



Lahontan Water Board Program Fact Sheet FY 2014–2015

Storm Water

Overview

The Storm Water Program permits discharges of pollutants in storm water runoff to waters of the United States under the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System in two main program areas: Phase I and II Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems (MS4s) and Industrial; construction is a major Industrial category. A general permit approach is used to reduce pollutants from reaching surface waters by requiring specified control measures for:

- Discharges of pollutants in storm water and non-storm water, including sediment
- Preventing exposure of pollutant sources to storm water
- Preventing alterations to hydrology affecting sediment loads in local waters
- Erosion and pollutant discharges from construction and roadways/operations

Phase I MS4s: Four in the Lake Tahoe basin, including Caltrans-Lake Tahoe.

Phase II (Small) MS4s: Non-Tahoe Caltrans, two in the Truckee River basin, and seven in the Mojave River basin.

Industrial and Construction: Approximately 245 and 360, respectively (the latter varies annually).

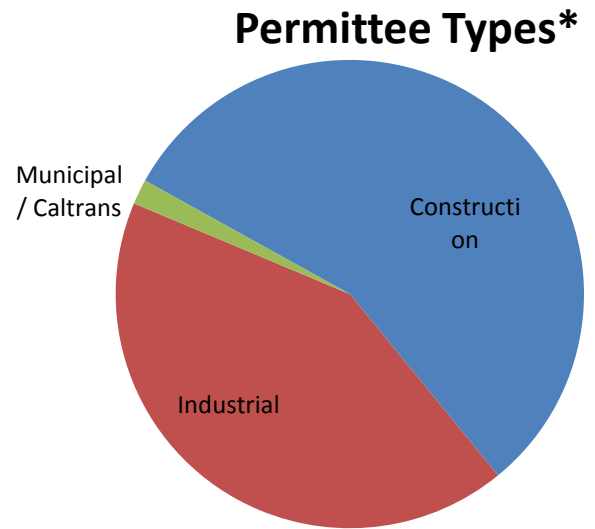
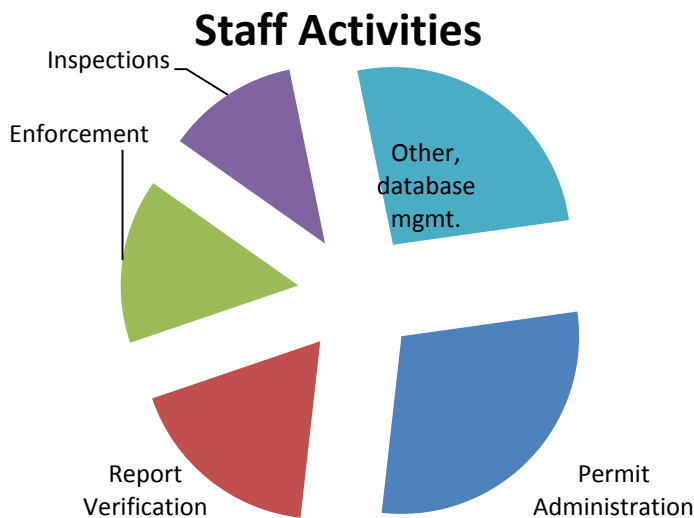
Approximately four positions are allocated, including one for Lake Tahoe MS4 permitting and Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) oversight.

Goals

- Collaborate with State Water Board on permit development, and implement requirements in Water Board general permits.
- Maintain effective programs across the Region (both offices)

Staff implements goals by:

- Commenting on environmental documents, advising on permit requirements and storm water pollution prevention through Low Impact Development and similar methods.
- Conducting inspections, reviewing monitoring reports, taking enforcement, and public outreach as extremely-limited staff resources allow.
- Inspect or otherwise verify post-construction controls prior to permit termination.
- Work with municipalities implementing MS4 permits and monitoring requirements.
- Write permits or assist State Water Board staff in permit development
- Manage general permit enrollment and permit termination (with on-line database).
- Collaborate with State Water Board staff on program improvement, and setting and tracking annual Performance Targets.



*Reflects numbers of permits, not work efforts

Accomplishments FY 2014-2015

- Staff provides the public information on our current understanding of federal and state requirements for storm water in the Lahontan Region, which contains many surface waters not considered federal Waters of the United States.
- Staff plans to work to develop general waste discharge requirements for regulating storm water discharges to surface waters of the State that are not Waters of the United States.
- Staff is preparing to implement the reissued Statewide General Industrial Permit (effective date July 1, 2015); the first Permit update since 1997 includes many new requirements.
- Staff participated in developing a Storm Water Strategic Initiative, a collaborative regulatory program improvement process expected to be completed by State Board in April 2015 (http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/stormwater/strategy_initiative.shtml).
- Staff assisted and trained many legally responsible people in permit compliance.

Performance Targets for Fiscal Year 2013 – 2014

	Target	Progress to Date
Construction sites:	80	88 (56 sites)
Industrial facilities:	20	32

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	Target	Progress to Date
71 Construction sites	71	33
18 Industrial facilities	18	16
6 Municipalities	1	1