

**COUNTY OF SAN MATEO
PLANNING AND BUILDING DEPARTMENT**

DATE: May 28, 2025

TO: Planning Commission

FROM: Sustainability Department Staff

SUBJECT: Informational Item: Stormwater Ordinance update repealing Chapter 4.100 of the County of San Mateo Municipal Code “Storm Water Management and Discharge Control Ordinance” and replacing with Chapter 4.100 of the County of San Mateo Municipal Code “Stormwater and Drainage Control Ordinance.” The Stormwater Ordinance is applicable to the unincorporated areas of San Mateo County.

County File Number: PLN 2024-00057 (County Sustainability Department)

PROPOSAL

Background

The County of San Mateo Stormwater Ordinance (Ordinance) is a local regulation for the unincorporated county area that implements a state-mandated program to protect and enhance watercourses, wetlands, the San Francisco Bay and Pacific Ocean by reducing pollutants and eliminating non-stormwater discharges into the county storm drain system. In most cases, stormwater entering storm drains is untreated and can carry pollutants and sediment directly to watercourses and waterbodies.

The County is subject to a Municipal Regional Stormwater National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) state program and Municipal Regional Permit (MRP) issued by the Regional Water Quality Control Board. The Water Board’s permit is updated periodically and covers multiple cities, counties, water and flood control districts within the Bay Area. The latest comprehensive update of the NPDES permit occurred in May 2022, prompting this Ordinance update.

Ordinance Update

County staff from the Sustainability Department, Department of Public Works, Planning and Building Department, Parks Department, and Environmental Health Services have collaborated to revise the County’s Stormwater Ordinance. The Ordinance was first adopted on February 14, 1995 (Ordinance 3633), with revisions to date. The proposed Ordinance update is the first comprehensive update since the initial adoption.

The purpose of the Ordinance update is to align with state-mandated changes, provide County departments authority to implement and enforce new NPDES permit provisions, and reflect the shared responsibility across departments for coordination and compliance.

In addition, the County has updated the County Drainage Manual and three Stormwater Enforcement Response Plans (ERP). The Drainage Manual incorporates long-running County drainage policy, regulating development-related changes to surface flows on private property. The ERPs help to implement the Ordinance by providing guidance to County staff and the public regarding new development, redevelopment, compliance and enforcement. These documents are incorporated by reference in the Ordinance and may be revised as needed by County staff.

BACKGROUND

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Location: Unincorporated County areas

Existing Zoning: Applicable to all zoning districts

General Plan Designation: Applicable to all General Plan and Local Coastal Program designations

Land Use: Developed and undeveloped, publicly and privately owned lands

Environmental Evaluation: CEQA Categorical Exemption, Section 15308, Class 8 *Actions by Regulatory Agencies for the Protection of the Environment*.

Chronology:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Action</u>
1980(s)	- Enforcement of San Mateo County Guidelines for Drainage Review by the Department of Public Works (DPW drainage policy) which regulated development-related changes to surface flows on private property and release to public rights-of-way.
1991	- State Water Board issues first NPDES to the County
February 14, 1995	- Adoption of the County's Storm Water Management and Discharge Control Ordinance.

- Approx. 2020 - Planning & Building Department posts, tests, and implements Draft Drainage Manual to replace the DPW drainage policy, with current version posted in 2023, which includes edits based on public feedback and policy refinements.
- May 2024 - California Coastal Commission consultation on draft Ordinance. Ordinance update does not require a Local Coastal Program Amendment.
- February 2025 - Presentation of draft Ordinance to the Midcoast Community Council.
- February 2025 - Presentation of draft Ordinance to the North Fair Oaks Community Council.
- March 2025 - Presentation of draft Ordinance to the Pescadero Municipal Advisory Council.
- May 28, 2025 - Planning Commission informational public hearing.
- August 2025 - Board of Supervisors public hearing.

DISCUSSION

A. COMPLIANCE WITH STATE-MANDATED REQUIREMENTS

The NPDES permit, a provision of the Federal Clean Water Act, implements a state-mandated program that regulates water quality, flow, and volume of stormwater runoff draining into storm drain systems (also known as Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems), that will eventually discharge into San Francisco Bay and the Pacific Ocean. The NPDES permit mandates that each local jurisdiction maintain the ability to enforce stormwater management. These requirements are applicable to construction sites, industrial sites, new development and redevelopment, illegal discharges and illegal connections, and municipal operations. The permit also requires bacteria and sediment water quality monitoring for waterbodies on the state's Impaired Waters list and requires measures to reduce trash from entering storm drains in high trash generating areas, among other requirements. The Ordinance and supporting documents provide the County with the authority to implement the state-mandated program within the unincorporated county area.

To coordinate stormwater efforts beyond the unincorporated county area, the County, each incorporated city and town, and the City/County Association of Governments (C/CAG) are a member of the San Mateo Countywide Water Pollution Prevention Program (SMCWPPP, also known as Flows to Bay). This

Ordinance update is relevant to the county unincorporated area only since each city and town is responsible for adopting and implementing their own stormwater ordinances. SMCWPPP provides a venue for all cities and towns, the County, and C/CAG to coordinate stormwater compliance efforts across the county.

The updated Ordinance reflects the changes to state stormwater management requirements and includes provisions such as regulating stormwater discharges from private property, clarifying legal authority to inspect and sample for pollutants of concern, stormwater management during grading and/or construction activities, trash reduction measures, and an expanded list of definitions.

B. SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE CHANGES

The Ordinance update is comprehensive and considers the shared responsibility of compliance and enforcement across multiple County departments. Administration of the currently adopted Ordinance is held entirely by Environmental Health Services, but as the stormwater program and state-mandates have changed over time, County departments have taken a collaborative approach to implementing this complex program. The Ordinance update reflects this shared responsibility and complies with state-mandated requirements. The following is a summary of roles and compliance responsibilities for each involved department:

- The Sustainability Department coordinates stormwater permit compliance across County departments, including meeting watershed water quality requirements and reporting to the Water Board.
- The Planning and Building Department reviews private and public development permit applications for surface water management and treatment, as well as erosion and sediment control.
- The Department of Public Works is responsible for construction and maintenance of trash capture devices and green infrastructure within County-maintained road rights-of-way.
- Environmental Health Services conducts industrial and commercial site inspections and responds to illicit discharges by businesses into storm drain systems.
- The Parks Department installs and maintains pollution control measures in County parks to prevent bacteria, sediment, and other contaminants from entering waterways.

Below is a summary of key Ordinance changes, please refer to Attachment B for a detailed list.

- New and expanded definitions. Definitions include Area of Special Biological Significance and expansion of Authorized Enforcement Official beyond Environmental Health Services to also include Planning and Building, Parks, Public Works, and Sustainability Departments.

- Department coordination lead and shared responsibility for administration. To reflect the current organizational structure of the County's stormwater compliance program, responsibility for stormwater management and compliance are shared across multiple departments with the Sustainability Department leading coordination efforts.
- Incorporated by reference. The Ordinance now incorporates supporting documents by reference rather than direct inclusion, allowing for periodic updates to supporting documents without necessitating Ordinance revisions. Supporting documents include the County Drainage Manual, Commercial and Industrial Business Inspection ERP, Illicit Discharge ERP, and Construction Site Control ERP, among other state and federal regulations.
- Incorporation of new permit provisions. Provisions from the updated NPDES permit, such as trash reduction, have been integrated into the Ordinance ensuring compliance with updated regulatory requirements.
- Legal authority to enforce. The updated NPDES permit requires jurisdictions to have the legal authority to enforce provisions. Language has been updated throughout the ordinance to continue to provide authority and clarification, such as authority to stop construction on a site where adequate controls are not in place.

C. CONFORMANCE WITH THE GENERAL PLAN

The Ordinance update supports multiple General Plan chapters and policies including Policy 1.23 *Regulate Development to Protect Vegetative, Water, Fish and Wildlife Resources* and Policy 2.17 *Regulate Development to Minimize Soil Erosion and Sedimentation*. Ordinance Section 4.100.210 *Stormwater management during grading and/or construction* requires best management practice measures for construction and grading activities to prevent erosion and sediment runoff onto roadways or into storm drain systems. Section 4.100.190 *Watercourse protection* prohibits non-stormwater discharges in watercourses unless a written permit is first obtained from the relevant County or state permitting agency. The Ordinance update aligns with General Plan policies to support natural resources protections and to protection water quality during development or redevelopment on private or public lands.

