

The preparation of a Storm Water Management Plan (SWMP) for the portion of Riverside County under the jurisdiction of the San Diego Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Board) has been initiated. The SWMP, when approved by the Executive Officer of the San Diego Regional Board, will specify the revised elements of the area-wide municipal stormwater program with the objective of reducing pollutants in stormwater and urban runoff to the maximum extent practicable. The SWMP is being prepared by the County of Riverside, the Cities of Murrieta and Temecula, and the Riverside County Flood Control and Water Conservation District (Permittees).

The SWMP is being prepared by the Permittees in compliance with the requirements of their area-wide municipal urban runoff permit specified in Section E of Order No. R9-2004-001 issued by the San Diego Regional Board on July 14, 2004. That Order can be viewed at website: http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/sandiego/programs/rsd_stormwater.html. The SWMP will be composed of a Watershed SWMP and Individual SWMPs for each of the Permittees.

A final draft of the SWMP will be posted on the Permittees' web sites on May 23, 2005 for public comment prior to submittal to the San Diego Regional Board. Information regarding the SWMP is as follows:

Permittees' web site: Flood Control - www.floodcontrol.co.riverside.ca.us
Riverside County – www.co.riverside.ca.us
Murrieta – www.murrieta.org
Temecula – www.cityoftemecula.org
Comment Period: May 23, 2005 – June 22, 2005 (by 5:00 p.m.)

Please note that the term "Drainage Area Management Plan (DAMP)" referenced in the Santa Ana region is referred to as the SWMP in the Santa Margarita region.

A workshop to discuss the SWMP will be held on:

Date and Time: Wednesday, June 8 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
Location: Murrieta City Hall's Council Chambers
26442 Beckman Court
Murrieta, California 92562

The Permittees will address public comments received with the comment period in the final SWMP that will be submitted to the San Diego Regional Board by July 14, 2005.

Please forward comments regarding the SWMP to Tina Tuason at (951) 955-8602, ttuason@co.riverside.ca.us or Jason Uhley at (951) 955-1273, juhley@co.riverside.ca.us. Written comments can also be mailed to Ms. Tuason, c/o Riverside County Flood Control and Water Conservation District, 1995 Market Street, Riverside, CA 92501.