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**COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO BMP DESIGN MANUAL**

# **Guidance for Continuous Simulation and Hydromodification Management and Sizing Factors**

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## G.1 Guidance for Continuous Simulation Hydrologic Modeling for Hydromodification Management Studies in San Diego County Region 9

This Section G.1 provides guidance for project-specific continuous simulation modeling to demonstrate compliance with hydromodification flow control requirements. Alternatives to project-specific continuous simulation modeling include use of sizing factors described in Section G.2 for structural BMP design or use of dispersion areas or tree wells as SSD-BMPs in lieu of structural BMPs (see Section 5.2.3 and Appendix I).

### G.1.1 Introduction

Continuous simulation hydrologic modeling is used to demonstrate compliance with the performance standards for hydromodification management in San Diego. There are several available hydrologic models that can perform continuous simulation analyses. Each has different methods and parameters for determining the amount of rainfall that becomes runoff, and for representing the hydraulic operations of certain structural BMPs such as biofiltration with partial retention or biofiltration. This Appendix is intended to:

- Identify acceptable models for continuous simulation hydrologic analyses for hydromodification management;
- Provide guidance for selecting climatology input to the models;
- Provide standards for rainfall loss parameters to be used in the models;
- Provide standards for defining physical characteristics of LID components; and
- Provide guidance for demonstrating compliance with performance standards for hydromodification management.

This Appendix is not a user's manual for any of the acceptable models, nor a comprehensive manual for preparing a hydrologic model. This Appendix provides guidance for selecting model input parameters for the specific purpose of hydromodification management studies. The model preparer must be familiar with the user's manual for the selected software to determine how the parameters are entered to the model.

## **G.1.2 Software for Continuous Simulation Hydrologic Modeling**

The following software models may be used for hydromodification management studies in San Diego:

- HSPF – Hydrologic Simulation Program-FORTRAN, distributed by USEPA, public domain.
- SDHM – San Diego Hydrology Model, distributed by Clear Creek Solutions, Inc. This is an HSPF-based model with a proprietary interface that has been customized for use in San Diego for hydromodification management studies.
- SWMM – Storm Water Management Model, distributed by USEPA, public domain.

Third-party and proprietary software, such as XPSWMM or PCSWMM, may be used for hydromodification management studies in San Diego, provided that:

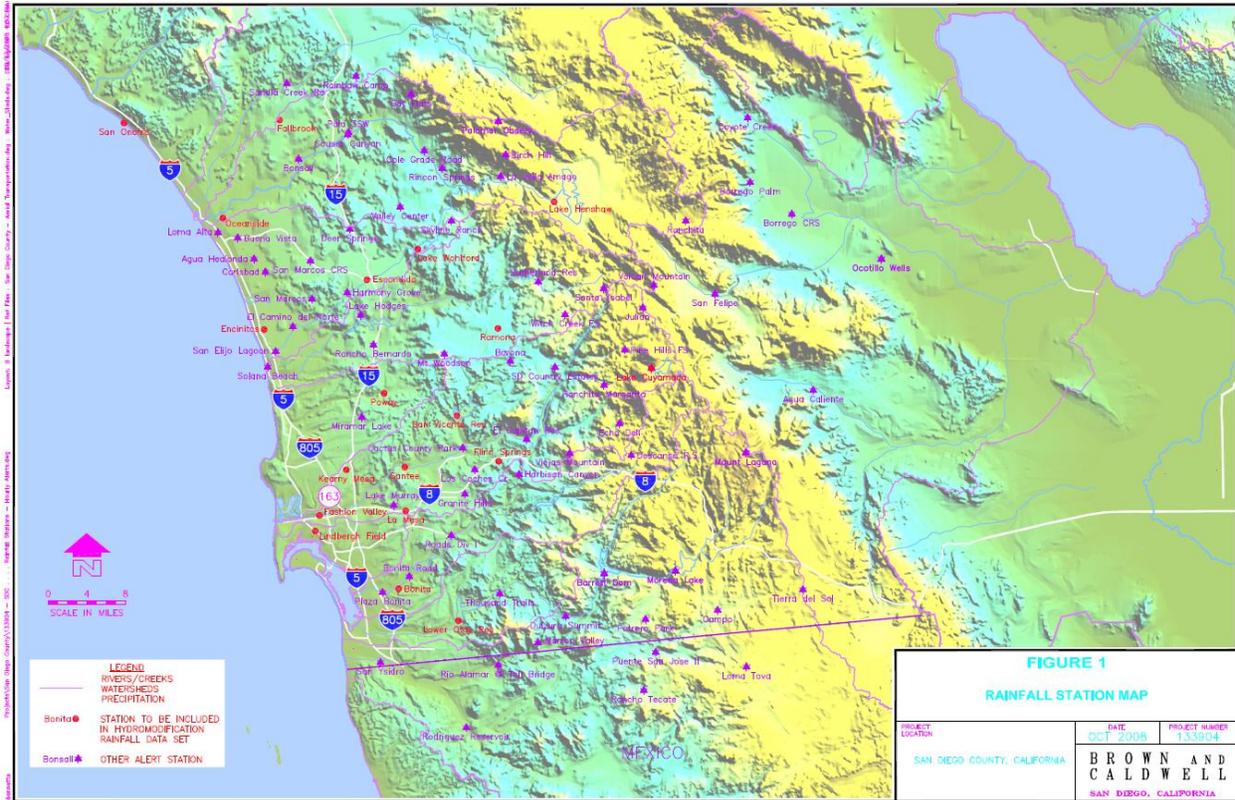
- Input and output data from the software can interface with public domain software such as SWMM. In other words, input files from the third party software should have sufficient functionality to allow export to public domain software for independent validation.
- The software's hydromodification control processes are substantiated.

## **G.1.3 Climatology Parameters**

### **G.1.3.1 Rainfall**

In all software applications for preparation of hydromodification management studies in San Diego, rainfall data must be selected from approved data sets that have been prepared for this purpose. As part of the development of the March 2011 Final HMP, long-term hourly rainfall records were prepared for public use. The rainfall record files are provided on the Project Clean Water website. The rainfall station map is provided in the March 2011 Final HMP and is included in this Appendix as Figure G.1-1.

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**Figure G.1-1: Rainfall Station Map**

Project applicants preparing continuous simulation models shall select the most appropriate rainfall data set from the rainfall record files provided on the Project Clean Water website. For a given project location, the following factors should be considered in the selection of the appropriate rainfall data set:

- In most cases, the rainfall data set in closest proximity to the project site will be the appropriate choice (refer to the rainfall station map).
- In some cases, the rainfall data set in closest proximity to the project site may not be the most applicable data set. Such a scenario could involve a data set with an elevation significantly different from the project site. In addition to a simple elevation comparison, the project proponent may also consult with the San Diego County’s average annual precipitation isopluvial map, which is provided in the San Diego County Hydrology Manual (2003). Review of this map could provide an initial estimate as to whether the project site is in a similar rainfall zone as compared to the rainfall stations. Generally, precipitation totals in San Diego County increase with increasing elevation.
- Where possible, rainfall data sets should be chosen so that the data set and the project location are both located in the same topographic zone (coastal, foothill, mountain) and major watershed unit (Upper San Luis Rey, Lower San Luis Rey, Upper San Diego River, Lower San Diego River, etc.).

For SDHM users, the approved rainfall data sets are pre-loaded into the software package. SDHM users may select the appropriate rainfall gage within the SDHM program. HSPF or SWMM users shall

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download the appropriate rainfall record from the Project Clean Water website and load it into the software program.

Both the pre-development and post-project model simulation period shall encompass the entire rainfall record provided in the approved rainfall data set. Scaling the rainfall data is not permitted.

### G.1.3.2 Potential Evapotranspiration

Project applicants preparing continuous simulation models shall select a data set from the sources described below to represent potential evapotranspiration.

For HSPF users, this parameter may be entered as an hourly time series. The hourly time series that was used to develop the BMP Sizing Calculator parameters is provided on the project clean water website and may be used for hydromodification management studies in San Diego. For SDHM users, the hourly evaporation data set is pre-loaded into the program. HSPF users may download the evaporation record from the Project Clean Water website and load it into the software program.

For HSPF or SWMM users, this parameter may be entered as monthly values in inches per month or inches per day. Monthly values may be obtained from the California Irrigation Management Information System "Reference Evapotranspiration Zones" brochure and map (herein "CIMIS ETo Zone Map"), prepared by California Department of Water Resources, dated January 2012. The CIMIS ETo Zone Map is available from [www.cimis.gov](http://www.cimis.gov), and is provided in this Appendix as Figure G.1-2. Determine the appropriate reference evapotranspiration zone for the project from the CIMIS ETo Zone Map. The monthly average reference evapotranspiration values are provided below in Table G.1-1.

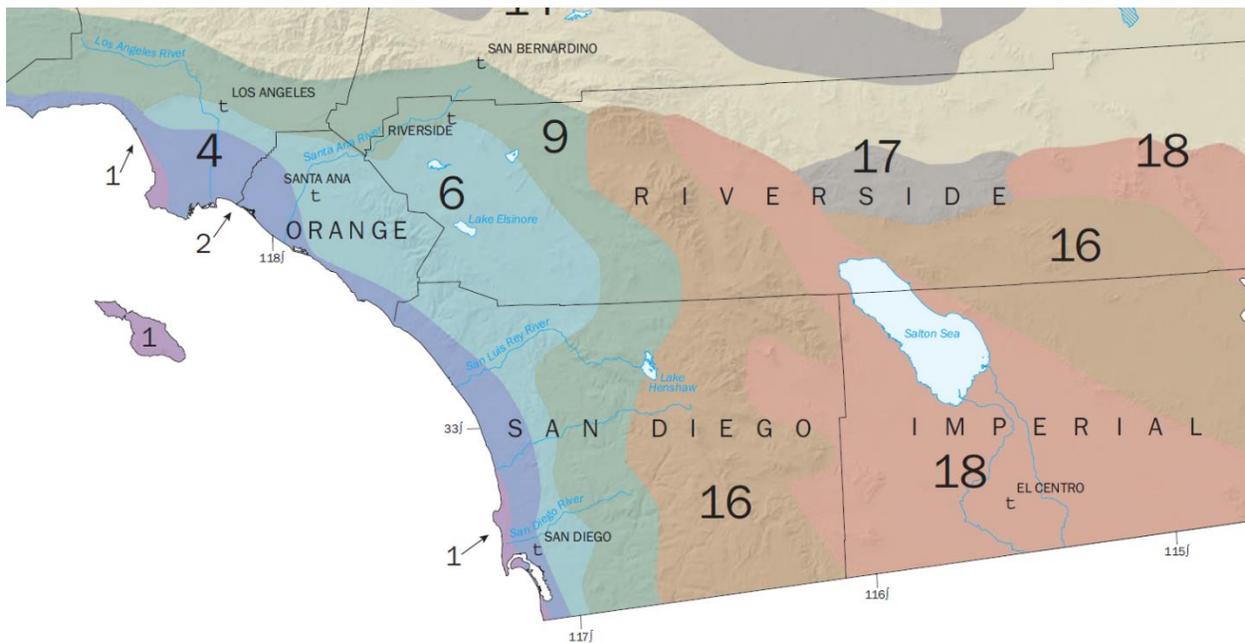


Figure G.1-2: California Irrigation Management Information System "Reference Evapotranspiration Zones"

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**Table G.1-1: Monthly Average Reference Evapotranspiration by ETo Zone  
(inches/month and inches/day) for use in SWMM Models for Hydromodification Management Studies in San Diego County  
CIMIS Zones 1, 4, 6, 9, and 16 (See CIMIS ETo Zone Map)**

	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December
Zone	in/month	in/month	in/month	in/month								
1	0.93	1.4	2.48	3.3	4.03	4.5	4.65	4.03	3.3	2.48	1.2	0.62
4	1.86	2.24	3.41	4.5	5.27	5.7	5.89	5.58	4.5	3.41	2.4	1.86
6	1.86	2.24	3.41	4.8	5.58	6.3	6.51	6.2	4.8	3.72	2.4	1.86
9	2.17	2.8	4.03	5.1	5.89	6.6	7.44	6.82	5.7	4.03	2.7	1.86
16	1.55	2.52	4.03	5.7	7.75	8.7	9.3	8.37	6.3	4.34	2.4	1.55
	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December
Days	31	28	31	30	31	30	31	31	30	31	30	31
Zone	in/day	in/day	in/day	in/day								
1	0.030	0.050	0.080	0.110	0.130	0.150	0.150	0.130	0.110	0.080	0.040	0.020
4	0.060	0.080	0.110	0.150	0.170	0.190	0.190	0.180	0.150	0.110	0.080	0.060
6	0.060	0.080	0.110	0.160	0.180	0.210	0.210	0.200	0.160	0.120	0.080	0.060
9	0.070	0.100	0.130	0.170	0.190	0.220	0.240	0.220	0.190	0.130	0.090	0.060
16	0.050	0.090	0.130	0.190	0.250	0.290	0.300	0.270	0.210	0.140	0.080	0.050

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## **G.1.4 Land Characteristics and Loss Parameters**

In all software applications for preparation of hydromodification management studies in San Diego, rainfall loss parameters must be consistent with this Appendix unless the preparer can provide documentation to substantiate use of other parameters, subject to County approval. HSPF and SWMM use different processes and different sets of parameters. SDHM is based on HSPF, therefore parameters for SDHM and HSPF are presented together in Section G.1.4.1. Parameters that have been pre-loaded into SDHM may be used for other HSPF hydromodification management studies outside of SDHM. Parameters for SWMM are presented separately in Section G.1.4.2.

