

Stormwater Quality Maintenance Program

(FAQ)

Questions & Answers:

1. What is the SWQ Maintenance Program?

The SWQ Maintenance program was made part of the City's Municipal Code as one of the requirements of the State's General Storm Water Permit. The intent of the maintenance program is to ensure that privately installed storm water management devices are properly maintained throughout their effective life cycle and that they continue to lessen the long-term impacts of storm water discharges resulting from new and development projects within the City.

2. What mandates the SWQ Maintenance Program?

In 1972 Congress adopted the Clean Water Act (CWA). As a result, the City was required to obtain a State stormwater discharge permit for municipal separate storm sewer systems (MS4s). The City of Roseville was issued its first MS4 permit in 2004, and is currently under the Statewide General Storm Water Permit that was issued to the City in 2013. The MS4 permit required the City to develop a storm water maintenance program and amend its Urban Stormwater Quality Control Management Control Ordinance (here after referred to as SWQO) to include stormwater quality maintenance requirements for development. The amended SWQO was adopted by City Council May 5, 2010.

3. Who enforces the program?

The City of Roseville Development Services Department, Land Development Construction Management section administrates and enforces the program. All stormwater management permittees shall annually submit to the City of Roseville a self certification report and control measure check off list demonstrating compliance with the approved stormwater maintenance plan. The self certification report shall verify that the operating condition of the stormwater control measures are in good working order and that the stormwater maintenance plan has been executed to ensure that stormwater quality treatment devices continue to perform adequately. The City may conduct inspections of the stormwater quality treatment devices to confirm the information filed in the self certification report. It shall be unlawful to make any false statement or representation in a self certification report submitted to the City Engineer. Self-certification documents can be obtained from the City of Roseville Development Services Department, Permit Center.

4. What is required by the program and the City?

Landowners that own, operate, or construct one or more stormwater quality treatment devices shall obtain an annual stormwater management permit as required in the City's SWQO. In addition to obtaining a stormwater quality permit, annual maintenance of private stormwater treatment devices must be conducted per City standards, and/or manufacture's recommendations, to assure proper operation and functionality.

For new development projects, beginning at the initial project application through the completion of the project, three documents are required prior to the issuance of a stormwater management permit. They include a stormwater management plan, a stormwater maintenance plan, and a stormwater control maintenance agreement.

For existing development, only a stormwater maintenance plan is required prior to the issuance of a stormwater management permit.

5. What is a stormwater management permit?

The stormwater management permit is an annual permit issued by the City of Roseville and authorizes private property owners to operate their stormwater quality treatment devices under the City's MS4 permit. It further defines the user's responsibility to properly maintain their private devices.

6. How do I obtain a stormwater management permit?

A stormwater management permit along with other related documents can be obtained at the Permit Center located at the City of Roseville Civic Center. Public Works will distribute to all facilities with existing treatment devices a packet that contains all the required documents to be submitted. Questions pertaining to the permit can be directed to the Development Services Department at (916) 774-5339

7. Is the stormwater management permit issued one time?

No. Each stormwater management permit shall be valid for one year and must thereafter be annually renewed. June 15th is the deadline for all self-certifications to be received by the City. Upon receiving the self-certification forms, a renewed permit will be issued for the new permit year beginning July 1st.

8. How much is the stormwater management permit fee?

There will not be a fee associated with the permit, however, City Council reserves the right to evaluate the need for a fee in the future.

9. What is a stormwater management plan?

The stormwater management plan shows details of how stormwater quality treatment devices will slow, clean, infiltrate and capture urban runoff in an effort to reduce water pollution to the City's receiving waters. The stormwater management plan together with the site development improvement plans shall indicate the size and location of all stormwater quality treatment devices. The plan shall be submitted with all development applications as required by the City's Stormwater Quality Design Manual.

10. What is a stormwater maintenance plan?

A stormwater maintenance plan consists of stormwater quality treatment devices that will treat stormwater runoff in conformance with the City's MS4 permit. The maintenance plan shall include a schedule for when and how often maintenance of the devices shall occur. A list of any special equipment or skills required for proper maintenance and a schedule for periodic inspections to ensure proper performance between maintenance events shall also be included.

11. What is a stormwater control maintenance agreement?

As a condition of issuance of the annual stormwater management permit for new development and redevelopment, a stormwater control maintenance agreement shall be entered into by and between the City and the landowner of the privately owned device(s). The stormwater control maintenance agreement shall be in a form approved by the city attorney and shall run with the land and be recorded in the office of the Placer County Recorder. The stormwater control maintenance agreement shall be irrevocable and shall obligate all current and future landowners to bear all costs for the annual maintenance, replacement, record keeping, and annual permitting of all stormwater control measures.

12. When is the maintenance performed?

Depending on the device, the approved maintenance plan shall reference the maintenance protocol. Typically, maintenance will be performed during the months of April and May, or just after the rainy season subsides. Periodic inspection shall be performed to ensure the control measures are operating sufficiently.

13. Who can perform the maintenance?

Depending on the size and type of device, some maintenance can be done independently by the owner or their representative. Other protocols may be specialized and require special equipment and confined space certification and will be provided by contract vendors. The Development Services Department, Land Development Construction

Management section can provide a vendor's list of maintenance providers. **Please note:** The City does not endorse any of the maintenance providers from the list. Ensure that your maintenance provider (whether from the City's list, or from your own research) disposes the waste material at an appropriate hazardous waste facility.

14. What is the timeframe to comply?

All previously developed sites with private storm water management devices should have already complied with these requirements. New projects will be subject to these requirements as part of their approval process. If you have any question as to whether your project site has ever come into conformance with these requirements you are urged to call The Development Services Department, Land Development Construction Management section at 916-774-5339.

15. What are the penalties/repercussions for non-compliance?

If a stormwater management permittee fails to submit the required self certification report, the City Engineer or enforcement officer may conduct an inspection of the stormwater quality treatment devices to verify compliance with the approved stormwater maintenance plan. If the City Engineer or enforcement officer determines the stormwater management permittee is not in compliance with the stormwater maintenance plan, or the stormwater quality control devices are not in good working order, the City Engineer or enforcement officer may issue a compliance order pursuant to Section 14.20.430 setting forth a schedule for compliance. The City Engineer or enforcement officer shall perform a follow-up reinspection at the conclusion of the schedule for compliance. Each time a reinspection is required beyond the initial follow-up reinspection for the compliance order, a reinspection fee will be charged to the permittee, until such time that the permittee comes into compliance. The amount of the reinspection fee shall be established by city council resolution. Any unpaid costs owed by the permittee may be charged as a lien against the property.

16 How do I find out the location of any treatment devices on my property?

All of the stormwater treatment device locations are noted on the City's utility mapping system. Staff can provide you with a map showing those locations. Additionally, staff is available to visit on-site to assist in locating your treatment device(s).

17. Who can I contact for further information and details?

Contact the Development Services Department, Land Development Construction Management section at (916)774-5339, or access the City's website at www.roseville.ca.us/stormwaterprogram