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REQUIREMENT TO INSTALL EROSION AND SEDIMENT CONTROL

To All Concerned Parties:

This is an advisory letter to all property owners that have a construction project underway or recently completed one on their property. All disturbed or recently graded property surfaces, including but not limited to cut and fill slopes, building pads, driveways, and areas of cleared vegetation, must be protected against erosion by best management practice measures appropriate for the site, phase of construction, and weather conditions. All such measures shall be completely implemented by October 15 and shall be maintained and modified to remain effective throughout the rainy season, which ends on April 15.

Failure to properly implement and maintain erosion and sediment control measures may result in grading prohibition, building inspection "holds", or other action as determined by the Town of San Anselmo in accordance with Chapter 5, Title 8 - Reduction of Pollutants in Urban Runoff of the Town's Municipal Code.

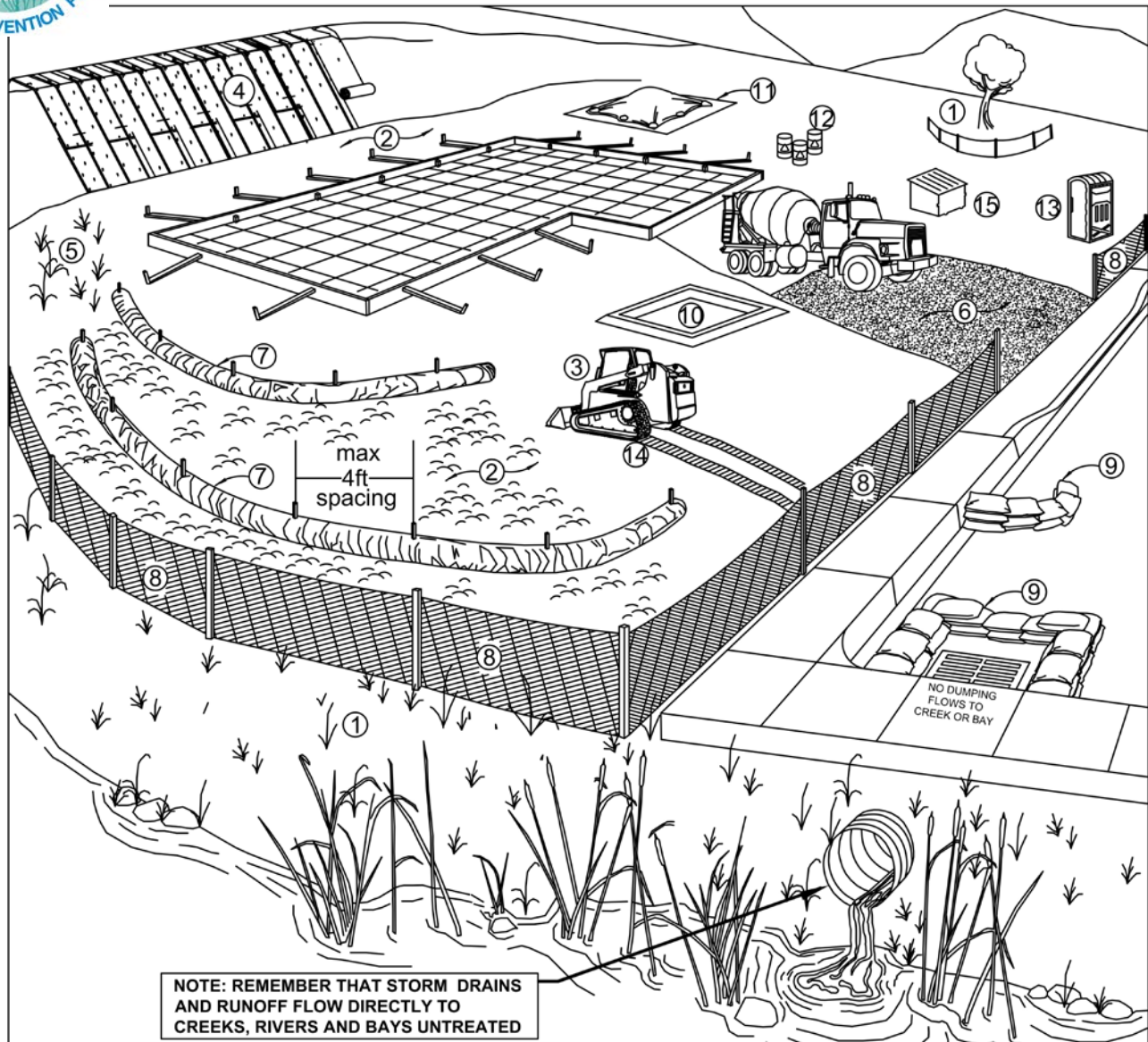
A general overview of erosion control measures that must be taken are provided on the Marin County Stormwater Pollution Prevention Program (MCSTOPPP) website. The attachments detail minimum erosion control/sediment control measures for construction projects with less than 1-acre of disturbed land. This attachment can also be found on the [MCSTOPPP website](https://www.marincounty.org/-/media/files/departments/pw/mcstoppp/development/erosionsediment-control-measures-for-small-construction-projects-_2015.pdf?la=en). (https://www.marincounty.org/-/media/files/departments/pw/mcstoppp/development/erosionsediment-control-measures-for-small-construction-projects-_2015.pdf?la=en)

