

## SDRWQCB Focused Meeting #1 June 27, 2012



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## SD County Copermittee Vision

*“Our vision is for the protection of water quality in our streams, bays, ocean, and other water bodies that benefits wildlife, recreation, the environment, and other community needs as supported by sustainable stormwater management.”*

*SD County Copermittee Visioning and Goal Setting 2010*

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## SD County Copermitee Goals

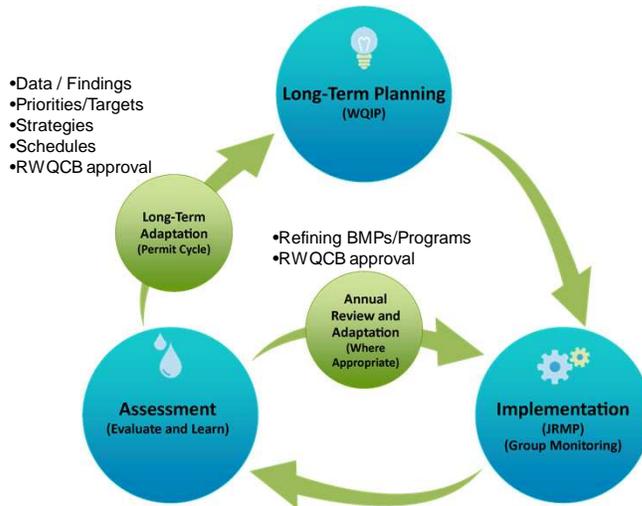
- Protect and restore appropriate beneficial uses for prioritized water bodies impacted by stormwater.
- Achieve sustainable stormwater management that balances social, economic, and environmental needs.
- Focus stormwater management on sources and practices that jurisdictions have the ability to affect or control.
- Support development of a regulatory framework and establish an organizational structure that facilitates implementation of the most effective and efficient stormwater management program.

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## SD County ROWD Objectives

- Emphasis on Strategic Planning
- Enhanced Watershed and TMDL Focus
- Streamlined & Meaningful Assessment
- Coordinated & Strategic WQ Monitoring
- Simplified & Meaningful Reporting
- Emphasis on Adaptive Management
- Clear Understanding of Compliance

## Long-Term vs. Annual Processes



## Key Concepts

*How can adaptive management or the “iterative process” be incorporated into the draft permit better?*

Clarify in the permit:

- Define compliant adaptive management as approved plan iteration
- Allowance for replacement of required activities with more efficient activities
- Adaptation distinctions:
  - Annually review and consider adaptation of control strategies
  - Periodically review and consider adaptation of goals & priorities

*How can the draft permit be modified to support a Copermittees’ ability to plan and/or procure resources?*

Clarify in the permit:

- Different purposes of WQIP & JRMP
  - WQIP serves as guidance for watershed priorities
  - JRMP identifies full suite of control strategies for implementation
- Allowance for jurisdiction-specific goals, priorities, activities focused on WQIP priorities
- Consideration of environmental, social and economic factors
- Allowance for replacement of required activities with more efficient activities
- Copermittees’ responsibilities are limited to their MS4 discharges and their impacts on receiving waters
- Sufficient time to develop/update plans, obtain RWQCB approval, budget and implement

*How can the draft permit be modified to improve program and goal assessment?*

Clarify in the permit:

- Assessment structure facilitates development of strategic, adaptive management in WQIP
  - Goals/Objectives/Outcomes
  - Sources/Pollutant Generating Activities
  - Program/BMP efficiencies
- Use a question/objective-driven approach
- Statistically supported representative approaches to program assessment is used where appropriate (e.g., monitoring) focused on WQIP priorities

*How can the proposed provisions be modified to reduce or eliminate conflicts with other requirements or programs?*

- Sync plan development and update schedules with other regulatory deadlines
- RWQCB to address:
  - conflicts with CEQA (e.g., definitions)
  - conflicts with groundwater regulations
  - habitat needs (e.g., flows)
  - other RWQCB-issued NPDES Permits