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To all Permit Holders, Contractors, Engineers and Stakeholders:

Subject: 2019-20 Stormwater Permit Compliance

The Department of Public Works (DPW), Private Development Construction Inspection (PDCI) team reminds all permit holders, engineers and contractors that we are approaching the wet season (October 1-April 30). The County of San Diego will be conducting increased inspections to protect both the construction sites and the region’s waterways. This letter is a reaffirmation of our commitment to provide the highest level of customer service.

The Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB) may impose significant fines for inadequate stormwater pollution prevention and incomplete records. Enforcement action by the County or the RWQCB can be very costly for your projects, and does not eliminate the requirement to adequately protect resources. Please use below links to see more regarding recent enforcement activities and orders:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/sandiego/water_issues/programs/enforcement/
http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/sandiego/board_decisions/adopted_orders/

PDCI will continue to utilize our Stormwater Inspection Report form. You will notice that it follows the arrangement of the State Construction General Permit (CGP). This was done in part to assist your QSP/QSD to ensure all aspects of the regulations are met. If there are corrections or the need for escalated enforcement, PDCI will require that you correct deficiencies and maintain the site in compliance with the approved grading plans, the County of San Diego, Watershed Protection Ordinance, and the State of California Construction General Permit, if applicable. If you are unsure of the requirements for your site, you may access the regulating documents on-line at:
http://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/sdc/dpw/watersheds/ordinance.html

We will gladly meet with you in the field if you have any questions about our concerns with your site and understanding the County Stormwater regulations. If a construction site is not brought into compliance, DPW will take stronger enforcement action, which could include shutting down all non-stormwater related work on site. Our goal is to see your site brought into compliance
without having to take enforcement measures, so we request your assistance to take all necessary actions to quickly remedy any issues as they arise.

If you have any questions, you may reach your assigned Inspector, whose name will be on all Inspection Reports.

Sincerely,

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