Ventura Countywide Stormwater Quality Management Program

Technical Guidance Manual Revision Step-by-Step Process

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Introduction

- 4 Flow Charts:
  - Technical Guidance Manual (TGM) Process
  - Process to Reduce EIA to 5%
  - Alternative Compliance
  - BMP Selection Process

- Establishes a framework and decision process to address permit requirements

- Purpose today is to highlight changes, answer questions and take comments
Step 1: Determine Project Applicability? (See Section 1.5)

- Yes: Stormwater Agency Staff Review – Provide Specific Stormwater Controls, if Required

- No: Not Applicable

Step 1a: Is Project Located within an Approved RPAMP?

- Yes: See Specific Requirements Outlined within RPAMP

- No: Not Applicable

Step 1b & c: Is the Project a Single-Family Hillside Home or Streets, Roads, Highways and Freeway Construction ≥ 10,000 ft² of Impervious Cover?

- Yes: See Specific Requirements Outlined in Section 2.2

- No: Stormwater Agency Staff Review – Provide Specific Stormwater Controls, if Required

Step 2: Assess Site Conditions (See Section 3.1)

Step 3: Apply Site Design Principles and Techniques (See Section 4)

Step 4: Apply Source Controls Measures (See Section 5)

Redesign Project

Step 5: Apply BMPs to Reduce EIA to ≤5% through:
- Onsite Infiltration, Reuse, and Evapotranspiration Retention BMPs
  or (if Retention BMPs are Technically Infeasible (see Section 3.2))
  • Biofiltration (see Figure 2-2)

Meet Requirement to Reduce EIA to ≤5%?

- Yes: Step 7: Apply Treatment Control BMPs to Treat Remaining SQDV or SQDF (See Figure 2-4)

- No: Does the Project Qualify for Alternative Compliance? (See Section 2-7)

Step 6: Alternative Compliance (see Figure 2-3)

Step 8: Continue Project Design Process:
- Flood Control
- Hydromodification Control (Section 2.9)

Step 9: Develop Maintenance Plan (Section 7)
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- Steps roughly correspond to Sections in Final Draft 2010 TGM
- Each step references section where more information will be provided
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1. Determine if Project is Subject to TGM
   - Permit Project Categories
   - Within RPAMP
   - Single-Family Hillside Home or Street, Road and Highway $\geq 10,000$ ft$^2$

   **Step 1:** Determine Project Applicability
   - Yes
   - No

   - Is Project Located within an Approved RPAMP?
     - Yes
       - See Specific Requirements Outlined within RPAMP
     - No
       - Not Applicable

   - Single-Family Hillside Home or Streets, Roads, Highways and Freeway $\geq 10,000$ ft$^2$ of Impervious Cover?
     - Yes
       - See Specific Requirements Outlined in Section 2.2
     - No
       - Not Applicable

Stormwater Agency Staff Review – Provide Specific Controls, if Required
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2. Assess Site Conditions
   - Understand conditions and constraints onsite critical to the selection of BMPs
   - Site conditions (topo, soils), nearby waterbodies, etc.

3. Apply Site Design Principles & Techniques
   - Protect Natural Areas
   - Minimize Land Disturbance
   - LID Considerations Early in Site Planning Process

Step 2: Assess Site Conditions
(See Section 3.1)

Step 3: Apply Site Design Principles & Techniques
(See Section 4)
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4. Apply Source Controls

- Same as 2002 TGM
  - Storm Drain Signage, Fueling Area Design, etc.

Step 4: Apply Source Controls
(See Section 5)
Reduce EIA to 5%

- Intent is to use Volume as the surrogate

### Step 5: Apply BMPs to Reduce EIA to ≤5% through:
- Onsite Infiltration, Reuse, and Evapotranspiration Retention BMPs
- Biofiltration

(or if Retention BMPs are Technically Infeasible (see Section 3.2))

(see Figure 2-2)
Step 5a: Calculate Allowable Effective Impervious Area:
\[ EIA_{\text{allow}} = A_{\text{project}} \times 0.05 \text{ (Eq. 2-1)} \]

Step 5b: Calculate Area To Be Retained
\[ A_{\text{retain}} = TIA - EIA_{\text{allow}} \text{ (Eq. 2-2)} \]

Step 5c: Calculate Volume To Be Retained
\[ V_{\text{retain}} = C \times A_{\text{retain}} \times 0.75 \text{ inch} \text{ (Eq. 2-3)} \]

Step 5d: Select and Size Onsite Infiltration, Reuse, and Evapotranspiration Retention BMPs

Compliance with EIA, Go to Figure 2-1 & Figure 2-4

Step 5e: Biofilter to Reduce Remaining EIA to \( \leq 5\% \),
\[ V_{\text{Biofilter}} \]

Did Onsite Biofiltration Achieve \( V_{\text{Biofilter}} \)?