D. CONFORMANCE WITH THE LOCAL COASTAL PROGRAM

The Ordinance update aligns with the San Mateo County Local Coastal Program (LCP) by ensuring coastal water quality protection in compliance with both state and local requirements. The Ordinance provides necessary authority to multiple departments for the enforcement of state-mandated stormwater measures, in support of key LCP policies. Specifically, Policy 1.35 of the LCP requires that all

new land use development activities protect coastal water quality. To meet this policy, the Ordinance incorporates provisions that mandate effective stormwater management and pollution prevention, such as implementing Best Management Practices (BMPs) in accordance with the Regional Water Quality Control Board's municipal permit provisions for all projects and on-site stormwater treatment measure for development projects. Sections 4.100.140 and 4.100.180 mandate the use of BMPs, and Section 4.100.060 grants authority for routine inspections of construction sites. Section 4.100.210 enables the enforcement of stop-work orders on activities where BMPs are insufficient, ensuring coastal water quality protections are maintained throughout development and construction processes. The Drainage Manual further outlines the specific requirements for treatment of stormwater runoff from development with new or replaced impervious surfaces prior to discharge to a road or water body.

E. CONFORMANCE WITH THE NORTH FAIR OAKS COMMUNITY PLAN

The updated Ordinance is consistent with and supports the goals and policies outlined in the North Fair Oaks Community Plan, particularly with regards to stormwater management and environmental sustainability. The Ordinance grants County departments the authority to implement state-mandated stormwater regulations, in line with the Community Plan's land use objectives. Chapters 4 (*Infrastructure*), 5 (*Health and Wellness*), and 7 (*Design Standards and Guidelines*) emphasize stormwater treatment in development projects. Policies 3A-3E in Chapter 4 advocate for BMPs to mitigate flooding, while Policy 21D in Chapter 5 focuses on reducing runoff to protect water quality. Chapter 7 highlights the use of green infrastructure for sustainable design. Ordinance Sections 4.100.140 and 4.100.180 require BMPs for construction and grading activities. Section 4.100.060 authorizes routine inspections, and Section 4.100.210 allows stop-work orders for inadequate BMPs. Provisions for trash capture devices (Section 4.100.160) and green infrastructure maintenance (Section 4.100.200) are also included to promote sustainable stormwater management in North Fair Oaks.

F. CONFORMANCE WITH ZONING REGULATIONS AND GRADING ORDINANCE

The Ordinance update supports multiple Zoning Regulations and Grading Ordinance sections and policies including Section 6276.4 *Development Standards*, Section 6396 *Performance Standards*, Section 6565.20(F) *Landscaping, Paved Areas, Fences, Lighting and Noise*, and Section 6566.15./16. *Public/Private Realm Design Standards for Private Development-Base Standards*. Ordinance Section 4.100.210 *Stormwater management during grading and/or construction* requires BMP measures for construction and grading activities to prevent erosion and sediment runoff onto roadways or into storm drain systems. Section 4.100.190 *Watercourse protection* prohibits non-stormwater discharges in watercourses unless a written permit is first obtained from the relevant County or state permitting agency. Section 4.100.200 *Stormwater Management Facility maintenance* promotes sustainable stormwater management through onsite

treatment using green infrastructure. The Ordinance supports natural resources and water quality protections during development on private or public lands.

G. AGENCY CONSULTATION

California Coastal Commission

Sustainability staff consulted with Coastal Commission staff on May 23, 2024, to review the Ordinance and determine if an LCP amendment was required. Coastal Commission staff did not have any comments on the Ordinance update and determined an LCP amendment was not required because no substantive changes to LCP policies will result from adoption of the Ordinance.

Midcoast Community Council

At the February 26, 2025, Midcoast Community Council meeting, Sustainability staff presented the draft Ordinance, and received questions and comments from both the public and Council members. Questions included how to report stormwater issues, if community members' day-to-day routines would be affected by the update, and if the update would impact private development proposals. Staff clarified that the Sustainability Department continues to coordinate issue response across departments; that minor changes to which departments handle waivers or illicit discharges are included but should not impact day-to-day routines; and that the Planning and Building Department will continue to review private development projects. Sustainability staff also clarified that County departments coordinate daily on stormwater compliance and work alongside external partners including C/CAG.

Pescadero Municipal Advisory Council

Sustainability staff presented the Ordinance update at the Pescadero Municipal Advisory Council meeting on March 11, 2025. No comments or questions were raised by either the public or the Council.

North Fair Oaks Community Council

At the February 27, 2025, North Fair Oaks Community Council meeting, Sustainability staff presented the draft Ordinance. Questions raised by the Council during the meeting included clarification that the ordinance applies to industrial kitchen discharges and not residential and that it addresses improper wastewater disposal without adding new county powers, staffing, or funding needs. Staff confirmed the update addresses industrial kitchen discharges, and that no expansion of powers, staffing, or additional funding result from this update since the update aligns the Ordinance with the current operational structure. The Council recommended approval of the Ordinance.

H. ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

Adoption of the Stormwater Ordinance is categorically exempt under California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Section 15308 (Class 8) *Actions by Regulatory*

Agencies for Protection of the Environment. Class 8 consists of actions taken by regulatory agencies, as authorized by state or local ordinance, to assure the maintenance, restoration, enhancement, or protection of the environment where the regulatory process involves procedures for protection of the environment.

I. AGENCIES CONSULTED

County Attorney's Office
Department of Public Works
Environmental Health Services
Planning and Building Department
Parks Department
California Coastal Commission
City/County Association of Governments
North Fair Oaks Community Council
Midcoast Community Council
Pescadero Municipal Advisory Council

ATTACHMENTS

- A. Current and Proposed Ordinances Comparison (track changes)
- B. Summary of Modifications: Adopted and Proposed Ordinances

The following supporting documents are available on the Stormwater Ordinance website: <https://www.smcsustainability.org/water/stormwater-ordinance/>

- [Proposed Stormwater and Drainage Control Ordinance](#)
- [Current Storm Water Management and Discharge Control Program Ordinance](#)
- [County Drainage Manual](#) (March 2023)
- [Illicit Discharge ERP](#), [Construction Site Control ERP](#), [Commercial and Industrial Business Inspection ERP](#)

Attachment A

Adopted and Proposed Ordinances Comparison (track changes)

Chapter 4.100 STORM WATER MANAGEMENT- STORMWATER AND DISCHARGE DRAINAGE CONTROL

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Title, Purpose, and General Provisions

4.100.005 - Title.

This Chapter shall be known as the "County of San Mateo Stormwater and Drainage Control Ordinance" and may be so cited.

4.100.010 - Purpose and intent.

The purpose of this Chapter is to ensure the ~~future~~ health, safety, ~~and~~ ~~improved~~ general welfare of the County of San Mateo ~~citizens (County) residents and protect and enhance local Watercourses and wetlands~~ by: ~~eliminating non-storm water~~

(a) ~~Eliminating Non-Stormwater~~ Discharges to the ~~municipal separate storm sewer; County Storm Drain System;~~

(b) ~~Controlling the discharge to municipal separate storm sewers~~the County Storm Drain System from spills, dumping, or disposal of materials other than ~~storm water; and Stormwater;~~

(c) ~~Reducing Pollutants in storm water~~Stormwater Discharges to the maximum extent practicable;

(d) ~~Protecting, to the greatest extent practicable, life, property and the environment from loss, injury, and damage by pollution, erosion, flooding, and other potential hazards of increased and impacted Stormwater resulting from human Development activities;~~

(e) ~~Protecting receiving waters from pollution, excessive flows, and other conditions in County watersheds that can increase the rate of streambank erosion and siltation, degrade water quality and aquatic habitats, and endanger aquatic and benthic life within these receiving waters;~~

(f) ~~Protecting private property from pollution, excessive flows, and other conditions in County watersheds that can cause flooding and erosion;~~

(g) ~~Protecting the functions and values of environmentally critical or protected areas; and~~

(h) ~~Meeting or exceeding requirements of the San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board and State Water Resources Control Board Municipal Regional Stormwater National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit, NPDES Permit No. CAS612008, Order No. R2-2022-0018 dated May 11, 2022, and subsequent revisions and amendments thereto (NPDES Permit).~~

The intent of this ~~Ordinance~~Chapter is to protect and enhance the water quality of ~~our watercourses, water bodies, Watercourses~~ and wetlands in a manner pursuant to and consistent with the Clean Water Act, ~~Porter-Cologne Water Quality Control Act (California Water Code Section 13000 et seq.)~~, the NPDES Permit, and subsequent revisions and amendments thereto.

