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To: DEPUTY DISTRICT DIRECTORS, Construction
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RESIDENT ENGINEERS

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Subject: **STORMWATER PROGRAM—CONSTRUCTION COMPLIANCE EVALUATION PLAN**

The 2015 Construction Compliance Evaluation Plan (CCEP) has been developed to evaluate construction project stormwater compliance with:

1. The 2009 Construction General Permit (CGP) as amended by 2010-0014-DWQ and 2012-0006-DWQ CGP or the "General Waste Discharge Requirements and National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit for Storm Water Discharges Associated with Construction Activity in the Lake Tahoe Hydrologic Unit, Counties of Alpine, El Dorado and Placer" (Order No. R6T-2011-0019, NPDES No.CAG616002; Lahontan CGP).
2. The 2012 Caltrans Statewide National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit (Caltrans Statewide NPDES Permit).
3. The 2014 Caltrans Storm Water Management Plan (SWMP) which incorporates construction compliance and the findings of the 2010 United States Environmental Protection Agency Administrative Order.
4. Other Caltrans guidance documents.

Headquarters Division of Environmental Analysis Storm Water Program (DEA-SWP) is responsible for performing compliance evaluations of construction activities to meet the self-audit requirements identified in Provision E.2.m, "Program Evaluation," of the Caltrans Statewide NPDES Permit. The CCEP provides for independent quality assurance (IQA) reviews at selected projects, the documentation of findings of construction site temporary best management practices (BMPs) deficiencies, and the preparation of corrective action reports when required. IQA reviews are performed by a consultant under the direction of DEA-SWP.

Unlike the 2008 CCEP, the 2015 CCEP does not generate a rating upon conclusion of the construction project stormwater IQA review. IQA reviews use a report form to document findings. Checklists have been developed which provide the standards for construction site temporary BMPs and stormwater contract administration requirements. The consultant performing the review will provide a 24-hour notice to the district construction stormwater coordinator (DCSWC) to ensure someone will be available to escort the reviewer for safety reasons.

At the conclusion of IQA reviews, the reviewer provides the DCSWC, resident engineer, and construction manager with a review report that identifies non-compliance findings and provides a mechanism to

document subsequent corrective actions to address the findings. The resident engineer is responsible for coordinating with the DCSWC and for completing the corrective actions within 2 weeks. At the end of the 2 weeks, corrective action status must be documented on Form DEA-ENV-SWP-0003, "Project Construction Stormwater Review Report," and submitted to DEA-SWP within 1 week. The DCSWC notifies DEA-SWP of corrective action status for tracking purposes and to evaluate programmatic changes as appropriate.

Starting April 1, 2015 the 2015 CCEP supersedes the 2008 CCEP to meet the new regulatory requirements and revisions to Caltrans guidance manuals.

Project selection criteria, frequency of project review, roles and responsibilities, tracking of required corrective actions, and reporting of overall program improvement are detailed in *Stormwater Program-Construction Compliance Evaluation Plan* (CTSW-PL-15-321.01.D2), February 2015. The plan is available at: <http://env.onramp.dot.ca.gov/stormwater-program-construction-compliance-evaluation-plan>.

Those who wish to comment on the plan have until April 15, 2015. Revisions to the plan as a result of received comments will be done as quickly as possible while IQA reviews are anticipated to occur starting April 1, 2015. Please submit comments directly to Tom Huff, Division of Environmental Analysis, at tom.huff@dot.ca.gov or (916) 653-4176.

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