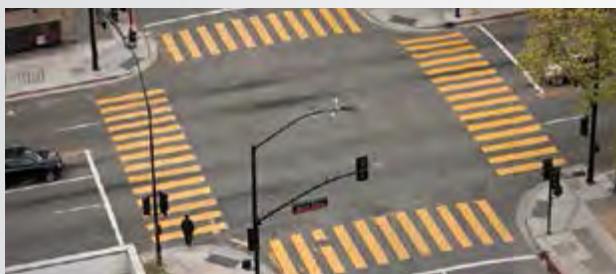
# Applications

The MWS Linear has been successfully used on numerous new construction and retrofit projects. The system's superior versatility makes it beneficial for a wide range of stormwater and waste water applications - treating rooftops, streetscapes, parking lots, and industrial sites.



## Industrial

Many states enforce strict regulations for discharges from industrial sites. The MWS Linear has helped various sites meet difficult EPA mandated effluent limits for dissolved metals and other pollutants.



## Residential

Low to high density developments can benefit from the versatile design of the MWS Linear. The system can be used in both decentralized LID design and cost-effective end-of-the-line configurations.



## Streets

Street applications can be challenging due to limited space. The MWS Linear is very adaptable, and offers the smallest footprint to work around the constraints of existing utilities on retrofit projects.



## Parking Lots

Parking lots are designed to maximize space and the MWS Linear's 4 ft. standard planter width allows for easy integration into parking lot islands and other landscape medians.



## Commercial

Compared to bioretention systems, the MWS Linear can treat far more area in less space - meeting treatment and volume control requirements.

## Mixed Use

The MWS Linear can be installed as a raised planter to treat runoff from rooftops or patios, making it perfect for sustainable "live-work" spaces.

**More applications** are available on our website: [www.ModularWetlands.com/Applications](http://www.ModularWetlands.com/Applications)

- Agriculture
- Reuse
- Low Impact Development
- Waste Water



## Configurations

The MWS Linear is the preferred biofiltration system of Civil Engineers across the country due to its versatile design. This highly versatile system has available “pipe-in” options on most models, along with built-in curb or grated inlets for simple integration into your stormdrain design.



### Curb Type

The *Curb Type* configuration accepts sheet flow through a curb opening and is commonly used along road ways and parking lots. It can be used in sump or flow by conditions. Length of curb opening varies based on model and size.



### Grate Type

The *Grate Type* configuration offers the same features and benefits as the *Curb Type* but with a grated/drop inlet above the systems pre-treatment chamber. It has the added benefit of allowing for pedestrian access over the inlet. ADA compliant grates are available to assure easy and safe access. The *Grate Type* can also be used in scenarios where runoff needs to be intercepted on both sides of landscape islands.



### Vault Type

The system’s patented horizontal flow biofilter is able to accept inflow pipes directly into the pre-treatment chamber, meaning the MWS Linear can be used in end-of-the-line installations. This greatly improves feasibility over typical decentralized designs that are required with other biofiltration/bioretention systems. Another benefit of the “pipe in” design is the ability to install the system downstream of underground detention systems to meet water quality volume requirements.



### Downspout Type

The *Downspout Type* is a variation of the *Vault Type* and is designed to accept a vertical downspout pipe from roof top and podium areas. Some models have the option of utilizing an internal bypass, simplifying the overall design. The system can be installed as a raised planter and the exterior can be stuccoed or covered with other finishes to match the look of adjacent buildings.

# Advantages & Operation

The MWS Linear is the most efficient and versatile biofiltration system on the market, and the only system with horizontal flow which improves performance, reduces footprint, and minimizes maintenance. Figure-1 and Figure-2 illustrate the invaluable benefits of horizontal flow and the multiple treatment stages.

## Featured Advantages

- Horizontal Flow Biofiltration
- Greater Filter Surface Area
- Pre-Treatment Chamber
- Patented Perimeter Void Area
- Flow Control
- No Depressed Planter Area

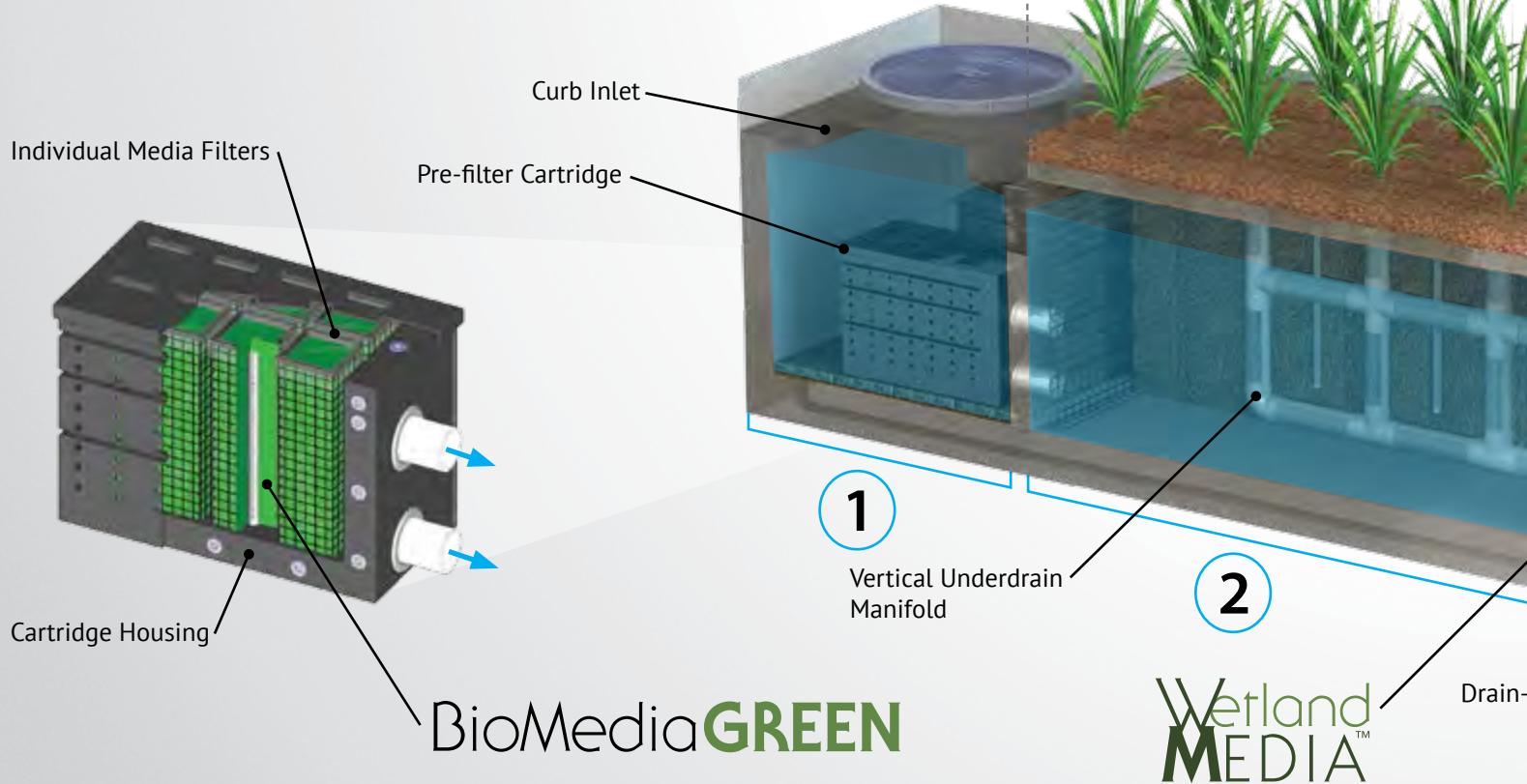
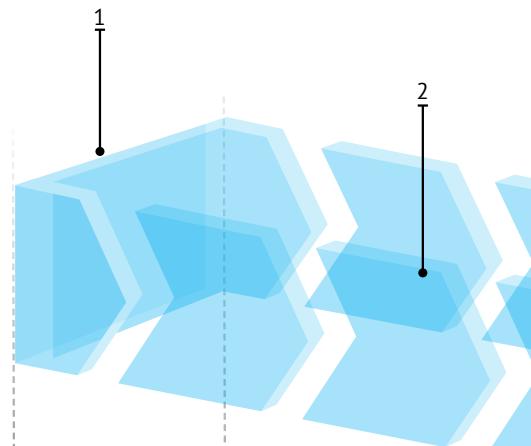
## 1 Pre-Treatment

### Separation

- Trash, sediment, and debris are separated before entering the pre-filter cartridges
- Designed for easy maintenance access

### Pre-Filter Cartridges

- Over 25 ft<sup>2</sup> of surface area per cartridge
- Utilizes BioMediaGREEN filter material
- Removes over 80% of TSS & 90% of hydrocarbons
- Prevents pollutants that cause clogging from migrating to the biofiltration chamber