### **G.1.4.1 Rainfall Loss Parameters for HSPF and SDHM**

Rainfall losses in HSPF are characterized by PERLND/PWATER parameters and IMPLND parameters, which describe processes occurring when rainfall lands on pervious lands and impervious lands, respectively. "BASINS Technical Notice 6, Estimating Hydrology and Hydraulic Parameters for HSPF," prepared by the USEPA, dated July 2000, provides details regarding these parameters and summary tables of possible ranges of these parameters. Table G.1-2, excerpted from the above-mentioned document, presents the ranges of these parameters.

For HSPF studies for hydromodification management in San Diego, PERLND/PWATER parameters and IMPLND parameters shall fall within the "possible" range provided in EPA Technical Note 6. To select specific parameters, HSPF users may use the parameters established for development of the San Diego BMP Sizing Calculator, and/or the parameters that have been established for SDHM. Parameters for the San Diego BMP Sizing Calculator and SDHM are based on research conducted specifically for HSPF modeling in San Diego.

Documentation of parameters selected for the San Diego BMP Sizing Calculator is presented in the document titled, San Diego BMP Sizing Calculator Methodology, prepared by Brown and Caldwell, dated January 2012 (herein "BMP Sizing Calculator Methodology"). The PERLND/PWATER parameters selected for development of the San Diego BMP Sizing Calculator represent a single composite pervious land cover that is representative of most pre-development conditions for sites that would commonly be managed by the BMP Sizing Calculator. The parameters shown below in Table G.1-3 are excerpted from the BMP Sizing Calculator Methodology.

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**Table G.1-2: HSPF PERLND/PWATER and IMPLND Parameters from EPA Technical Note 6**

Name	Definition	Units	Range of Values				Function of ...	Comment
			Typical		Possible			
			Min	Max	Min	Max		
<b>PWAT – PARM2</b>								
FOREST	Fraction forest cover	none	0.0	0.50	0.0	0.95	Forest cover	Only impact when SNOW is active
LZSN	Lower Zone Nominal Soil Moisture Storage	inches	3.0	8.0	2.0	15.0	Soils, climate	<b>Calibration</b>
INFILT	Index to Infiltration Capacity	in/hr	0.01	0.25	0.001	0.50	Soils, land use	<b>Calibration</b> , divides surface and subsurface flow
LSUR	Length of overland flow	feet	200	500	100	700	Topography	Estimate from high resolution topo maps or GIS
SLSUR	Slope of overland flow plane	ft/ft	0.01	0.15	0.001	0.30	Topography	Estimate from high resolution topo maps or GIS
KVARY	Variable groundwater recession	1/inches	0.0	3.0	0.0	5.0	Baseflow recession variation	Used when recession rate varies with GW levels
AGWRC	Base groundwater recession	none	0.92	0.99	0.85	0.999	Baseflow recession	<b>Calibration</b>
<b>PWAT – PARM3</b>								
PETMAX	Temp below which ET is reduced	deg. F	35.0	45.0	32.0	48.0	Climate, vegetation	Reduces ET near freezing, when SNOW is active
PETMIN	Temp below which ET is set to zero	deg. F	30.0	35.0	30.0	40.0	Climate, vegetation	Reduces ET near freezing, when SNOW is active
INFEXP	Exponent in infiltration equation	none	2.0	2.0	1.0	3.0	Soils variability	Usually default to 2.0
INFILD	Ratio of max/mean infiltration capacities	none	2.0	2.0	1.0	3.0	Soils variability	Usually default to 2.0
DEEPPFR	Fraction of GW inflow to deep recharge	none	0.0	0.20	0.0	0.50	Geology, GW recharge	Accounts for subsurface losses
BASETP	Fraction of remaining ET from baseflow	none	0.0	0.05	0.0	0.20	Riparian vegetation	Direct ET from riparian vegetation
AGWETP	Fraction of remaining ET from active GW	none	0.0	0.05	0.0	0.20	Marsh/wetlands extent	Direct ET from shallow GW
<b>PWAT – PARM4</b>								
CEPSC	Interception storage capacity	inches	0.03	0.20	0.01	0.40	Vegetation type/density, land use	Monthly values usually used
UZSN	Upper zone nominal soil moisture storage	inches	0.10	1.0	0.05	2.0	Surface soil conditions, land use	Accounts for near surface retention
NSUR	Manning's n (roughness) for overland flow	none	0.15	0.35	0.05	0.50	Surface conditions, residue, etc.	Monthly values often used for croplands
INTFW	Interflow inflow parameter	none	1.0	3.0	1.0	10.0	Soils, topography, land use	<b>Calibration</b> , based on hydrograph separation
IRC	Interflow recession parameter	none	0.5	0.70	0.30	0.85	Soils, topography, land use	Often start with a value of 0.7, and then adjust
LZETP	Lower zone ET parameter	none	0.2	0.70	0.1	0.9	Vegetation type/density, root depth	<b>Calibration</b>
<b>IWAT – PARM2</b>								
LSUR	Length of overland flow	feet	50	150	50	250	Topography, drainage system	Estimate from maps, GIS, or field survey
SLSUR	Slope of overland flow plane	ft/ft	0.01	0.05	0.001	0.15	Topography, drainage	Estimate from maps, GIS, or field survey
NSUR	Manning's n (roughness) for overland flow	none	0.03	0.10	0.01	0.15	Impervious surface conditions	Typical range is 0.05 to 0.10 for roads/parking lots
RETSC	Retention storage capacity	inches	0.03	0.10	0.01	0.30	Impervious surface conditions	Typical range is 0.03 to 0.10 for roads/parking lots
<b>IWAT – PARM3 (PETMAX and PETMIN, same values as shown for PWAT – PARM3)</b>								

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**Table G.1-3: HSPF PERLND/PWATER Parameters from BMP Sizing Calculator Methodology**

	Slope	Hydrologic Soil Group A			Hydrologic Soil Group B			Hydrologic Soil Group C			Hydrologic Soil Group D		
		5%	10%	15%	5%	10%	15%	5%	10%	15%	5%	10%	15%
PWAT_PAR M2	Units												
FOREST	None	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
LZSN	inches	5.2	4.8	4.5	5.0	4.7	4.4	4.8	4.5	4.2	4.8	4.5	4.2
INFILT	in/hr	0.090	0.070	0.045	0.070	0.055	0.040	0.050	0.040	0.032	0.040	0.030	0.020
LSUR	Feet	200	200	200	200	200	200	200	200	200	200	200	200
SLSUR	ft/ft	0.05	0.1	0.15	0.05	0.1	0.15	0.05	0.1	0.15	0.05	0.1	0.15
KVARY	1/inches	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
AGWRC	None	0.92	0.92	0.92	0.92	0.92	0.92	0.92	0.92	0.92	0.92	0.92	0.92
PWAT_PAR M3													
PETMAX (F)	F	35	35	35	35	35	35	35	35	35	35	35	35
PETMIN (F)	F	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30
INFEXP	None	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
INFILD	None	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
DEEPR	None	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4
BASETP	None	0.05	0.05	0.05	0.05	0.05	0.05	0.05	0.05	0.05	0.05	0.05	0.05
AGEWTP	None	0.05	0.05	0.05	0.05	0.05	0.05	0.05	0.05	0.05	0.05	0.05	0.05
PWAT_PAR M4													
CEPSC	inches	0.08	0.08	0.08	0.08	0.08	0.08	0.08	0.08	0.08	0.08	0.08	0.08
UZSN	inches	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6
NSUR	None	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
INTFW	None	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5
IRC	None	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7
LZETP	None	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5

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Parameters within SDHM are documented in "San Diego Hydrology Model User Manual," prepared by Clear Creek Solutions, Inc. (as of the development of the Manual, the current version of the SDHM User Manual is dated January 2012). Parameters established for SDHM represent "grass" (non-turf grasslands), "dirt," "gravel," and "urban" cover. The documented PERLND and IMPLND parameters for the various land covers and soil types have been pre-loaded into SDHM. SDHM users shall use the parameters that have been pre-loaded into the program without modification unless the preparer can provide documentation to substantiate use of other parameters.

### **G.1.4.2 Rainfall Loss Parameters for SWMM**

In SWMM, rainfall loss parameters (parameters that describe processes occurring when rainfall lands on pervious lands and impervious lands) are entered in the "subcatchment" module. In addition to specifying parameters, the SWMM user must also select an infiltration model.

The SWMM Manual provides details regarding the subcatchment parameters and summary tables of possible ranges of these parameters. For SWMM studies for hydromodification management in San Diego, subcatchment parameters shall fall within the range provided in the SWMM Manual. Some of the parameters depend on the selection of the infiltration model. For consistency across the San Diego region, SWMM users shall use the Green-Ampt infiltration model for hydromodification management studies. Table G.1-4 presents SWMM subcatchment parameters for use in hydromodification management studies in the San Diego region.

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**Table G.1-4: Subcatchment Parameters for SWMM Studies for Hydromodification Management in San Diego**

SWMM Parameter Name	Unit	Range	Use in San Diego
Name X-Coordinate Y-Coordinate Description Tag Rain Gage Outlet	N/A	N/A – project-specific	Project-specific
Area	acres (ac)	Project-specific	Project-specific
Width	feet (ft)	Project-specific	Project-specific
% Slope	percent (%)	Project-specific	Project-specific
% Imperv	percent (%)	Project-specific	Project-specific
N-imperv	--	0.011 – 0.024 presented in Table A.6 of SWMM Manual	default use 0.012 for smooth concrete, otherwise provide documentation of other surface consistent with Table A.6 of SWMM Manual
N-Perv	--	0.05 – 0.80 presented in Table A.6 of SWMM Manual	default use 0.15 for short prairie grass, otherwise provide documentation of other surface consistent with Table A.6 of SWMM Manual
Dstore-Imperv	inches	0.05 – 0.10 inches presented in Table A.5 of SWMM Manual	0.05
Dstore-Perv	inches	0.10 – 0.30 inches presented in Table A.5 of SWMM Manual	0.10
%ZeroImperv	percent (%)	0% – 100%	25%
Subarea routing	--	OUTLET IMPERVIOUS PERVIOUS	Project-specific, typically OUTLET
Percent Routed	%	0% – 100%	Project-specific, typically 100%
Infiltration	Method	HORTON GREEN_AMPT CURVE_NUMBER	GREEN_AMPT

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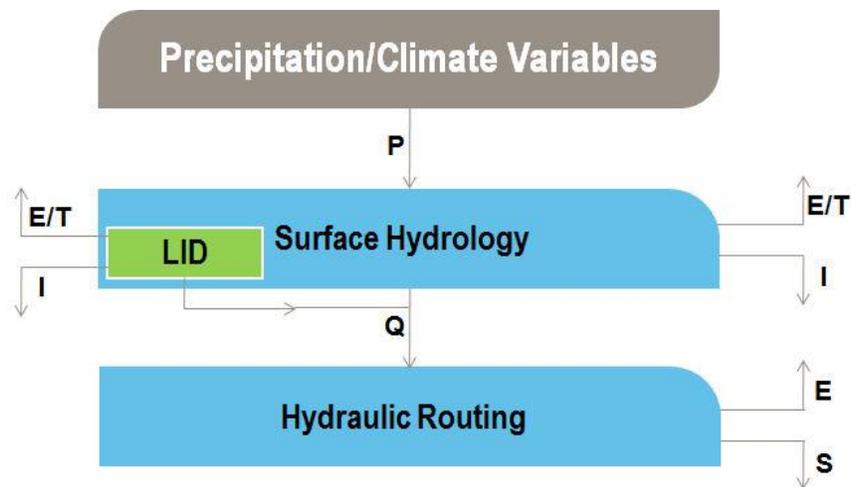
SWMM Parameter Name	Unit	Range	Use in San Diego
Suction Head (Green-Ampt)	Inches	1.93 – 12.60 presented in Table A.2 of SWMM Manual	Hydrologic Soil Group A: 1.5 Hydrologic Soil Group B: 3.0 Hydrologic Soil Group C: 6.0 Hydrologic Soil Group D: 9.0
Conductivity (Green-Ampt)	Inches per hour	0.01 – 4.74 presented in Table A.2 of SWMM Manual by soil texture class 0.00 – $\geq 0.45$ presented in Table A.3 of SWMM Manual by hydrologic soil group	Hydrologic Soil Group A: 0.3 Hydrologic Soil Group B: 0.2 Hydrologic Soil Group C: 0.1 Hydrologic Soil Group D: 0.025  Note: reduce conductivity by 25% in the post-project condition when native soils will be compacted. Conductivity may also be reduced by 25% in the pre-development condition model for redevelopment areas that are currently concrete or asphalt but must be modeled according to their underlying soil characteristics. For fill soils in post-project condition, see Section G.1.4.3.
Initial Deficit (Green-Ampt)		The difference between soil porosity and initial moisture content. Based on the values provided in Table A.2 of SWMM Manual, the range for completely dry soil would be 0.097 to 0.375	Hydrologic Soil Group A: 0.33 Hydrologic Soil Group B: 0.32 Hydrologic Soil Group C: 0.31 Hydrologic Soil Group D: 0.30  Note: in long-term continuous simulation, this value is not important as the soil will reach equilibrium after a few storm events regardless of the initial moisture content specified.
Groundwater	yes/no	yes/no	NO
LID Controls			Project Specific
Snow Pack Land Uses Initial Buildup Curb Length			Not applicable to hydromodification management studies

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A schematic of the basic SWMM setup for hydromodification management studies is shown below, with the LID module is shown as a feature within the hydrology computational block. Surface water hydrology is distinguished from groundwater, however the groundwater module is not typically used in hydromodification management studies.

