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## Sacramento Area Agency Requirements for Controlling Runoff Pollution at Construction Sites

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This Fact Sheet describes local agency requirements for preventing erosion, sedimentation and runoff pollution at construction sites in the County of Sacramento.<sup>1</sup> These requirements are in addition to basic requirements included in each agency's stormwater and land grading ordinances and improvement standards. Before breaking ground on any construction project, check with the appropriate permitting agency first to verify the requirements that apply to your project. Contact names and numbers are provided on the last page of this Fact Sheet.

This fact sheet will be updated periodically and made available at [www.sacramentostormwater.org](http://www.sacramentostormwater.org).

### Common Requirements

*(Applicable to projects located in the unincorporated County and the cities of Sacramento, Citrus Heights, Elk Grove, Folsom, Galt and Rancho Cordova)*

- The wet season is October 1 – April 30. Sediment control best management practices (BMPs) are required year-round for construction projects and an effective combination of erosion and sediment control BMPs are required during the wet season and during summer storm events.
- Prior to issuing a grading permit for a construction project disturbing one or more acres, the local agencies require:
  - Proof that a Notice of Intent (NOI) for coverage under the State's General Construction Permit has been submitted to the State Water Resources Control Board. Some of the local agencies may require the permit applicant to provide their Waste Discharge Identification (WDID) Number issued by the State Board.
  - Submittal of the project's Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP), so that the

plan check staff can verify that the following 6 items are included in the SWPPP:

1. A vicinity map showing nearby roadways, the construction site perimeter, and the geographic features and general topography surrounding the site;
  2. A site map showing the construction project in detail, including the existing and planned paved areas and buildings; general topography both before and after construction; drainage patterns across the project area; and anticipated storm water discharge locations (i.e., the receiving water, a conduit to receiving water, and/or drain inlets);
  3. A detailed, site-specific listing of the potential sources of storm water pollution;
  4. A description of the type and location of erosion and sediment control BMPs to be employed at the site;
  5. The name and telephone number of the qualified person responsible for implementing the SWPPP; and
  6. Certification/signature by the landowner or an authorized representative.
- Violations of the County and Cities' codes could result in corrective notices, stop work orders, and administrative monetary penalties. Additionally, violation of the State's Construction General Permit will be cause for enforcement action by the Regional Board.
  - The local agencies receive numerous citizen complaints about construction trucks and equipment tracking sediment onto roadways. Every effort must be made to keep sediment on the site and out of the storm drain using a combination of stabilized construction entrances, protected off-site storm drain inlets, and, if necessary, frequent

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<sup>1</sup> Excluding the City of Isleton.

street sweeping. For sites with heavy truck traffic, a wheel wash may be the best solution. Keep in mind that street sweeping alone is not a substitute for a properly stabilized construction entrance.

- Portable toilets must be located 50 feet away from storm drain inlets and must be located back of walk on a flat surface. Alternative locations may be approved by the inspector.
- Concrete washout areas must be located 50 feet away from storm drain inlets, open ditches, or water bodies.
- Sediment-laden water from dewatering excavations and trenches may not be discharged from the construction site to a local storm drain system or waterway. Several BMP options are available to remove the sediment prior to discharge, including detention to allow the sediment to settle out, filtration through sand and other media, and chemical treatment. The method will depend on the settling rate of the sediment. If the project is located in an area of dispersive (colloidal) clays, be advised that conventional sediment control BMPs may not be effective in removing sediment from the runoff prior to discharge to the storm drain system or waterway.
- A vacuum must be used to remove water from the pavement during sawcut operations, and nearby storm drain inlets must also be protected.
- Before pressure washing or hosing down any pavement surface, the surface must be swept clean. Nearby storm drain inlets must be protected to keep sediments out of the storm drain system.

## Additional City of Sacramento Requirements

- Street washing is not allowed on any construction project unless the site has been inspected and certified by City inspectors. Inspections are conducted every Friday morning. If the site pavement surfaces are clean and pass inspection, the site will be certified to wash streets for the following 24-hour period. Inspection requests must be called in by 4 pm on the proceeding day. To schedule an inspection call 264-0130.
- Guidance documents and standard erosion and sediment control notes and drawings are available on the City's web site: [www.sacstormwater.org](http://www.sacstormwater.org).

## Contact Information

Contact the appropriate local permitting agency to verify requirements, find out about local training opportunities, or get other information:

County of Sacramento	Archie Wright, (916) 874-8396 or Janet Parris, (916) 874-5733
City of Citrus Heights	Kevin Becker, (916) 727-4770
City of Elk Grove	Clarence Korhonen, (916) 478-2232
City of Folsom	Chuck Aukland, (916) 351-3545 or Lee McGowan, (916) 220-3035
City of Galt	Tony Elce, (209) 366-7260
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Rancho Cordova	Darren Grilley (916) 942-0242 or Richard Hodnett (916) 869-2509
Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board	Christine Palisoc, (916) 464-4663 or general number: (916) 464-3291