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MEDIA™

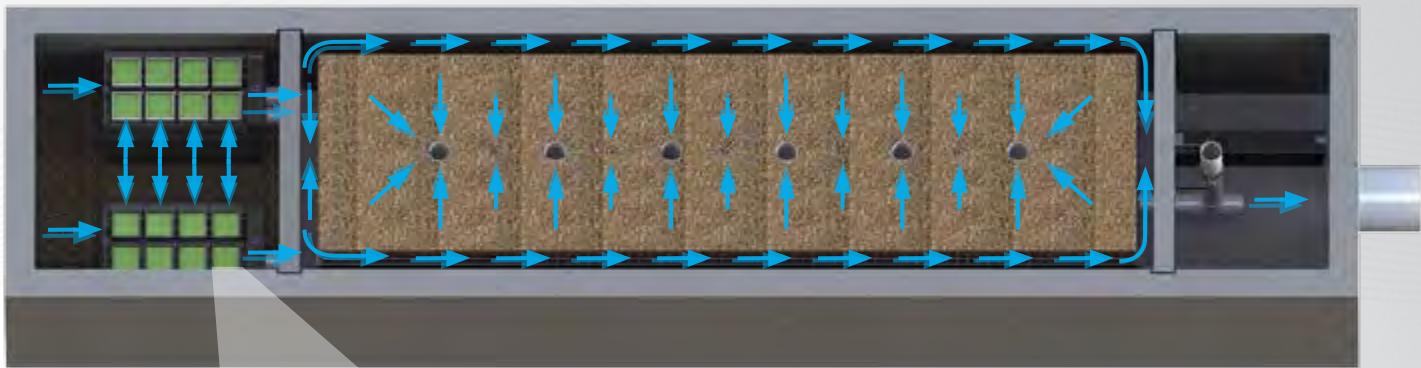
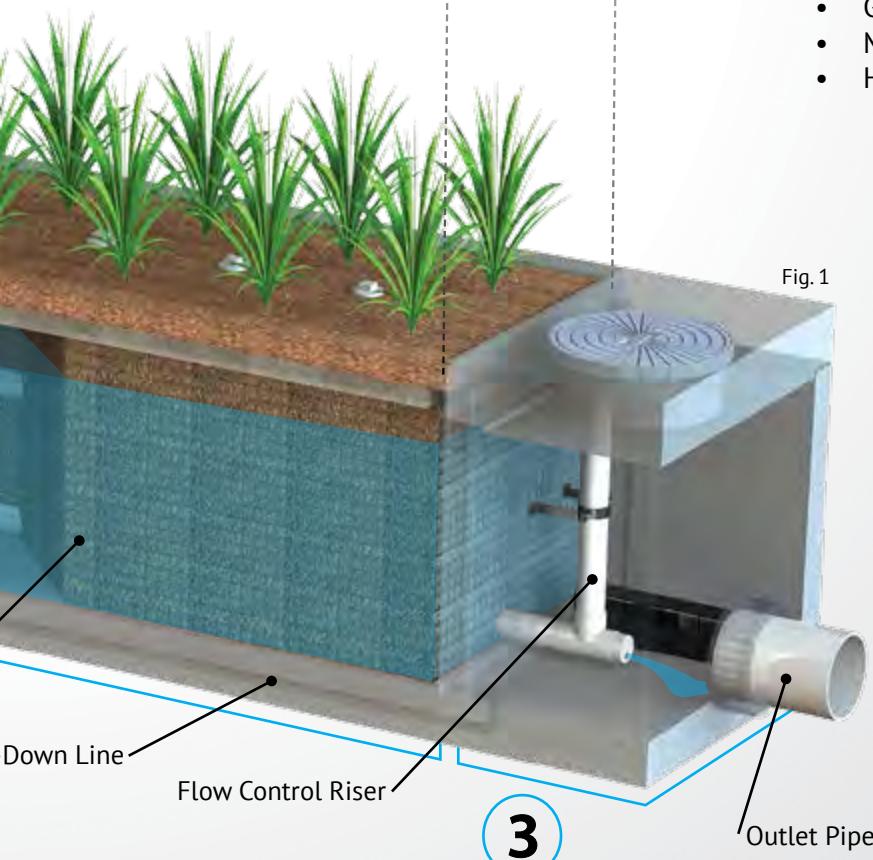
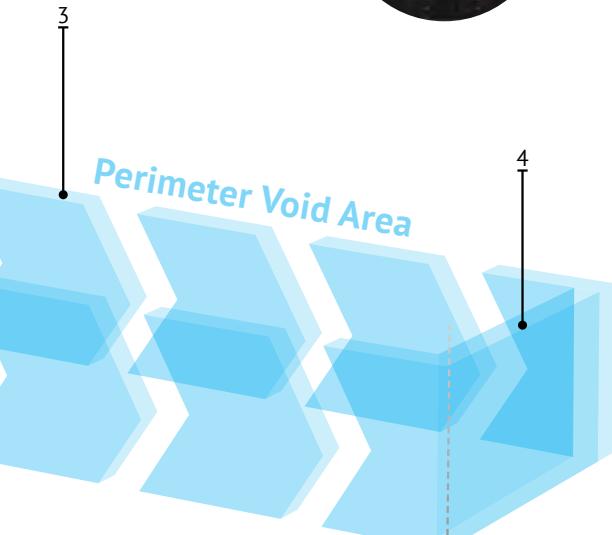


Fig. 2 - Top View

**2x to 3x More Surface Area Than Traditional Downward Flow Bioretention Systems.**



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## 2 Biofiltration

### Horizontal Flow

- Less clogging than downward flow biofilters
- Water flow is subsurface
- Improves biological filtration

### Patented Perimeter Void Area

- Vertically extends void area between the walls and the WetlandMEDIA on all four sides.
- Maximizes surface area of the media for higher treatment capacity

### WetlandMEDIA

- Contains no organics and removes phosphorus
- Greater surface area and 48% void space
- Maximum evapotranspiration
- High ion exchange capacity and light weight

## 3 Discharge

### Flow Control

- Orifice plate controls flow of water through WetlandMEDIA to a level lower than the media's capacity.
- Extends the life of the media and improves performance

### Drain-Down Filter

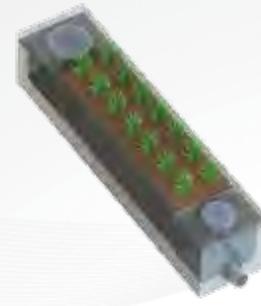
- The Drain-Down is an optional feature that completely drains the pre-treatment chamber
- Water that drains from the pre-treatment chamber between storm events will be treated

# Orientations



## Side-By-Side

The *Side-By-Side* orientation places the pre-treatment and discharge chamber adjacent to one another with the biofiltration chamber running parallel on either side. This minimizes the system length, providing a highly compact footprint. It has been proven useful in situations such as streets with directly adjacent sidewalks, as half of the system can be placed under that sidewalk. This orientation also offers internal bypass options as discussed below.



## End-To-End

The *End-To-End* orientation places the pre-treatment and discharge chambers on opposite ends of the biofiltration chamber therefore minimizing the width of the system to 5 ft (outside dimension). This orientation is perfect for linear projects and street retrofits where existing utilities and sidewalks limit the amount of space available for installation. One limitation of this orientation is bypass must be external.

# Bypass

## Internal Bypass Weir (Side-by-Side Only)

The *Side-By-Side* orientation places the pre-treatment and discharge chambers adjacent to one another allowing for integration of internal bypass. The wall between these chambers can act as a bypass weir when flows exceed the system's treatment capacity, thus allowing bypass from the pre-treatment chamber directly to the discharge chamber.

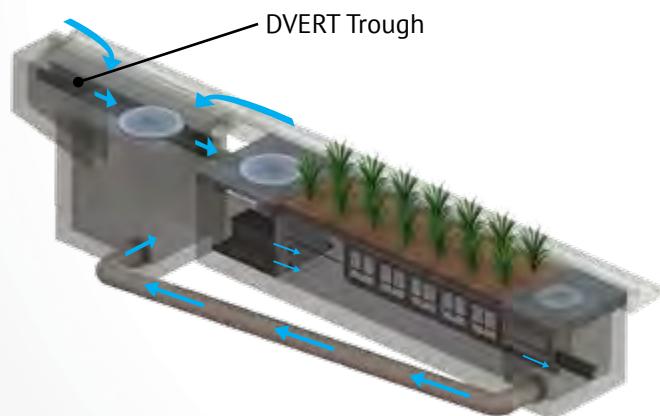
## External Diversion Weir Structure

This traditional offline diversion method can be used with the MWS Linear in scenarios where runoff is being piped to the system. These simple and effective structures are generally configured with two outflow pipes. The first is a smaller pipe on the upstream side of the diversion weir - to divert low flows over to the MWS Linear for treatment. The second is the main pipe that receives water once the system has exceeded treatment capacity and water flows over the weir.

## Flow By Design

This method is one in which the system is placed just upstream of a standard curb or grate inlet to intercept the first flush. Higher flows simply pass by the MWS Linear and into the standard inlet downstream.

## DVERT Low Flow Diversion



This simple yet innovative diversion trough can be installed in existing or new curb and grate inlets to divert the first flush to the MWS Linear via pipe. It works similar to a rain gutter and is installed just below the opening into the inlet. It captures the low flows and channels them over to a connecting pipe exiting out the wall of the inlet and leading to the MWS Linear. The DVERT is perfect for retrofit and green street applications that allows the MWS Linear to be installed anywhere space is available.



## Performance

The MWS Linear continues to outperform other treatment methods with superior pollutant removal for TSS, heavy metals, nutrients, hydrocarbons and bacteria. Since 2007 the MWS Linear has been field tested on numerous sites across the country. With its advanced pre-treatment chamber and innovative horizontal flow biofilter, the system is able to effectively remove pollutants through a combination of physical, chemical, and biological filtration processes. With the same biological processes found in natural wetlands, the MWS Linear harnesses natures ability to process, transform, and remove even the most harmful pollutants.

## Approvals

The MWS Linear has successfully met years of challenging technical reviews and testing from some of the most prestigious and demanding agencies in the nation, and perhaps the world.



### Washington State TAPE Approved

The MWS Linear is approved for General Use Level Designation (GULD) for Basic, Enhanced, and Phosphorus treatment at 1 gpm/ft<sup>2</sup> loading rate. The highest performing BMP on the market for all main pollutant categories.

