

CITY OF LOS ALAMITOS
Council Chamber
3191 Katella Ave., Los Alamitos CA 90720

PLANNING COMMISSION/SUBDIVISION COMMITTEE
AGENDA
REGULAR MEETING

Wednesday, May 24, 2023 – 7:00 PM

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1. CALL TO ORDER

2. ROLL CALL

Chair Loe
Vice Chair Cuilty
Commissioner Andrade
Commissioner DeBolt
Commissioner Grose
Commissioner Sofelkanik

Commissioner Zellmer

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

4. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

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5. CONSENT CALENDAR

All Consent Calendar items may be acted upon by one motion unless a Planning Commissioner requests separate action on a specific item.

6. PUBLIC HEARING

7. DISCUSSION

8. STAFF REPORT

A. National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES)

As authorized by the Clean Water Act, Los Alamitos's stormwater program, known as NPDES, is a local government's tool to help protect the water that enters a storm drain. Protecting water quality requires raising public awareness and fostering environmentally protective public behavior.

Recommendation:

Receive and file.

9. ITEMS FROM THE DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT

10. COMMISSIONER REPORTS

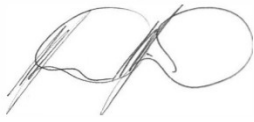
11. ADJOURNMENT

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Any final determination by the Planning Commission may be appealed to the City Council, and must be done so in writing at the Development Services Department, within ten (10) business days after the Planning Commission decision. The appeal must include a statement specifically identifying the portion(s) of the decision with which the appellant disagrees and the basis in each case for the disagreement, accompanied by an appeal fee of \$1,101.00 (resident)/ \$2,349.00 (non-resident) in accordance with Los Alamitos Municipal Code Section 17.60 and Fee Resolution No. 2022-11.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Michelle Müller', with a horizontal line extending to the right.

Michelle Müller
Management Analyst
Date: 5/18/23

City of Los Alamitos

PLANNING COMMISSION/SUBDIVISION COMMITTEE

AGENDA REPORT

MEETING DATE: May 24, 2023

ITEM NUMBER: 8A

To: Chair Loe & Members of the Planning Commission

Presented By: Tom Oliver, Associate Planner

Subject: National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Training

SUMMARY

As authorized by the Clean Water Act, Los Alamitos's stormwater program, known as NPDES, is a local government's tool to help protect the water that enters a storm drain. Protecting water quality requires raising public awareness and fostering environmentally protective public behavior.

RECOMMENDATION

Receive and file.

BACKGROUND

The National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) is a permit program that addresses water pollution by regulating the sources that discharge pollutants into the waterways of the United States. Examples of pollutants include, but are not limited to, rock, sand, dirt, and agricultural, industrial, and municipal waste discharged into storm drain water.

Created in 1972 by the Clean Water Act, the NPDES permit program authorizes state governments through the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to perform many permitting, administrative, and enforcement aspects of the program. The City of Los Alamitos' local umbrella NPDES agency is called the Santa Ana Regional Water Quality Board, or SARWQB.

DISCUSSION

Storm water is defined as the runoff generated when precipitation from rain and snowmelt events flows over land or impervious surfaces without percolating into the ground. In an urban setting, residential, commercial, and industrial property contribute to water runoff. Storm water is often considered a nuisance because it mobilizes pollutants such as motor oil and trash. In most cases, storm water flows directly into water bodies through water systems, contributing to a major source of pollution to rivers, lakes, and the ocean.

The State of California Water Boards created the Office of Enforcement in 2006 to emphasize enforcement to ensure that violations of orders and permits result in firm, fair, and consistent enforcement through direct actions. In Los Alamitos, both the Building &

Safety Division along with the Code Enforcement Division enforce local policies to ensure that the City is complying with State regulations.



As a part of fulfilling the City's local NPDES requirements mandated by the SARWQB, Los Alamitos supports implementation of a countywide public education program called H2OC, to enhance the likelihood that key messages concerning NPDES will be noticed and that target audiences will adopt behaviors protective of water quality. H2OC serves as the education and outreach campaign, providing unified messaging and combined media buying power that could not be achieved individually by this City and other Orange County cities, who are also known as "Permittees."

The City of Los Alamitos supports the countywide public education effort through financial contributions, participation in the Public Education Sub-Committee, and the use of countywide materials, thematic messages, and common H2OC branding. The City's public education and outreach program targets 100% of the residents, including businesses, commercial, and industrial establishments. The City supplements the countywide campaign at a local level through public educational material distribution, and outreach to the community through presentations such as tonight's NPDES presentation.

FISCAL IMPACT

None.