(Prior code § 5009; Ord. 3633, 2/14/95)

4.100.020 - Definitions.

When used in this Chapter, the following words shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this section:

- (a) “Actual Discharge” means an observed or documented Illicit Discharge that has reached the County’s Storm Drain System. For example, an observed or documented unauthorized Pollutant that discharged from the sidewalk and into a road with drainage system, municipal street, catch basin, curb, gutter, ditch, manmade channel, storm drain, or surface water body would be classified as an Actual Discharge.
- (b) “Areas of Special Biological Significance” (ASBS) means those areas designated by the State Water Resources Control Board as ocean areas requiring protection of species or biological communities to the extent that maintenance of natural water quality is assured. All ASBS are also classified as a subset of “State Water Quality Protection Areas” as defined in the State Water Resources Control Board California Ocean Plan.
- (c) “Areas of Special Biological Significance (ASBS) Watershed” means the areas draining to a designated Area of Special Biological Significance. An ASBS Watershed is protected by Stormwater regulations set forth in the General Exception to the California Ocean Plan with Special Protections (Special Protections) (State Water Resources Control Board Resolution No. 2012-0012, adopted March 20, 2012).
- (d) “Authorized Enforcement Official. ~~The Director of Officials~~” means the Directors of the County Sustainability Department, Planning and Building Department, Parks Department, Department of Public Works, Environmental Health ~~or his/her Services~~, or such Directors’ designees ~~is hereby~~ authorized to enforce the provisions of this ordinance.
- (e) “Best Management Practices ~~(“”~~ (BMPs)~~”~~) means schedules of activities, prohibitions of practices, general good housekeeping practices, pollution prevention practices ~~as defined, maintenance procedures, and described in other management practices to prevent or reduce the California Storm Water Best Management Practice Handbook prepared by the California State Storm Water Quality Task Force entitled: “Construction Activity, Industrial/Commercial, discharge of Pollutants directly or indirectly to Watercourses. BMPs include treatment requirements, permanent site design and Municipal” treatment measures, operating procedures, and on file at the Environmental Health Division practices to control site runoff, spillage or leaks, sludge or waste disposal, or drainage from material storage.~~
- (f) “County” means the County of San Mateo.
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- (g) “County Storm Drain System” is synonymous with “Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System” or “MS4,” as defined by 40 CFR 122.26(b)(8) and includes but is not limited to those facilities within the County by which ~~storm water~~ Stormwater may be conveyed to waters of the United States, including any roads with drainage systems, municipal streets, catch basins, curbs, gutters, ditches, man-made channels, or storm drains, that are:
 - (1) Owned or operated by a state, city, town, borough, county, parish, district, association, or other public body (created by or pursuant to state law) having jurisdiction over disposal of sewage, industrial wastes, Stormwater, or other wastes, including special districts under state law such as a sewer district, flood control district or drainage district, or similar entity, or an Indian tribe or an authorized Indian tribal organization or a designated and approved management agency under section 208 of the Clean Water Act that discharges into waters of the United States;
 - (2) Designed or used for collecting or conveying Stormwater;

(3) Which is not a combined sewer; and

(4) Which is not part of a Publicly Owned Treatment Works (POTW), as defined at 40 CFR ~~section~~ 122.2.

~~Discharge. Any addition of any pollutant to navigable waters from any point sources or any addition of any pollutant to the waters of the contiguous zone or the ocean from any point source other than a vessel or other floating craft.~~

~~Illicit Discharge. Any discharge into the County storm sewer system that is not composed entirely of storm water except discharges pursuant to NPDES Permit and discharges resulting from fire fighting and other emergency response activities.~~

- (h) “Development” means construction, rehabilitation, Redevelopment, or reconstruction of any public or private residential project (whether single-family, multi-unit, or planned unit development); or industrial, commercial, retail, or other nonresidential project, including public agency projects.
- (i) “Enforcement Response Plan” (ERP) means a reference document(s) for County staff to consistently conduct enforcement actions to ensure responsible parties are compliant with the NPDES Permit.
- (j) “Full Trash Capture Device” means a full capture device or system used as a treatment control, or series of treatment controls, including but not limited to a multi-benefit project (as defined by the State Water Resources Control Board Trash Implementation Program) or a low-impact development control that traps all particles 5 millimeters (mm) or greater, and has a design treatment capacity that is either (1) of not less than the peak flow rate, “Q”, resulting from a one-year, one-hour storm in the subdrainage area, or (2) appropriately sized to, and designed to carry at least the same flows as, the corresponding storm drain.
- (k) “Green Infrastructure” (GI) or “Green Stormwater Infrastructure” (GSI) means a facility that detains and filters Stormwater through plants and soil, or infiltrates Stormwater into native soil, or captures and uses Stormwater for non-potable uses such as irrigation or toilet flushing; examples include, but are not limited to, rain gardens/bioretention systems, flow-through planters, tree well filters, pervious pavement, infiltration trenches, dry wells, deep infiltration wells, subsurface infiltration systems, cisterns, and rain barrels.
- (l) “Illicit Discharge” means any discharge into a Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) that is prohibited under local, state, or federal statutes, ordinance codes, or regulations. The term “Illicit Discharge” includes all Non-Stormwater Discharges not comprised entirely of Stormwater and discharges that are identified under Section A “Discharge Prohibitions” of the NPDES Permit, including subsequent revisions and amendments thereto. Illicit Discharge can be further characterized as an “Actual” or “Potential” Discharge based on the observed location of the prohibited discharge. The term “Illicit Discharge” does not include discharges that are regulated by a NPDES Permit, exempted or conditionally exempted discharges pursuant to the NPDES Permit, or those authorized by Executive Order of the State Water Resource Control Board.
- (m) “Impervious Surface” means any surface covered by water-impenetrable materials that prevents the infiltration of Stormwater into the ground, including but not limited to the following: asphalt, concrete, brick, or highly compacted stone pavements; rooftops; pools and other types of lined ponds; and other artificial structures with impenetrable materials as cover.

(n) "Litter:" means any refuse, garbage, rubbish, or other discharged or abandoned objects, articles, and accumulations upon any public or private lot of land in the County, except at lawfully established dumping grounds. Also referred to as trash.

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(o) "Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System" (MS4) means conveyance or system of conveyances (including roads with drainage systems, including municipal streets and private roads with catch basins, curbs, gutters, ditches, human-made channels, or storm drains).

(p) "Municipal Regional Stormwater Permit" (MRP) means the NPDES Permit that regulates discharges of Stormwater from Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems (MS4) to the San Francisco Bay and ocean, in compliance with the federal Clean Water Act and state law.

(q) "Non-Stormwater Discharge:" means any discharge that is not entirely composed of ~~storm water except those noted within~~ Stormwater that enters a Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4). Non-Stormwater Discharges are considered an NPDES Permit and this Ordinance. Illicit Discharge unless allowed by the NPDES Permit, NPDES Permit exemption or conditional exemption, or State Water Resource Control Board Executive Order.

(r) "National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System" (NPDES) means a national program for issuing, modifying, revoking and reissuing, terminating, monitoring and enforcing Stormwater permits, and imposing and enforcing pretreatment requirements, under Clean Water Act Sections 307, 402, 318, and 405.

(s) "Nuisance-" means anything which is injurious to health, or is indecent or offensive to the senses, or an obstruction to the free use of property, so as to interfere with the comfortable enjoyment of life or property.

(t) "Person" may include one or more Persons, and includes but is not limited to, licensed or unlicensed contractors and subcontractors, owners of property, agents of the property owners, occupants or tenants of the property, whether they be individuals, partnerships, firms, corporations, or organizations. "Person" does not include the County.

(u) "Pollutant:" may include, but are not limited to, dredged soil, sediment, solid waste, incinerator residue, sewage, ~~garbage~~trash, sewage sludge, munitions, chemical wastes, biological materials, radioactive materials, wrecked or destroyed equipment, rock, sand, cellar dirt; and industrial, municipal, and agricultural waste discharge into water. A Pollutant ~~shall~~may also include any increment or increase in the total volume of ~~storm water~~Stormwater runoff resulting from any activity or development occurring after the effective date of this ordinance.