TSS	Total Phosphorus	Ortho Phosphorus	Nitrogen	Dissolved Zinc	Dissolved Copper	Total Zinc	Total Copper	Motor Oil
85%	64%	67%	45%	66%	38%	69%	50%	95%



### DEQ Assignment

The Virginia Department of Environmental Quality assigned the MWS Linear, the highest phosphorus removal rating for manufactured treatment devices to meet the new Virginia Stormwater Management Program (VSMP) Technical Criteria.



### Maryland Department Of The Environment Approved

Granted ESD (Environmental Site Design) status for new construction, redevelopment and retrofitting when designed in accordance with the Design Manual.



### MASTEP Evaluation

The University of Massachusetts at Amherst – Water Resources Research Center, issued a technical evaluation report noting removal rates up to 84% TSS, 70% Total Phosphorus, 68.5% Total Zinc, and more.



### Rhode Island DEM Approved

Approved as an authorized BMP and noted to achieve the following minimum removal efficiencies: 85% TSS, 60% Pathogens, 30% Total Phosphorus, and 30% Total Nitrogen.

# Flow Based Sizing

The MWS Linear can be used in stand alone applications to meet treatment flow requirements. Since the MWS Linear is the only biofiltration system that can accept inflow pipes several feet below the surface it can be used not only in decentralized design applications but also as a large central end-of-the-line application for maximum feasibility.



## Treatment Flow Sizing Table

Model #	Dimensions	Wetland Media Surface Area	Treatment Flow Rate (cfs)
MWS-L-4-4	4' x 4'	23 ft <sup>2</sup>	0.052
MWS-L-4-6	4' x 6'	32 ft <sup>2</sup>	0.073
MWS-L-4-8	4' x 8'	50 ft <sup>2</sup>	0.115
MWS-L-4-13	4' x 13'	63 ft <sup>2</sup>	0.144
MWS-L-4-15	4' x 15'	76 ft <sup>2</sup>	0.175
MWS-L-4-17	4' x 17'	90 ft <sup>2</sup>	0.206
MWS-L-4-19	4' x 19'	103 ft <sup>2</sup>	0.237
MWS-L-4-21	4' x 21'	117 ft <sup>2</sup>	0.268
MWS-L-8-8	8' x 8'	100 ft <sup>2</sup>	0.230
MWS-L-8-12	8' x 12'	151 ft <sup>2</sup>	0.346
MWS-L-8-16	8' x 16'	201 ft <sup>2</sup>	0.462

# Volume Based Sizing

Many states require treatment of a water quality volume and do not offer the option of flow based design. The MWS Linear and its unique horizontal flow makes it the only biofilter that can be used in volume based design installed downstream of ponds, detention basins, and underground storage systems.



## Treatment Volume Sizing Table

Model #	Treatment Capacity (cu. ft.) @ 24-Hour Drain Down	Treatment Capacity (cu. ft.) @ 48-Hour Drain Down
MWS-L-4-4	1140	2280
MWS-L-4-6	1600	3200
MWS-L-4-8	2518	5036
MWS-L-4-13	3131	6261
MWS-L-4-15	3811	7623
MWS-L-4-17	4492	8984
MWS-L-4-19	5172	10345
MWS-L-4-21	5853	11706
MWS-L-8-8	5036	10072
MWS-L-8-12	7554	15109
MWS-L-8-16	10073	20145

# Installation

The MWS Linear is simple, easy to install, and has a space efficient design that offers lower excavation and installation costs compared to traditional tree-box type systems. The structure of the system resembles pre-cast catch basin or utility vaults and is installed in a similar fashion.

The system is delivered fully assembled for quick installation. Generally, the structure can be unloaded and set in place in 15 minutes. Our experienced team of field technicians are available to supervise installations and provide technical support.



# Maintenance

Reduce your maintenance costs, man hours, and materials with the MWS Linear. Unlike other biofiltration systems that provide no pre-treatment, the MWS Linear is a self-contained treatment train which incorporates simple and effective pre-treatment.

Maintenance requirements for the biofilter itself are almost completely eliminated, as the pre-treatment chamber removes and isolates trash, sediments, and hydrocarbons. What's left is the simple maintenance of an easily accessible pre-treatment chamber that can be cleaned by hand or with a standard vac truck. Only periodic replacement of low-cost media in the pre-filter cartridges is required for long term operation and there is absolutely no need to replace expensive biofiltration media.



# Plant Selection

Abundant plants, trees, and grasses bring value and an aesthetic benefit to any urban setting, but those in the MWS Linear do even more - they increase pollutant removal. What's not seen, but very important, is that below grade the stormwater runoff/flow is being subjected to nature's secret weapon: a dynamic physical, chemical, and biological process working to break down and remove non-point source pollutants. The flow rate is controlled in the MWS Linear, giving the plants more "contact time" so that pollutants are more successfully decomposed, volatilized and incorporated into the biomass of The MWS Linear's micro/macro flora and fauna.

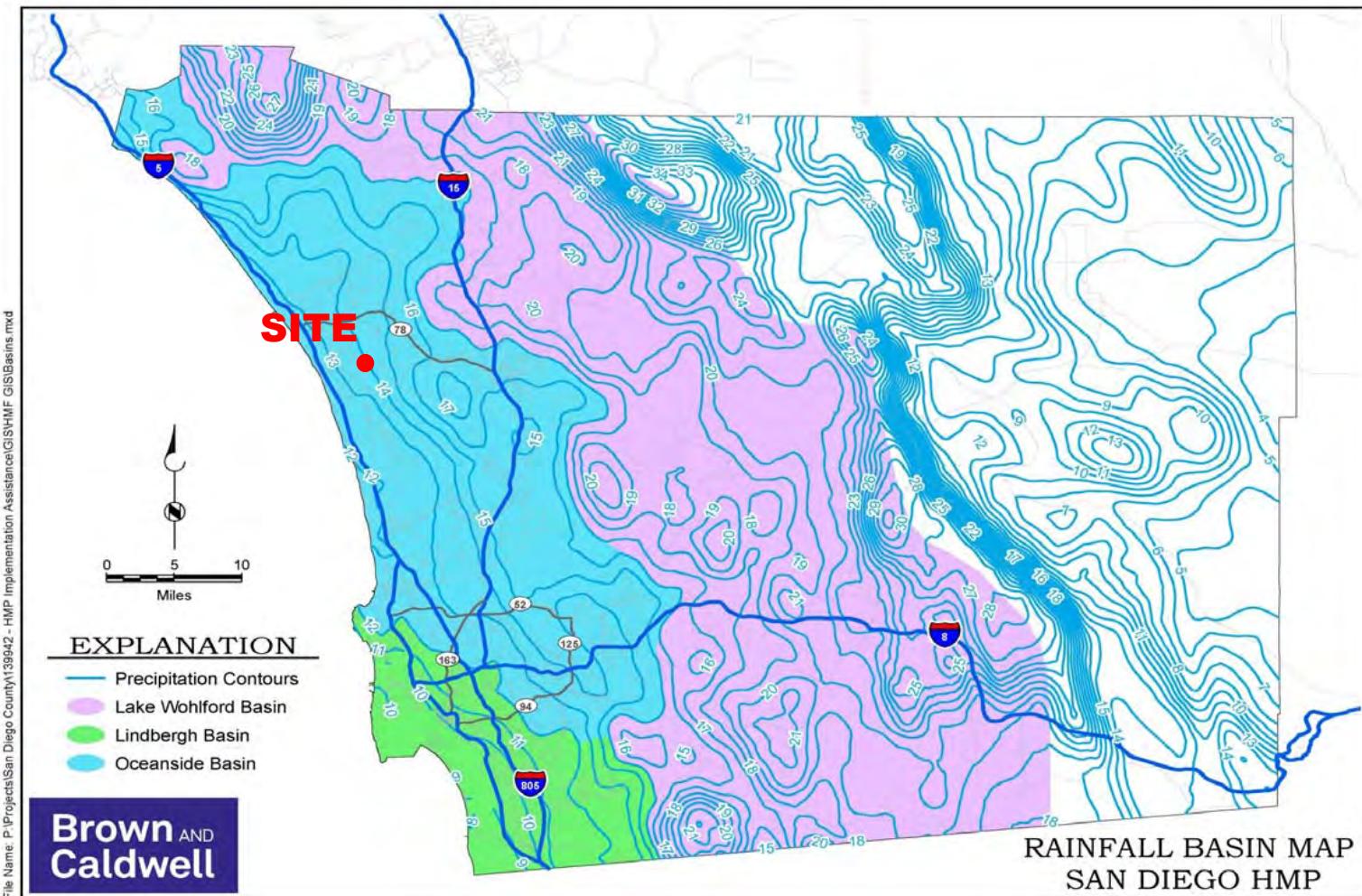
A wide range of plants are suitable for use in the MWS Linear, but selections vary by location and climate. View suitable plants by selecting the list relative to your project location's hardy zone.

Please visit [www.ModularWetlands.com/Plants](http://www.ModularWetlands.com/Plants) for more information and various plant lists.



