



**Los Angeles County Municipal Storm Water Permit (Order 01-182)
2011-2012 Individual Annual Report Form – City of San Dimas
Attachment U-4**

Attachment A.8. Assessment of Program Effectiveness

VI. Summary of Program Effectiveness

A.

1. An assessment of your agency's compliance with permit requirements, based on your responses to the questions in this form;

As provided in the City's responses to the questions in the Individual Annual Report form, the City of San Dimas is in compliance with applicable Permit requirements of the Los Angeles Countywide Municipal NPDES Permit (Order 01-182).

2. Descriptions of any evaluation methods that your agency uses to determine the effectiveness of your storm water management program;

The City uses several methods to evaluate compliance with applicable NPDES permit and state water quality requirements. Evaluation methods used by the City to assess program effectiveness include the following:

- Completion and evaluation of the annual report forms;
- Assessment of City Maintenance Yard using a checklist based on the model found in CASQA's Municipal BMPs handbook;
- Construction Site Inspection Checklists for use by both contractors and City inspectors as they visit construction sites and survey the effectiveness of the contractor's BMPs; and
- BMP checklists for all food vendors at City events, including Farmer's Market.

Additionally, the City maintains ongoing relationships with other local, state, and regional agencies and welcomes any comments, suggestions, or advice regarding Stormwater or regulatory compliance.

3. A summary of the strengths and weaknesses of your agency's storm water management program;

The following are the City's identified strengths and weaknesses of the City's Stormwater management program:

Program Strengths

- The City's redesigned website includes a link under our Environmental Services page directly to NPDES information, where residents and contractors can find Best Management Practices and requirements for construction.

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- Although not currently required, the City has an aggressive street sweeping program to control trash and other potential pollutant discharge. All streets are swept bi-weekly.
- The greatest strength of our stormwater program continues to be the level of commitment from all staff: field crews, inspectors, and administration to not only meet the requirements of the permit, but exceed the requirements whenever possible, because of a genuine concern for the environment. This commitment is evident in the number of reports of illicit discharges or ideas for improvement that are frequently offered by Staff, regardless of the department or areas of responsibility.

Program Weaknesses

- The only identifiable stormwater program weakness is the financial constraints of the City and competition of resources for other City programs. With ever increasing stormwater and state water quality mandates, the Storm Water Quality Management Program may not reach its full potential for stormwater pollution prevention and compliance.
- Storm water regulatory requirements imposed on the City have been, and continue to be, unfunded State mandates that are expanding at a rapid rate. The costs and logistics of program implementation are increasingly more challenging.

4. A list of specific program highlights and accomplishments;

Several of the City's most notable highlights and accomplishments include:

- The City's proactive approach to pollution prevention is evident to visitors and residents in the cleanliness of our streets, parks, and catch basins.
- San Dimas continues to be proactive in the implementation of all elements of the permit – including educating the public on their own responsibility for keeping our environment clean.
- The City continues to run a monthly Stormwater advertisement in the local paper (distribution 14,000) which illustrates the environmental tragedy of allowing trash to get in our storm drains – the powerful photos and simple words of “What Goes Down The Drain – Ends Up in the Ocean...just like this” have been very effective.
- The City supports the California Product Stewardship Council (CPSC), an organization that promotes manufacturer responsibility. One of CPSC's main goals is to get manufacturers of hazardous products to reduce the toxicity and to take back their product for proper recycling or disposal. Much of their focus pertains to water quality issues such as, copper from brake pads, mercury from thermostats, or ocean litter from plastic products.
- A GIS Catch Basin Map was created, including lines for the entire City. In addition, the City uses GIS to accurately map illicit discharges for our annual County report.
- The City's Environmental Coordinator inspects the Farmer's Market weekly to assure food vendor compliance with best management requirements.
- The continued diligence of staff enforces the seriousness of NPDES violations and has increased compliance and understanding of the regulations.

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5. Interagency coordination between cities to improve the storm water management program;

The City attends most, if not all, local, regional, and relevant state organization meetings applicable to stormwater and water quality. These meetings provided an excellent opportunity for the City to coordinate with local and regional cities in the watershed to further improve the City's stormwater management program

6. Future plans to improve your agency's storm water management program; and

The City will continue updating all training materials, public education and outreach materials, SQMP guidance/record keeping documents, and will improve program oversight during the upcoming reporting period. City staff will continue to increase awareness of LID within the City and work with Council to pass more stringent development and conservation ordinances.

The City of San Dimas continues to be committed to protecting water quality for the benefit of our residents and the environment. We are dedicated to exceeding the requirements wherever finances and staffing will allow.

7. Suggestions to improve the effectiveness of your program or the County model programs.

The City does not have comments to improve its or the County's program effectiveness.

B. On a scale of 1 to 10 (10 being full implementation of requirements by their deadlines), rate your municipality's level of compliance with Order No. 01-182.

San Dimas rates its level of compliance with Order No. 01-182, at level 10 – full implementation of all permit requirements.

C. List any suggestions your agency has for improving program reporting and assessment.

San Dimas has no further suggestions for improving program reporting and assessment at this time.