

**Water Quality Management Plan Applicability Checklists and Other
Development Project Checklists for all watersheds/areas in
unincorporated Riverside County.
(Santa Margarita River Watershed)**

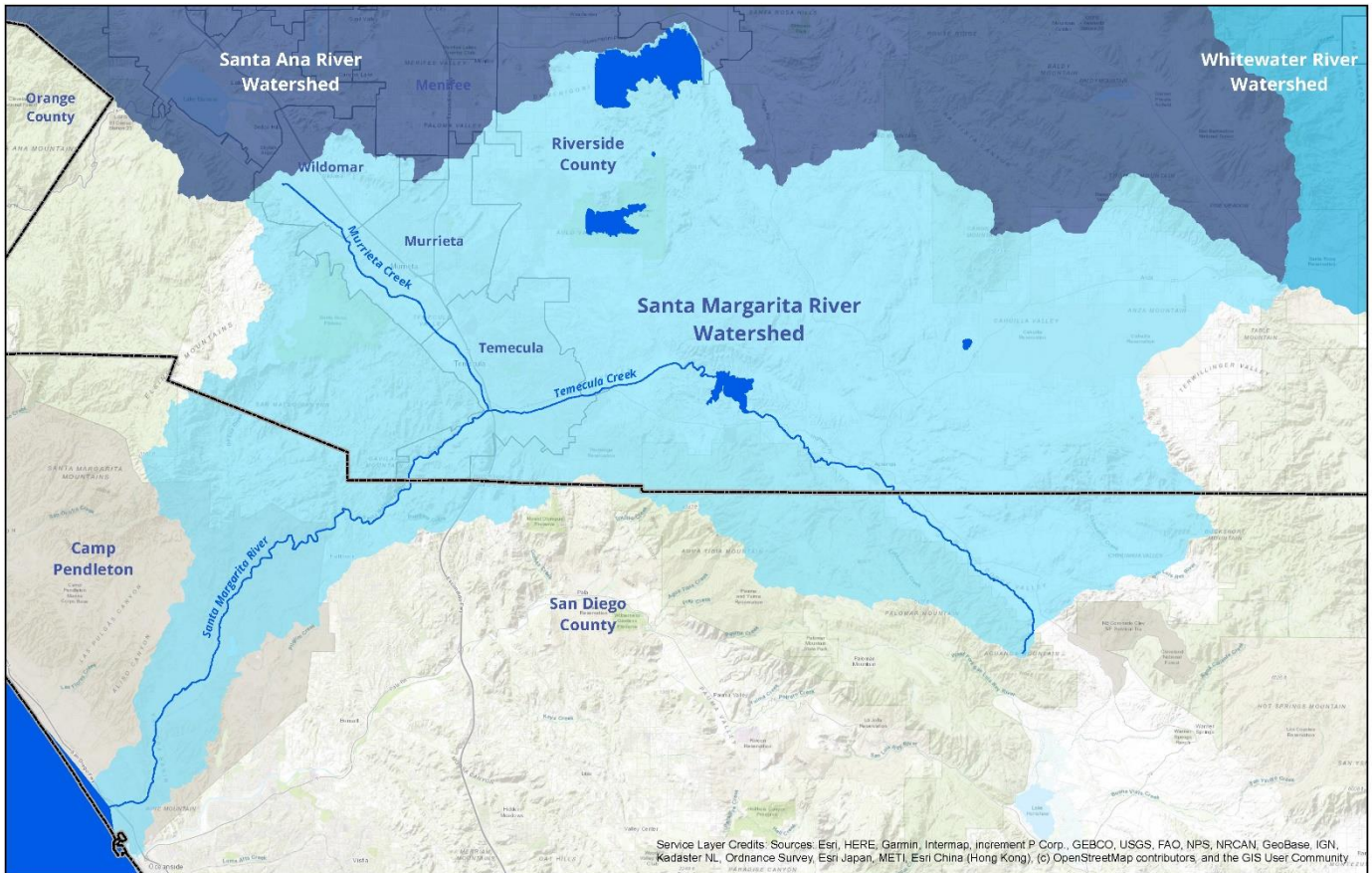


Figure 1: Santa Margarita River Watershed

All projects in unincorporated Riverside County shall complete the appropriate **Water Quality Management Plan (WQMP) Applicability Checklist** to confirm if WQMP requirements apply and be submitted with your project's application. In addition, if the project is exempt from WQMP requirements and is in the **Santa Margarita Region**, the project shall complete the **"Other Development Project Checklist"** and submit to the Riverside County Transportation Department.

If WQMP requirements apply, a Preliminary WQMP shall be submitted and approved by the Transportation Department prior to entitlements, and a Final WQMP shall be submitted and approved by the Transportation Department prior to any building or grading permit.

Permanent Water Quality facilities (known as Post-Construction Best Management Practices (BMPs)) are required to address expected pollutant loads and higher runoff characteristics from most private development projects and public capital projects. These Post-Construction BMPs are designed with a Project-Specific WQMP. WQMP requirements are separate from the requirements for temporary impacts during the construction phase (i.e., Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP), and construction BMPs).

Three State Regional Water Quality Control Boards regulate water quality requirements in Riverside County. Each State Regional Board has different WQMP requirements for their jurisdiction. Templates and guidance documents for each region are available through the compliance document links below. Applicability Checklists are included to verify if WQMP requirements apply for a given project or if no WQMP is required.