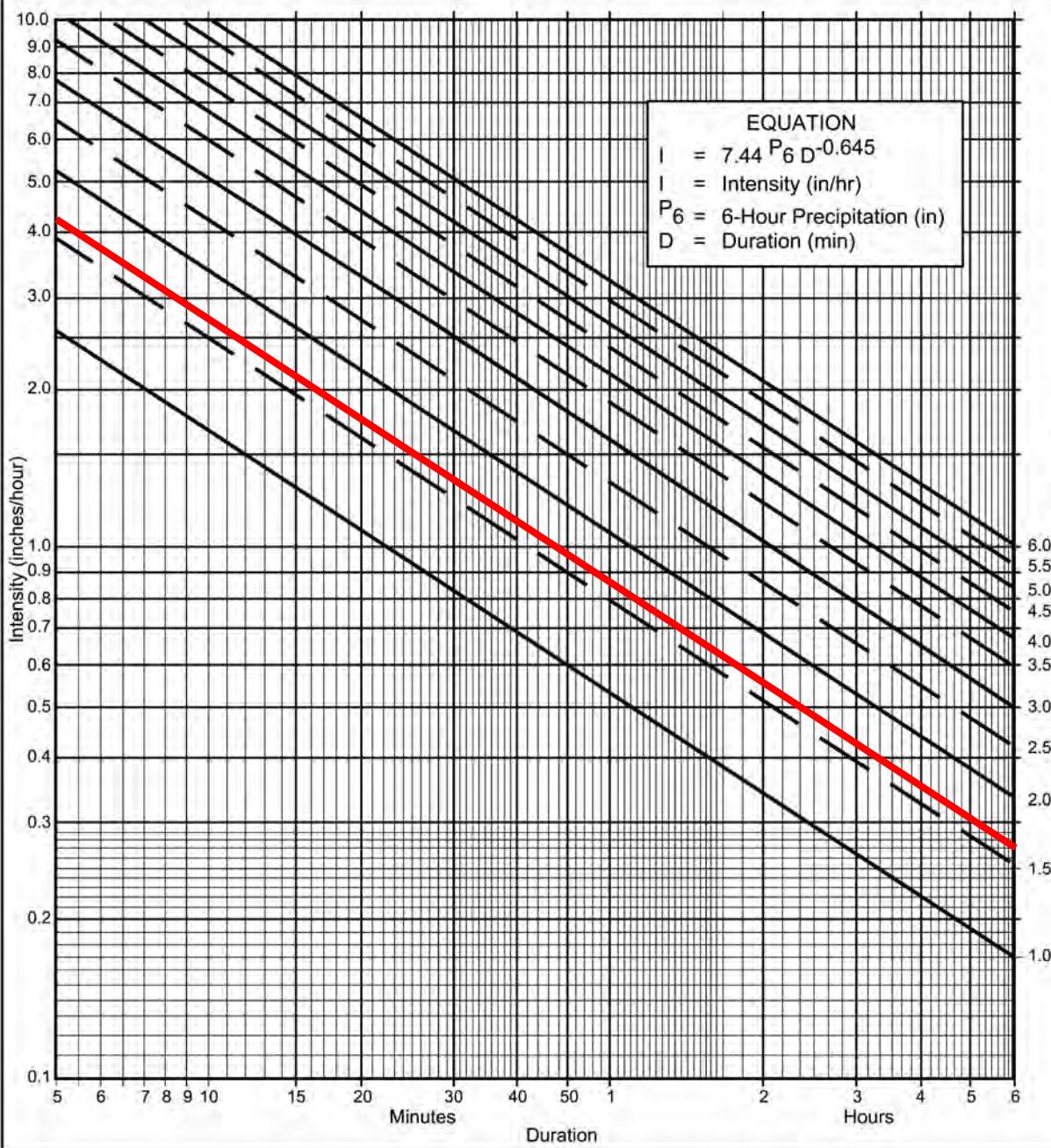
# **APPENDIX B**

## **HYDROLOGIC DOCUMENTATION**



## Appendix G: Guidance for Continuous Simulation and Hydromodification Management Sizing Factors

Sizing Factors for Hydromodification Flow Control Cistern Facilities Designed Using Sizing Factor Method						
Lower Flow Threshold	Soil Group	Slope	Rain Gauge	A	V <sub>1</sub>	V <sub>2</sub>
0.3Q <sub>2</sub>	B	Flat	L Wohlford	N/A	0.2600	N/A
0.3Q <sub>2</sub>	B	Moderate	L Wohlford	N/A	0.2400	N/A
0.3Q <sub>2</sub>	B	Steep	L Wohlford	N/A	0.1800	N/A
0.3Q <sub>2</sub>	C	Flat	L Wohlford	N/A	0.1800	N/A
0.3Q <sub>2</sub>	C	Moderate	L Wohlford	N/A	0.1800	N/A
0.3Q <sub>2</sub>	C	Steep	L Wohlford	N/A	0.1400	N/A
0.3Q <sub>2</sub>	D	Flat	L Wohlford	N/A	0.1400	N/A
0.3Q <sub>2</sub>	D	Moderate	L Wohlford	N/A	0.1400	N/A
0.3Q <sub>2</sub>	D	Steep	L Wohlford	N/A	0.1000	N/A
0.1Q <sub>2</sub>	A	Flat	Lindbergh	N/A	0.1200	N/A
0.1Q <sub>2</sub>	A	Moderate	Lindbergh	N/A	0.1000	N/A
0.1Q <sub>2</sub>	A	Steep	Lindbergh	N/A	0.1000	N/A
0.1Q <sub>2</sub>	B	Flat	Lindbergh	N/A	0.5400	N/A
0.1Q <sub>2</sub>	B	Moderate	Lindbergh	N/A	0.7800	N/A
0.1Q <sub>2</sub>	B	Steep	Lindbergh	N/A	0.3400	N/A
0.1Q <sub>2</sub>	C	Flat	Lindbergh	N/A	0.3600	N/A
0.1Q <sub>2</sub>	C	Moderate	Lindbergh	N/A	0.3600	N/A
0.1Q <sub>2</sub>	C	Steep	Lindbergh	N/A	0.2400	N/A
0.1Q <sub>2</sub>	D	Flat	Lindbergh	N/A	0.2600	N/A
0.1Q <sub>2</sub>	D	Moderate	Lindbergh	N/A	0.2600	N/A
0.1Q <sub>2</sub>	D	Steep	Lindbergh	N/A	0.1600	N/A
0.1Q <sub>2</sub>	A	Flat	Oceanside	N/A	0.1600	N/A
0.1Q <sub>2</sub>	A	Moderate	Oceanside	N/A	0.1400	N/A
0.1Q <sub>2</sub>	A	Steep	Oceanside	N/A	0.1200	N/A
0.1Q <sub>2</sub>	B	Flat	Oceanside	N/A	0.5100	N/A
0.1Q <sub>2</sub>	B	Moderate	Oceanside	N/A	0.3400	N/A
0.1Q <sub>2</sub>	B	Steep	Oceanside	N/A	0.2400	N/A
0.1Q <sub>2</sub>	C	Flat	Oceanside	N/A	0.2600	N/A
0.1Q <sub>2</sub>	C	Moderate	Oceanside	N/A	0.2600	N/A
0.1Q <sub>2</sub>	C	Steep	Oceanside	N/A	0.2000	N/A
0.1Q <sub>2</sub>	D	Flat	Oceanside	N/A	0.2000	N/A
0.1Q <sub>2</sub>	D	Moderate	Oceanside	N/A	0.2000	N/A
0.1Q <sub>2</sub>	D	Steep	Oceanside	N/A	0.1800	N/A
0.1Q <sub>2</sub>	A	Flat	L Wohlford	N/A	0.1800	N/A



#### Directions for Application:

- (1) From precipitation maps determine 6 hr and 24 hr amounts for the selected frequency. These maps are included in the County Hydrology Manual (10, 50, and 100 yr maps included in the Design and Procedure Manual).
- (2) Adjust 6 hr precipitation (if necessary) so that it is within the range of 45% to 65% of the 24 hr precipitation (not applicable to Desert).
- (3) Plot 6 hr precipitation on the right side of the chart.
- (4) Draw a line through the point parallel to the plotted lines.
- (5) This line is the intensity-duration curve for the location being analyzed.

#### Application Form:

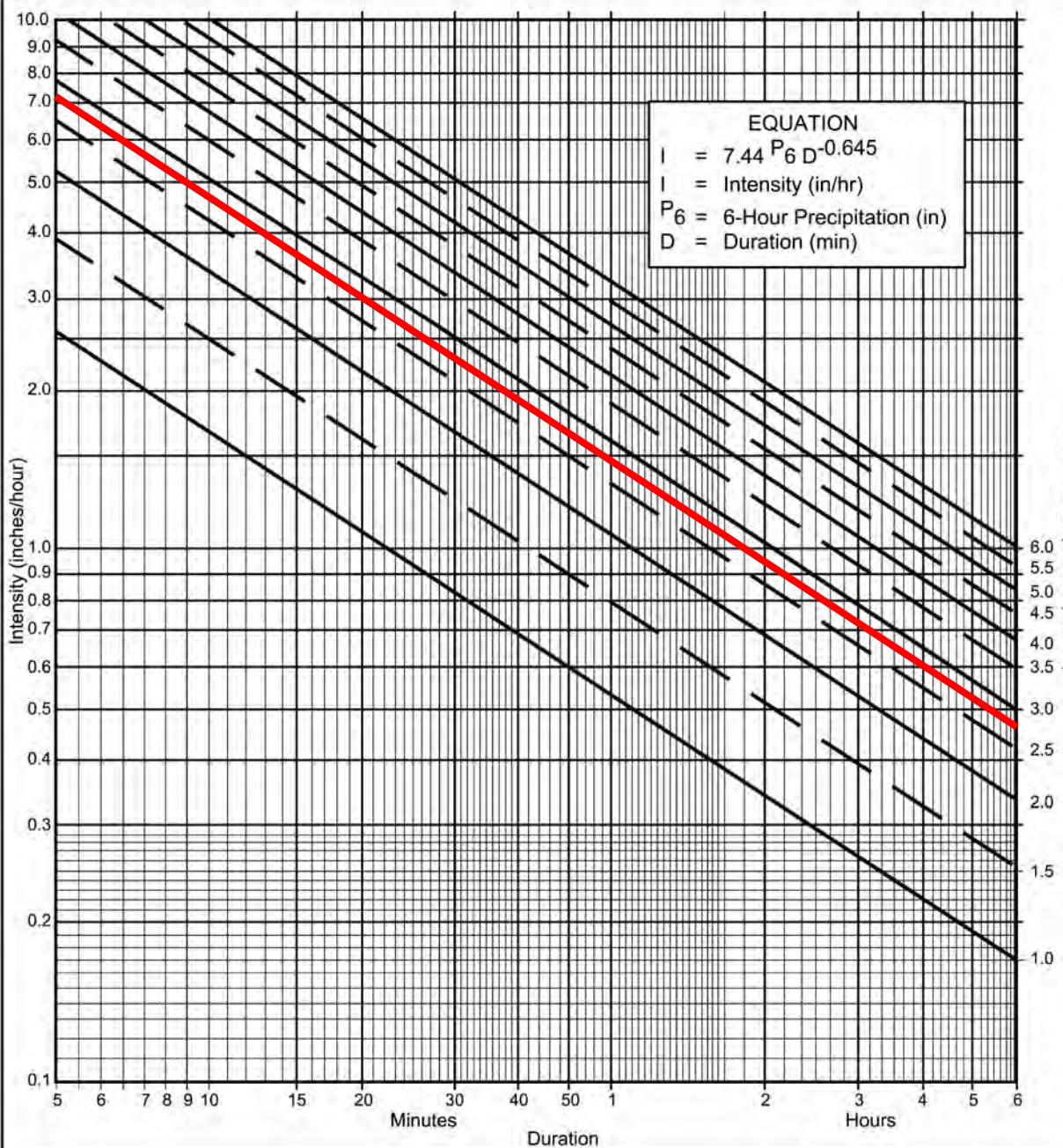
- (a) Selected frequency 5- year
- (b)  $P_6 = \underline{1.63}$  in.,  $P_{24} = \underline{2.80}$   $\cdot \frac{P_6}{P_{24}} = \underline{58.2}$  %<sup>(2)</sup>
- (c) Adjusted  $P_6^{(2)} = \underline{1.63}$  in.
- (d)  $t_x = \underline{\quad}$  min. See rational method calculations
- (e)  $I = \underline{\quad}$  in./hr. for  $T_c$  and I.