The rainfall and climatology input time series data are used to generate surface runoff which in turn is hydraulically routed through the collection system and storage/treatment facilities. The figure includes the following terms in the water balance equation:

- $P$  = Precipitation
- $E/T$  = Evaporation / Transpiration
- $I/S$  = Infiltration / Seepage
- $Q$  = Runoff



Evapotranspiration was previously addressed above; the remainder of this section discusses the other hydrologic losses and parameters.

### **Soil and Infiltration Parameters**

Of the infiltration options available in SWMM, the Green-Ampt equation can best handle variable water content conditions in the shallow soil layers beneath the ground surface, which is critical for long-term continuous simulation of surface water hydrology. The Green-Ampt parameters suggested in Table G.1-4 are referenced according to hydrologic soil group. Green-Ampt parameters can also be determined by relating infiltration parameters to soil texture properties, as identified by in-situ geotechnical analysis results or published County soil survey information. Infiltration parameters include:

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- Capillary Tension (Suction Head): a measure of how tightly water is held within the soil pore space;
- Saturated Hydraulic Conductivity: a measure of how quickly the water can be drained vertically; and
- Initial Moisture Deficit: a measure of the initial soil water deficit, also known as porosity (i.e., the volumetric fraction of water within the soil pore space under initially dry conditions).

Note that when SWMM is used without the Groundwater module, there is no distinction between the upper and lower zone soil moisture storage as in HSPF/SDHM. The LID module does however distinguish several layers/zones within each facility, and these are described below.

### Overland Flow Parameters

Overland flow parameters describe the slope and length characteristics of shallow surface runoff. These are determined by identifying representative overland flow paths for each subcatchment using available digital topographic data for pre-development conditions and the proposed grading plan for post-project conditions. Overland flow path lengths and slopes are measured directly from the available information. Generally, overland flow paths should be less than 1,000 feet in length, otherwise channelized flow is likely present and should be modeled hydraulically. Overland flow path widths are determined based on the subcatchment area divided by the corresponding flow path length for each subcatchment.

Although Surface Storage is not depicted in SWMM schematic, it is a component of the water balance equation and includes excess runoff that is held in both hydrologic depression storage and hydraulic storage units.

### LID Module

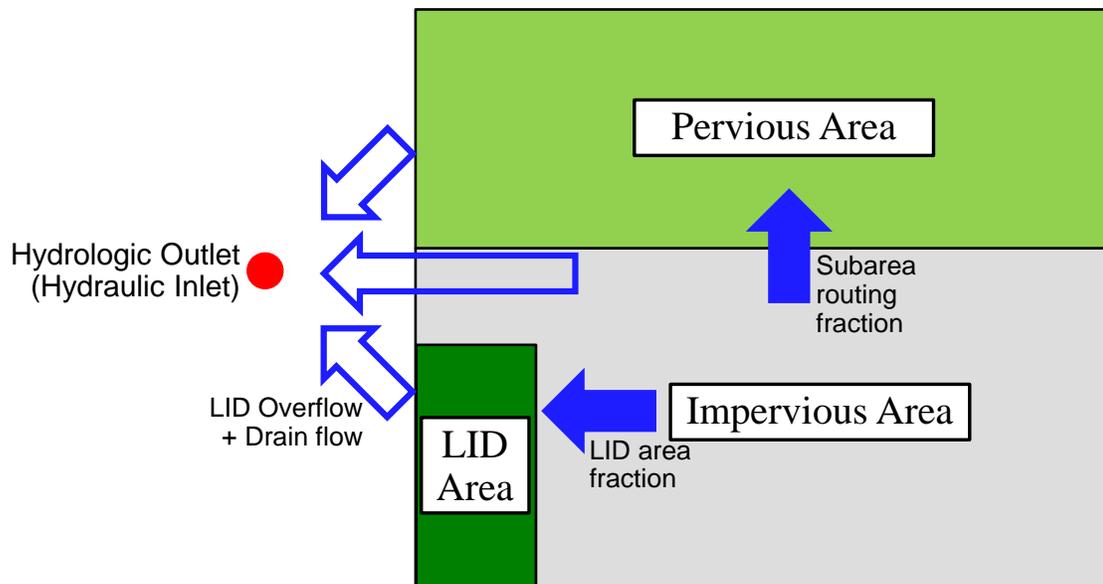
There are two approaches for representing LID facilities in SWMM:

- **Modeling Approach No. 1:** Place LID controls within the appropriate subcatchment and then adjust parameters accordingly to reflect untreated areas within the parent subcatchment; and
- **Modeling Approach No. 2:** Create a new subcatchment for each LID control, allowing “run-on” from the treated portion of the parent subcatchment.

Modeling Approach No.1 schematic is presented below. As described above, a portion of the impervious subarea from a given subcatchment can be routed onto the pervious area for infiltration (see arrow denoting subarea routing fraction). When the LID module of SWMM is used, the portion

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of the impervious area that is captured and treated by an LID facility is specified (see arrow denoting LID area fraction). The remaining impervious area, if any, is routed directly to the outlet.

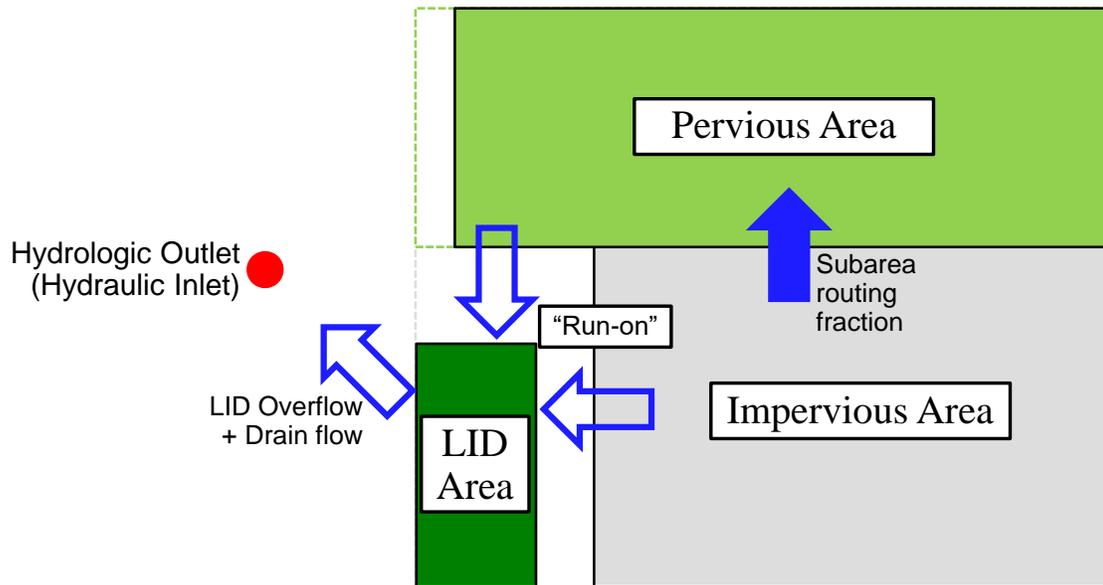


### Modeling Approach No. 1 (LID within Parent Subcatchment)

The first approach is the easiest of the two for representing LID facilities in SWMM, as it allows a mix of controls to be placed within an existing subcatchment and each facility can capture and treat a different portion of the runoff generated from the parent subcatchment (i.e., outside of the LID footprint). A drawback of this approach is that it will not appropriately represent LID facilities in series (i.e., where the outflow from one LID control becomes the inflow to another LID control). No adjustments to the parent subcatchment hydrology parameters are needed if the cumulative LID area is small in comparison to the subcatchment area. However when the cumulative LID area is significant (e.g., greater than 10% of the subcatchment), at a minimum, the imperviousness and overland flow width values will need to be adjusted to compensate for the parent subcatchment area that was replaced with the cumulative LID footprint area.

Modeling Approach No.2 schematic is presented below. In this approach the LID facility is assigned to a new subcatchment and runoff from upstream subcatchments can be directed to this new subcatchment (i.e., “run-on”). In this way, LID controls can be modeled in series. Adjustments to the imperviousness and overland flow width values in the parent subcatchment will need to be made. For typical development or redevelopment sites that are evaluated in hydromodification management studies, LID capture areas often comprise a large portion of the parent subcatchments, and therefore this is the preferred approach.

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### Modeling Approach No. 2 (LID in New Subcatchment)

More details on the use and application of LID controls are provided in the SWMM Manual and program help file. Suggested parameter values for use with hydromodification management studies in San Diego are provided in Appendix G.1.5.

#### G.1.4.3 Pervious Area Rainfall Loss Parameters in Post-Project Condition (HSPF, SDHM, and SWMM)

The following guidance applies to HSPF, SDHM, and SWMM. When modeling pervious areas in the post-project condition, fill soils shall be modeled as hydrologic soil group Type D soils, or the project applicant may provide an actual expected infiltration rate for the fill soil based on testing (must be approved by the County reviewer for use in the model). Where landscaped areas on fill soils will be re-tilled and/or amended in the post-project condition, the landscaped areas may be modeled as Type C soils. Areas to be re-tilled and/or amended in the post-project condition must be shown on the project plans. For undisturbed pervious areas (i.e., native soils, no fill), use the actual hydrologic soil group, the same as in the pre-development condition.

#### G.1.5 Modeling Structural BMPs (Ponds and LID Features)

There are many ways to model structural BMPs. There are standard modules for several pond or LID elements included in SDHM and SWMM. Users may also set up project-specific stage-storage-discharge relationships representing structural BMPs. Regardless of the modeling method, certain characteristics of the structural BMP, including infiltration of water from the bottom of the structural BMP into native soils, porosity of biofiltration soils and/or gravel sublayers, and other program-specific parameters must be consistent with those presented below, unless the preparer can provide documentation to substantiate use of other parameters, subject to County approval. The geometry of

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structural BMPs is project-specific and shall match the project plans.

### G.1.5.1 Infiltration into Native Soils Below Structural BMPs

Infiltration into native soils below structural BMPs may be modeled as a constant outflow rate equal to the project site-specific design infiltration rate (Worksheet D.5-1) multiplied by the area of the infiltrating surface (and converted to cubic feet per second). This infiltration rate is not the same as an infiltration parameter used in the calculation of rainfall losses, such as the HSPF INFILT parameter or the Green-Ampt conductivity parameter in the SWMM subcatchment module. It must be site-specific and must be determined based on the methods presented in Appendix D of this manual.

For preliminary analysis when site-specific geotechnical investigation has not been completed, project applicants proposing infiltration into native soils as part of the structural BMP design shall prepare a sensitivity analysis to determine a potential range for the structural BMP size based on a range of potential infiltration rates. As shown in Appendices B and D of this manual, many factors influence the ability to infiltrate storm water. Therefore even when soils types A and B are present, which are generally expected to infiltrate storm water, the possibility that a very low infiltration rate could be determined at design level must be considered. The range of potential infiltration rates for preliminary analysis is shown below in Table G.1-5.

**Table G.1-5: Range of Potential Infiltration Rates to be Studied for Sensitivity Analysis when Native Infiltration is Proposed but Site-Specific Geotechnical Investigation has not been Completed**

Hydrologic Soil Group at Location of Proposed Structural BMP	Low Infiltration Rate for Preliminary Study (inches/hour)	High Infiltration Rate for Preliminary Study (inches/hour)
A	0.02	2.4
B	0.02	0.52
C	0	0.08
D	0	0.02

The infiltration rates shown above are for preliminary investigation only. Final design of a structural BMP must be based on the project site-specific design infiltration rate (Worksheet D.5-1).

### G.1.5.2 Structural BMPs That Do Not Include Sub-Layers (Ponds)

To model a pond, basin, or other depressed area that does not include processing runoff through sublayers of amended soil and/or gravel, create a stage storage discharge relationship for the pond, and supply the information to the model according to the program requirements. For HSPF users, the stage-storage-discharge relationship is provided in FTABLES. SDHM users may use the TRAPEZOIDAL POND element for a trapezoidal pond or IRREGULAR POND element to request the program to create the stage-storage-discharge relationship, use the SSD TABLE element to supply a user-created stage-storage-discharge relationship, or use other available modules such as TANK or VAULT. For SWMM users, the stage-storage relationship is supplied in the storage unit module, and the stage-discharge relationship may be represented by various other modules such as the orifice, weir, or outlet modules. Stage-storage and stage-discharge curves for structural BMPs must be fully

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documented in the project-specific HMP report and must be consistent with the structural BMP(s) shown on project plans.