Meet Infeasibility Criteria? (see Section 3.2)

Yes

Redesign Project

No

Does the Project Qualify for Alternative Compliance?

No

Yes

Step 6: Alternative Compliance (see Figure 2-3)

Step 7: Provide Treatment Control BMPs to Treat Remaining SQDV or SQDF (See Figure 2-1 & Figure 2-4)
5a. Calculate Allowable EIA

- the maximum impervious area from which runoff can be treated and discharged offsite (acres)
- 5% of total project area

\[
EIA_{\text{allow}} = A_{\text{project}} \times 0.05 \quad \text{(Eq.2-1)}
\]
5b. Calculate the Impervious Area to be Retained

- The impervious area from which runoff must be retained onsite is the total impervious area minus the Allowable EIA ($EIA_{allowable}$).

\[
EIA_{allowable} = A_{project} \times 0.05 \text{ (Eq. 2-1)}
\]

\[
Area_{retain} = TIA - EIA_{allowable} \text{ (Eq. 2-2)}
\]
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5c. Calculate the Volume to be Retained

5d. Select and Size Retention BMPs

- In order to render impervious surfaces “ineffective”, Retention BMPs must be sized to retain the Stormwater Quality Design Volume (SQDV)

Step 5c: Calculate Volume To Be Retained

\[ V_{\text{Retain}} = C \times A_{\text{retain}} \times 0.75 \text{ inch (Eq. 2-3)} \]

Step 5d: Select and Size Onsite Infiltration, Reuse, and Evapotranspiration Retention BMPs
5e. Biofilter to Reduce Remaining EIA to ≤5%

- Apply Retention BMPs to the MEP
- Demonstrate technical infeasibility
- Biofiltration must be sized to treat 1.5 times the remaining volume

**Flowchart:**

- **Step 5d:** Select and Size Onsite Infiltration, Reuse, and Evapotranspiration Retention BMPs

  - Did Onsite Retention BMPs Achieve $V_{retain}$?
    - No
      - Meet Infeasibility Criteria? *(see Section 3.2)*
        - No
          - Step 5e: Biofilter to Reduce Remaining EIA to ≤5%, $V_{Biofilter}$
        - Yes
      - Yes
        - Step 5e: Biofilter to Reduce Remaining EIA to ≤5%, $V_{Biofilter}$
Infill Definition

Infill projects meet the following conditions:

a) consistent with applicable general plan and zoning designations
b) occurs on a project site of no more than 5 ac substantially surrounded by urban uses
c) no value as habitat for endangered, rare, or threatened species
d) not result in any significant effects relating to traffic, noise, air quality, or water quality
e) can be adequately served by all required utilities and public services

modified from State Guidelines § 15332
Smart Growth Definition

- Projects that occur within existing urban areas designed to achieve the majority of the following principles:
  
  a) Create a range of housing choices
  b) Create walkable neighborhoods
  c) Mix land uses
  d) Preserve open space, natural beauty, and critical areas
  e) Provide a variety of transportation choices
  f) Direct development towards existing communities
  g) Take advantage of compact building design
6. Alternative Compliance

- Maybe an option, if Retention and Biofiltration BMPs cannot feasibly meet 5% EIA
- Certain project types are eligible
- Must meet infeasibility criteria

Step 5e: Biofilter to Reduce Remaining EIA to ≤5%, $V_{\text{Biofilter}}$

- Did Onsite Biofiltration Achieve $V_{\text{Biofilter}}$?
  - No
  - Does the Project Qualify for Alternative Compliance?
    - Yes
    - Step 6: Alternative Compliance (see Figure 2-3)
    - Redesign Project
Calculate the Maximum Feasible EIA Reduction

Provide Treatment Control BMPs to Treat Remaining SQDV or SQDF
(See Figure 2-1 & Figure 2-4)

Is it Feasible to Reduce EIA to ≤30%?