Note: This chart replaces the Intensity-Duration-Frequency curves used since 1965.

$P_6$	1	1.5	2	2.5	3	3.5	4	4.5	5	5.5	6
Duration	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	I
5	2.63	3.95	5.27	6.59	7.90	9.22	10.54	11.86	13.17	14.49	15.81
7	2.12	3.18	4.24	5.30	6.36	7.42	8.48	9.54	10.60	11.66	12.72
10	1.68	2.53	3.37	4.21	5.05	5.90	6.74	7.58	8.42	9.27	10.11
15	1.30	1.95	2.59	3.24	3.89	4.54	5.19	5.84	6.49	7.13	7.78
20	1.08	1.62	2.15	2.69	3.23	3.77	4.31	4.85	5.39	5.93	6.46
25	0.93	1.40	1.87	2.33	2.80	3.27	3.73	4.20	4.67	5.13	5.60
30	0.83	1.24	1.66	2.07	2.49	2.90	3.32	3.73	4.15	4.56	4.98
40	0.69	1.03	1.38	1.72	2.07	2.41	2.76	3.10	3.45	3.79	4.13
50	0.60	0.90	1.19	1.49	1.79	2.09	2.39	2.69	2.98	3.28	3.58
60	0.53	0.80	1.06	1.33	1.59	1.86	2.12	2.39	2.65	2.92	3.18
90	0.41	0.61	0.82	1.02	1.23	1.43	1.63	1.84	2.04	2.25	2.45
120	0.34	0.51	0.68	0.85	1.02	1.19	1.36	1.53	1.70	1.87	2.04
150	0.29	0.44	0.59	0.73	0.88	1.03	1.18	1.32	1.47	1.62	1.76
180	0.26	0.39	0.52	0.65	0.78	0.91	1.04	1.18	1.31	1.44	1.57
240	0.22	0.33	0.43	0.54	0.65	0.76	0.87	0.98	1.08	1.19	1.30
300	0.19	0.28	0.38	0.47	0.56	0.66	0.75	0.85	0.94	1.03	1.13
360	0.17	0.25	0.33	0.42	0.50	0.58	0.67	0.75	0.84	0.92	1.00

Intensity-Duration Design Chart - Template

**F I G U R E**  
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#### Directions for Application:

- (1) From precipitation maps determine 6 hr and 24 hr amounts for the selected frequency. These maps are included in the County Hydrology Manual (10, 50, and 100 yr maps included in the Design and Procedure Manual).
- (2) Adjust 6 hr precipitation (if necessary) so that it is within the range of 45% to 65% of the 24 hr precipitation (not applicable to Desert).
- (3) Plot 6 hr precipitation on the right side of the chart.
- (4) Draw a line through the point parallel to the plotted lines.
- (5) This line is the intensity-duration curve for the location being analyzed.

#### Application Form:

- (a) Selected frequency 100- year
- (b)  $P_6 = \underline{2.76}$  in.,  $P_{24} = \underline{5.03}$  in.  $\frac{P_6}{P_{24}} = \underline{54.9\%}$ <sup>(2)</sup>
- (c) Adjusted  $P_6^{(2)} = \underline{2.76}$  in.
- (d)  $t_x = \underline{\quad}$  min. See rational method calculations
- (e)  $I = \underline{\quad}$  in./hr. for  $T_c$  and I.

Note: This chart replaces the Intensity-Duration-Frequency curves used since 1965.

$P_6$	1	1.5	2	2.5	3	3.5	4	4.5	5	5.5	6
Duration	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	I
5	2.63	3.95	5.27	6.59	7.90	9.22	10.54	11.86	13.17	14.49	15.81
7	2.12	3.18	4.24	5.30	6.36	7.42	8.48	9.54	10.60	11.66	12.72
10	1.68	2.53	3.37	4.21	5.05	5.90	6.74	7.58	8.42	9.27	10.11
15	1.30	1.95	2.59	3.24	3.89	4.54	5.19	5.84	6.49	7.13	7.78
20	1.08	1.62	2.15	2.69	3.23	3.77	4.31	4.85	5.39	5.93	6.46
25	0.93	1.40	1.87	2.33	2.80	3.27	3.73	4.20	4.67	5.13	5.60
30	0.83	1.24	1.66	2.07	2.49	2.90	3.32	3.73	4.15	4.56	4.98
40	0.69	1.03	1.38	1.72	2.07	2.41	2.76	3.10	3.45	3.79	4.13
50	0.60	0.90	1.19	1.49	1.79	2.09	2.39	2.69	2.98	3.28	3.58
60	0.53	0.80	1.06	1.33	1.59	1.86	2.12	2.39	2.65	2.92	3.18
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Intensity-Duration Design Chart - Template

**FIGURE**  
**3-1**

**Table 3-1**  
**RUNOFF COEFFICIENTS FOR URBAN AREAS**

Land Use		Runoff Coefficient "C"				
NRCS Elements	County Elements	Soil Type				
		% IMPER.	A	B	C	D
Undisturbed Natural Terrain (Natural)	Permanent Open Space	0*	0.20	0.25	0.30	0.35
Low Density Residential (LDR)	Residential, 1.0 DU/A or less	10	0.27	0.32	0.36	0.41
Low Density Residential (LDR)	Residential, 2.0 DU/A or less	20	0.34	0.38	0.42	0.46
Low Density Residential (LDR)	Residential, 2.9 DU/A or less	25	0.38	0.41	0.45	0.49
Medium Density Residential (MDR)	Residential, 4.3 DU/A or less	30	0.41	0.45	0.48	0.52
Medium Density Residential (MDR)	Residential, 7.3 DU/A or less	40	0.48	0.51	0.54	0.57
Medium Density Residential (MDR)	Residential, 10.9 DU/A or less	45	0.52	0.54	0.57	0.60
Medium Density Residential (MDR)	Residential, 14.5 DU/A or less	50	0.55	0.58	0.60	0.63
High Density Residential (HDR)	Residential, 24.0 DU/A or less	65	0.66	0.67	0.69	0.71
High Density Residential (HDR)	Residential, 43.0 DU/A or less	80	0.76	0.77	0.78	0.79
Commercial/Industrial (N. Com)	Neighborhood Commercial	80	0.76	0.77	0.78	0.79
Commercial/Industrial (G. Com)	General Commercial	85	0.80	0.80	0.81	0.82
Commercial/Industrial (O.P. Com)	Office Professional/Commercial	90	0.83	0.84	0.84	0.85
Commercial/Industrial (Limited I.)	Limited Industrial	90	0.83	0.84	0.84	0.85
Commercial/Industrial (General I.)	General Industrial	95	0.87	0.87	0.87	0.87

\*The values associated with 0% impervious may be used for direct calculation of the runoff coefficient as described in Section 3.1.2 (representing the pervious runoff coefficient, Cp, for the soil type), or for areas that will remain undisturbed in perpetuity. Justification must be given that the area will remain natural forever (e.g., the area is located in Cleveland National Forest).