For user-created stage-discharge relationships, refer to local drainage manual criteria for equations representing hydraulic behavior of outlet structures. Users relying on the software to develop the stage-discharge relationship may use the equations built into the program. This manual does not recommend that all program modules calculating stage-discharge relationships must be uniform because the flows to be controlled for hydromodification management are low flows, calculated differently from the single-storm event peak flows studied for flood control purposes, and hydromodification management performance standards do not represent any performance standard for flood control drainage design. Note that for design of emergency outlet structures, and any calculations related to single-storm event routing for flood control drainage design, stage-discharge calculations must be consistent with the local drainage design requirements. This may require separate calculations for stage-discharge relationship pursuant to local manuals. The HMP flow rates shall not be used for flood control calculations.

### G.1.5.3 Structural BMPs That Include Sub-Layers (Bioretention and Other LID)

#### G.1.5.3.1 Characteristics of Biofiltration Soil Media

The biofiltration soil media used in bioretention, biofiltration with partial retention, and biofiltration structural BMPs is a sandy loam. The following parameters presented in Table G.1-6 are characteristics of a sandy loam for use in continuous simulation models.

**Table G.1-6: Characteristics of Sandy Loam to Represent Biofiltration Soil Media in Continuous Simulation for Hydromodification Management Studies in San Diego**

Soil Texture	Porosity	Field Capacity	Wilting Point	Conductivity	Suction Head
Sandy Loam	0.4	0.2	0.1	5 inches/hour	1.5 inches

- Porosity is the volume of pore space (voids) relative to the total volume of soil (as a fraction).
- Field Capacity is the volume of pore water relative to total volume after the soil has been allowed to drain fully (as a fraction). Below this level, vertical drainage of water through the soil layer does not occur.
- Wilting point is the volume of pore water relative to total volume for a well dried soil where only bound water remains (as a fraction). The moisture content of the soil cannot fall below this limit.
- Conductivity is the hydraulic conductivity for the fully saturated soil (in/hr or mm/hr).
- Suction head is the average value of soil capillary suction along the wetting front (inches or mm).

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Figures G.1-3 and G.1-4, from <http://www.stevenswater.com/articles/irrigationscheduling.aspx>, illustrate unsaturated soil and soil saturation, field capacity, and wilting point.

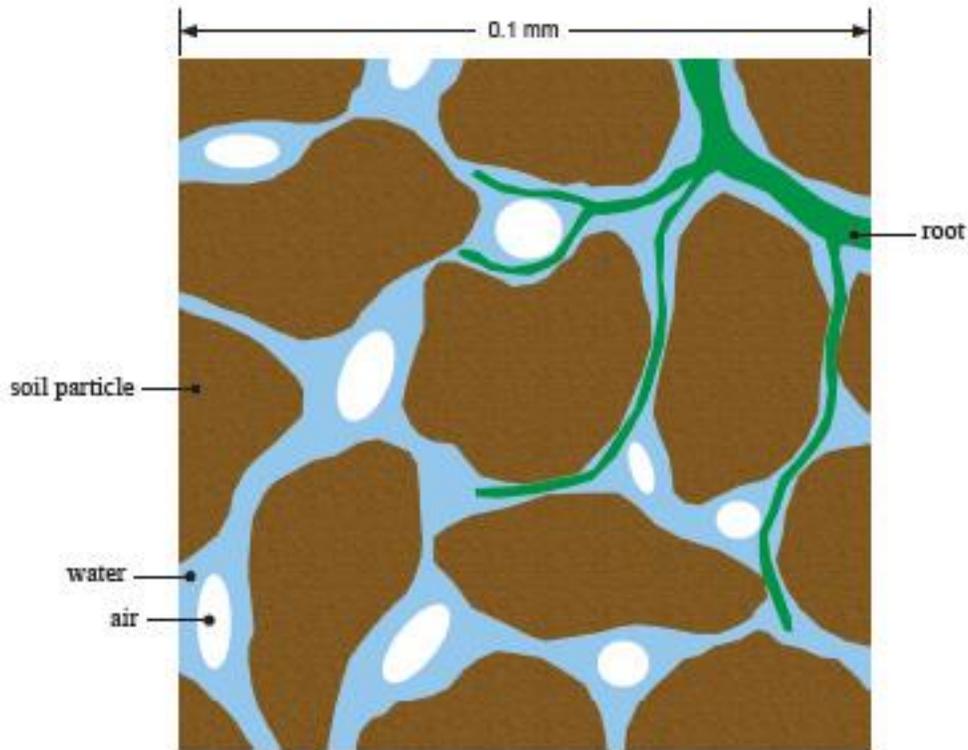


Figure G.1-3: Unsaturated Soil Composition

Unsaturated soil is composed of solid particles, organic material and pores. The pore space will contain air and water.

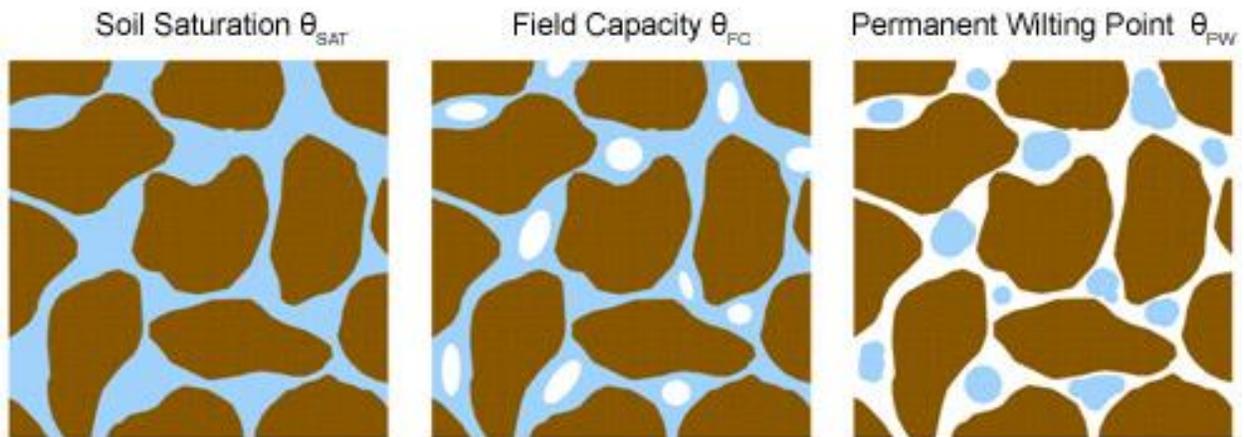


Figure G.1-4: Soil saturation, field capacity, and wilting point

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### G.1.5.3.2 Characteristics of Gravel

For the purpose of hydromodification management studies, it may be assumed that water moves freely through gravel, not limited by hydraulic properties of the gravel. For the purpose of calculating available volume, use porosity of 0.4, or void ratio of 0.67. Porosity is equal to void ratio divided by  $(1 + \text{void ratio})$ .

### G.1.5.3.3 Additional Guidance for SDHM Users

The module titled "bioretention/rain garden element" may be used to represent bioretention or biofiltration BMPs. SDHM users using the available "bioretention/rain garden element" shall customize the soil media characteristics to use the parameters from Table G.1-6 above, and select "gravel" for gravel sublayers. All other input variables are project-specific. "Native infiltration" refers to infiltration from the bottom of the structural BMP into the native soil. This variable is project-specific, see Section G.1.5.1.

### G.1.5.3.4 Additional Guidance for SWMM Users

The latest version of SWMM (version 5.1.012) includes the following eight types of LID controls:

- Bio-Retention Cell: surface storage facility with vegetation in a biofiltration soil mixture placed above a gravel drainage bed.
- Rain Garden: same setup as bio-retention cell, but without an underlying gravel bed.
- Green Roof: bio-retention cell with shallow surface storage and soil layers, underlain by a drainage mat that conveys excess percolated rainfall to the regular roof drainage system.
- Infiltration Trench: drainage swale or narrow storage basin filled with gravel or other porous media designed to capture and infiltrate runoff to the native soil below.
- Permeable Pavement: continuous pavement systems with porous concrete, asphalt mix, or paver blocks above a sand or gravel drainage bed with gravel storage layer below.
- Rain Barrel: container (cistern) to collect roof runoff for later use (e.g., landscape irrigation) or release.
- Rooftop Disconnection: to simulate redirection of downspout discharge onto pervious landscaped areas and lawns instead of directly into storm drains.
- Vegetative Swale: grassed conveyance channel (drainage ditch or swale) with vegetation designed to slow down runoff to allow more time for infiltration into the native soil below.

The "bio-retention cell" LID control may be used to represent bioretention or biofiltration BMPs. For bio-retention cells, a number of LID process layers have been defined in SWMM and these are described below. Table G.1-7 provides parameters required for the standard "bio-retention cell" available in SWMM. The parameters are entered in the LID Control Editor.

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**Table G.1-7: Parameters for SWMM "Bio-Retention Cell" Module for Hydromodification  
Management Studies in San Diego**

SWMM Parameter Name	Unit	Use in San Diego
<b><i>Surface</i></b>		
Berm Height also known as Storage Depth	inches	Project-specific
Vegetative Volume Fraction also known as Vegetative Cover Fraction	---	0
Surface Roughness	---	0 (this parameter is not applicable to bio-retention cell)
Surface Slope	---	0 (this parameter is not applicable to bio-retention cell)
<b><i>Soil</i></b>		
Thickness	inches	project-specific
Porosity	---	0.40
Field Capacity	---	0.2
Wilting Point	---	0.1
Conductivity	Inches/hour	5
Conductivity Slope	---	5
Suction Head	inches	1.5
<b><i>Storage</i></b>		
Thickness also known as Height	inches	Project-specific
Void Ratio	---	0.67
Seepage Rate also known as Conductivity	Inches/hour	Conductivity from the storage layer refers to infiltration from the bottom of the structural BMP into the native soil. This variable is project-specific, see Section G.5.1. Use 0 if the bio-retention cell includes an impermeable liner
Clogging Factor	---	0
<b><i>Underdrain</i></b>		
Flow Coefficient Also known as Drain Coefficient	---	Project-specific
Flow Exponent Also known as Drain Exponent	---	Project-specific, typically 0.5
Offset Height Also known as Drain Offset Height	Inches	Project-specific

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### Surface Layer

This process layer receives direct rainfall (and run-on from upstream subcatchments) and the resultant storm water is available for ponding, infiltration, evapotranspiration, or overflow to the outlet. The following parameters are used:

- **Berm Height:** This value is the maximum depth that water can pond above the ground surface before overflow occurs. In some cases, this volume may overlap with the hydraulic representation of existing surface storage or another proposed BMP facility. In any case, the user must avoid double-counting the physical storage volume.
- **Vegetation Volume Fraction:** This represents the surface storage volume that is occupied by the stems and leaves of vegetation within the bio-retention cell.

### Soil Layer

This process layer is typically composed of an amended soil or compost mix. Water that infiltrates into this component is stored in the soil void space and is available for evapotranspiration via plant roots or can percolate into the storage layer below. The following parameters are used:

- **Thickness:** This parameter represents the depth of the amended soil layer.
- **Porosity:** Ratio of pore space volume to soil volume.
- **Field Capacity:** Pore water volume ratio after the soil has been drained.
- **Wilting Point:** Pore water volume ratio after the soil has been dried.
- **Conductivity:** This represents the saturated hydraulic conductivity.
- **Conductivity Slope:** Rate at which conductivity decreases with decreasing soil moisture content.
- **Suction Head:** This represents the capillary tension of water in the soil.

Porosity, conductivity and suction head values as a function of soil texture were included in Table G.1-5. The flow of water through partially saturated soil is less than under fully saturated conditions. The SWMM program accounts for this reduced hydraulic conductivity to predict the rate at which infiltrated water moves through a layer of unsaturated soil when modeling groundwater or LID controls. The conductivity slope is a dimensionless curve-fitting parameter that relates the partially saturated hydraulic conductivity to the soil moisture content.

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### Storage Layer

This process layer is typically composed of porous granular media such as crushed stone or gravel. Water that percolates into this component is stored in the void space and is available for infiltration into the native soil, or collected by an underdrain and discharged to the outlet. The following parameters are used:

- Thickness: This parameter represents the depth of the stone base.
- Void Ratio: Volume of void space relative to volume of solids. Note, by definition, Porosity = Void Ratio ÷ (1 + Void Ratio).
- Seepage Rate: Filtration rate from the granular media into the native soil below. A value of zero should be used if the facility has an impermeable bottom (e.g., concrete) or is underlain by an impermeable liner.
- Clogging Factor: This value is determined by the total volume of treated runoff to completely clog the bottom of the layer divided by the void volume of the layer.

