

As of February 15, 2005, new and redevelopment projects that create or replace more than one acre of impervious area must treat and/or detain stormwater runoff before it is discharged to creeks or stormdrains. The threshold drops from one acre to 10,000 square feet effective August 15, 2006. The San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board revised Provision “C.3” in the countywide National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit in February 2003 to include these development requirements. The primary goals of the new requirements are to protect water quality by minimizing sediment and other pollutants in site runoff, and to prevent downstream erosion by ensuring that post-project runoff and volume do not exceed pre-project runoff and volume.

The City of San Pablo participates in the Contra Costa Clean Water Program (Program), which coordinates NPDES permit compliance efforts countywide. The *Stormwater C.3 Guidebook 1<sup>st</sup> Edition (C.3 Guidebook)* is available to help developers comply with the new requirements. This document along with other useful information can be accessed at <http://www.cccleanwater.org/construction/nd.php>.

The City of San Pablo requirements for C.3 include:

- A Stormwater Control Plan Review fee upon submittal of the Planning Application Form.
- A C.3 Permit prior to construction from the Community Development Department. This permit must be renewed annually.

Appendix A in the *C.3 Guidebook* allows cities, towns, or the County to identify any exceptions or additional requirements to the information provided in the *C.3 Guidebook*. The City of San Pablo does not have any exceptions or additional requirements at this time.

For further guidance, please call the Public Works Department at (510)215-3037.