DU/A = dwelling units per acre

NRCS = National Resources Conservation Service

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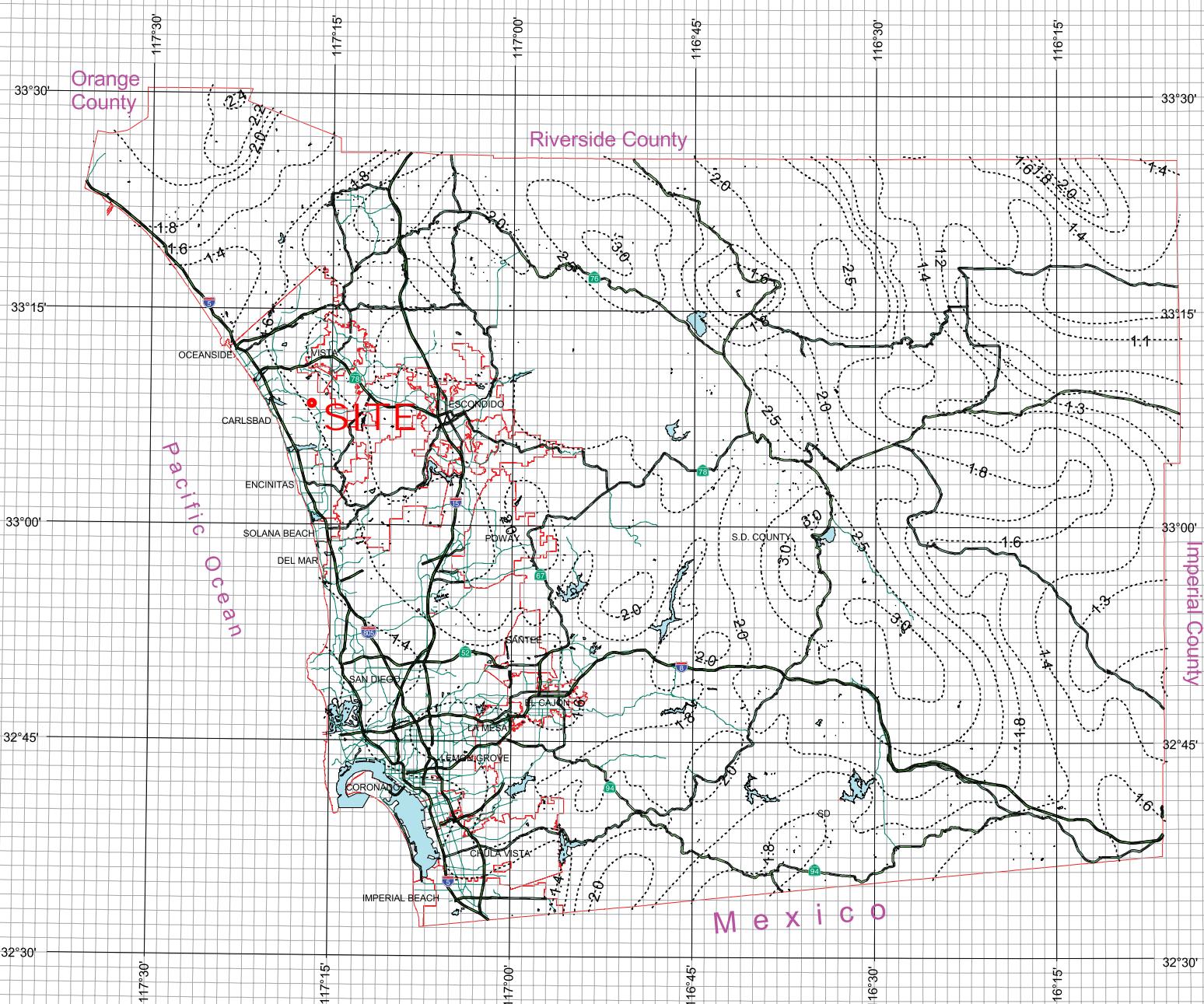


Rainfall Isopluvials

## 5 Year Rainfall Event - 6 Hours

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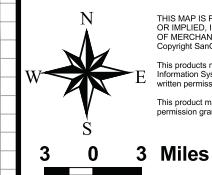
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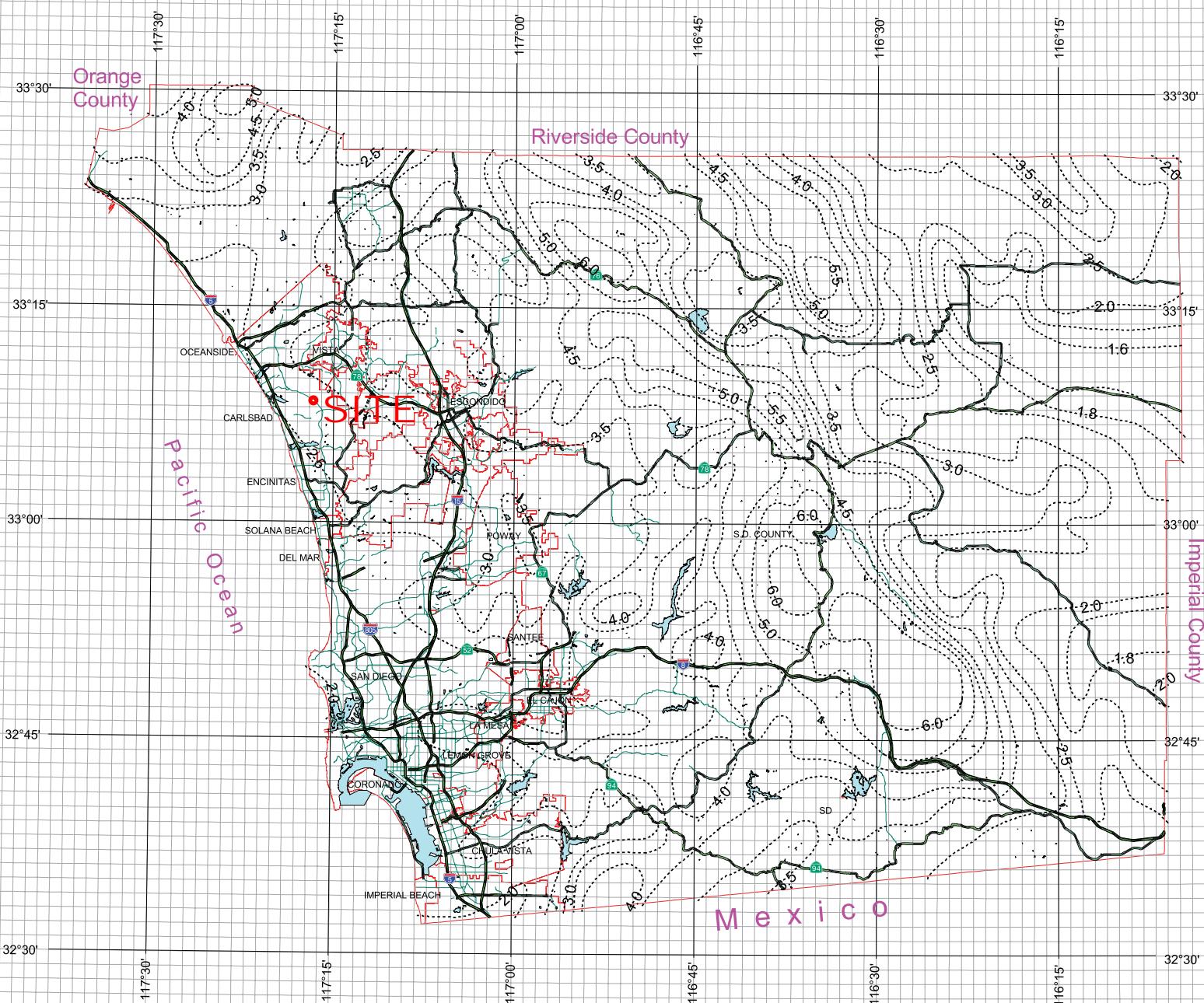
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**5 Year Rainfall Event - 24 Hours**

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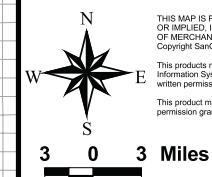
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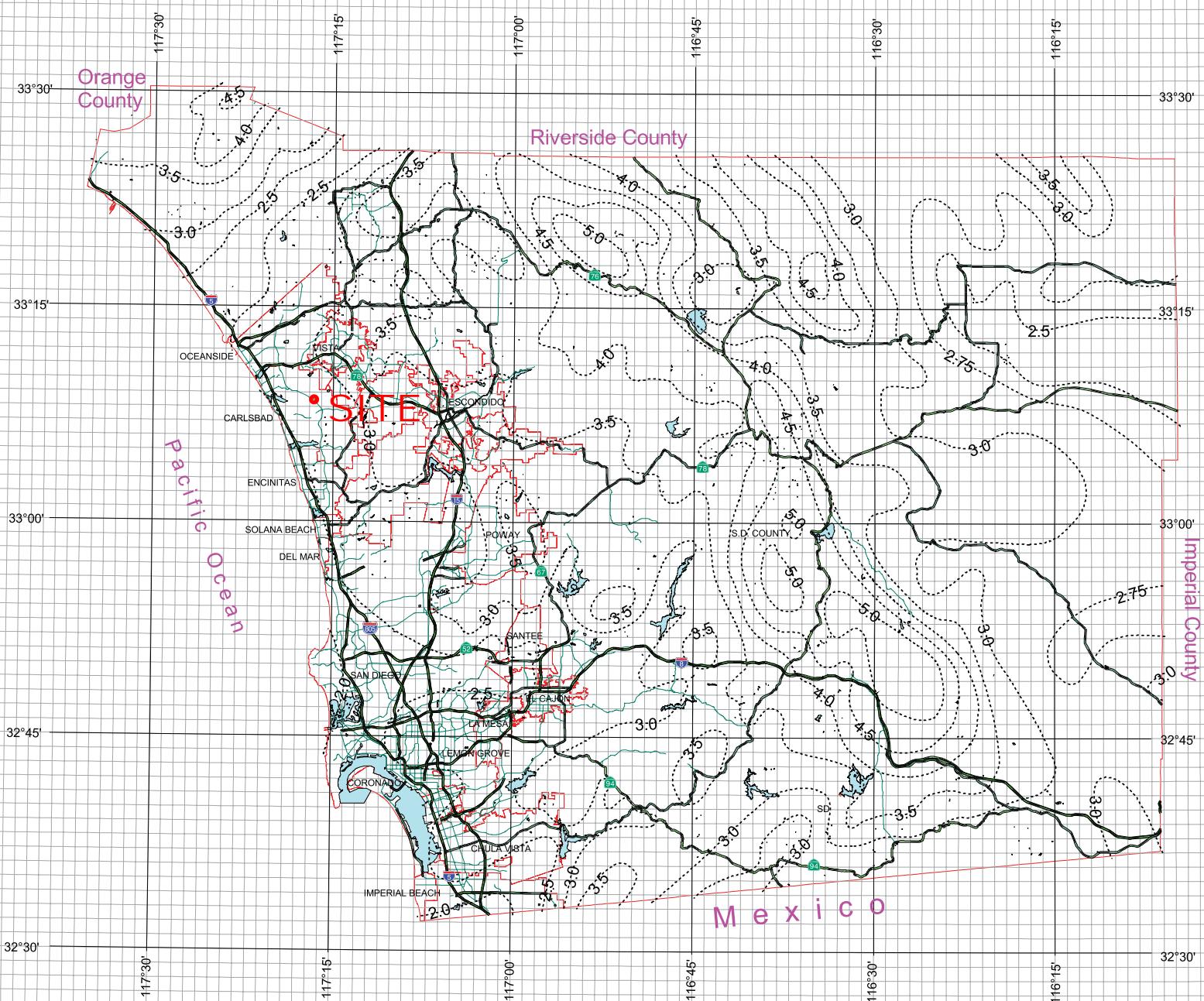
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100 Year Rainfall Event - 6 Hours