### Drain Layer

This process layer is used to characterize the discharge rate of an underdrain system to the outlet. The following parameters are used:

Flow Coefficient: This value (coupled with the flow exponent described below) characterizes the rate of discharge to the outlet as a function of the height of water stored in the bio-retention cell. The coefficient can be determined by the following equation:

$$C = c_g \left( \frac{605}{A_{LID}} \right) \left( \frac{\pi D^2}{8} \right) \sqrt{\frac{g}{6}}$$

where,

$c_g$  is the orifice discharge coefficient, typically 0.60-0.65 for thin walled plates and higher for thicker walls;

$A_{LID}$  is the cumulative footprint area (ft<sup>2</sup>) of all LID controls;

$D$  is the underdrain orifice diameter (in); and

$g$  is the gravitational constant (32.2 ft/s<sup>2</sup>).

Flow Exponent: A value of 0.5 should be used to represent flow through an orifice.

Offset Height: This represents the height of the underdrain above the bottom of the storage layer in the bio-retention cell.

## **G.1.6 Flow Frequency and Duration**

The continuous simulation model will generate a flow record corresponding to the frequency of the rainfall data input as its output. This flow record must then be processed to determine pre-development and post-project flow rates and durations. Compliance with hydromodification management requirements of this manual is achieved when results for flow duration meet the performance standards. The performance standard is as follows (also presented in Chapter 6 of this manual):

1. For flow rates ranging from 10 percent, 30 percent or 50 percent of the pre-development 2-year runoff event ( $0.1Q_2$ ,  $0.3Q_2$ , or  $0.5Q_2$ ) to the pre-development 10-year runoff event ( $Q_{10}$ ), the post-project discharge rates and durations must not exceed the pre-development rates and durations by more than 10 percent. The specific lower flow threshold will depend on the erosion susceptibility of the receiving stream for the project site (see Section 6.3.4).

To demonstrate that a flow control facility meets the hydromodification management performance standard, first pre-development  $Q_2$  and  $Q_{10}$  must be identified, then a flow duration summary must be generated and compared for pre-development and post-project conditions between the appropriate fraction of  $Q_2$  to  $Q_{10}$ . The range from a fraction of  $Q_2$  to  $Q_{10}$  represents the range of geomorphically significant flows for hydromodification management in San Diego. The upper bound of the range of flows to control is pre-development  $Q_{10}$  for all projects. The lower bound of the range of flows to control, or "lower flow threshold" is a fraction of pre-development  $Q_2$  that is based on the erosion susceptibility of the stream and depends on the specific natural system (stream) that a project will discharge to. Tools have been developed in the March 2011 Final HMP for assessing the erosion susceptibility of the stream (see Section 6.3.4). Simply multiply the pre-development  $Q_2$  by the appropriate fraction (e.g.,  $0.1Q_2$ ) to determine the lower flow threshold.

The following guidelines shall be used for determining flow rates and durations.

### **G.1.6.1 Determining Flow Rates**

In the context of hydromodification management in San Diego,  $Q_2$  and  $Q_{10}$  refer to flow rates determined based on either continuous simulation hydrologic modeling or an approved regression equation. Either method may be applied, provided that the same methodology is applied to determination of both  $Q_2$  and  $Q_{10}$  (i.e. cannot mix and match methods at a POC) and be consistent across all POCs for the project (i.e. cannot mix and match methods between multiple POCs).

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### G.1.6.1.1 Determining Flow Rates from Regression Equation

The following approved regression equation may be used to determine pre-development  $Q_2$  and  $Q_{10}$ :

$$Q_2 = 3.60 \times A^{0.672} \times P^{0.753}$$

$$Q_{10} = 6.56 \times A^{0.783} \times P^{1.07}$$

where:

$Q_2$  = 2-year recurrence interval discharge in cubic feet per second  
 $Q_{10}$  = 10-year recurrence interval discharge in cubic feet per second  
 $A$  = Drainage area in square miles  
 $P$  = Mean annual precipitation in inches (Refer to Table 6-1)

When determining  $Q_2$  and  $Q_{10}$  the same methodology must be applied to determination of both flow rates (i.e. cannot mix and match methods at a POC), and be consistent across all POCs for the project (i.e. cannot mix and match methods between multiple POCs).

**Table G.1-8. Mean Annual Precipitation**

Gage	Latitude	Longitude	Mean Annual Precipitation (inches)
Oceanside	33.2105556	-117.353333	12.29
Encinitas	33.044567	-117.277213	10.73
Kearney Mesa	32.835118	-117.128456	11.43
Fashion Valley	32.7652778	-117.1758333	10.75
Bonita	32.6561111	-117.0341667	10.88
Poway	32.9522222	-117.0472222	13.08
Fallbrook AP	33.354669	-117.251279	16.18
Lake Wohlford	33.166423	-117.004955	16.63
Ramona	33.0480556	-116.8608333	16.57
Lake Henshaw	33.2386111	-116.7616667	21.58
Borrego	33.2211111	-116.3369444	4.00
Lindbergh	32.7337	-117.1767	10.75
Escondido	33.1197222	-117.095	14.67
Flinn Springs	32.847104	-116.857801	15.55
Lake Cuyamaca	32.9894	-116.5867	31.30
Lower Otay	32.6111	-116.9319	11.90
San Onofre	33.3513889	-117.5319444	11.13
San Vicente	32.912082	-116.926513	16.47
Santee	32.839016	-117.024857	13.15

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### G.1.6.1.2 Determining Flow Rates from Continuous Hourly Flow Output

Flow rates for hydromodification management studies in San Diego must be based on partial duration series analysis of the continuous hourly flow output. Partial duration series frequency calculations consider multiple storm events in a given year. To construct the partial duration series:

1. Parse the continuous hourly flow data into discrete runoff events. The following separation criteria may be used for separation of flow events: a new discrete event is designated when the flow falls below an artificially low flow value based on a fraction of the contributing watershed area (e.g., 0.002 to 0.005 cfs/acre) for a time period of 24 hours. Project applicants may consider other separation criteria provided the separation interval is not more than 24 hours and the criteria is clearly described in the submittal document.
2. Rank the peak flows from each discrete flow event, and compute the return interval or plotting position for each event.

Readers who are unfamiliar with how to compute the partial-duration series should consult reference books or online resources for additional information. For example, *Hydrology for Engineers*, by Linsley et al, 1982, discusses partial-duration series on pages 373-374 and computing recurrence intervals or plotting positions on page 359. *Handbook of Applied Hydrology*, by Chow, 1964, contains a detailed discussion of flow frequency analysis, including Annual Exceedance, Partial-Duration and Extreme Value series methods, in Chapter 8. The US Geological Survey (USGS) has several hydrologic study reports available online that use partial duration series statistics (see <http://water.usgs.gov/> and [http://water.usgs.gov/osw/bulletin17b/AGU\\_Langbein\\_1949.pdf](http://water.usgs.gov/osw/bulletin17b/AGU_Langbein_1949.pdf)).

Pre-development  $Q_2$  and  $Q_{10}$  shall be determined from the partial duration analysis for the pre-development hourly flow record. Pre-development  $Q_{10}$  is the upper threshold of flow rates to be controlled in the post-project condition. The lower flow threshold is a fraction of the pre-development  $Q_2$  determined based on the erosion susceptibility of the receiving stream. Simply multiply the pre-development  $Q_2$  by the appropriate fraction (e.g.,  $0.1Q_2$ ) to determine the lower flow threshold.

### G.1.6.2 Determining Flow Durations from Continuous Hourly Flow Output

Flow durations must also be summarized within the range of flows to control. Flow duration statistics provide a simple summary of how often a particular flow rate is exceeded. To prepare this summary:

1. Rank the entire hourly runoff time series output.
2. Extract the portion of the ranked hourly time series output from the lower flow threshold to the upper flow threshold – this is the portion of the record to be summarized.
3. Divide the applicable portion of the record into 100 equal flow bins (compute the difference between the upper flow threshold (cfs) and lower flow threshold (cfs) and divide this value by 99 to establish the flow bin size).

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4. Count the number of hours of flow that fall into each flow bin.

Both pre-development and post-project flow duration summary must be based on the entire length of the flow record. Compare the post-project flow duration summary to the pre-development flow duration summary to determine if it meets performance criteria for post-project flow rates and durations (criteria presented under Section G.1.6).

## **G.2 Sizing Factors for Hydromodification Management BMPs**

This section presents sizing factors for design of flow control structural BMPs based on the sizing factor method identified in Chapter 6.3.5.1. The sizing factors included here have been updated based on the requirements in the 2015 MS4 permit and are different than the sizing factors presented in previous manuals. These updated values replace the previous sizing factors which shall no longer be used for sizing of hydromodification flow control BMPs. A discussion of the rationale for the update is included below.

The sizing factors included in previous edition was re-printed from the "San Diego BMP Sizing Calculator Methodology," dated January 2012, prepared by Brown and Caldwell (herein "BMP Sizing Calculator Methodology"). These sizing factors were linked to the specific details and descriptions that were presented in the BMP Sizing Calculator Methodology, which included certain assumptions and limited options for modifications. The sizing factors were developed based on the 2007 MS4 Permit. Some of the original sizing factors developed based on the 2007 MS4 Permit and presented in the BMP Sizing Calculator Methodology were not compatible with new requirements of the 2015 MS4 Permit, and therefore were not included in the February 2016 manual. Since publishing the 2016 Model Manual, the Copermittees have developed updated hydromodification factors that more accurately represent the BMP configurations specified in this model manual and account for the revised flow-duration performance standard of the 2015 MS4 Permit (110% exceedance allowance for entire flow-duration curve).

The updated sizing factors were generated using continuous simulation models in USEPA SWMM in accordance with the procedures, methodologies, and values presented in Appendix G.1. All sizing factors are in relation to the effective impervious area draining to the BMP.

The sizing factor method is intended for simple studies that do not include diversion, do not include significant offsite area draining through the project from upstream, and do not include offsite area downstream of the project area. Use of the sizing factors is limited to the specific structural BMPs described in this Appendix. When using the sizing factor methodology, the area fraction reported in the sizing tables represents the plan view area at the surface of the BMP before any ponding occurs. The BMP footprint as defined by this methodology is depicted in Figure G.2-1.

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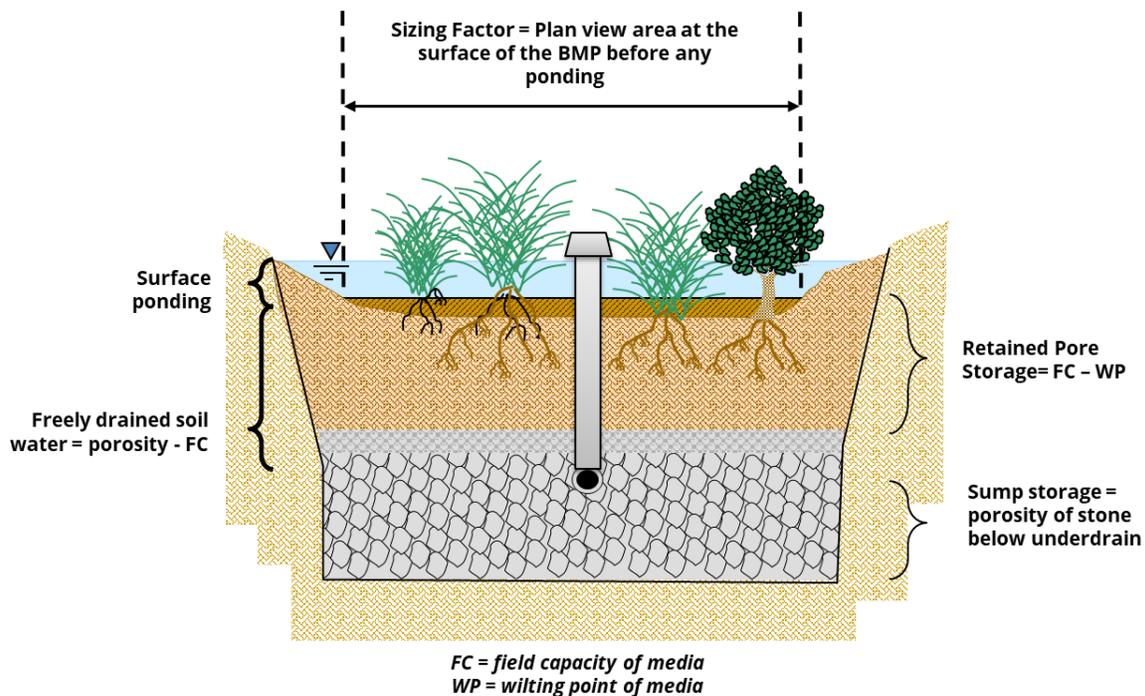


Figure G.2-1: Representation of BMP Footprint for use of Sizing Factors

Sizing factors are available for the following specific structural BMPs:

- **Full infiltration condition:**
  - **Infiltration:** Sizing factors available for A, B, C, and D soils represent surface and/or below-ground structures (infiltration vaults).
- **Partial infiltration condition:**
  - **Biofiltration with partial retention:** Sizing factors available for A, B, C, and D soils represent a bioretention area with biofiltration soil media and gravel storage layer, with an underdrain, with gravel storage below the underdrain and a flow control orifice, with no impermeable liner.
- **No infiltration condition:**
  - **Biofiltration:** Sizing factors available for A, B, C, and D soils represent a biofiltration system with biofiltration soil media and gravel storage layer, with an underdrain and flow control orifice, with gravel storage, with an impermeable liner (formerly known as flow-through planter and/or biofiltration with impermeable liner)

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- **Other:**
  - **Cistern:** Sizing factors available for A, B, C, or D soils represent a vessel with a flow control orifice outlet to meet the hydromodification management performance standard. For this BMP, the sizing factor result is a volume in cubic feet, not a surface footprint in square feet.