Specific control measures shall be in accordance with the erosion control plan required as part of the approved construction drawings issued for your project and/or in general accordance with the "Manual of Standards for Erosion and Sediment Control Measures" published by the Association of Bay Area Governments. A link to this document is provided on the MCSTOPPP website. Note that other agencies, such as the Regional Water Quality Control Board, may have additional requirements.



Marin County Stormwater Pollution Prevention Program

Minimum Control Measures For Small Construction Projects



NOTE: REMEMBER THAT STORM DRAINS AND RUNOFF FLOW DIRECTLY TO CREEKS, RIVERS AND BAYS UNTREATED

<u>Erosion Controls</u>	<u>Sediment Controls</u>	<u>Good Housekeeping</u>
NS Scheduling	6. Tracking Controls	10. Concrete Washout
1. Preserve Vegetation & Creek Set Backs	7. Fiber Rolls	11. Stockpile Management
2. Soil Cover	8. Silt Fence	12. Hazardous Material Management
3. Soil Preparation/ Roughening	9. Drain Inlet Protection	13. Sanitary Waste Management
4. Erosion Control Blankets	NS Trench Dewatering	14. Equipment and Vehicle Maintenance
5. Revegetation		15. Litter and Waste Management

NS=not shown on graphic

Note: Select an **effective combination of control measures from each category**, Erosion Control, Sediment Control, and Good Housekeeping. Control measures shall be **continually implemented and maintained throughout the project** until activities are complete, disturbed areas are stabilized with permanent erosion controls, and the local agency has signed off on permits that may have been required for the project. **Inspect and maintain the control measures** before and after rain events, and as required by the local agency or state permit.

More detailed information on the BMPs can be found in the related California Stormwater Quality Association (CASQA) and California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) BMP Factsheets. CASQA factsheets are available by subscription in the *California Best Management Practices Handbook Portal: Construction* at <http://www.casqa.org>. Caltrans factsheets are available in the *Construction Site BMP Manual* at <https://dot.ca.gov/programs/construction/storm-water-and-water-pollution-control/manuals-and-handbooks>.

Visit www.mcstoppp.org for more information on construction site management and Erosion and Sediment Control Plans.

