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# What to Expect in MRP 3.0: *Update on Upcoming Stormwater Permit Requirements*

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# Presentation Overview

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- Background on current Municipal Regional Stormwater Permit (“MRP 2.0”)
- Expected changes to Provision C.3 in MRP 3.0
- Green Stormwater Infrastructure (GSI) implementation requirements
- MRP 3.0 schedule

# Bay Area Municipal Regional Permit

- One regional stormwater permit for urbanized areas (total of 79 permittees):
  - San Mateo, Santa Clara, Alameda, and Contra Costa Counties, Fairfield-Suisun, and Vallejo
- MRP 2.0 term is 1/1/16 – 12/31/20 (extended to 6/30/22)
- MRP 3.0 in development – effective date will be 7/1/22
- MRP 3.0 Administrative Draft released Feb. 2021



# Provision C.3 in MRP 3.0 Admin Draft

Topic	Likely Change from MRP 2.0
Regulated Projects	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Thresholds for most project types reduced to <u>5,000 SF</u></li><li>• Large single-family homes regulated at threshold of <u>10,000 SF</u></li></ul>
Roads/Pavement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Road project threshold reduced to <u>5,000 SF</u> of newly constructed impervious area (new or widened roads)</li><li>• Pavement maintenance exclusions are more defined</li><li>• New “Other Roads” category regulates road reconstruction projects disturbing <u>1 acre or more</u> of contiguous impervious area; will count toward numeric GI retrofit targets</li></ul>
LID Standards	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Optional evaluation of treatment alternatives and use of trees/urban greening</li><li>• Disallows use of interceptor tree credits</li></ul>
Alternative Compliance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Need to demonstrate net environmental benefit</li><li>• Allows proposal for more detailed program</li></ul>

# Provision C.3 in MRP 3.0 Admin Draft

Topic	Likely Change from MRP 2.0
Special Projects	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Maintain Categories A &amp; B as is</li><li>• Category C – changes to focus on Affordable Housing; must meet certain AH criteria before any non-LID credits available</li></ul>
Green Infrastructure - Programmatic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Continue working on GI implementation mechanisms, funding, tracking and mapping</li><li>• Report on progress (GI Plan updates not required)</li></ul>
Green Infrastructure - Implementation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Long-term numeric goal: develop with RWQCB and others during MRP 3.0 term</li><li>• Short-term numeric goal: must meet assigned targets for GI implementation (impervious acres treated) by 2027. Targets can be met on a countywide basis, but there are minimum expectations for each permittee.</li></ul>

# Proposed GSI Implementation Requirements

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- Long-term numeric goal to be developed during MRP 3.0
  - Multi-decadal; progress toward goal during each permit term
  - Credit all GSI constructed to date
- Short-term numeric goal (during 5-year permit term)
  - 3 acres treated per 50,000 population (prorated) - can be met on countywide basis
  - Each permittee must do one project (minimum 0.2 ac. treated)
  - Projects constructed or funded by end of permit term, including road reconstruction projects, count toward goal

# MRP 3.0 Schedule

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- Release of MRP 3.0 Admin Draft -- February 9, 2021
- Submittal of Permittee Comments -- April 8
- Expected Release of Tentative Order – mid-September
- Water Board Workshops – October 12 & 13
- Comments on Tentative Order Due – mid-November
- Permit Adoption Hearing -- February 2022
- MRP 3.0 Effective Date – July 1, 2022



# Questions?

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