Sizing factors were created based on three rainfall basins: Lindbergh Field, Oceanside, and Lake Wohlford.

### *The following information is needed to use the sizing factors:*

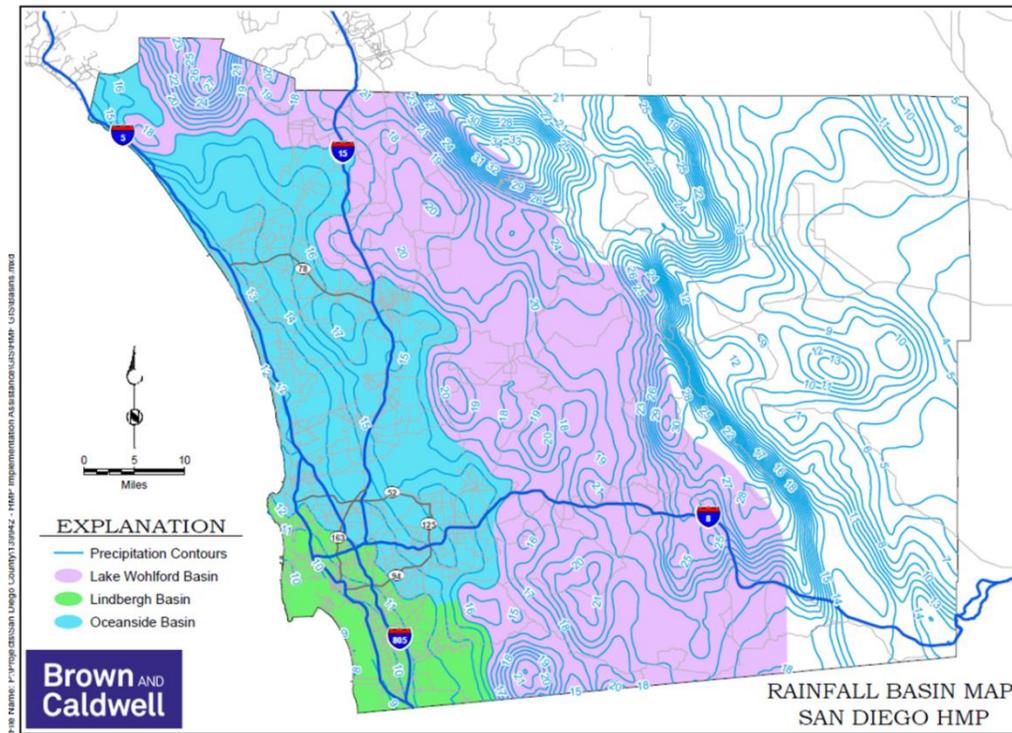
- Determine the appropriate rainfall basin for the project site from Figure G.2-2, Rainfall Basin Map
- Hydrologic soil group at the project site (use available information pertaining to existing underlying soil type such as soil maps published by the Natural Resources Conservation Service)
- Pre-development and pre-project slope categories (flat = 0% – 5%, moderate = 5% – 10%, steep = >10%)
- Area tributary to the structural BMP
- Area weighted runoff factor (C) for the area draining to the BMP from Table G.2-1. Note: runoff coefficients and adjustments presented in Appendices B.1 and B.2 are for pollutant control only and are not applicable for hydromodification management studies
- Fraction of  $Q_2$  to control (see Chapter 6.3.4)<sup>5</sup>

When using the sizing factor method, Worksheet G.2-1 may be used to present the calculations of the required minimum areas and/or volumes of BMPs as applicable. Additionally, the “BMP Sizing Spreadsheet V3.0” available at [projectcleanwater.org](http://projectcleanwater.org) implements the sizing factor methodology.

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<sup>5</sup> All updated sizing factors refer to the “High Susceptibility” threshold value of  $0.1 \cdot Q_2$ , where  $Q_2$  is determined using the Weibull Plotting position and results of the SWMM model runs for unit pervious catchments (refer to Table G.2-2).

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**Figure G.2-2: Rainfall Basin Map**

**Table G.2-1: Runoff factors for surfaces draining to BMPs for Hydromodification Sizing Factors Method**

Surface	Runoff Factor
Roofs	1.0
Concrete	1.0
Pervious Concrete	0.10
Porous Asphalt	0.10
Grouted Unit Pavers	1.0
Solid Unit Pavers on granular base, min. 3/16 inch joint space	0.20
Crushed Aggregate	0.10
Turf block	0.10
Amended, mulched soils	0.10
Landscape	0.10

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**Worksheet G.2-1: Sizing Factor Worksheet**

Site Information			
Project Name:		Hydrologic Unit	
Project Applicant:		Rain Gauge:	
Jurisdiction:	County of San Diego	Total Project Area:	
Assessor's Parcel Number:		Low Flow Threshold:	0.1Q <sub>2</sub>
BMP Name:		BMP Type:	

Areas Draining to BMP						Sizing Factors		Minimum BMP Size	
DMA Name	Area (sf)	Soil Type	Pre-Project Slope	Post-Project Surface Type	Runoff Factor (From Table G.2-1)	Surface Area	Volume	Surface Area (sf)	Volume (cf)
<b>Total DMA Area</b>								<b>Minimum BMP Size*</b>	
								<b>Proposed BMP Size*</b>	

\*Minimum BMP Size = Total of rows above.

\*Proposed BMP Size ≥ Minimum BMP size.

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## G.2.1 Unit Runoff Ratios and Low Flow Control Orifice Design

### G.2.1.1 Unit Runoff Ratios

Table G.2-2 presents unit runoff ratios for calculating pre-development  $Q_2$ , to be used when applicable to determine the lower flow threshold for low flow control orifice sizing for biofiltration with partial retention, biofiltration, or cistern BMPs. There is no low flow control orifice in the infiltration BMP. The unit runoff ratios are updated from the previously reported BMP Sizing Calculator methodology ratios to account for changes in modeling methodologies. Unit runoff ratios for "urban" and "impervious" cover categories were not transferred to this manual due to the requirement to control runoff to pre-development condition (see Chapter 6.3.3).

***How to use the unit runoff ratios:***

Obtain unit runoff ratio from Table G.2-2 based on the project's rainfall basin, hydrologic soil group, and pre-development slope (for redevelopment projects, pre-development slope may be considered if historic topographic information is available, otherwise use pre-project slope). Multiply the area tributary to the structural BMP (A, acres) by the unit runoff ratio ( $Q_2$ , cfs/acre) to determine the pre-development  $Q_2$  to determine the lower flow threshold, to use for low flow control orifice sizing.

**Table G.2-2: Unit Runoff Ratios for Sizing Factor Method**

Rain Gauge	Soil	Pre-Project Slope	$Q_2$ (cfs/acre)	$Q_{10}$ (cfs/acre)
Lake Wohlford	A	Flat	0.256	0.518
Lake Wohlford	A	Moderate	0.275	0.528
Lake Wohlford	A	Steep	0.283	0.531
Lake Wohlford	B	Flat	0.371	0.624
Lake Wohlford	B	Moderate	0.389	0.631
Lake Wohlford	B	Steep	0.393	0.633
Lake Wohlford	C	Flat	0.490	0.729
Lake Wohlford	C	Moderate	0.495	0.733
Lake Wohlford	C	Steep	0.496	0.735
Lake Wohlford	D	Flat	0.548	0.784
Lake Wohlford	D	Moderate	0.554	0.788
Lake Wohlford	D	Steep	0.556	0.788
Oceanside	A	Flat	0.256	0.679
Oceanside	A	Moderate	0.277	0.694

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Rain Gauge	Soil	Pre-Project Slope	Q <sub>2</sub> (cfs/acre)	Q <sub>10</sub> (cfs/acre)
Oceanside	A	Steep	0.285	0.700
Oceanside	B	Flat	0.377	0.875
Oceanside	B	Moderate	0.391	0.879
Oceanside	B	Steep	0.395	0.881
Oceanside	C	Flat	0.488	0.981
Oceanside	C	Moderate	0.497	0.985
Oceanside	C	Steep	0.499	0.986
Oceanside	D	Flat	0.571	0.998
Oceanside	D	Moderate	0.575	0.999
Oceanside	D	Steep	0.576	0.999
Lindbergh	A	Flat	0.057	0.384
Lindbergh	A	Moderate	0.073	0.399
Lindbergh	A	Steep	0.082	0.403
Lindbergh	B	Flat	0.199	0.496
Lindbergh	B	Moderate	0.220	0.509
Lindbergh	B	Steep	0.230	0.513
Lindbergh	C	Flat	0.335	0.601
Lindbergh	C	Moderate	0.349	0.610
Lindbergh	C	Steep	0.354	0.613
Lindbergh	D	Flat	0.429	0.751
Lindbergh	D	Moderate	0.437	0.753
Lindbergh	D	Steep	0.439	0.753

### G.2.1.2 Low Flow Control Orifice Design

When used as hydromodification flow control BMPs, biofiltration with partial retention, biofiltration, and cistern BMPs include a low flow control orifice to control the rate that flow is released from the underdrain or primary outlet. The sizing factors were developed using a standard process for sizing the low flow control orifice, therefore BMPs designed using the sizing factor method must size the low flow control orifice using the same basis. The low flow control orifice must be designed to release the lower flow threshold flow rate (fraction of pre-development Q<sub>2</sub>) when the water surface elevation in the BMP is equal to the crest elevation of the next outflow structure. To size the low flow control

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orifice, determine the head on the orifice measured from the bottom of the orifice to the minimum elevation of the next outflow structure of the BMP. The next outflow structure is typically the BMP overflow structure, except in some multi-use BMPs (e.g., BMPs that are designed for flood control in addition to hydromodification management). In this application, the difference between the bottom of the orifice and the centroid of the orifice is small relative to the total head for the calculation and may be neglected in the calculation by measuring from the orifice invert. This calculation is automated in the “BMP Sizing Spreadsheet V3.0” posted on [www.projectcleanwater.org](http://www.projectcleanwater.org).

### *Steps to size the low flow control orifice:*

- Determine pre-development  $Q_2$  using the unit runoff ratios above.
- Multiply pre-development  $Q_2$  by 0.1 to determine the low flow threshold flow rate. Note sizing factors are only available for streams with high susceptibility to erosion where the low flow threshold is  $0.1Q_2$ .
- Determine the head (H) on the orifice measured from the bottom of the orifice to the minimum elevation of the next outflow structure of the BMP.
- Use the orifice equation (below) and solve for the maximum orifice area to release the lower flow threshold flow rate.
- Consider how the orifice will be created. Determine the constructible dimension(s) (e.g., a standard drill bit diameter) that will produce an orifice with an area equal to or less than the maximum orifice area. The final orifice area determined based on constructible dimensions shall not exceed the maximum orifice area.

$$Q = C \times A \times (64.4 \times H)^{0.5}$$

where:

- Q = Flow rate in cubic feet per second
- C = Orifice coefficient; in this application use  $C = 0.65$
- A = Area in square feet
- H = Head in feet

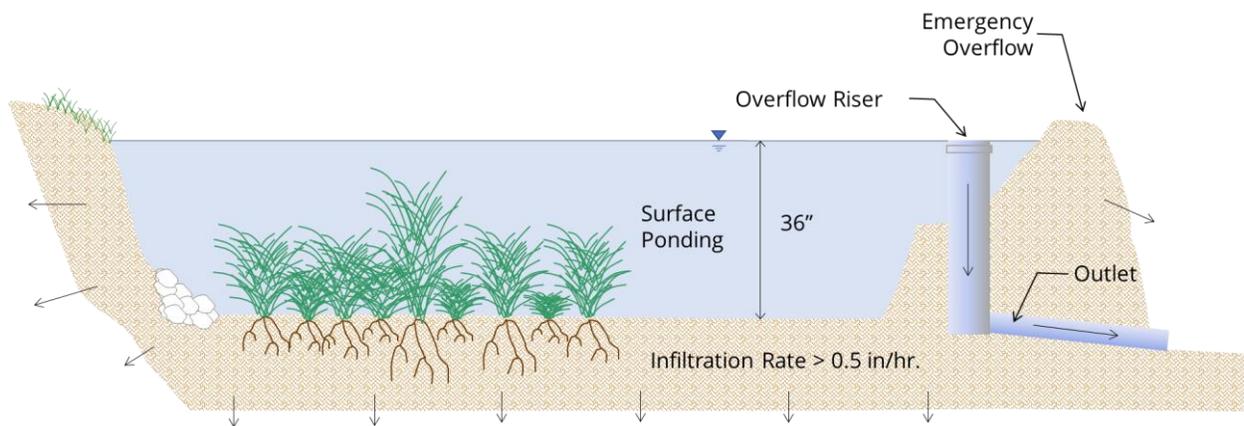
### **G.2.2 Sizing Factors for "Infiltration" BMP**

Table G.2-3 presents sizing factors for calculating the required surface area (A) for an infiltration BMP. There is no underdrain and therefore no low flow orifice in the infiltration BMP. Sizing factors were developed for hydrologic soil groups A, B, C, and D. This BMP is generally not applicable in

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hydrologic soil groups C and D, but applicants have the option if there are no geotechnical or water balance issues and the underlying design infiltration rate for the BMP is greater than 0.5 inches per hour. The infiltration BMP is surface ponding feature that allows infiltration into the native or amended soils of the BMP surface.