Attachment: 1. 5-24-2023 PC NPDES 101

NPDES 101

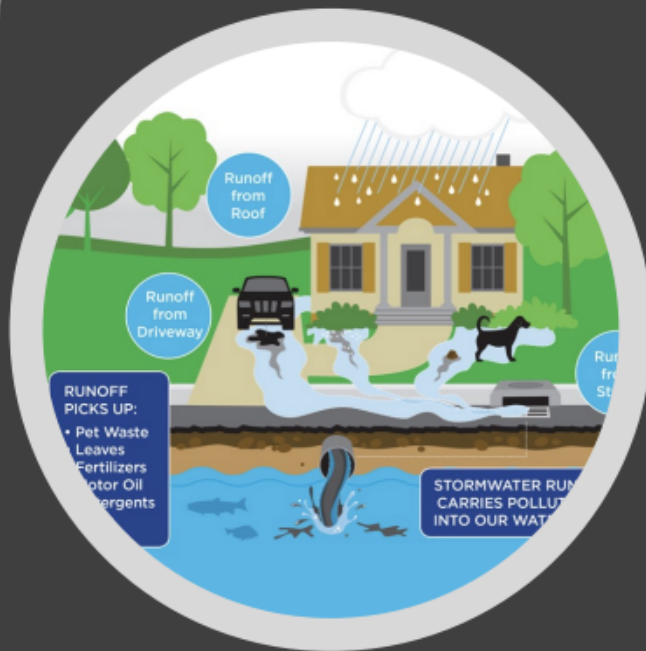


National Pollutant Discharge Elimination
System

May 24, 2023

WHY ANOTHER PRESENTATION?

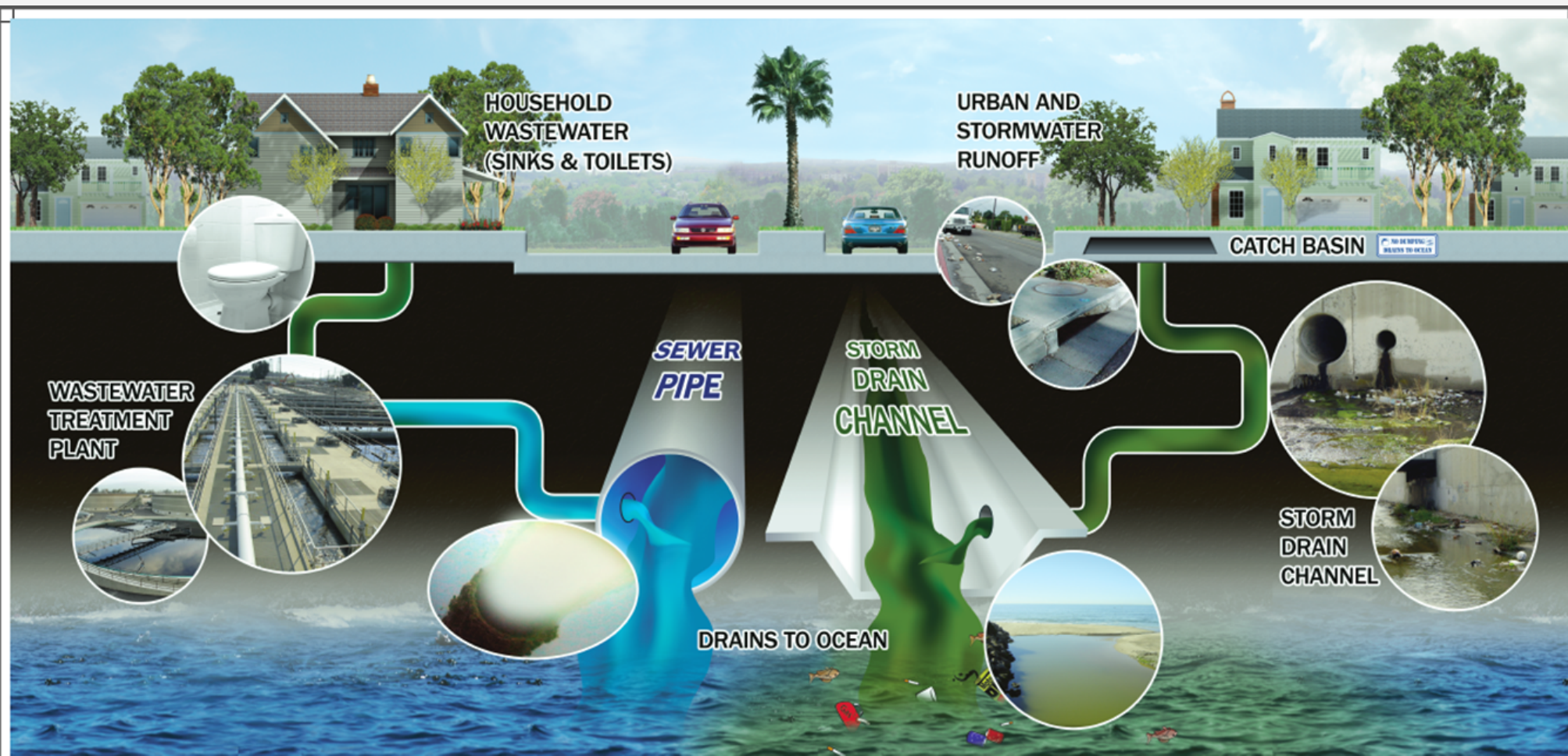
- A reminder to protect rivers, creeks, beaches & oceans
- Ensure that activities do not result in storm drain pollution
- According to U.S. EPA, 40% of U.S. waters not fishable or swimmable
- 80% of ocean pollution is from land runoff
- Comply w/ City's Municipal Stormwater NPDES



What is Stormwater Pollution?

