Erosion and Sediment Pollution Control Plan & NPDES Permit Submission Policy

The Conservation District has experienced time delays in processing Erosion and Sediment Control (E&SPC) plans & NPDES Permit Applications. Some of this may be due to newly approved changes to the NOI and the Chapter 102 regulations, much of it is also due to either:

(1) Not submitting and NPDES Permit Application in conjunction with an E&SPC plan it is known (or should be known) that one is required, or
(2) Submitting an incomplete permit application package, for example, unresolved PNDI hits and missing or incomplete post-construction stormwater management plans.

This causes numerous consultations and requests for more information among our administrative and technical staff, the DEP and the plan preparer, slows down the review process, and results in permit delays for all applicants. To help provide a more timely and efficient process, the District has applied the following conditions, effective October 1, 2003, amended on October 26, 2010, to reflect Chapter 102 program changes effective on November 19, 2010, and amended on January 28, 2014, to reflect Chapter 102 program changes under Permit Review Process and Permit Decision Guarantee, Executive Order 2012-11, Document Number 021-2100-001, effective on July 24, 2012.

An erosion and sediment control (E&SPC) plan submission with 1.0 acres or more of disturbance requires and National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit. All initial E&SPC plan submissions with 1.0 acres or more of disturbance must include an application for an NPDES Permit. **All initial E&SPC plan submissions with 1.0 acres or more of disturbance must include an application for an NPDES Permit for Stormwater Discharges Associated with Construction Activities and also include the appropriate Stormwater Management Plan requirements.**

The Permit Review Process and Permit Decision Guarantee set a time frame for reviewing NPDES Permits for Stormwater Discharges Associated with Construction Activities. General NPDES permits have a set timeline of 71 business days, and Individual NPDES Permits have a set timeline of 107 business days.

**NOTE:**

a) If an NPDES application is not included with the initial E&SPC plan submission, the entire submission will be returned to the plan preparer.

b) If the NPDES application is incomplete, the entire submission including E&SPC plan will be returned to the plan preparer, as per the Permit Decision Guarantee.

c) If the NPDES application is submitted without previously executed PNDI search forms and/or proof of resolved conflicts. The application will be considered technically deficient until the PNDI proof of resolved conflicts is received by the District.

d) Pre-application meetings are strongly encouraged. District staff is available to meet to discuss the project and go over the plan in as much or as little detail as the applicant or consultant would like. Pre-application meetings are voluntary for General NPDES Permits, but are mandatory for an Individual NPDES Permit.

e) All NPDES Permit applications must clearly call out the Post Construction Stormwater Management BMP’s in a separate narrative labeled as such and in separate drawings labeled as such. Failure to do so will result in the submission being incomplete and the entire submission will be returned to the plan preparer. Infiltration tests are required where necessary for PCSM BMPs. Infiltration testing reports should be included in the PCSM portion of the submitted plans. Failure to provide infiltration testing reports will result in an incomplete application.