(v) "Pollutants of Concern or Target Pollutants" means Pollutants identified and determined by the State or Regional Water Board to have significant impacts on the environment for which specific Pollutant load reductions have been established to improve water quality. Examples include, but are not limited to, total suspended solids; sediment; pathogens (e.g., bacteria, viruses, protozoa); heavy metals (e.g., copper, lead, zinc, and cadmium); petroleum products and Polycyclic Aromatic Hydrocarbons (PAHs); synthetic organics (e.g., pesticides, herbicides, and Polychlorinated Biphenyls (PCBs)); nutrients (e.g., nitrogen and phosphorus fertilizers); oxygen-demanding substances (e.g., decaying vegetation and animal waste); and trash.

(w) "Potential Discharge" means an observed or documented prohibited discharge that has not entered the County Storm Drain System or surface water body, but which threatens to

create an Illicit Discharge if it were to enter into the County Storm Drain System or surface water body. Potential Discharges may include, but are not limited to, housekeeping issues, inadequate waste or materials management, lack of emergency response plans, lack of BMPs, inadequate BMPs, and inappropriate BMPs.

- (x) “Premises-” means any building, lot or parcel, real estate, property, or land or portion of land, whether improved or unimproved, including adjacent sidewalks and parking strips- when in common fee ownership of the parcel to which it is adjacent or subject to an easement or right of access that encompasses a responsibility for the Impervious Surfaces or other Development on such adjacent sidewalks and parking strips.

~~Storm Water. Storm water runoff and surface runoff and drainage.~~

- (y) “Redevelopment” means land-disturbing activity that results in the creation, addition, or replacement of exterior Impervious Surface area on a site on which some past development has occurred.

- (z) “Responsible Party” means Person(s) responsible for complying with Stormwater management including, but not limited to, Non-Stormwater source control and Illicit Discharge. On private property this jointly and severally includes owner(s) of property(ies) of the subject discharge and Person(s) causing or responsible for a Non-Stormwater Discharge or who has conducted an activity or activities in violation of Stormwater control requirements.

- (aa) “Special Land Use” means Special Land Uses, including but not limited to Development or Redevelopment projects on public or private land with uses including but not limited to auto service facilities (Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) Codes: 5013, 5014, 5541, 7532-7534, and 7536-7539), retail gasoline outlets (SIC Code 5541), restaurants (SIC Code 5812), or stand-alone uncovered parking lots (including the uncovered portion of parking structures, unless the uncovered parking area drainage is connected to the sanitary sewer system).

- (bb) “Stormwater” means the runoff generated from rain events that flows over land or Impervious Surfaces, such as paved streets, parking lots, and building rooftops.

- (cc) “Stormwater Discharge” means discharges generated by Stormwater runoff from land and impervious areas such as paved streets, parking lots, and building rooftops during rainfall events that may contain pollutants in quantities that could adversely affect water quality.

- (dd) “Stormwater Management Facility” means a system designed to remove or reduce Stormwater Pollutants and/or control the rate of flow or volume of Stormwater runoff into the County Storm Drain System or the waters of the United States. Stormwater Management Facilities include Stormwater treatment measures such as Low Impact Development (LID) measures and Green Stormwater Infrastructure, hydromodification management facilities, and Full Trash Capture Devices.

- (ee) “Watercourse- A” includes natural stream, creek, or man-made uncovered channel streams, creeks, or modified natural channels through which water flows continuously or intermittently. Watercourses also include “waterbodies”, such as oceans, wetlands, lagoons, lakes, and reservoirs.

~~(Prior code §§ 5010.0 — 5010.13; Ord. 3633, 2/14/95)~~

4.100.030 Responsibility for administration.

This Chapter shall be administered for the County by the ~~Director of~~ Directors of the Sustainability Department, Planning and Building Department, Department of Public Works, Environmental Health and his/her Services, and Parks Department, or such Directors' designees, ~~with coordination efforts led by the Sustainability Department.~~

~~(Prior code § 5011; Ord. 3633, 2/14/95)~~

4.100.040 - Construction and application.

(a) This ordinance is only applicable in the unincorporated areas of the County and on properties owned and occupied by the County wherever they be.

(b) This ordinance shall be construed to assure consistency with the requirements of the federal Clean Water Act and Porter-Cologne Water Quality Control Act and acts amendatory thereof or supplementary thereto, applicable implementing regulations, and applicable NPDES Permit No. CA0029924, Water Quality Control Plan for Ocean Waters of California (California Ocean Plan) and Water Quality Control Plan (Basin Plan) for the San Francisco Bay Basin, and any amendment, revision, or reissuance thereof.

~~(Prior code § 5012; Ord. 3633, 2/14/95)~~

(c) The County is duly authorized and has legal authority to enforce the requirements imposed upon the County by the NPDES Permit and any revisions or amendments thereto.

4.100.050 - Severability and validity.

If any portion of this ordinance is declared invalid, the remaining portions of this ordinance are to be considered valid.

~~(Prior code § 5013; Ord. 3633, 2/14/95)~~

4.100.060 - Authority to inspect and sample.

(a) The County may, within the limitations of applicable state and federal laws, enter any building or any Premises (including, but not limited to, property, facilities, equipment, practices, or operations) at all reasonable times to inspect the same and sample any discharge for any or all of the following purposes, as determined by the County:

(1) Routine inspections to ensure implementation of Best Management Practices (BMPs) and other requirements of this Chapter;

(2) To investigate, monitor, or remedy Actual or Potential Discharges;

(3) Whenever there is reasonable cause to believe that there exists any condition which constitutes a violation of the provisions of this Chapter or of the NPDES Permit, to investigate, monitor, or remedy such condition;

(4) To investigate, monitor, or remedy known violations of this Chapter or of the NPDES Permit;

(5) To enforce any of the provisions of this Chapter or of the NPDES Permit; or

- (6) To perform any duty imposed upon the Authorized Enforcement Officials by this Chapter.
- (b) The County must present proper credentials to and obtain consent from the owner, occupant, or any Person apparently having charge of the Premises to enter any building or any Premises. If such building or Premises be unoccupied, the Authorized Enforcement Official shall first make a reasonable effort to locate the owner or other Persons having charge or control of the building or Premises and request entry. In the event the owner and/or occupant refuses entry or cannot be contacted, the authorized enforcement official shall request assistance of the County Attorney's Office to obtain an appropriate warrant for inspection of the Premises, pursuant to the provisions of state law.
- (c) The County has the right to conduct routine sampling and monitoring and establish on any Premise such devices as are necessary to conduct sampling or monitoring operations. The costs of such routine sampling and/or monitoring activities, including test reports and results, shall be borne by the County. The County may pursue cost recovery from the Responsible Party if sampling results determine reasonable cause to believe that the Responsible Party is engaged in an activity and/or operating a facility that is causing or contributing to Stormwater pollution or contamination, Illicit Discharges, contaminated building materials, and/or the discharge of other unlawful material, to the County Storm Drain System. Routine or area inspections shall be based upon such reasonable selection processes as may be deemed necessary to carry out the objectives of this Chapter, including but not limited to random sampling and/or sampling in areas with evidence of Stormwater contamination or Illicit Discharges to a storm drain, or similar factors.
- (d) Whenever the County determines there exists reasonable cause to believe that the owner and/or occupant of a Premises is engaged in an activity and/or operating a facility that is causing or contributing to Stormwater pollution or contamination, Illicit Discharges, and/or the discharge of other unlawful material, to a storm drain, the authorized enforcement official may require the owner and/or occupant to conduct sampling and/or monitoring activities on the Premises, and to furnish such test results and reports as the authorized enforcement official may determine. The burden and cost of undertaking such sampling and monitoring activities, including test results and reports, shall be borne by the owner of the Premises under review. The type and method of sampling and monitoring shall bear a reasonable relationship to the need for testing and monitoring and to the benefits to be obtained, as determined by the authorized enforcement official. The County may pursue cost recovery for reasonable sampling and/or monitoring performed on behalf of the recipient of any such request, provided there has been demonstrated recalcitrance or noncompliance.
- (e) Whenever a condition is found to exist in violation of this Chapter that, in the opinion of the County, presents an immediate and present danger to the public health, safety and/or welfare requiring immediate remedial action to prevent injury to Persons or property, the authorized enforcement official shall take whatever reasonable and appropriate action deemed necessary to neutralize the danger, including but not limited to, entry upon private Premises for inspection, sampling and monitoring, and abatement. Emergency response actions taken by the County in order to neutralize the danger shall be at the expense of the Responsible Party. The Responsible Party will be charged for staff time, equipment, and materials used in these efforts. In addition, the County may pursue civil action to recover from the Responsible Party any fines and penalties paid by the County for the violation.

