



City of  
Laguna Woods

# WATER QUALITY PRIORITY PROJECT SCREENING FORM

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## I. INTRODUCTION

The 1972 Federal Water Pollution Control Act, subsequently known as the Clean Water Act, established the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (“NPDES”) permitting program. As a result of court decisions and the overriding need to clarify stormwater permitting requirements, the Clean Water Act required the United States Environmental Protection Agency (“EPA”) to issue regulations to be effective by 1983 that included stormwater runoff from rainfall. The United States Congress passed a Clean Water Act Amendment in 1987 – the Water Quality Act – which brought stormwater discharges into the NPDES Program. The EPA issued subsequent regulations on November 16, 1990.

State law requires the City of Laguna Woods to regulate development projects in a manner that complies with NPDES permits. Depending on where a project is located, NPDES permits issued by the Santa Ana Regional Water Quality Control Board or San Diego Regional Water Quality Control Board may apply.

Applicants can use an interactive map on the State Water Resources Control Board’s website to locate the regional water quality control board(s) with jurisdiction over a particular project site. The interactive map is available at [www.waterboards.ca.gov/waterboards\\_map.html](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/waterboards_map.html). *(Please note that additional analysis may be required to confirm jurisdiction when a project site is located near regional boundary lines.)*

Information regarding the City of Laguna Woods’ Water Quality (Stormwater) Program, including Best Management Practices (“BMPs”) and other resources to assist with project development, construction, and operation, is available at [www.cityoflagunawoods.org/waterquality](http://www.cityoflagunawoods.org/waterquality).

This Water Quality Priority Project Screening Form is intended to assist in identifying the level of water quality management planning required for development projects.

## II. PROJECT INFORMATION (MUST MATCH “LAND USE PERMIT APPLICATION”)

- 1) Project Address: \_\_\_\_\_
- 2) Assessor’s Parcel Number(s): \_\_\_\_\_

## III. TYPE OF PERMIT(S) (MUST MATCH “LAND USE PERMIT APPLICATION;” MAY ABBREVIATE)

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## IV. APPLICANT INFORMATION (MUST MATCH “LAND USE PERMIT APPLICATION”)

- 1) Applicant’s Legal Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Case # (CITY USE ONLY): \_\_\_\_\_

2) Applicant's Firm's Name (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

3) Submitting on Behalf of:  Self/Employer  Client: \_\_\_\_\_

## V. SCREENING

For each of the following questions, please answer "yes" or "no" to the best of your ability based on the development project as currently proposed. The City of Laguna Woods will consider your responses in its review of this Land Use Permit Application and request additional information as necessary.

**Answer questions 1 through 9 only if the project is located wholly or partially within the jurisdiction of the Santa Ana Regional Water Quality Control Board.**

1) Would the project include the addition and/or replacement of 5,000 square feet or more of impervious surface on a developed site, collectively over the entire project site? *(For the purpose of this question only, do not include impervious square footage for routine maintenance activities that are conducted to maintain original line and grade, hydraulic capacity, original purpose of the facility, or emergency redevelopment activity required to protect public health and safety.)*  Yes  No

1a) (answer only if #1 is "yes") Would the new, impervious surface created result in the addition or replacement of more than 50% of the impervious surfaces on the project site?  Yes  No

1b) (answer only if #1 is "yes") Is the project site subject to an existing Water Quality Management Plan ("WQMP")?  Yes  No

2) Would the project create 10,000 square feet or more of new, impervious surface, collectively over the entire project site?  Yes  No

3) Would the project include any automotive repair shops (with Standard Industrial Classification ("SIC") codes 5013, 5014, 5541, 7532-7534, 7536-7539)?  Yes  No

4) Would the project include any restaurants where the land area of development is 5,000 square feet or more?  Yes  No

5) Would the project include any hillside developments on 5,000 square feet or more, which are located on areas with known erosive soil conditions or where the natural slope is 25% or more?  Yes  No