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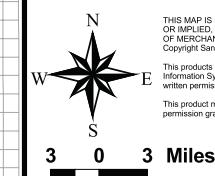
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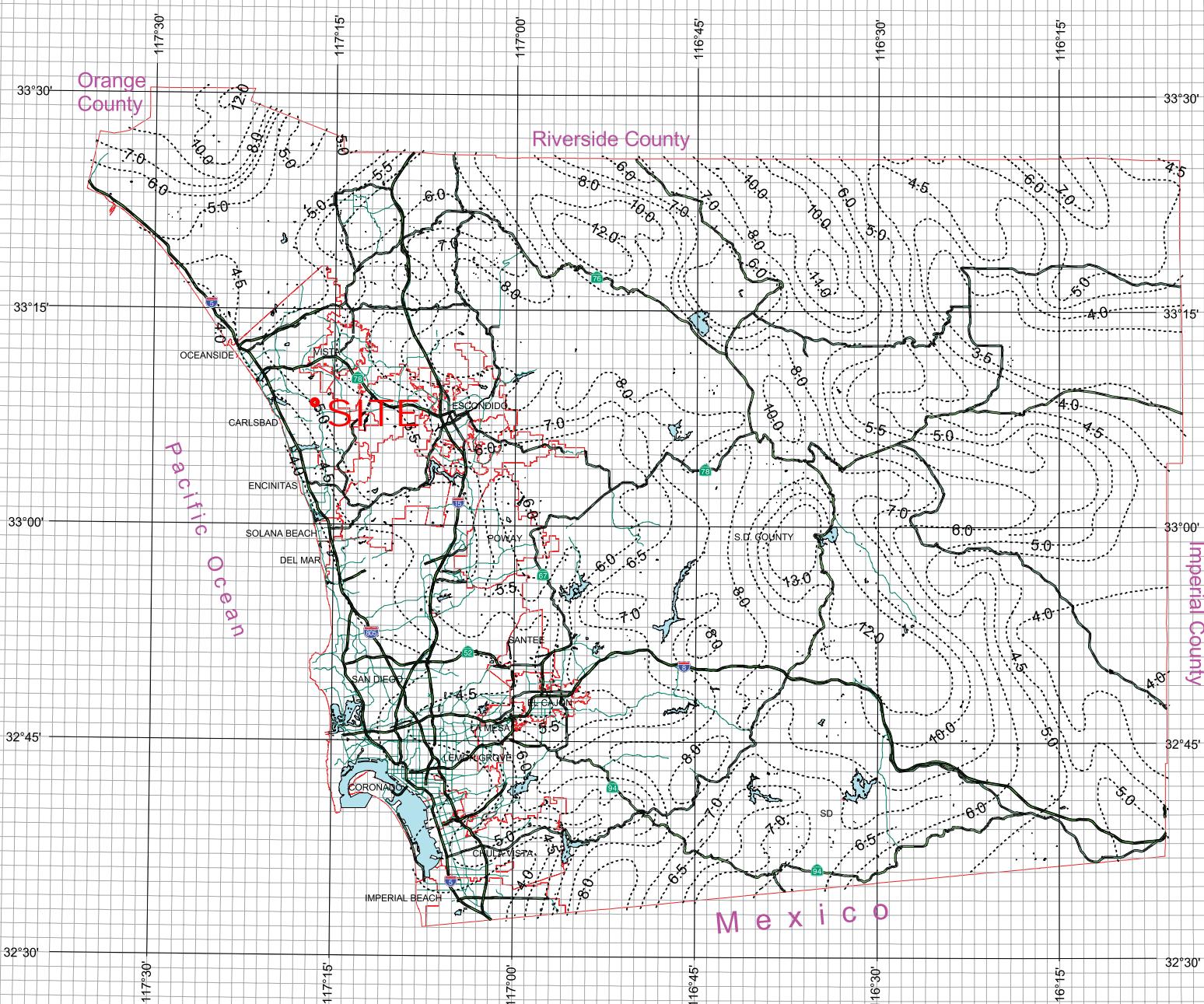
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Rainfall Isopluvials

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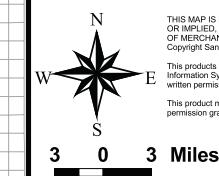
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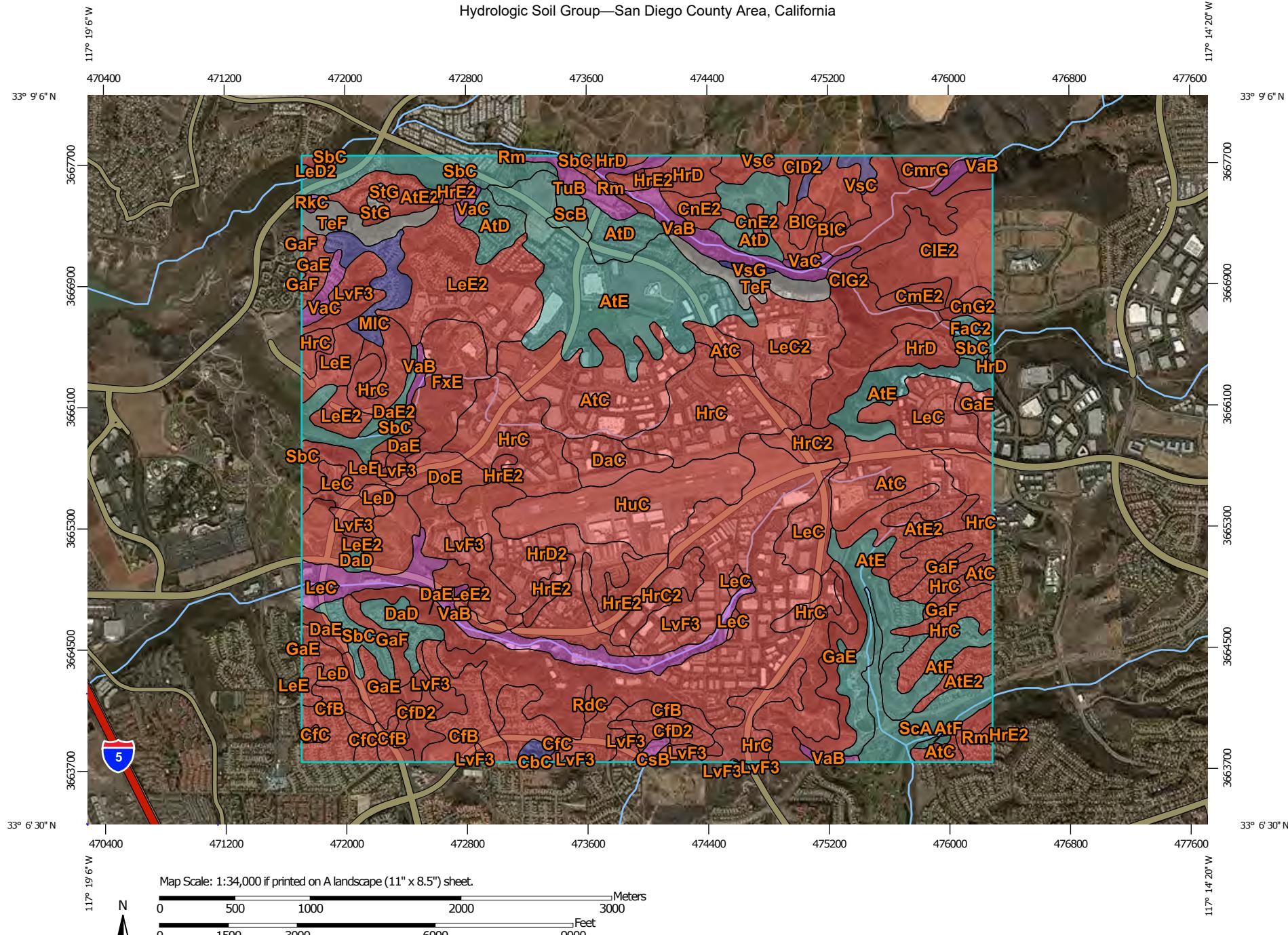
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## Hydrologic Soil Group—San Diego County Area, California



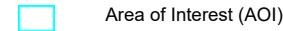
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## MAP LEGEND

### Area of Interest (AOI)



### Soils

#### Soil Rating Polygons

- A
- A/D
- B
- B/D
- C
- C/D
- D
- Not rated or not available

#### Soil Rating Lines

- A
- A/D
- B
- B/D
- C
- C/D
- D
- Not rated or not available

#### Soil Rating Points

- A
- A/D
- B
- B/D

### C

### C/D

### D

### Not rated or not available

### Water Features



### Streams and Canals

### Transportation



### Rails



### Interstate Highways



### US Routes



### Major Roads



### Local Roads

### Background



### Aerial Photography

## MAP INFORMATION

The soil surveys that comprise your AOI were mapped at 1:24,000.