- **Ponding layer:** a nominal 36-inch ponding layer shall be included below the overflow elevation.
- **Design infiltration rate:** the design infiltration rate shall be greater than 0.5 inches per hour.
- **Overflow structure:** San Diego Regional Standard Drawing Type I Catch Basin (D-29). For the purposes of hydromodification flow control other type of overflow structures are allowed.



**Infiltration BMP Example Illustration**

### ***How to use the sizing factors for flow control BMP Sizing:***

Obtain sizing factors from Table G.2-3 based on the project's lower flow threshold fraction of  $Q_2$ , hydrologic soil group, pre-project slope, and rain gauge (rainfall basin). Multiply the area tributary to the structural BMP (A, square feet) by the area weighted runoff factor (C, unitless) (see Table G.2-1) by the sizing factors to determine the required surface area (A, square feet) for the infiltration BMP. The civil engineer shall provide the necessary surface area of the BMP on the plans.

### ***Additional steps to use this BMP as a combined pollutant control and flow control BMP:***

The BMP sized using the sizing factors in Table G.2-3 meets both pollutant control and flow control requirements.

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**Table G.2-3: Sizing Factors for Hydromodification Flow Control Infiltration BMPs  
Designed Using Sizing Factor Method**

Lower Flow Threshold	Soil Group	Pre-Project Slope	Rain Gauge	A
0.1Q <sub>2</sub>	A	Flat	Lindbergh	0.055
0.1Q <sub>2</sub>	A	Moderate	Lindbergh	0.055
0.1Q <sub>2</sub>	A	Steep	Lindbergh	0.055
0.1Q <sub>2</sub>	B	Flat	Lindbergh	0.045
0.1Q <sub>2</sub>	B	Moderate	Lindbergh	0.045
0.1Q <sub>2</sub>	B	Steep	Lindbergh	0.045
0.1Q <sub>2</sub>	C	Flat	Lindbergh	0.035
0.1Q <sub>2</sub>	C	Moderate	Lindbergh	0.035
0.1Q <sub>2</sub>	C	Steep	Lindbergh	0.035
0.1Q <sub>2</sub>	D	Flat	Lindbergh	0.030
0.1Q <sub>2</sub>	D	Moderate	Lindbergh	0.030
0.1Q <sub>2</sub>	D	Steep	Lindbergh	0.030
0.1Q <sub>2</sub>	A	Flat	Oceanside	0.060
0.1Q <sub>2</sub>	A	Moderate	Oceanside	0.060
0.1Q <sub>2</sub>	A	Steep	Oceanside	0.060
0.1Q <sub>2</sub>	B	Flat	Oceanside	0.050
0.1Q <sub>2</sub>	B	Moderate	Oceanside	0.050
0.1Q <sub>2</sub>	B	Steep	Oceanside	0.050
0.1Q <sub>2</sub>	C	Flat	Oceanside	0.050
0.1Q <sub>2</sub>	C	Moderate	Oceanside	0.050
0.1Q <sub>2</sub>	C	Steep	Oceanside	0.045
0.1Q <sub>2</sub>	D	Flat	Oceanside	0.035
0.1Q <sub>2</sub>	D	Moderate	Oceanside	0.035
0.1Q <sub>2</sub>	D	Steep	Oceanside	0.035
0.1Q <sub>2</sub>	A	Flat	L Wohlford	0.085
0.1Q <sub>2</sub>	A	Moderate	L Wohlford	0.085
0.1Q <sub>2</sub>	A	Steep	L Wohlford	0.085
0.1Q <sub>2</sub>	B	Flat	L Wohlford	0.070
0.1Q <sub>2</sub>	B	Moderate	L Wohlford	0.070
0.1Q <sub>2</sub>	B	Steep	L Wohlford	0.070
0.1Q <sub>2</sub>	C	Flat	L Wohlford	0.055
0.1Q <sub>2</sub>	C	Moderate	L Wohlford	0.055
0.1Q <sub>2</sub>	C	Steep	L Wohlford	0.055
0.1Q <sub>2</sub>	D	Flat	L Wohlford	0.040
0.1Q <sub>2</sub>	D	Moderate	L Wohlford	0.040
0.1Q <sub>2</sub>	D	Steep	L Wohlford	0.040

Q<sub>2</sub> = 2-year pre-project flow rate based upon partial duration analysis of long-term hourly rainfall records

A = Surface area (at surface of the BMP before any ponding occurs) sizing factor for flow control

### G.2.3 Sizing Factors for Biofiltration with Partial Retention

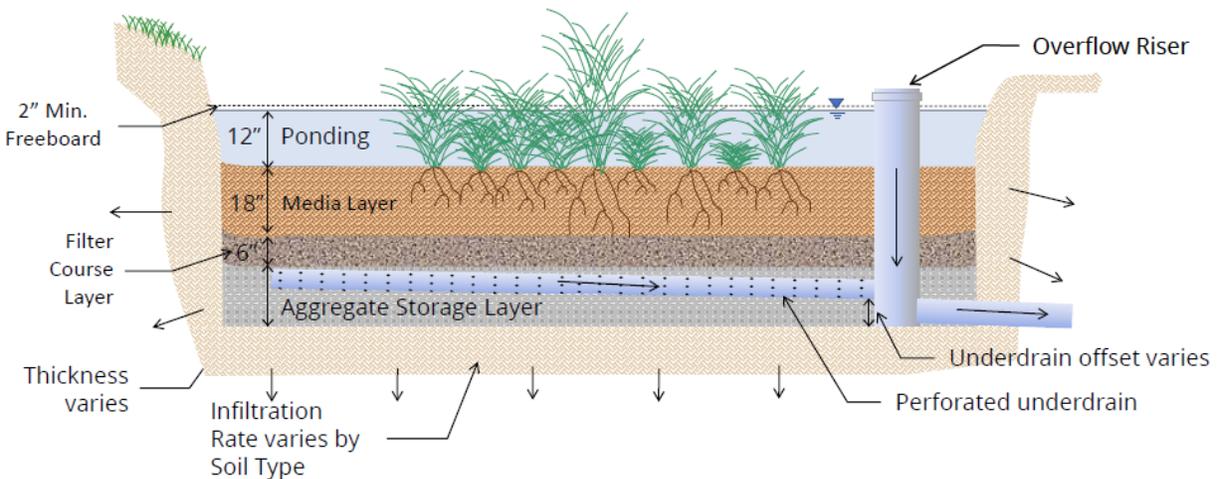
Table G.2-4 presents sizing factors for calculating the required surface area (A) for a biofiltration with partial retention BMP. The BMPs consist of four layers:

- **Ponding layer:** 12-inches active storage, [minimum] 2-inches of freeboard above overflow relief

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- **Growing medium Media Layer:** 18-inches of soil [biofiltration soil media]
- **Filter Course:** 6-inches
- **Storage layer:** 18-inches of gravel at 40 percent porosity for A and B soils and 12-inches of gravel at 40 percent porosity for C and D soils. The underdrain offset for A and B soils shall be 18-inches, for C soils it shall be 6-inches and for D soils it shall be 3-inches.
- **Overflow structure:** San Diego Regional Standard Drawing Type I Catch Basin (D-29). For the purposes of hydromodification flow control other type of overflow structures are allowed.

This BMP does not include an impermeable layer at the bottom of the facility to prevent infiltration into underlying soils, regardless of hydrologic soil group. If a facility is to be lined, the designer must use the sizing factors for biofiltration (Refer to Appendix G.2.4).



### Biofiltration with Partial Retention BMP Example Illustration

#### *How to use the sizing factors for flow control BMP Sizing:*

Obtain sizing factors from Table G.2-4 based on the project's lower flow threshold fraction of  $Q_2$ , hydrologic soil group, pre-project slope, and rain gauge (rainfall basin). Multiply the area tributary to the structural BMP (A, square feet) by the area weighted runoff factor (C, unitless) (see Table G.2-1) by the sizing factors to determine the required surface area (A, square feet). Select a low flow control orifice for the underdrain that will discharge the lower flow threshold flow at the overflow riser elevation. Standard head (H) for this calculation (based on the standard detail) is 3.0 feet for A or B soils, 3.5 feet for C soils, or 3.75 feet for D soils. The civil engineer shall provide the necessary surface area of the BMP and the underdrain and orifice detail on the plans.

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***Additional steps to use this BMP as a combined pollutant control and flow control BMP:***

The BMP sized using the sizing factors in Table G.2-4 meets both pollutant control and flow control requirements.

**Table G.2-4: Sizing Factors for Hydromodification Flow Control Biofiltration with Partial Retention  
BMPs Designed Using Sizing Factor Method**

Lower Flow Threshold	Soil Group	Pre-Project Slope	Aggregate below low orifice invert (inches)	Rain Gauge	A
0.1Q <sub>2</sub>	A	Flat	18	Lindbergh	0.080
0.1Q <sub>2</sub>	A	Moderate	18	Lindbergh	0.080
0.1Q <sub>2</sub>	A	Steep	18	Lindbergh	0.080
0.1Q <sub>2</sub>	B	Flat	18	Lindbergh	0.065
0.1Q <sub>2</sub>	B	Moderate	18	Lindbergh	0.065
0.1Q <sub>2</sub>	B	Steep	18	Lindbergh	0.060
0.1Q <sub>2</sub>	C	Flat	6	Lindbergh	0.050
0.1Q <sub>2</sub>	C	Moderate	6	Lindbergh	0.050
0.1Q <sub>2</sub>	C	Steep	6	Lindbergh	0.050
0.1Q <sub>2</sub>	D	Flat	3	Lindbergh	0.050
0.1Q <sub>2</sub>	D	Moderate	3	Lindbergh	0.050
0.1Q <sub>2</sub>	D	Steep	3	Lindbergh	0.050
0.1Q <sub>2</sub>	A	Flat	18	Oceanside	0.080
0.1Q <sub>2</sub>	A	Moderate	18	Oceanside	0.075
0.1Q <sub>2</sub>	A	Steep	18	Oceanside	0.075
0.1Q <sub>2</sub>	B	Flat	18	Oceanside	0.070
0.1Q <sub>2</sub>	B	Moderate	18	Oceanside	0.070
0.1Q <sub>2</sub>	B	Steep	18	Oceanside	0.070
0.1Q <sub>2</sub>	C	Flat	6	Oceanside	0.070
0.1Q <sub>2</sub>	C	Moderate	6	Oceanside	0.070
0.1Q <sub>2</sub>	C	Steep	6	Oceanside	0.070
0.1Q <sub>2</sub>	D	Flat	3	Oceanside	0.070

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Lower Flow Threshold	Soil Group	Pre-Project Slope	Aggregate below low orifice invert (inches)	Rain Gauge	A
0.1Q <sub>2</sub>	D	Moderate	3	Oceanside	0.070
0.1Q <sub>2</sub>	D	Steep	3	Oceanside	0.070
0.1Q <sub>2</sub>	A	Flat	18	L Wohlford	0.110
0.1Q <sub>2</sub>	A	Moderate	18	L Wohlford	0.110
0.1Q <sub>2</sub>	A	Steep	18	L Wohlford	0.105
0.1Q <sub>2</sub>	B	Flat	18	L Wohlford	0.090
0.1Q <sub>2</sub>	B	Moderate	18	L Wohlford	0.085
0.1Q <sub>2</sub>	B	Steep	18	L Wohlford	0.085
0.1Q <sub>2</sub>	C	Flat	6	L Wohlford	0.065
0.1Q <sub>2</sub>	C	Moderate	6	L Wohlford	0.065
0.1Q <sub>2</sub>	C	Steep	6	L Wohlford	0.065
0.1Q <sub>2</sub>	D	Flat	3	L Wohlford	0.060
0.1Q <sub>2</sub>	D	Moderate	3	L Wohlford	0.060
0.1Q <sub>2</sub>	D	Steep	3	L Wohlford	0.060

Q<sub>2</sub> = 2-year pre-project flow rate based upon partial duration analysis of long-term hourly rainfall records

