

# Regional MS4 Permit Public Workshop (*continued*) December 12, 2012

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Provision E.3.c.(2)

Hydromodification  
Management





# HYDROMODIFICATION ASSESSMENT AND MANAGEMENT IN CALIFORNIA

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# What about exemptions?



# Tent. Order Requirement: Use Pre-Development Hydrology

Already included in South Orange,  
Riverside County MS4 Permits



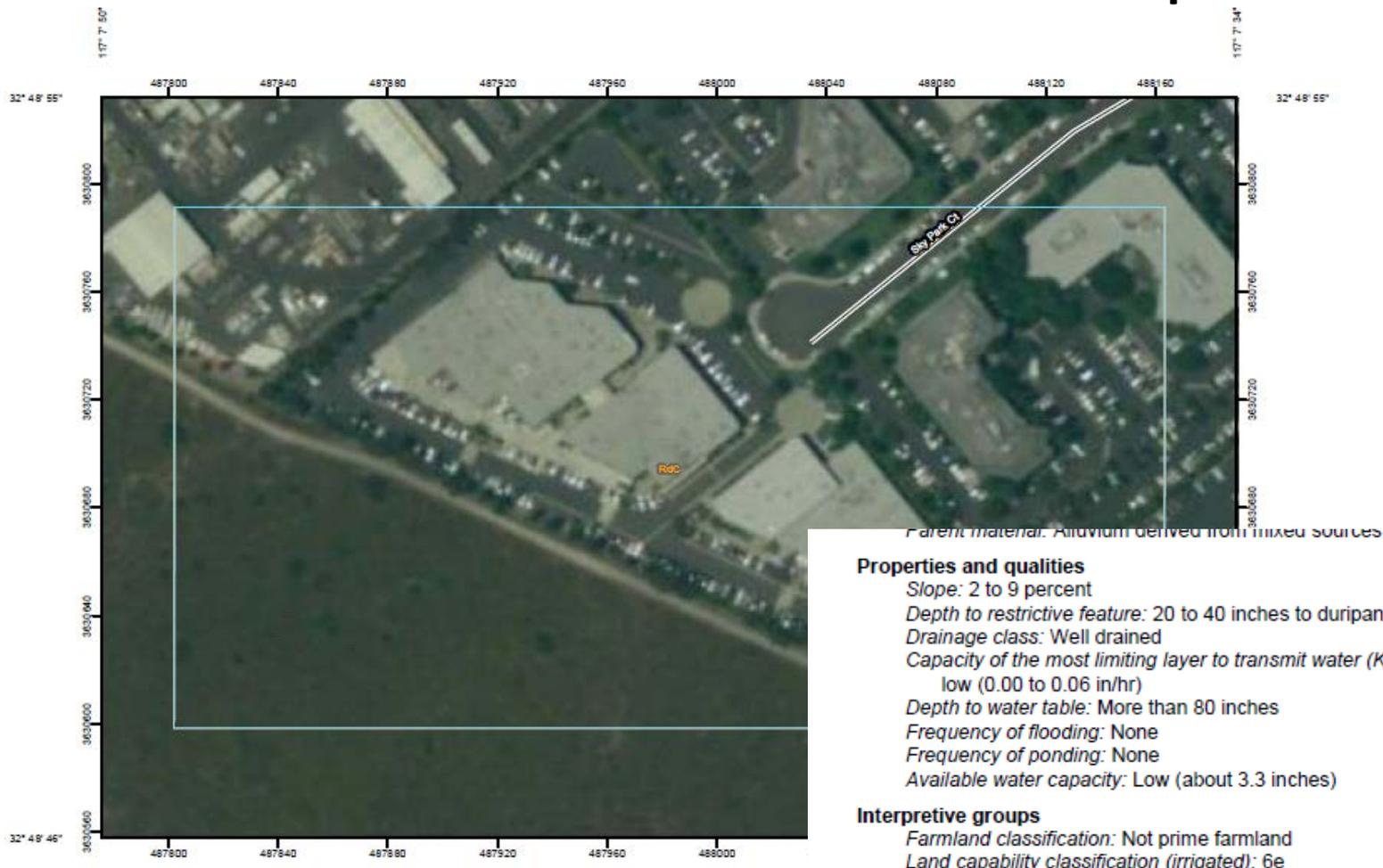
# Q: What is Pre-Development Hydrology?



# A: Check surrounding area....



# ...or consult soil maps



### Properties and qualities

- Slope: 2 to 9 percent
- Depth to restrictive feature: 20 to 40 inches to duripan
- Drainage class: Well drained
- Capacity of the most limiting layer to transmit water (Ksat): Very low to moderately low (0.00 to 0.06 in/hr)
- Depth to water table: More than 80 inches
- Frequency of flooding: None
- Frequency of ponding: None
- Available water capacity: Low (about 3.3 inches)