Please rely on the bar scale on each map sheet for map measurements.

Source of Map: Natural Resources Conservation Service

Web Soil Survey URL: <http://websoilsurvey.nrcs.usda.gov>

Coordinate System: Web Mercator (EPSG:3857)

Maps from the Web Soil Survey are based on the Web Mercator projection, which preserves direction and shape but distorts distance and area. A projection that preserves area, such as the Albers equal-area conic projection, should be used if more accurate calculations of distance or area are required.

This product is generated from the USDA-NRCS certified data as of the version date(s) listed below.

Soil Survey Area: San Diego County Area, California

Survey Area Data: Version 10, Sep 12, 2016

Soil map units are labeled (as space allows) for map scales 1:50,000 or larger.

Date(s) aerial images were photographed: Nov 3, 2014—Nov 22, 2014

The orthophoto or other base map on which the soil lines were compiled and digitized probably differs from the background imagery displayed on these maps. As a result, some minor shifting of map unit boundaries may be evident.

## Hydrologic Soil Group

Hydrologic Soil Group— Summary by Map Unit — San Diego County Area, California (CA638)				
Map unit symbol	Map unit name	Rating	Acres in AOI	Percent of AOI
AtC	Altamont clay, 5 to 9 percent slopes	D	266.2	5.8%
AtD	Altamont clay, 9 to 15 percent slopes, warm MAAT, MLRA 20	C	105.2	2.3%
AtE	Altamont clay, 15 to 30 percent slopes, warm MAAT, MLRA 20	C	359.3	7.9%
AtE2	Altamont clay, 15 to 30 percent slopes, eroded	D	104.1	2.3%
AtF	Altamont clay, 30 to 50 percent slopes, warm MAAT, MLRA 20	C	45.5	1.0%
BIC	Bonsall sandy loam, 2 to 9 percent slopes	D	19.6	0.4%
CbC	Carlsbad gravelly loamy sand, 5 to 9 percent slopes	B	6.5	0.1%
CfB	Chesterton fine sandy loam, 2 to 5 percent slopes	D	114.2	2.5%
CfC	Chesterton fine sandy loam, 5 to 9 percent slopes	D	70.5	1.5%
CfD2	Chesterton fine sandy loam, 9 to 15 percent slopes, eroded	D	28.9	0.6%
CID2	Cieneba coarse sandy loam, 5 to 15 percent slopes, eroded	D	65.1	1.4%
CIE2	Cieneba coarse sandy loam, 15 to 30 percent slopes, eroded	D	96.9	2.1%
CIG2	Cieneba coarse sandy loam, 30 to 65 percent slopes, eroded	D	154.0	3.4%
CmE2	Cieneba rocky coarse sandy loam, 9 to 30 percent slopes, eroded	D	16.4	0.4%
CmrG	Cieneba very rocky coarse sandy loam, 30 to 75 percent slopes	D	18.9	0.4%

Hydrologic Soil Group— Summary by Map Unit — San Diego County Area, California (CA638)				
Map unit symbol	Map unit name	Rating	Acres in AOI	Percent of AOI
CnE2	Cieneba-Fallbrook rocky sandy loams, 9 to 30 percent slopes, eroded	D	22.8	0.5%
CnG2	Cieneba-Fallbrook rocky sandy loams, 30 to 65 percent slopes, eroded	D	13.4	0.3%
CsB	Corralitos loamy sand, 0 to 5 percent slopes	A	4.7	0.1%
DaC	Diablo clay, 2 to 9 percent slopes	D	37.2	0.8%
DaD	Diablo clay, 9 to 15 percent slopes, warm MAAT, MLRA 20	C	30.2	0.7%
DaE	Diablo clay, 15 to 30 percent slopes	D	48.7	1.1%
DaE2	Diablo clay, 15 to 30 percent slopes, eroded, warm MAAT, MLRA 20	C	11.3	0.2%
DoE	Diablo-Olivenhain complex, 9 to 30 percent slopes	D	32.3	0.7%
FaC2	Fallbrook sandy loam, 5 to 9 percent slopes, eroded	C	8.2	0.2%
FxE	Friant rocky fine sandy loam, 9 to 30 percent slopes	D	75.4	1.7%
GaE	Gaviota fine sandy loam, 9 to 30 percent slopes	D	101.9	2.2%
GaF	Gaviota fine sandy loam, 30 to 50 percent slopes	D	46.5	1.0%
HrC	Huerhuero loam, 2 to 9 percent slopes	D	381.6	8.4%
HrC2	Huerhuero loam, 5 to 9 percent slopes, eroded	D	58.0	1.3%
HrD	Huerhuero loam, 9 to 15 percent slopes	D	64.0	1.4%
HrD2	Huerhuero loam, 9 to 15 percent slopes, eroded	D	137.9	3.0%
HrE2	Huerhuero loam, 15 to 30 percent slopes, eroded	D	64.3	1.4%
HuC	Huerhuero-Urban land complex, 2 to 9 percent slopes	D	142.1	3.1%

Hydrologic Soil Group— Summary by Map Unit — San Diego County Area, California (CA638)				
Map unit symbol	Map unit name	Rating	Acres in AOI	Percent of AOI
LeC	Las Flores loamy fine sand, 2 to 9 percent slopes	D	127.9	2.8%
LeC2	Las Flores loamy fine sand, 5 to 9 percent slopes, erod ed	D	94.4	2.1%
LeD	Las Flores loamy fine sand, 9 to 15 percent slopes	D	35.8	0.8%
LeD2	Las Flores loamy fine sand, 9 to 15 percent slopes, ero ded	D	3.3	0.1%
LeE	Las Flores loamy fine sand, 15 to 30 percent slopes	D	64.1	1.4%
LeE2	Las Flores loamy fine sand, 15 to 30 percent slopes, er oded	D	246.2	5.4%
LvF3	Loamy alluvial land-Huerhuero complex, 9 to 50 percent slopes, severely eroded	D	653.6	14.4%
MIC	Marina loamy coarse sand, 2 to 9 percent slopes	B	39.4	0.9%
RdC	Redding gravelly loam, 2 to 9 percent slopes	D	3.7	0.1%
RkC	Reiff fine sandy loam, 5 to 9 percent slopes	A	3.1	0.1%
Rm	Riverwash	D	26.0	0.6%
SbC	Salinas clay loam, 2 to 9 percent slopes	C	125.9	2.8%
ScA	Salinas clay, 0 to 2 percent slopes	C	65.2	1.4%
ScB	Salinas clay, 2 to 5 percent slopes	C	14.2	0.3%
StG	Steep gullied land		3.2	0.1%
TeF	Terrace escarpments		65.1	1.4%
TuB	Tujunga sand, 0 to 5 percent slopes	A	21.5	0.5%
VaB	Visalia sandy loam, 2 to 5 percent slopes	A	163.6	3.6%
VaC	Visalia sandy loam, 5 to 9 percent slopes	A	24.7	0.5%
VsC	Vista coarse sandy loam, 5 to 9 percent slopes	B	14.8	0.3%

Hydrologic Soil Group— Summary by Map Unit — San Diego County Area, California (CA638)				
Map unit symbol	Map unit name	Rating	Acres in AOI	Percent of AOI
VsG	Vista coarse sandy loam, 30 to 65 percent slopes	B	4.5	0.1%
<b>Totals for Area of Interest</b>			<b>4,551.9</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

## Description

Hydrologic soil groups are based on estimates of runoff potential. Soils are assigned to one of four groups according to the rate of water infiltration when the soils are not protected by vegetation, are thoroughly wet, and receive precipitation from long-duration storms.

The soils in the United States are assigned to four groups (A, B, C, and D) and three dual classes (A/D, B/D, and C/D). The groups are defined as follows:

**Group A.** Soils having a high infiltration rate (low runoff potential) when thoroughly wet. These consist mainly of deep, well drained to excessively drained sands or gravelly sands. These soils have a high rate of water transmission.

**Group B.** Soils having a moderate infiltration rate when thoroughly wet. These consist chiefly of moderately deep or deep, moderately well drained or well drained soils that have moderately fine texture to moderately coarse texture. These soils have a moderate rate of water transmission.

**Group C.** Soils having a slow infiltration rate when thoroughly wet. These consist chiefly of soils having a layer that impedes the downward movement of water or soils of moderately fine texture or fine texture. These soils have a slow rate of water transmission.

**Group D.** Soils having a very slow infiltration rate (high runoff potential) when thoroughly wet. These consist chiefly of clays that have a high shrink-swell potential, soils that have a high water table, soils that have a claypan or clay layer at or near the surface, and soils that are shallow over nearly impervious material. These soils have a very slow rate of water transmission.

If a soil is assigned to a dual hydrologic group (A/D, B/D, or C/D), the first letter is for drained areas and the second is for undrained areas. Only the soils that in their natural condition are in group D are assigned to dual classes.

## Rating Options

*Aggregation Method:* Dominant Condition

*Component Percent Cutoff:* None Specified

*Tie-break Rule:* Higher