Yes

Determine “Mitigation Volume”

[Volume of Runoff Associated with 5% EIA (-)
Volume of Runoff Associated with the EIA Achieved Onsite (≤ 30% EIA)]
(See Section 2.7)

Offsite Mitigation Project
• Retain or Biofilter Mitigation Volume at an Offsite Location
• Mitigation Must be Located within Same Hydrologic Area as Proposed Development Project
• Contact Local Agency Before Proceeding

OR

No

Determine “Mitigation Volume”

Mitigation for Runoff Associated with >30% EIA must be 1.5 times the amount of stormwater not managed onsite

Offsite Mitigation Fee
• Contact Local Agency for More Information
• May Not Be Available in All Jurisdictions
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- In addition to technical feasibility criteria, Section 3.2 provides criteria for determining “maximized” volume for Retention and Biofiltration BMPs
- Includes % of site feasible to dedicate to BMPs based on project type
runoff from impervious surfaces and developed pervious surfaces not fully retained onsite must still be mitigated using Treatment Control Measures

Calculate the Maximum Feasible EIA Reduction

Provide Treatment Control BMPs to Treat Remaining SQDV or SQDF
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- Alternative compliance options will be based on the “mitigation volume.”
  - The mitigation volume is the difference between the volume that must be retained per the 5% EIA Requirement and the amount feasibly retained and/or biofiltered onsite.

Is it Feasible to Reduce EIA to ≤30%?
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- Mitigation for volume assoc. w/ \( \leq 30\% \) EIA is 1:1
- Mitigation for \( >30\% \) EIA is 1.5 times the amount of stormwater not managed onsite

Is it Feasible to Reduce EIA to \( \leq 30\% \)?

- Yes
  - Determine “Mitigation Volume” [Volume of Runoff Associated with 5% EIA (-) Volume of Runoff Associated with the EIA Achieved Onsite (\( \leq 30\% \) EIA)]

- No
  - Determine “Mitigation Volume” Mitigation for Runoff Associated with \( >30\% \) EIA must be 1.5 times the amount of stormwater not managed onsite
Alternative Compliance

Offsite Mitigation Project
- Mitigation Volume must be retained at offsite location
- Must be within same hydrologic area

Offsite Mitigation Fee
- May be an option in future

Offsite Mitigation Project
- Retain Mitigation Volume at an Offsite Location
  - Mitigation Must be Located within Same Subwatershed as Proposed Development Project
  - Contact Local Agency Before Proceeding

Offsite Mitigation Fee
- Contact Local Agency for More Information
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7. SQDV/SQDF must be captured and treated for Developed Pervious and Allowed EIA

- Step 7: Provide Treatment Control BMPs to Treat Remaining SQDV or SQDF (See Figure 2-1 & Figure 2-4)
Identify Receiving Waters and Determine Pollutants of Concern

Apply Retention BMPs, Biofiltration BMPs, and/or Treatment Control Measures to Treat Remaining SQDV or SQDF to Address the Pollutants of Concern:

**Retention BMPs**
- Infiltration Basin
- Infiltration Trench
- Bioretention (no underdrain)
- Drywell
- Permeable Pavement (no underdrain)
- Proprietary Infiltration
- Cistern
- Green Roof
- Hydrologic Source Controls (Impervious Area Dispersion, Amended Soils, Street Trees, and Residential Rain Barrels)

**Biofiltration BMPs**
- Bioretention with Underdrain
- Planter Box
- Vegetated Swale
- Vegetated Filter Strip
- Vegetated Sand Filter
- Constructed Wetland
- Proprietary Biotreatment

**Treatment Control Measures**
- Dry Extended Detention Basin
- Wet Detention Basin
- Sand Filters
- Cartridge Media Filter

Select Pretreatment (Required for Infiltration BMPs)
- Biofiltration BMPs
- Proprietary Retention BMPs
- Other Treatment BMPs
- Gross Solids Removal

Compliance with Retention BMP, Biofiltration BMP and Treatment Control Requirements
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- Determine receiving waters and identify Pollutants of Concern
- Select BMPs to treat remaining SQDV/SQDF and address pollutants of concern
  - Retention
  - Biofiltration
  - Treatment Control Measures
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8. Address additional requirements including flood control and hydromodification
9. Develop and submit a maintenance plan for stormwater controls