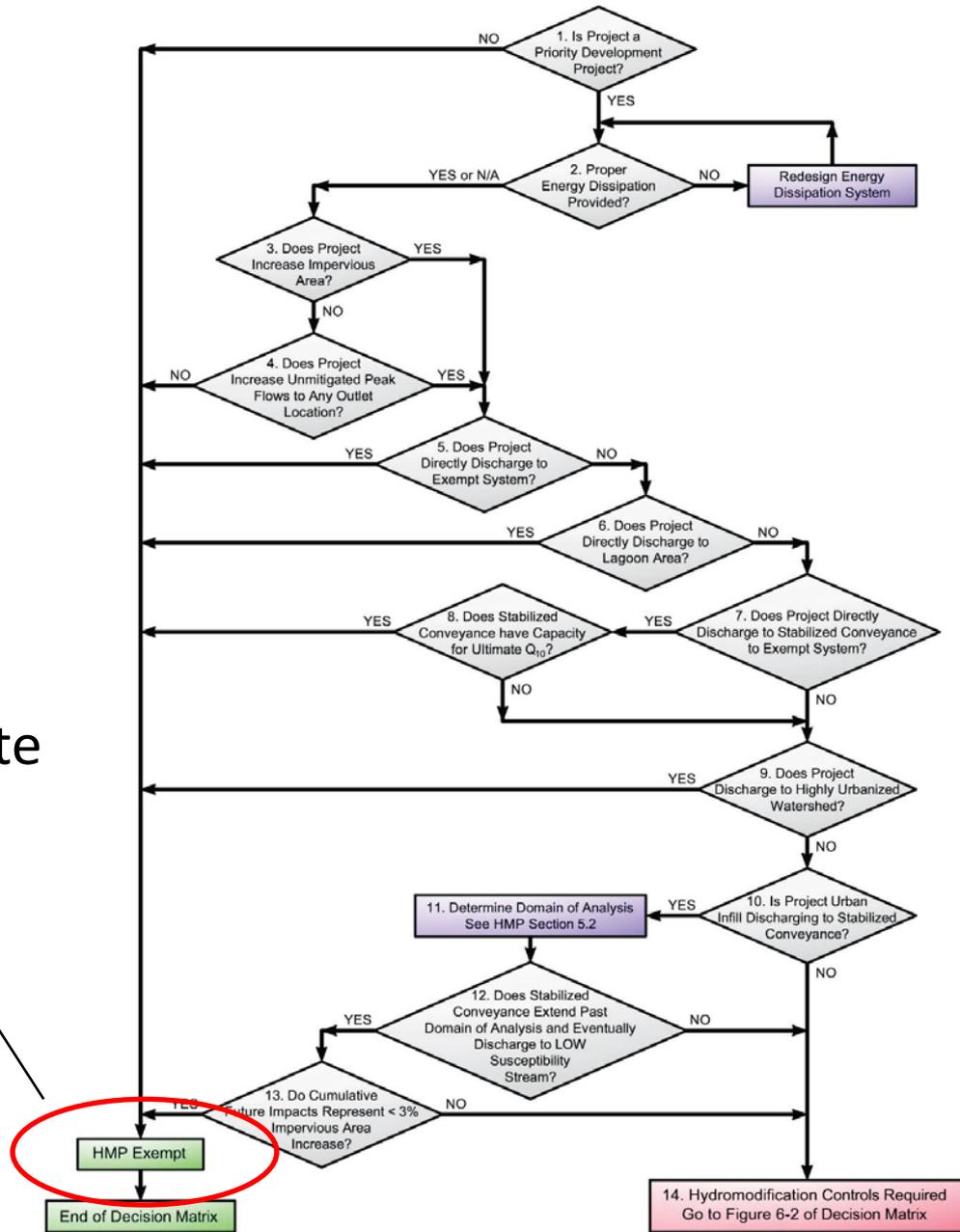
### Interpretive groups

- Farmland classification: Not prime farmland
- Land capability classification (irrigated): 6e
- Land capability (nonirrigated): 6e
- Hydrologic Soil Group: D
- Ecological site: ACID CLAYPAN (R019XD062CA)

### Typical profile

- 0 to 15 inches: Gravelly loam

Alternative  
Compliance Offsite



# Alternative Compliance Options

- Offsite BMPs
- Retrofit projects
- Stream/habitat rehabilitation projects
- In-lieu fee

# Where are suitable locations?

- Same HU, preferably same HSA
- Wherever there is most beneficial impact for water quality
- Strategy is spelled out in Water Quality Improvement Plans

# Retrofit: 43<sup>rd</sup> and Logan St.



*Courtesy City of San Diego*

**Total Maximum Daily Loads**  
and  
**Other**

## Other

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## Question 3

How much is already being spent? What is the breakdown of costs? What is the timeframe of these?  
{Thomas Morales}

## Answer

\$165 Million plus.....  
each year



## Question 2

Lots of big cost numbers were used during the meeting. (e.g. \$2 to \$4 billion over 20 years) How much do the Copermittes spend now and on what? {Henry Abarbanel}

**Answer**

Supporting Document 6 & 7



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**Beach Closures: 5,794 closing / advisory days California 2011**

- A hypothetical closure of Huntington Beach due to poor water quality:

Loss in beach related spending:

- One day: \$100,000
- One month: \$3.5 million
- Three months (summer season): \$9 million



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## Answer

**Tourism:** 31 million visitors to San Diego each year,  
Tourism employs over 160,000 San Diegans

- Spend more than \$7.5 billion annually in San Diego
- Future brings Non-stop international flights

**Illnesses:** Excess cases of GI illness resulting from swimming in bacteria contaminated beach water costs Californians up to \$51 million per year (Pendleton et al., 2006)

Up to \$176 million per year (non-market costs included =  
willingness to pay NOT to get sick)