6) Would the project include any developments of 2,500 square feet of impervious surface or more, adjacent to (within 200 feet) and/or discharging directly into environmentally sensitive areas, such as areas designated in the Ocean Plan as Areas of Special Biological Significance or waterbodies listed on the CWA Section 303(d) list of impaired waters. *(For the purpose of this question only, "discharging directly" means a drainage or conveyance which carries flows entirely from the subject development and not commingled with any other flows.)*  Yes  No

7) Would the project include any parking lots of 5,000 square feet or more of impervious surface exposed to stormwater? *(For the purpose of this question only, "parking lot" is defined as a land area or facility for the temporary storage of motor vehicles.)*  Yes  No

8) Would the project include any streets, roads, highways, and/or freeways of 5,000 square feet or more of paved surface? *(For the purpose of this question only, "streets, roads, highways, or freeways" includes any paved surface used for the transportation of automobiles, trucks, motorcycles and other vehicles and excludes any routine road maintenance activities where the footprint is not changed.)*  Yes  No

9) Would the project include any retail gasoline outlets of 5,000 or more square feet with a projected average daily traffic of 100 or more vehicles per day?  Yes  No

**Answer questions 10 through 20 only if the project is located wholly or partially within the jurisdiction of the San Diego Regional Water Quality Control Board.**

10) Would the project create 10,000 square feet or more of new, impervious surfaces, collectively over the entire project site?  Yes  No

11) Would the project include the creation and/or replacement of 5,000 square feet or more of impervious surface on a developed site (collectively over the entire project site) that currently has 10,000 square feet or more of impervious surface?  Yes  No

12) Would the project create and/or replace 5,000 square feet or more of impervious surface (collectively over the entire project site), and support any restaurant? *(For the purpose of this question only, "restaurant" is defined as a facility that sells prepared foods and drinks for consumption, including stationary lunch counters and refreshment stands selling prepared foods and drinks for immediate consumption (Standard Industrial Classification ("SIC") code 5812.)*  Yes  No

13) Would the project create and/or replace 5,000 square feet or more of impervious surface (collectively over the entire project site), and support any hillside development? *(For the purpose of this question only, "hillside development" includes development on any natural slope that is 25% or greater.)*  Yes  No

14) Would the project create and/or replace 5,000 square feet or more of impervious surface (collectively over the entire project site), and support any parking lots? *(For the purpose of this question only, "parking lots" is defined as land area or facility for the temporary parking or storage of motor vehicles used personally, for business, or for commerce.)*  Yes  No

15) Would the project create and/or replace 5,000 square feet or more of impervious surface (collectively over the entire project site), and support any streets, roads, highways, freeways, or driveways? *(For the purpose of this question only, "streets, roads, highways, freeways, and driveways" is defined as any paved impervious surface used for the transportation of automobiles, trucks, motorcycles, and other vehicles.)*  Yes  No

16) Would the project create and/or replace 2,500 square feet or more of impervious surface (collectively over the entire project site), and discharge directly to an Environmentally Sensitive Area ("ESA")? *(For the purpose of this question only, "discharging directly to" includes flow that is conveyed overland a distance of 200 feet or less from the project to the ESA, or conveyed in a pipe or open channel any distance as an isolated flow from the project to the ESA (i.e., not commingled with flows from adjacent lands).)*  Yes  No

17) Would the project create and/or replace 5,000 square feet or more of impervious surface (collectively over the entire project site), and support any automotive repair shop? *(For the purpose of this question, "automotive repair shop" is defined as a facility that is categorized in any one of the following SIC codes: 5013, 5014, 5541, 7532-7534, or 7536-7539.)*  Yes  No

18) Would the project create and/or replace 5,000 square feet or more of impervious surface (collectively over the entire project site), and support any retail gasoline outlet that meet the following criteria: (a) 5,000 square feet or more or (b) a projected Average Daily Traffic ("ADT") of 100 or more vehicles per day?  Yes  No

19) Would the project result in the disturbance of one or more acres of land and be expected to generate pollutants post-construction?  Yes  No

20) Would the project result in the creation or replacement of impervious surface in an amount more than 50% of the surface area of the previously existing development?  Yes  No