- (a) Failure to comply with any terms, conditions, or requirements of any applicable permit, maintenance agreement, compliance directive, or other written notice, including, but not limited to, discharge standards, monitoring requirements, or reporting requirements, shall constitute noncompliance with this Chapter.
- (b) The omission to act by the County and/or the failure of the County to take cognizance of the nature of the operation of the Responsible Party and/or the properties of the Responsible Party's discharge shall not relieve the user of the responsibility to comply with the provisions of this Chapter. It is the responsibility of the user to make determinations as to the nature of its operation and waste discharge characteristics and to take such actions as may be required under this Chapter prior to any discharge into the County Storm Drain System or receiving water, whether or not the user has been informed by the authorized enforcement official of the requirements which may apply to the user regarding its discharge.
- (c) Liability for damages as a result of any discharges in violation of this Chapter shall be the responsibility of the Person(s) causing or responsible for the discharge, and such Persons shall defend, indemnify, and hold harmless the County in any administrative or judicial enforcement action relating to such discharges.

4.100.080 - Drainage Manual.

All terms and provisions set forth in the County Drainage Manual, and amendments thereto, available online and from the County's Planning and Building Department, are hereby incorporated herein by reference and shall have the same force and effect as though fully set forth in this Chapter. To the extent that terms set forth in the County Drainage Manual are inconsistent with the terms of this Chapter, the terms set forth in this Chapter shall apply.

4.100.090 - Enforcement Response Plans.

All terms and provisions set forth in the County's Stormwater Enforcement Response Plans (ERPs), and amendments thereto, available online and from the County's Planning and Building Department, are hereby incorporated herein by reference and shall have the same force and effect as though fully set forth in this Chapter. To the extent that terms set forth in the County's Stormwater ERPs are inconsistent with the terms of this Chapter, the terms set forth in this Chapter shall apply.

4.100.100 - Waiver procedures.

It is the intent of this ordinance to protect the public health and safety and enhance water quality while respecting the rights of private property owners to the economically viable use of land. It is not the intent of this ordinance to prohibit all economically viable use of private lands, nor to result in a confiscatory impact. Accordingly, the purpose of this section is to provide for an administrative procedure for a waiver or modification of a particular provision of this ordinance in the event that the strict application of this ordinance would result in the denial of all economically viable use of real property.

An applicant for a waiver of a provision of this ordinance shall file a waiver application and applicable fee with the Director of the Division of Environmental Health on a form provided Planning and Building Department or their designee by the Director submitting a written request identifying the specific provision sought to be waived or modified, and proposing alternative means and methods of Development or Stormwater Management Facility design that best accomplishes the

purposes of this ordinance without denying all economically viable use of the property. The applicant shall ~~file a complete form and shall~~ provide all documentation and information required by the Director or their designee to determine whether application of the provision in question will prohibit any economically viable use of the land in question or otherwise have a confiscatory impact.

The Director may approve, deny or conditionally approve a waiver application ~~upon determining~~after considering whether: (1) the strict application of the provision in question will prohibit any economically viable use of the land in question or otherwise have a confiscatory result and that; (2) approval of such a waiver will not could result in a public nuisance which would constitute a direct threat to the public health or safety or non-compliance with NPDES Permit requirements; and, (3) the alternative means and methods of Development or Stormwater Management Facility design required to accomplish the purposes of this ordinance.

~~(Prior code §§ 5014.0—5014.2; Ord. 3633, 2/14/95)~~

4.100.070 Discharge Regulations and Requirements

4.100.110 - Notification of pollutants, spills and other Illicit Discharges.

~~The discharge of non-storm water discharges to the County storm sewer system is prohibited. All discharges of material other than storm water must be in compliance with a NPDES Permit issued for the discharge (other than NPDES Permit No. CA0029921) and this Ordinance.~~

~~(Prior code § 5015; Ord. 3633, 2/14/95)~~

4.100.080

As soon as any Responsible Party or Person(s) in charge of a facility or responsible for emergency response for a facility has knowledge of any confirmed or unconfirmed release of materials, Pollutants, or waste which may result in Pollutants or Non-Stormwater Discharges entering the County Storm Drain System, such Person shall take all necessary steps to ensure the discovery and containment and cleanup of such release and shall notify the County of the occurrence immediately. Notification of any spill or release that is considered an emergency (e.g., an eminent threat to life, property, or the environment) shall be made to 911. All nonemergency notifications shall be made, at a minimum, using the nonemergency number, 311 or by reporting directly to the San Mateo County Water Pollution Prevention Program at flowstobay.org/reportpollution or by calling the Sustainability Department during standard business hours at 1-888-442-2666. Whenever a hazardous material is released, all other applicable local, state and federal reporting requirements must also be adhered to.

4.100.120 - Illicit Discharge.

The discharge of Non-Stormwater to the County Storm Drain System is prohibited. All discharges of material other than Stormwater must be with a NPDES Permit and this ordinance. It is unlawful for any Person to commence or continue any Illicit Discharge to the County Storm Drain System. This prohibition applies to all connections made to the County Storm Drain System. Alteration is inclusive of all connections made in the past, regardless of whether made under a permit or whether permissible under the law or practices applicable or prevailing at the time of the connection to the County Storm Drain System. Connections that pre-date the passage of this ordinance must receive written permission from the Director of the Department of Public Works or their designee to continue with the discharge of Non-Stormwater materials.

4.100.130 - Exceptions to discharge prohibition.

The following discharges are exempt from the prohibition set forth in section 4.100.~~070~~120:

- (a) The prohibition on discharges shall not apply to any discharge regulated under ~~a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES)~~an NPDES Permit issued to the discharger and administered by the State of California under authority of the United States Environmental Protection Agency, provided that the discharger is in full compliance with all requirements of the permit and other applicable laws or regulations.

Dischargers

- (b) Discharges from the following activities will not be considered a source of Pollutants to waters of the United States, and accordingly are not subject to the prohibition on discharges when ~~properly managed~~in accordance with the conditions for exempted and conditionally exempted discharges in the applicable NPDES Permit: water line flushing and other discharges from potable water sources, ~~municipal street cleaning, municipal park maintenance,~~ landscape irrigation, and lawn watering; irrigation water; diverted stream flows; rising ground waters; uncontaminated ground water infiltration ~~to separate storm drains~~; uncontaminated pumped ground water; water from foundation ~~and footing drains~~; water from crawl space pumps; and footing drains; pumped groundwater from drinking water aquifers (excluding well development discharges); air conditioning ~~and condensation, condensate, flows from natural~~ springs; individual residential ~~car~~ car washing; flows from riparian habitats and wetlands; dechlorinated swimming pool ~~discharges~~; hot tub, spa, and fountain discharges (if otherwise allowed by the County and if discharge to the sanitary sewer or landscaped area is infeasible); and flows from fire fighting~~firefighting~~ and other emergency response activity, and accordingly are not subject to the prohibition on discharges when conducted with appropriate BMPs.

~~(Prior code §§ 5016.0—5016.2; Ord. 3633, 2/14/95)~~

- (c) Discharges to Areas of Special Biological Significance (ASBS) in compliance with State Water Resources Control Board Special Protections for ASBS, Governing Point Source Discharges of Storm Water and Nonpoint Source Waste Discharges (Resolution No. 2012-0012) and revisions and amendments thereto.

4.100.~~090~~ Discharge in violation of permit.

