The Caltrans NPDES Permit issued by the State Water Resources Control Board encourages Caltrans to partner with local municipalities and to provide funding for regional water quality treatment facilities in TMDL watersheds in which Caltrans is identified as a responsible party, or in significant trash generating areas. Caltrans receives Compliance Unit credits for financial contributions to local municipalities to assist Caltrans in complying with the Caltrans NPDES Permit.

For questions regarding either of these programs, contact the Caltrans NPDES Coordinator for the Caltrans District in which the project is located or

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Local MS4s & Caltrans

Partnership Opportunities for Stormwater Treatment Projects

Caltrans

Caltrans has two partnership programs:

Cooperative Implementation Agreement (CIA)
CIAs provide capital and support funding for planning, design, environmental studies, right of way acquisition (easement only) and construction of stormwater treatment facilities. Treatment of runoff from Caltrans right of way (ROW) is desirable but not required. This program does not have a dedicated funding source. The amount of funds are limited and vary from year to year. Regional Water Board approval of the proposed project is required. Submit project details (as described below) to the appropriate Watershed Manager. Projects under consideration are prioritized and funding determinations are made by June of each year.

Financial Contribution Only (FCO)
FCOs provide funding for capital construction costs (labor and materials) only of stormwater treatment facilities. Treatment of runoff from Caltrans ROW must be included. Basic project details (brief project scope, location, tentative schedule and estimate) must be submitted to the District NPDES Coordinator by May 1 of even years to reserve funds. Additional details of the project (as described below) must be submitted by March 1 or earlier of odd years for Caltrans to develop a Project Initiation Report. Projects will be prioritized and if approved, funds are typically available within two years. Exceptions to the dates noted may be granted for high priority projects. Project plans and specifications, environmental document and permits, ROW acquisition, contract advertisement, award, and administration (with Caltrans oversight) is the responsibility of the local municipality. Projects must be federalized unless an exception is obtained from Caltrans. Regional Water Board approval is not required unless non-Caltrans approved BMPs are proposed.

Projects not selected remain eligible for funding in following years. Reimbursement for treatment facilities already constructed is also possible under each program.

For projects with multiple components (e.g., Green Streets, flood control, etc.), only components directly related to construction of the BMPs or restoration of areas disturbed by construction of the BMPs are eligible.

Maintenance and operation costs under each program must be solely borne by the local MS4.

Information required to be submitted for project consideration:

1. **Waterbody reach the project is located in and where on the Reach Prioritization Inventory List it lands**

   The list is available on the Caltrans Stormwater Program website under "Tools": www.dot.ca.gov/env/stormwater

2. **Pollutant categories treated (for TMDLs) or Trash (for Trash Amendments)**

   1) Sediment/Nutrients/Mercury/Siltation/Turbidity; 2) Metals/Toxics/Pesticides; 3) Trash; 4) Bacteria; 5) Diazinon; 6) Selenium; 7) Temperature; 8) Chloride. Priority is given to projects that address significant trash generating areas.

3. **Phase the project is in (i.e., conceptual, environmental studies, design), tentative schedule and funding requested**

   Status of environmental documents, permits, design. Provide project schedule and total funding (show funds broken down by fiscal year and phase).

4. **Number of Stakeholders benefitting from the project (list MS4s)**

5. **Type of BMP(s) to be built and number of acres treated**

   Provide sizing and tributary drainage area calculations and mapping for dry and wet weather flow acres being treated for Caltrans and each MS4 and a map of tributary drainage areas. Caltrans can assist with this.

6. **Status of Regional Water Board approval** (e.g., WQIP, WMP, EWMP or Executive Officer)

7. **Lead agency.** Will Caltrans be working with an individual MS4, JPA, or stakeholder group?