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[Santa Ana Region.](#)

[Santa Margarita Region.](#)

[Whitewater Region.](#)

As of November 1, 2018, all WQMPs for development projects will be reviewed by the Riverside County Transportation Department, for the unincorporated portions of Riverside County. For Riverside County Flood Control facilities, typically storm drains larger than 36-inch diameter, the Riverside County Flood Control District will continue to review the Hydrology studies and their associated improvement plans, but Transportation will review the WQMP on behalf of Flood Control.

2018 Santa Margarita Region Water Quality Management Plan (WQMP) – Exhibit D

Checklist for Identifying Development Project Type and Submittal Requirements within the Santa Margarita Region

SECTION A: PROJECT INFORMATION		
Project File No.:		
Project Name:		
Project Location:		
Project Description:		
SECTION B: PROJECT TYPE IDENTIFICATION		
Proposed Project Consists of or Includes:	Yes	No
New Development. The creation of 10,000 square feet or more of impervious surfaces (collectively over the entire project site) including commercial, industrial, residential, mixed-use, and public projects. New Development Projects include projects that are on public or private land which falls under the planning and building authority of the County of Riverside.		
Redevelopment. The creation, addition, or replacement of 5,000 square feet or more of impervious surfaces (collectively over the entire project site) on sites with at least 10,000 square feet of existing impervious surfaces, including commercial, industrial, residential, mixed-use, and public development projects on public or private land.		
Automotive repair shops. The creation, addition, or replacement of 5,000 square feet or more of impervious surfaces that support automotive repair shops that are categorized in any one of the following Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) Codes 5013, 5014, 5541, 7532, 7533, 7534, 7536, 7537, 7538, 7539). *		
Restaurants. The creation, addition, or replacement of 5,000 square feet or more of impervious surfaces (collectively over the entire project site) at sites and support the selling of prepared foods and drinks for consumption, including stationary lunch counters and refreshment stands selling prepared foods and drinks for immediate consumption (SIC code 5812). *		
All Hillside developments. The creation, addition, or replacement of 5,000 square feet or more of impervious surfaces (collectively over the entire project site) on any natural slope that is 25% or greater.		
Environmentally Sensitive Areas (ESAs). Developments or Redevelopments discharging directly to an ESA that add or replace 2,500 square feet or more of impervious surfaces collectively over the entire project site. "Discharging directly to" includes flow that is conveyed 200 feet or less from the project to the ESA or conveyed in a pipe or channel any distance as an isolated flow from the project to the ESA.		
Parking lots. The creation, addition, or replacement of 5,000 square feet or more of impervious surfaces (collectively over the entire project site) and supports land area or a facility for the temporary parking or storage of motor vehicles used personally for business or commerce. **		
Streets, roads, highways, and freeways. The creation, addition, or replacement of 5,000 square feet or more of impervious surfaces (collectively over the entire project site) and supports paved impervious surface used for the transportation of automobiles, trucks, motorcycles, and other vehicles.		
Retail Gasoline Outlets (RGOs). The creation, addition, or replacement of 5,000 square feet or more of impervious surfaces that in support Retail Gasoline Outlets that are either 5,000 square feet or more; or have a project average daily traffic of 100 or more vehicles.		
Pollutant Generating projects disturbing over 1 acre. Developments or Redevelopments that disturb over one acre of land and are expected to generate pollutants post construction.		
If one or more boxes in Section B are checked "Yes, then the project is a Priority Development Project (PDP) . Check box below and proceed to Section C. PDP subject to Site Design, Source Control, Pollutant Control, and Hydromodification Management Requirements.		
If all boxes are checked "No" in Section B, project is not a PDP. Check box below. Non-PDP subject to SD and SC requirements. Project requires "Other Development Project" Water Quality Checklist Submittal or local equivalent documentation method.		
SECTION C: POTENTIAL GREEN STREET EXEMPTION		
PDP does not qualify for (or elect to pursue) the 'Green Streets Exemption' and must submit a Project-Specific WQMP.		
PDP qualifies for and elects to pursue the 'Green Streets Exemption', it must be documented in a WQMP. This exemption requires that the project be designed a manner consistent with the USEPA Green Streets Manual to the maximum extent practicable. Acceptance of this pathway is contingent on Co-permittee approval. See Section 1.1.2 of the WQMP.		

* Descriptions of SIC codes can be found at <http://www.osha.gov/pls/imis/sicsearch.html>.

Where a Project feature, such as a parking lot, falls into a PDP Category above and exceeds the applicable area threshold for that PDP category, the entire project footprint is subject to WQMP requirements. However, the feature, such as a parking lot or road, would need to exceed the individual area threshold for that category to trigger PDP designation.

Example 1: A new development project that includes a 3,000 sq-ft building and a 4,000 sq-ft parking lot. This would not trigger a PDP because the total impervious cover is less than 10,000 sq-ft and the impervious cover of the parking lot is less than 5,000 sq-ft.

Example 2: A new development project that includes a 2,000 sq-ft building and a 5,500 sq-ft driveway. This would trigger a PDP because the driveway area is greater than 5,000 sq-ft. The PDP applies to the entire project even though the total impervious total impervious cover is still less than 10,000 sq-ft.

As of July 5, 2018, all new or resubmittals of WQMP shall use the 2018 County WQMP template and guidance. All previous versions of the Santa Margarita WQMP are no longer in effect.