~~Any discharge that would result in or contribute to a violation NPDES Permit No. CA0029921, the terms of which are incorporated herein by reference, and which is on file in the County's Health System, Division of Environmental Health, and any amendment, revision or reissuance thereof, either separately considered or when combined with other discharges, is prohibited. Liability for any such discharge shall be the responsibility of the Person(s) causing or responsible for the discharge, and such Persons shall defend, indemnify, and hold harmless the County in any administrative or judicial enforcement action relating to such discharge.~~

~~(Prior code § 5017; Ord. 3633, 2/14/95; Ord. 4438, 09/09/08)~~

~~4.100.100 Illicit discharge.~~

~~It is prohibited to commence or continue any illicit discharges to the County storm sewer system. This prohibition applies to all connections made to the storm sewer system and is not limited to existing connections.~~

~~(Prior code § 5018; Ord. 3633, 2/14/95)~~

~~4.100.110~~140 - Reduction of Pollutants in ~~storm water~~Stormwater.

Any Person engaged in activities which ~~will or~~ may result in Pollutants entering the County Storm ~~sewer~~Drain System shall undertake measures to ~~reduce~~eliminate such Pollutants through BMP implementation, including applicable source control measures. Examples of ~~such~~source Pollutant activities include ownership and use of facilities ~~which may be a source of pollutants such as parking lots, gasoline stations, in district facilities, commercial facilities, such as parking lots, vehicle fueling stations, commercial and industrial facilities to address Pollutant sources associated with outdoor areas involving processing and manufacturing, contaminated building materials, material storage, waste storage and disposal, vehicle and equipment storage and maintenance, parking and access roads, washing (including restaurant equipment and mats), or drainage from indoor areas; rooftop equipment; contaminated and erodible surface areas; and other sources; and~~ stores fronting County roads and streets, ~~etc.~~

~~(Prior code § 5019; Ord. 3633, 2/14/95)~~

~~4.100.120~~150 - Littering- and dumping.

No Person shall throw, deposit, leave, maintain, keep, or permit to be thrown, deposited, placed, left, or maintained, any refuse, rubbish, Litter, garbage, or other ~~discharged or abandoned objects, articles, and accumulations~~discharge, in or upon any street, alley, sidewalk, unpaved road shoulder, storm drain, inlet, catch basin, conduit or other drainage structures, outdoor business place, or upon any public or private lot of land, so that the same might be or become a Pollutant, except in lawfully established dumping grounds. The occupant or tenant, or in the absence of occupant or tenant, the owner, lessee, or proprietor of any real property in front of which there is a paved sidewalk or unpaved road shoulder, shall maintain ~~said sidewalk~~the area free of Litter to the maximum extent practicable. Debris from said area shall not be swept or otherwise made or allowed to be deposited into the street or gutter but shall be disposed of in receptacles maintained on said real property as required for the disposal of garbage. No Person shall throw or deposit Litter in any Watercourse or waterbody within the County.

~~No Person shall throw or deposit litter in any pond, lake, stream or any other body of water.~~

~~(Prior code §§ 5020.0 — 5020.2; Ord. 3633, 2/14/95)~~

~~4.100.130 Standard for parking lots and similar structures.~~

4.100.160 – Trash reduction.

The County may require additional trash reduction measures to further the purpose and requirements of this Chapter. The County may enforce trash reduction measures that include, but are not limited to, enhanced trash control practices to minimize trash, or the installation of a single Full Trash Capture Device or series of devices that traps trash particles to the standards specified

by the Regional Water Board. All Full Trash Capture Device(s) installed for this purpose will be required to record an Operation & Maintenance Agreement with the County, ensuring the device(s) will be properly maintained.

4.100.170 - Source control standards for Special Land Uses.

Persons owning or operating ~~park lot, gas station pavement, or similar structure shall clean those structures as frequently and thoroughly as practicable in a manner that~~Special Land Uses shall implement source control measures such that the use does not result in discharge of Pollutants to the County Storm ~~sewer system.~~Drain System. Under the permitting process for Special Land Uses, new Development and Redevelopment projects shall incorporate required source controls, site design, and Stormwater treatment measures to address discharge of Pollutants in Stormwater runoff, including trash, as outlined by the San Mateo Countywide Water Pollution Prevention Program.

~~(Prior code § 5021; Ord. 3633, 2/14/95)~~

4.100.140180 - Best Management Practices for ~~new developments and redevelopments~~pollution prevention.

~~Any construction contractor performing work shall provide filter materials at the catch basin to retain any debris and dirt flowing in to the County's storm sewer system. County may establish controls on the volume and rate of storm water runoff from new developments and redevelopments as may be appropriate to minimize the discharge and transport of pollutants.~~

~~(Prior code § 5022; Ord. 3633, 2/14/95)~~

~~4.100.150 Compliance with best management practices.~~

~~Every Person~~Responsible Party undertaking any activity or operation, or operating a facility or business, which may cause or contribute to ~~storm water~~Stormwater pollution or contamination, ~~Illicit discharges~~Discharge, and/or discharge of Non-~~storm water to the storm water~~Stormwater Discharge into the County Storm Drain System, shall utilize ~~best management practices~~BMPs to prevent or reduce the discharge of Pollutants directly or indirectly to the ~~County's storm sewer system~~County Storm Drain System. Temporary and permanent BMPs shall be implemented for pollution prevention as stated in the County Drainage Manual and NPDES Permit for activities including, but not limited to, routine municipal operations and housekeeping, erosion and sediment control, all phases of construction, new Development or Redevelopment, or standard operations at industrial and commercial facilities including mobile businesses. Every Person undertaking such activity or operation, or owning or operating such facility, shall comply with local, regional, and state guidelines and requirements to minimize discharge and transport of Pollutants of Concern.

~~{Prior code § 5023; Ord. 3633, 2/14/95}~~

4.100.~~160~~190 - Watercourse protection.

(a) Every Person owning, leasing, renting, or in control of the property through which a Watercourse passes, ~~or such Person's lessee or tenant~~, shall keep and maintain that part of the Watercourse within the property reasonably free of trash, loose sediment, debris, excessive vegetation, and other obstacles which would and/or could pollute, contaminate, or significantly retard the flow of water through the Watercourse; shall maintain existing privately owned permitted structures within a Watercourse so that such structures will not become a hazard to the use, function, or physical integrity of the Watercourse; and shall not remove healthy riparian and or bank vegetation beyond that actually necessary for said maintenance, nor remove said any vegetation in such a manner as to increase the vulnerability of the Watercourse to erosion. Any modifications to the Watercourse that include changes within channel, bank, or riparian corridor are subject to permits as required by the County Planning and Building Department or applicable state and federal regulating agencies.

~~{Prior code § 5204; Ord. 3633, 2/14/95}~~

~~4.100.170 Authority to inspect.~~

~~The County Health Officer or other duly authorized representative of the County shall visit all premises from time to time and examine the sanitary conditions of said premises and determine whether the provisions of this Ordinance are complied with.~~

~~{Prior code § 5025; Ord. 3633, 2/14/95}~~

~~4.100.180 Authority to sample and establish sampling devices.~~

~~The County shall have the right to establish on any property such devices as are necessary to conduct sampling or metering operations. During all inspections as provided herein, the official may take samples deemed necessary to aid in the pursuit of the inquiry or in the recordation of the activities on-site.~~

~~{Prior code § 5026; Ord. 3633, 2/14/95}~~

~~4.100.190 Notification of spills.~~

~~As soon as any Person in charge of a facility or responsible for emergency response for a facility has knowledge of any confirmed or unconfirmed release of materials, pollutants, or waste which may result in pollutants or non-storm water discharges entering the County storm sewer system, such Person shall take all necessary steps to ensure the discovery and containment and clean up of such release and shall notify the County of the occurrence by telephoning 372-6200 and confirming the notification by correspondence to the Division of Environmental Health, 2000 Alameda de las Pulgas, Suite 100, San Mateo, CA 94403. In the event that a hazardous material is released, all other applicable reporting requirements must be adhered to.~~

~~(Prior code § 5207; Ord. 3633, 2/14/95; Ord. 4438, 09/09/08)~~

4.100.200 Requirement to test or monitor.

Any authorized enforcement official may request that any Person engaged in any activity and/or owning or operating any facility which may cause or contribute to storm water pollution or contamination, illicit discharges, and/or discharge of non-storm water to the storm water system, undertake such monitoring activities and/or analyses and furnish such reports as the official may specify.

