



Amended and Restated National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Stormwater Permit Implementation Agreement

Public Works Department
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BACKGROUND

- Current National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Stormwater Permit agreement is outdated; Adopted in 2002
- Does not conform with pending and new stormwater permits as issued by the Santa Ana and San Diego Regional Water Quality Control Boards
- Amended agreement would conform with new stormwater permit requirements



NEED/WHY/BENEFITS

- County of Orange will continue in role as lead permittee and continue to prepare annual stormwater permit implementation budget for countywide stormwater program.
- Co-permittees (the 34 cities within Orange County and the Orange County Flood Control District) will implement programs as developed by the lead permittee as part of a cohesive countywide stormwater program designed to comply with regional stormwater permits.
- Amended agreement would create framework for compliance with new stormwater permit requirements.
- New stormwater permit requirements include a watershed-based compliance approach which identifies pollutants of concern or impairments to waterbodies within each watershed.
- Amended agreement would create a framework to establish a cost-sharing mechanism for the development and implementation of watershed-based program/projects designed to address watershed-specific pollutants.



DETAILS

- Amends current agreement to create a mechanism for watershed-based program/projects.
- County will continue role as lead permittee responsible for development of compliance programs/projects and reporting to the Santa Ana and San Diego Regional Water Quality Control Boards.
- City will work in cooperation with other agencies within the two watershed (Anaheim Bay-Huntington Harbour, Santa Ana River) that the City resides in to develop and implement watershed-specific programs/projects under amended agreement framework.



FUNDING/SCHEDULE

- County of Orange as the lead permittee will prepare annual shared-costs budget for the development and implementation of countywide stormwater programs.
- The City's share of the shared costs budget is between \$360,000 and \$410,000 per fiscal year.
- Additional funding may be required based on the development and implementation of watershed-based program/projects designed to address watershed specific pollutants. Staff will include these additional costs as part of the annual budget preparation process.



RECOMMENDATION

- Approve and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the Amended and Restated National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Stormwater Permit Agreement



Questions?

