



REPORT TO DEVELOPMENT OVERSIGHT COMMISSION City of Sacramento

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STAFF REPORT
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Members of the Development Oversight Commission:

Subject: New Regional Stormwater Quality Design Manual

Location/Council District: Citywide

Recommendation: Receive and file

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Division: Engineering Division

Organization Number: 3333

Description/ Analysis:

Issue: In April 2006, staff provided a presentation to the Development Oversight Commission on the revised stormwater quality requirements that went into effect on May 18, 2006, and the proposed regional "Stormwater Quality Design Manual for the Sacramento and South Placer Regions." The new manual was completed in May 2007, and replaces the City's existing "Guidance Manual for On-Site Stormwater Quality Control Measures." The new manual (PDF version) can be downloaded at www.sacramentostormwater.org/SSQP/development.asp. The regional Stormwater Manual was a collaborative effort between the County of Sacramento and cities of Sacramento, Citrus Heights, Elk Grove, Folsom, Galt, Rancho Cordova and Roseville. This manual includes the stormwater quality requirements for new development and redevelopment projects, low impact development strategies (i.e., runoff reduction control measures) and guidance for selecting, designing and maintaining stormwater source and treatment control measures. The primary users of this manual will be those involved in the design or review/approval of development projects.

Based on input from the Development Oversight Commission, a focus group was created to gather input from the development community before releasing a public

review draft of the regional Stormwater Quality Design Manual. The City sent invitations to participate in the focus group to eleven (11) developers and three (3) professional organizations (BIA, CELSOC and AIA). The focus group participants attended an introductory meeting on December 11, 2006, that included a presentation on the draft manual and stormwater requirements and distribution of the draft manual for review and comment. The developers were also encouraged to share the draft manual with their engineering and design representatives for review and comment. A follow-up workshop with the developers and their design representatives was held on January 18, 2007, to discuss their comments and feedback. Twenty-one (21) people attended the January 18th meeting. The design manual was revised based on the verbal and written comments that were received as a part of the focus group meetings, and the public review draft was released on February 16, 2007.

During the six week public review period, a presentation was given to BIA on February 14, 2007, and two public workshops were held on March 8 and March 20, 2007. After the February BIA presentation, a BIA subcommittee was established to continue discussing issues and ideas. This subcommittee met on March 14 and April 11, 2007. A summary of all comments received on the manual and the steering committee's responses are located at www.sacramentostormwater.org/SSQP/development.asp. BIA is satisfied with the manual in its current form, and will continue to work with the City and other agencies in the upcoming year to resolve issues and share ideas.

Additional methods used to inform the development community about the revised standards and new regional design manual included:

- Fact sheets and other information posted on the partnership website
- Fact sheets available at permit counters
- Direct mailing to developers and engineering consultants
- Information in professional organization newsletters and websites

Recent internal outreach included a Lunch and Learn presentation on February 16, 2007 and a presentation to the Team leads on May 3, 2007.

Policy Considerations: The Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Board) issued a municipal NPDES stormwater permit (Stormwater Permit) to the County of Sacramento and cities of Sacramento, Citrus Heights, Elk Grove, Folsom, Galt and Rancho Cordova. The Stormwater Permit requires implementation of development standards for new development and redevelopment in order to reduce pollutants in urban runoff. This Permit required the City to update stormwater quality requirements by May 18, 2006, and develop or amend technical guidance manuals by May 18, 2007. The City's Stormwater Ordinance, adopted in 1998, allows the City to "develop controls as appropriate to minimize the long-term, post construction discharge of stormwater pollutants from new developments or modifications to existing developments."

Financial Considerations: None

DOC Goals and Recommendations: The Stormwater Quality Design Manual and associated public outreach are consistent with the focus areas listed in the DOC's 2006-07 Annual Report:

- Developing Partners through communication
- Simplifying and streamlining development regulations
- Integrating low impact development policies

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Recommendation Approved:


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