(Prior code § 5028; Ord. 3633, 2/14/95)

4.100.210

(b) No Person shall commit or cause to be committed any of the following acts, unless a written permit has first been obtained from the relevant County and/or state permitting agencies:

- (1) Discharge into or connect any pipe or channel to a Watercourse or conveyance that leads to a Watercourse;
- (2) Modify the natural flow of water in or into a Watercourse;
- (3) Construct, alter, enlarge, connect to, change or remove any structure within a Watercourse, or within thirty feet (30) of the center line of any creek, or twenty feet (20) of the top of a bank, whichever provides a larger buffer from the Watercourse;
- (4) Deposit in or remove any material, including vegetation, from a Watercourse including its banks, except as permitted and required for necessary maintenance;
- (5) Place any loose or unconsolidated material within a Watercourse or so close to its side, channel, or bank as to cause a diversion of the flow, or to cause a probability of such material being carried away by Stormwaters passing through such Watercourse.

(c) All regulations pertaining to Watercourse shall also apply broadly to ASBS Watersheds.

4.100.200 - Stormwater Management Facility maintenance.

(a) Maintenance and repair of any Stormwater Management Facility shall be the responsibility of the facility owner.

(b) For regulated Stormwater Management Facilities:

- (1) A facility owner (except when the owner is a public agency with an established Stormwater maintenance program) shall be required to enter into an Operation and Maintenance (O&M) Agreement with the County, prior to the County granting a certificate of occupancy or other approval of project completion, to ensure the continued proper operation and maintenance of the facility and to allow access and inspection by the County, the local vector control agency, and the Regional Water Board. The O&M Agreement shall be recorded in the office of the County Recorder with the property Deed of Trust and be binding upon all owners of the property.
- (2) The O&M Agreement shall be accompanied by a Stormwater Management Facility maintenance plan. The plan shall include: a description of the location and general characteristics of the site; the location and nature of the County Storm Drain System

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and creeks and/or waters of the United States to which the site drains; and a plan and schedule for routine inspection and maintenance of the Stormwater Management Facilities. Routine maintenance tasks shall include such items as trimming, care and replacement of vegetation; replacement of mulch and compost; sweeping of Impervious Surfaces and cleaning of any inlets, outlets, piping, screens and/or filters.

(3) The facility owner shall provide the County with proof of maintenance in an annual report. The County has the right to mandate a maintenance schedule for the Stormwater Management Facility as outlined in the O&M Agreement and to review and amend maintenance plans as needed.

(4) If maintenance is provided by a third party (other than the facility owner or the County), the facility owner shall provide the County with a copy of the agreement with the third-party vendor. The facility owner shall remain responsible for compliance with the O&M Agreement, and shall remain liable for any Illicit Discharge even if the event was caused due to negligence on behalf of the third party.

(c) For non-regulated Stormwater Management Facilities, Stormwater Management Facilities required by the County (e.g., for project compliance with the County Drainage Manual), a Stormwater management owner's consent form will be signed by the owner, certifying that they will inspect and maintain the property's Stormwater management features after construction.

4.100.210 – Stormwater management during grading and/or construction.

Any Person engaged in construction or grading work in the County shall install, maintain, and replace controls and BMPs in order to prevent Non-Stormwater Discharges including, but not limited to, Target Pollutants, erosion and sediment runoff onto roadways or into the County Storm Drain System, as outlined in the County Drainage Manual, is required for any construction and/or grading for which such a plan is deemed necessary by the Planning and Building Department. The Planning and Building Department Director, or Director's designee, shall have the authority to stop construction and/or grading work on a site where adequate controls and/or BMPs are not in place. Grading shall also adhere to the County of San Mateo Regulations for Excavating, Grading, Filling and Clearing on Lands in Unincorporated San Mateo County, and all other applicable County regulations.

Enforcement

4.100.220 - ~~Violations constituting misdemeanors.~~ Violations

Violation of any provision of this Chapter, or failure to comply with any of the mandatory requirements of this Chapter ~~shall constitute a misdemeanor; except that notwithstanding any other provisions of this chapter, any such violation constituting a misdemeanor under this chapter may, at the discretion of the District Attorney, be charged and prosecuted as an infraction, including documents incorporated by reference herein, constitute a violation under Chapter 1.40 (Administrative Remedies) of the County Ordinance Code. Remedies identified in the ERPs shall be in addition to those identified in Chapter 1.40. The provisions of Chapter 1.40 shall not supersede any other sections of this Chapter, other County ordinances, or state laws and regulations which address legal or administrative remedies and penalties available for certain specific violations including, but not limited to, penalties set by Board resolution and Chapter 5.64 of the County Ordinance Code.~~

(Prior code § 5029; Ord. 3633, 2/14/95)

4.100.220 Infractions.

Every violation determined to be an infraction is punishable by: a fine not exceeding one hundred dollars (\$100) for a first violation; a fine not exceeding two hundred dollars (\$200) for a second violation of the ordinance within one year; a fine not exceeding five hundred dollars (\$500) for each additional violation of the ordinance within one year.

(Prior code § 5029.1; Ord. 3633, 2/14/95)

4.100.230

4.100.230 - Discharge in violation of NPDES Permit.

Any discharge that results in or contributes to a violation of a the NPDES Permit and any amendment, revision or reissuance thereof, either separately considered or when combined with other discharges, is prohibited. Liability for any such discharge shall be the Responsible Party's(ies'), including any business, property owner or other associated business that hired any offending agent or contractor, and such Persons shall defend, indemnify, and hold harmless the County in any administrative or judicial enforcement action relating to such discharge.

4.100.240 - Responsibility for violations.

The ~~owner, manager, or operator~~Responsible Party of any facility is responsible for any violation by an employee or contractors of any provision of this Chapter or any regulation adopted pursuant to this Chapter. For violations which occur in areas of the public right-of-way or on lands owned by a California public entity, only the Person(s) causing a Non-Stormwater Discharge or who has conducted an activity or activities in violation of Stormwater control requirements shall be deemed the Responsible Party.

(Prior code § 5029.2; Ord. 3633, 2/14/95)

4.100.240250 - Continuing violations.

~~Unless otherwise provided, a Person, firm, corporation or organization, shall be deemed guilty of a separate offense for each and every day during any portion of which a violation of this chapter is committed, continued or permitted by the Person, firm, corporation or organization and shall be punishable accordingly as herein provided.~~

(Prior code § 5029.3; Ord. 3633, 2/14/95)

In cases where compliance with this ordinance cannot be achieved by the Authorized Enforcement Officials, the County may coordinate with or refer the issue to other agencies such as the District Attorney and applicable state and federal agencies to remedy the noncompliance.

4.100.250260 - Concealment.

Causing, permitting, aiding, abetting, or concealing a violation of any provision of this Chapter shall constitute a violation of such provision.

(Prior code § 5029.4; Ord. 3633, 2/14/95)

4.100.~~260~~270 - Civil actions.

In addition to any remedies provided in this section, any violation of this section may be enforced by civil action brought by the County. In any such action, the County may seek, and the court shall grant, as appropriate, any or all of the following remedies or any such remedy deemed appropriate by ~~county;~~the County:

- (1) A temporary and/or permanent injunction.
- (2) Assessment of the violator for the costs of any investigations, inspections, or monitoring surveys which led to the ~~establishment~~discovery and confirmation of the violation, and for the reasonable costs of preparing and bringing legal action under this subsection.
- (3) Costs incurred in removing, correcting, or terminating the adverse effects resulting from the violation, including reasonable attorney's fees and court costs.

~~(Prior code §§ 5030.0—5030.3; Ord. 3633, 2/14/95)~~

4.100.~~270~~280 - Administrative enforcement powers.

In addition to the other enforcement powers and remedies established by this ordinance, any authorized enforcement official has the authority to utilize administrative remedies.

~~(Prior code § 5301; Ord. 3633, 2/14/95)~~

4.100.~~280~~290 - Remedies not exclusive.

Remedies under this Chapter are in addition to and do not supersede or limit any and all other remedies, civil or criminal. The remedies provided for herein shall be cumulative and not exclusive.