Anything other than rainwater going into the storm drain system





SEWER VS. STORM DRAIN

DO YOU KNOW THE DIFFERENCE?

Not all water in Orange County is treated the same...in fact, some water isn't treated at all. Rain and water from sprinklers and hoses wash litter, pet waste, motor oil, pesticides and other pollutants into the storm drain where it flows untreated into our creeks, rivers, bays and ultimately, our ocean. Only water that enters the sewer (from sinks and toilets) is treated before entering our waterways. **SO DON'T TREAT THEM THE SAME.**



www.ocwatersheds.com

Remember The Ocean Begins at Your Front Door
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Stormwater (water that goes into storm drains) not treated before it reaches the ocean

Dirt, oil, chemical, or trash that goes into storm drain will meet you at the beach

CALIFORNIA STORMWATER NPDES PERMITS

- Public education/participation
- Illicit discharges
- Construction
- Planning & land development
- Municipal operations & best management practices
- Recordkeeping & testing
- Statewide Trash Provisions
- Municipal operations & best management practices
- Recordkeeping & testing
- Statewide Trash

The Basics ✓

- Dispose of trash in a trash can or recycle bin
- Keep receptacle lids closed during rain events
- Pick up litter in your neighborhood



- Limit the amounts of pesticides and fertilizers you use
- Collect trimmings and throw away in a green waste bin

- Never allow construction materials (like dirt, concrete, or other debris) to flow into the gutter
- Sweep it up

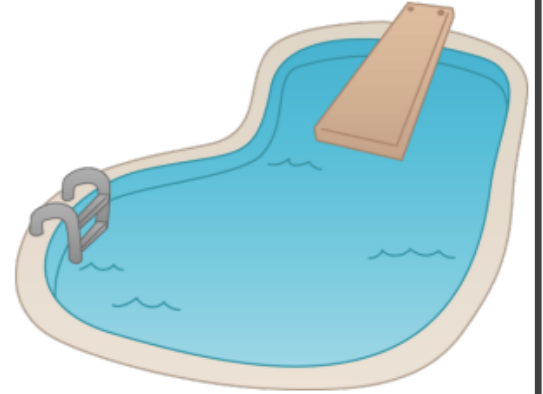


The Basics ✓



- Pick up after your pets! Don't allow animal waste to enter our waterways

- When cleaning your pool, dispose of chlorinated or discolored water into the sewer, not the storm drain



- Prevent automotive leaks and don't allow any fluids to reach the gutter

Disposing of Household Materials

- Any product that contains corrosive, toxic, ignitable, or reactive ingredients is considered household hazardous waste (HHW)
 - Ex. Paints, cleaners, oils, batteries, & pesticides
- Improper disposal can result in environmental pollution and potential threats to human health
- This can be easily avoided by visiting a nearby Household Hazardous Waste Collection Center



Anaheim: 1071 N. Blue Gum Street

Huntington Beach: 17121 Nichols Street- Gate 6

Irvine: 6411 Oak Canyon

San Juan Capistrano: 32250 Avenida La Pata

For more information visit: [**oclandfills.com**](http://oclandfills.com)



Illicit Discharges Defined

Anything other than
stormwater discharging into a
gutter or conveyance to the
storm drain system.

There are exceptions



Illicit Discharges

What are they? What do they typically consist of?

Examples of Conditionally Allowed Discharges

Air conditioning condensate

Irrigation water

Non-commercial vehicle
washing

Dechlorinated swimming
pool discharges (Cleaning
wastewater and filter
backwash shall not be
discharged to the storm
drain system)

Rising groundwaters and
natural springs

Emergency fire fighting
flows

POOL DISCHARGES

Conditionally
allowed
discharge If

Dechlorinated

Free of Algae (not green)

Free from odors

Mobile Operations

Includes:
Mobile Detailers
Mobile Carpet
Cleaners Mobile
Dog Grooming

Must contain all wastewater or
discharge into the Sanitary Sewer

Can discharge wastewater into
vegetation with property owner's
approval

Remember the gutter is part of the
City's MS4 so no non-stormwater is
allowed in the gutter

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These are all
considered
Illegal
Discharges

All of this
pollution will
flow towards
the ocean
untreated

How to Prevent a Construction Discharge

- Divert water away from catch basins and other entrances to stormwater system



- Cover piles of dirt and debris with a plastic or cloth tarp



- Never dispose of cement washout into driveways, streets, gutters, or drainage ditches!



Spill Response – What Should You Do?

- Notify the Public Works Department first
- If City Hall is not open, call the 24-Hour Non-Emergency Water Pollution Hotline
 - **(714) 955 - 0674**
- For chemical and hazardous spills, call **911**

Keeping Trash Out of Stormwater



Automatic Retractable Screens & Full Capture Connector Pipe Screen

- They help keep trash out of the system by capturing it!



Street Sweeping

- Without regular street sweeping, all the debris in our gutters would go straight to the ocean

Remember

Only rain down the storm drain!