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Control Measure		General Description
Erosion Control Best Management Practices		
N/A	Scheduling	Plan the project and develop a schedule showing each phase of construction. Schedule construction activities to reduce erosion potential, such as scheduling ground disturbing activities during the summer and phasing projects to minimize the amount of area disturbed. <i>For more info see the following factsheets: CASQA: EC-1; or Caltrans: SS-1.</i>
1	Preserve Existing Vegetation and Creek Setbacks	Preserve existing vegetation to the extent possible, especially along creek buffers. Show creek buffers on maps and identify areas to be preserved in the field with temporary fencing. Check with the local Planning and Public Works Departments for specific creek set back requirements. <i>For more info see the following factsheets: CASQA: EC-2; or Caltrans: SS-2.</i>
2	Soil Cover	Cover exposed soil with straw mulch and tackifier (or equivalent). <i>For more info see the following factsheets: CASQA: EC-3, EC-5, EC-6, EC-7, EC-8, EC-14, EC-16; or Caltrans: SS-2, SS-4, SS-5, SS-6, SS-7, SS-8.</i>
3	Soil Preparation/Roughening	Soil preparation is essential to vegetation establishment and BMP installation. It includes soil testing and amendments to promote vegetation growth as well as roughening surface soils by mechanical methods (decompacting, scarifying, stair stepping, etc.). <i>For more info see the following factsheets: CASQA: EC-15.</i>
4	Erosion Control Blankets	Install erosion control blankets (or equivalent) on disturbed sites with 3:1 slopes or steeper. Use wildlife-friendly blankets made of biodegradable natural materials. Avoid using blankets made with plastic netting or fixed aperture netting. See: http://www.coastal.ca.gov/nps/Wildlife-Friendly_Products.pdf . <i>For more info see the following factsheets: CASQA: EC-7; or Caltrans: SS-7.</i>
5	Revegetation	Re-vegetate areas of disturbed soil or vegetation as soon as practical. <i>For more info see the following factsheets: CASQA: EC-4; or Caltrans: SS-4.</i>
Sediment Control Best Management Practices		
6	Tracking Controls	Stabilize site entrance to prevent tracking soil offsite. Inspect streets daily and sweep street as needed. Require vehicles and workers to use stabilized entrance. Place crushed rock 12-inches deep over a geotextile, using angular rock between 4 and 6-in. Make the entrance as long as can be accommodated on the site, ideally long enough for 2 revolutions of the maximum tire size (16-20 feet long for most light trucks). Make the entrance wide enough to accommodate the largest vehicle that will access the site, ideally 10 feet wide with sufficient radii for turning in and out of the site. Rumble pads or rumble racks can be used in lieu of or in conjunction with rock entrances. Wheel washes may be needed where space is limited or where the site entrance and sweeping is not effective. <i>For more info see the following factsheets: CASQA: TC-1; TC-3; or Caltrans: TC-1; TC-3.</i>
7	Fiber Rolls	Use fiber rolls as a perimeter control measure, along contours of slopes, and around soil stockpiles. On slopes space rolls 10 to 20 feet apart (using closer spacing on steeper slopes). Install parallel to contour. If more than one roll is used in a row overlap roll do not abut. J-hook end of roll upslope. Install rolls per either Type 1 (stake rolls into shallow trenches) or Type 2 (stake in front and behind roll and lash with rope). Use wildlife-friendly fiber rolls made of biodegradable natural materials. Avoid using fiber rolls made with plastic netting or fixed aperture netting. See: http://www.coastal.ca.gov/nps/Wildlife-Friendly_Products.pdf . Manufactured linear sediment control or compost socks can be used in lieu of fiber rolls. <i>For more info see the following factsheets: CASQA: SE-5 (Type 1); SE-12, SE-13; or Caltrans: SC-5 (Type 1 and Type 2).</i>
8	Silt Fence	Use silt fence as a perimeter control measure, and around soil stockpiles. Install silt fence along contours. Key silt fence into the soil and stake. Do not use silt fence for concentrated water flows. Install fence at least 3 feet back from the slope to allow for sediment storage. Wire backed fence can be used for extra strength. Avoid installing silt fence on slopes because they are hard to maintain. Manufactured linear sediment control can be used in lieu of silt fences. <i>For more info see the following factsheets: CASQA: SE-1; SE-12; or Caltrans: SC-1.</i>
9	Drain Inlet Protection	Use gravel bags, (or similar product) around drain inlets located both onsite and in gutter as a last line of defense. Bags should be made of a woven fabric resistant to photo-degradation filled with 0.5-1-in washed crushed rock. Do not use sand bags or silt fence fabric for drain inlet protection. <i>For more info see the following factsheets: CASQA: SE-10; or Caltrans: SC-10.</i>
N/A	Trench Dewatering	Follow MCSTOPPP BMPs for trench dewatering. http://www.marincounty.org/depts/pw/divisions/mcstoppp/development/-/media/Files/Departments/PW/mcstoppp/development/TrenchingSWReqMCSTOPPPFinal6_09.pdf . <i>For more info see the following factsheets: CASQA: NS-2; or Caltrans: NS-2.</i>
Good Housekeeping Best Management Practices		
10	Concrete Washout	Construct a lined concrete washout site away from storm drains, waterbodies, or other drainages. Ideally, place adjacent to stabilized entrance. Clean as needed and remove at end of project. <i>For more info see the following factsheets: CASQA: WM-8; or Caltrans: WM-8.</i>
11	Stockpile Management	Cover all stockpiles and landscape material and berm properly with fiber rolls or sand bags. Keep behind the site perimeter control and away from waterbodies. <i>For more info see the following factsheets: CASQA: WM-3 or Caltrans: WM-3.</i>
12	Hazardous Material Management	Hazardous materials must be kept in closed containers that are covered and within secondary containment; do not place containers directly on soil. <i>For more info see the following factsheets: CASQA: WM-6; or Caltrans: WM-6.</i>
13	Sanitary Waste Management	Place portable toilets near stabilized site entrance, behind the curb and away from gutters, storm drain inlets, and waterbodies. Tie or stake portable toilets to prevent tipping and equip units with overflow pan/tray (most vendors provide these). <i>For more info see the following factsheets: CASQA: WM-9; or Caltrans: WM-9.</i>
14	Equipment and Vehicle Maintenance	Prevent equipment fluid leaks onto ground by placing drip pans or plastic tarps under equipment. Immediately clean up any spills or drips. <i>For more info see the following factsheets: CASQA: NS-8, NS-9, and NS-10; or Caltrans: NS-8, NS-9, and NS-10.</i>
15	Litter and Waste Management	Designate waste collection areas on site. Use watertight dumpsters and trash cans; inspect for leaks. Cover at the end of each work day and when it is raining or windy. Arrange for regular waste collection. Pick up site litter daily. <i>For more info see the following factsheets: CASQA: WM-5; or Caltrans: WM-5.</i>

Notes:

1. Mats/blankets should be installed vertically downslope
2. Staple blankets sufficiently to ensure that material will maintain direct contact with soil