~~(Prior code § 5032; Ord. 3633, 2/14/95)~~

~~4.100.290 Coordination with hazardous materials inventory and response program.~~

~~The first revision of the business plan for any facility subject to the County's hazardous materials inventory and response program shall include a program for compliance with this chapter, including the prohibitions on non-storm water discharges and illicit discharge, and the requirement to reduce storm water pollutants to the maximum extent practicable.~~

~~(Prior code § 5033; Ord. 3633, 2/14/95)~~

~~4.100.300 Fees.~~

~~Owners and/or operators shall be charged fees in accordance with the San Mateo County Ordinance Code section 5.120.040.~~

~~(Prior code § 5034; Ord. 3633, 2/14/95; Ord. 3991, 08/22/00)~~

Fees

4.100.300 - Fees.

The County may adopt reasonable fees to recover the cost of setting up and operating a Stormwater pollution prevention and drainage control program. Fees and charges may include permit application and processing fees, monitoring and inspection, compliance actions, fees for filing appeals, and other charges deemed necessary to carry out the requirements out of this Chapter. These fees relate solely to the matters covered by this Chapter and are separate from all other fees, fines, and penalties charged by the County.

Section 2. REPEAL OF CONFLICTING ORDINANCES. That all ordinances or parts of ordinance in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Section 3. EFFECTIVE DATE. This ordinance shall become effective 30 days after adoption.

Attachment B

Summary of Modifications: Adopted and Proposed Ordinances

SUMMARY OF MODIFICATIONS: ADOPTED ORDINANCE		
SECTION	TITLE	CHANGE
4.100.010	Purpose and intent	Retained
4.100.020	Definitions	Retained
4.100.030	Responsibility for administration	Retained
4.100.040	Construction and application	Retained
4.100.050	Severability and validity	Retained
4.100.060	Waiver procedures	Moved to 4.100.100
4.100.070	Discharge of Pollutants	Moved to 4.100.120
4.100.080	Exceptions to discharge prohibition	Moved to 4.100.130
4.100.090	Discharge in violation of permit	Moved to 4.100.070 and 230
4.100.100	Illicit discharge	Moved to 4.100.120
4.100.110	Reduction of pollutants in storm water	Moved to 4.100.140
4.100.120	Littering	Moved to 4.100.150
4.100.130	Standards for parking lots and similar structures	Moved to 4.100.140 and 170
4.100.140	Best management practices for new developments and redevelopments.	Moved to 4.100.180
4.100.150	Compliance with best management practices	Moved to 4.100.180
4.100.160	Watercourse protection	Moved to 4.100.190
4.100.170	Authority to inspect	Moved to 4.100.060
4.100.180	Authority to sample and establish sampling devices	Moved to 4.100.060
4.100.190	Notification of spills	Moved to 4.100.112
4.100.200	Requirement to test or monitor	Moved to 4.100.060
4.100.210	Violations constituting misdeameanors	Moved to 4.100.220
4.100.220	Infractions	Moved to 4.100.220
4.100.230	Responsibility for violations	Moved to 4.100.240
4.100.240	Continuting violations	Moved to 4.100.250
4.100.250	Concealment	Moved to 4.100.260
4.100.260	Civil actions	Moved to 4.100.270
4.100.270	Administrative enforcement powers	Moved to 4.100.280
4.100.280	Remedies not exclusive	Moved to 4.100.290
4.100.290	Coordination with hazardous materials inventory and response program	Deleted
4.100.300	Fees	Retained

SUMMARY OF MODIFICATIONS: PROPOSED ORDINANCE			
SECTION	TITLE	CHANGE	DESCRIPTION OF MODIFICATION
4.100.005	Title	New	Added Chapter title
4.100.010	Purpose and intent	Modified	Expanded health, safety, and general welfare purpose of stormwater management; includes updated NPDES permit reference; added reference to Clean Water Act and Porter-Cologne Water Quality Control Act.
4.100.020	Definitions	Modified	Expanded and added definitions.
4.100.030	Responsibility for administration	Modified	Ordinance administration expanded to Sustainability, Public Works, Planning and Building, Environmental Health Services, and Parks Departments.
4.100.040	Construction and application	Modified	Added ordinance applicability to County unincorporated areas, added consistency with other state and federal regulations and plans (e.g., California Ocean Plan), and added authority for county to enforce requirements imposed on it by the NPDES permit.
4.100.050	Severability and validity	No Change	No change to text.
4.100.060	Authority to inspect and sample	Modified	Expanded to include authority to conduct routine inspections; investigate and remedy discharges and violations; enforce provisions; obtain owner's consent; right to conduct or require sampling and monitoring; immediate remedial action for emergency response.
4.100.070	Compliance with Chapter	Modified	Clarification of noncompliance with Chapter, liability for damages, and Responsible Party requirements.
4.100.080	Drainage Manual	New	Incorporation by reference of the County Drainage Manual.
4.100.090	Enforcement Response Plans	New	Incorporation by reference of the Enforcement Response Plans.
4.100.100	Waiver procedures	Modified	Request for Waiver is changed from Environmental Health Services to Planning and Building Department, added alternative means and methods proposal in Waiver application, and includes consideration of alternative means and methods in findings.
4.100.110	Notifications of spills and other Illicit Discharges	Modified	Update to notification contact information, emergencies 911, nonemergency to 311 or flowstobay or Sustainability dept
4.100.120	Illicit Discharge	Modified	Clarification of illicit discharge connections including alteration, requires connections pre-dating passage of ordinance to receive written permission to continue discharging from the Department of Public Works.
4.100.130	Exceptions to discharge prohibition	Modified	Clarification of listed activities exempted, added Areas of Special Biological Significance (ASBS) exemption consistent with state requirements.
4.100.140	Reduction of Pollutants in Stormwater	Modified	Expanded listed activites and use of facilities where BMP implementation measures must be undertaken to reduce potentail pollutants entering storm drains.
4.100.150	Littering and dumping	Modified	Expanded illegal dumping locations list to include unpaved road shoulders.
4.100.160	Trash reduction	New	Added trash reduction requirement and measures such as full trash capture devices or series of devices to the standards specified by the Regional Water Quality Control Board, includes operation and maintenance requirement of such devices.
4.100.170	Source control standards for Special Land Uses	Modified	Defines auto service facilities, retain gasoline outles, restaurants, and stand-alone uncovered parking lots as Special Land Uses requiring source control measures during operations and as part of a development/redevelopment permit.
4.100.180	Best Management Practices for pollution prevention	Modified	Expands best management practices beyond new development and redevelopment to include industrial and commercial facilities operations and references the County Drainage Manual for details.
4.100.190	Watercourse protection	Modified	Identifies that vegetation management and watercourse modifications within channel, bank, or riparian corridor may be subject to county, state, and federal permits; provides restriction details regarding discharge and alteration of watercourses including applicability to the ASBS.
4.100.200	Stormwater Management Facility maintenance	New	Add responsibility for maintainance and repair of a regulated stormwater management facilities to be the facility owner and adds requirement for operation and maintenance agreement (recorded document with Deed of Trust binding upon all owners of the property).
4.100.210	Stormwater management during grading and/or construction	Modified	Provides authority for Planning and Building Department to stop construction and/or gradnig work with inadequate controls/BMPs. Identifies other regulations (Grading).
4.100.220	Violations	Modified	Aligns stormwater ordinance consistent with Municipal Code Chapter 1.40 Administrative Remedies for violations and process. https://library.municode.com/ca/san_mateo_county/codes/code_of_ordinances?nodeId=TIT1GEPR_CH_1.40ADRE
4.100.230	Discharge in violation of NPDES Permit	Modified	Removes the reference to the NPDES permit on file with Environmental Health Services. Copy of permit is online: https://www.smcgov.org/planning/national-pollutant-discharge-elimination-system-npdes-permit
4.100.240	Responsibility for violations	Modified	Expands Responsible Party to include contractors and clarifies Responsible Party for violations in the public right-of-way or on on lands owned by a California entity to be the Person causing the activity.
4.100.250	Continuing violations	Modified	Provides authority for the enforcement official to refer the violation to other agencies including the District Attorney and applicable state and federal agencies to remedy the noncompliance.
4.100.260	Concealment	No Change	No change to text.
4.100.270	Civil actions	Modified	Replaces "establishment" of the violation with "discovery and confirmation" of the violation when assessing costs.
4.100.280	Administrative enforcement powers	No Change	No change to text.
4.100.290	Remedies not exclusive	No Change	No change to text.
4.100.300	Fees	Modified	Clarification of what costs may be included in reasonable fees to recover the cost of the stormwater program and that fees in this ordinance are separate from other fees, fines, and penatlies charged by the County