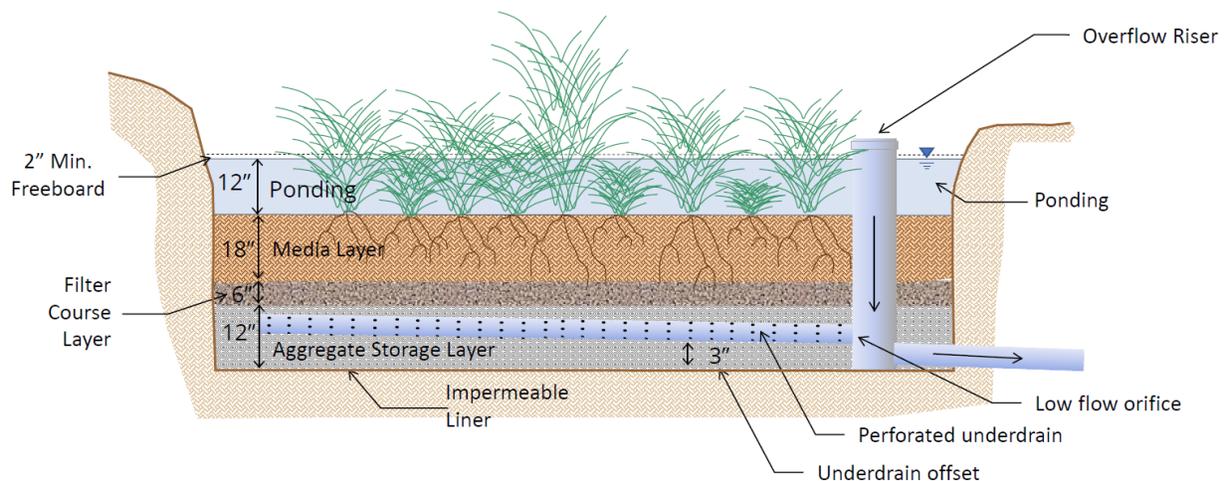
A = Surface area (at surface of the BMP before any ponding occurs) sizing factor for flow control

## G.2.4 Sizing Factors for Biofiltration

Table G.2-5 presents sizing factors for calculating the required surface area (A) for a biofiltration BMP (formerly known as flow-through planter and/or biofiltration BMP with impermeable liner). The BMPs consist of four layers:

- **Ponding layer:** 12-inches active storage, [minimum] 2-inches of freeboard above overflow relief
- **Media layer:** 18-inches of soil [biofiltration soil media]
- **Filter Course:** 6-inches
- **Storage layer:** 12-inches of gravel at 40 percent porosity. The underdrain offset shall be 3-inches.
- **Overflow structure:** San Diego Regional Standard Drawing Type I Catch Basin (D-29). For the purposes of hydromodification flow control other type of overflow structures are allowed.

This BMP includes an impermeable liner to prevent infiltration into underlying soils.



### Biofiltration BMP Example Illustration

#### *How to use the sizing factors for flow control BMP Sizing:*

Obtain sizing factors from Table G.2-5 based on the project's lower flow threshold fraction of  $Q_2$ , hydrologic soil group, pre-project slope, and rain gauge (rainfall basin). Multiply the area tributary to the structural BMP (A, square feet) by the area weighted runoff factor (C, unitless) (see Table G.2-1) by the sizing factors to determine the required surface area (A, square feet). Select a low flow control orifice for the underdrain that will discharge the lower flow threshold flow at the overflow riser elevation. Standard head (H) for this calculation (based on the standard detail) is 3.75 feet for all soil groups. The civil engineer shall provide the necessary surface area of the BMP and the underdrain and orifice detail on the plans.

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### *Additional steps to use this BMP as a combined pollutant control and flow control BMP:*

The BMP sized using the sizing factors in Table G.2-5 meets both pollutant control and flow control requirements except for surface drawdown requirements. Applicant must perform surface drawdown calculations and if needed develop a vector management plan (Refer to Section 6.3.7) or revise the BMP design to meet the drawdown requirements. If changes are made to the BMP design applicants must perform site specific continuous simulation modeling (Refer to Appendix G).

**Table G.2-5: Sizing Factors for Hydromodification Flow Control Biofiltration BMPs  
Designed Using Sizing Factor Method**

Lower Flow Threshold	Soil Group	Pre-Project Slope	Rain Gauge	A
0.1Q <sub>2</sub>	A	Flat	Lindbergh	0.320
0.1Q <sub>2</sub>	A	Moderate	Lindbergh	0.300
0.1Q <sub>2</sub>	A	Steep	Lindbergh	0.285
0.1Q <sub>2</sub>	B	Flat	Lindbergh	0.105
0.1Q <sub>2</sub>	B	Moderate	Lindbergh	0.100
0.1Q <sub>2</sub>	B	Steep	Lindbergh	0.095
0.1Q <sub>2</sub>	C	Flat	Lindbergh	0.055
0.1Q <sub>2</sub>	C	Moderate	Lindbergh	0.050
0.1Q <sub>2</sub>	C	Steep	Lindbergh	0.050
0.1Q <sub>2</sub>	D	Flat	Lindbergh	0.050
0.1Q <sub>2</sub>	D	Moderate	Lindbergh	0.050
0.1Q <sub>2</sub>	D	Steep	Lindbergh	0.050
0.1Q <sub>2</sub>	A	Flat	Oceanside	0.150
0.1Q <sub>2</sub>	A	Moderate	Oceanside	0.140
0.1Q <sub>2</sub>	A	Steep	Oceanside	0.135
0.1Q <sub>2</sub>	B	Flat	Oceanside	0.085
0.1Q <sub>2</sub>	B	Moderate	Oceanside	0.085
0.1Q <sub>2</sub>	B	Steep	Oceanside	0.085
0.1Q <sub>2</sub>	C	Flat	Oceanside	0.075
0.1Q <sub>2</sub>	C	Moderate	Oceanside	0.075
0.1Q <sub>2</sub>	C	Steep	Oceanside	0.075

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Lower Flow Threshold	Soil Group	Pre-Project Slope	Rain Gauge	A
0.1Q <sub>2</sub>	D	Flat	Oceanside	0.070
0.1Q <sub>2</sub>	D	Moderate	Oceanside	0.070
0.1Q <sub>2</sub>	D	Steep	Oceanside	0.070
0.1Q <sub>2</sub>	A	Flat	L Wohlford	0.285
0.1Q <sub>2</sub>	A	Moderate	L Wohlford	0.275
0.1Q <sub>2</sub>	A	Steep	L Wohlford	0.270
0.1Q <sub>2</sub>	B	Flat	L Wohlford	0.150
0.1Q <sub>2</sub>	B	Moderate	L Wohlford	0.145
0.1Q <sub>2</sub>	B	Steep	L Wohlford	0.145
0.1Q <sub>2</sub>	C	Flat	L Wohlford	0.070
0.1Q <sub>2</sub>	C	Moderate	L Wohlford	0.070
0.1Q <sub>2</sub>	C	Steep	L Wohlford	0.070
0.1Q <sub>2</sub>	D	Flat	L Wohlford	0.060
0.1Q <sub>2</sub>	D	Moderate	L Wohlford	0.060
0.1Q <sub>2</sub>	D	Steep	L Wohlford	0.060

Q<sub>2</sub> = 2-year pre-project flow rate based upon partial duration analysis of long-term hourly rainfall records  
flow control

A = Surface area (at surface of the BMP before any ponding occurs)) sizing factor for flow control

### **G.2.5 Sizing Factors for "Cistern" BMP**

Table G.2-6 presents sizing factors for calculating the required volume (V) for a cistern BMP. In this context, a "cistern" is a detention facility that stores runoff and releases it at a controlled rate. A cistern can be a component of a harvest and use system, however the sizing factor method will not account for any retention occurring in the system. The sizing factors were developed assuming runoff is released from the cistern. The sizing factors presented in this section are to meet the hydromodification management performance standard only. The cistern BMP is based on the following assumptions:

- **Cistern configuration:** The cistern is modeled as a 4-foot tall vessel. However, designers could use other configurations (different cistern heights), as long as the lower outlet orifice is sized to properly restrict outflows and the minimum required volume is provided.
- **Cistern upper outlet:** The upper outlet from the cistern would consist of a weir or other flow control structure with the overflow invert set at an elevation of 7/8 of the water height associated with the required volume of the cistern – V. For the assumed 4-foot water depth in the cistern associated with the sizing factor analysis, the overflow invert is assumed to be located at an elevation of 3.5 feet above the bottom of the cistern. The overflow weir would be sized to pass the peak design flow based on the tributary drainage area.

#### ***How to use the sizing factors:***

Obtain sizing factors from Table G.2-6 based on the project's lower flow threshold fraction of  $Q_2$ , hydrologic soil group, pre-project slope, and rain gauge (rainfall basin). Multiply the area tributary to the structural BMP (A, square feet) by the area weighted runoff factor (C, unitless) (see Table G.2-1) by the sizing factors to determine the required volume (V, cubic feet). Select a low flow control orifice that will discharge the lower flow threshold flow at the overflow elevation (i.e. when there is 3.5 feet of head over the lower outlet orifice or adjusted head as appropriate if the cistern overflow elevation is not 3.5 feet tall). The civil engineer shall provide the necessary volume of the BMP and the lower outlet orifice detail on the plans.

#### **Additional steps to use this BMP as a combined pollutant control and flow control BMP:**

A cistern could be a component of a full retention, partial retention, or no retention BMP depending on how the outflow is disposed. However, use of the sizing factor method for design of the cistern in a combined pollutant control and flow control system is not recommended. The sizing factor method for designing a cistern does not account for any retention or storage occurring in BMPs combined with the cistern (i.e., cistern sized using sizing factors may be larger than necessary because sizing factor method does not recognize volume losses occurring in other elements of a combined system). Furthermore, when the cistern is designed using the sizing factor method, the cistern outflow must be set to the low flow threshold flow for the drainage area, which may be inconsistent with requirements for other elements of a combined system. To optimize a system in which a cistern

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provides temporary storage for runoff to be either used onsite (harvest and use), infiltrated, or biofiltered, project-specific continuous simulation modeling is recommended. Refer to Sections 5.4 and 6.3.6.

**Table G.2-6: Sizing Factors for Hydromodification Flow Control Cistern BMPs  
Designed Using Sizing Factor Method**

Lower Flow Threshold	Soil Group	Pre-Project Slope	Rain Gauge	V
0.1Q <sub>2</sub>	A	Flat	Lindbergh	0.54
0.1Q <sub>2</sub>	A	Moderate	Lindbergh	0.51
0.1Q <sub>2</sub>	A	Steep	Lindbergh	0.49
0.1Q <sub>2</sub>	B	Flat	Lindbergh	0.19
0.1Q <sub>2</sub>	B	Moderate	Lindbergh	0.18
0.1Q <sub>2</sub>	B	Steep	Lindbergh	0.18
0.1Q <sub>2</sub>	C	Flat	Lindbergh	0.11
0.1Q <sub>2</sub>	C	Moderate	Lindbergh	0.11
0.1Q <sub>2</sub>	C	Steep	Lindbergh	0.11
0.1Q <sub>2</sub>	D	Flat	Lindbergh	0.09
0.1Q <sub>2</sub>	D	Moderate	Lindbergh	0.09
0.1Q <sub>2</sub>	D	Steep	Lindbergh	0.09
0.1Q <sub>2</sub>	A	Flat	Oceanside	0.26
0.1Q <sub>2</sub>	A	Moderate	Oceanside	0.25
0.1Q <sub>2</sub>	A	Steep	Oceanside	0.25
0.1Q <sub>2</sub>	B	Flat	Oceanside	0.16
0.1Q <sub>2</sub>	B	Moderate	Oceanside	0.16
0.1Q <sub>2</sub>	B	Steep	Oceanside	0.16
0.1Q <sub>2</sub>	C	Flat	Oceanside	0.14
0.1Q <sub>2</sub>	C	Moderate	Oceanside	0.14
0.1Q <sub>2</sub>	C	Steep	Oceanside	0.14
0.1Q <sub>2</sub>	D	Flat	Oceanside	0.12
0.1Q <sub>2</sub>	D	Moderate	Oceanside	0.12

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Lower Flow Threshold	Soil Group	Pre-Project Slope	Rain Gauge	V
0.1Q <sub>2</sub>	D	Steep	Oceanside	0.12
0.1Q <sub>2</sub>	A	Flat	L Wohlford	0.53
0.1Q <sub>2</sub>	A	Moderate	L Wohlford	0.49
0.1Q <sub>2</sub>	A	Steep	L Wohlford	0.49
0.1Q <sub>2</sub>	B	Flat	L Wohlford	0.28
0.1Q <sub>2</sub>	B	Moderate	L Wohlford	0.28
0.1Q <sub>2</sub>	B	Steep	L Wohlford	0.28
0.1Q <sub>2</sub>	C	Flat	L Wohlford	0.14
0.1Q <sub>2</sub>	C	Moderate	L Wohlford	0.14
0.1Q <sub>2</sub>	C	Steep	L Wohlford	0.14
0.1Q <sub>2</sub>	D	Flat	L Wohlford	0.12
0.1Q <sub>2</sub>	D	Moderate	L Wohlford	0.12
0.1Q <sub>2</sub>	D	Steep	L Wohlford	0.12

Q<sub>2</sub> = 2-year pre-project flow rate based upon partial duration analysis of long-term hourly rainfall records

V = Cistern volume sizing factor