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## Discussion Topics for Monterey Regional SWMP Group Meeting

Taken from Comment Letters. Not listed in any particular order

1. BMPs described in the MRSWMP should be specific enough for reviewers of the document to determine whether the MRSWMP will address (known or assumed) storm water pollution.
2. More inclusive BMP programs than those described in the MRSWMP are cost effective MEP in smaller cities.
3. The primary purpose of the MRSWMP is to improve water quality. Achieving this goal will meet the intent of the Storm Water Permit.
4. Measurable goals should quantify the progress of program implementation and BMP performance (or effectiveness).
5. The SWMP should outline what the state and local public notice requirements are, and how they will be met.
6. Because of its population, the Monterey Regional group qualifies for the Permit's Attachment 4 requirements.
7. All new municipal storm water permits "must be consistent with" SUSMP (new development and redevelopment BMPs adopted by Los Angeles) provisions.
8. The SWMP should outline a Program. The Program must describe BMPs, and provide measurable goals. The Reporting portion of the Program must answer "are we meeting the stated goals?"
9. The following specific items should be addressed: pollution from landscaping and pest control, discharges from boats, small-scale and on-site treatment BMPs, discharge of only dechlorinated pool and spa water from domestic or municipal sources, advanced storm water filtration systems at critical locations (outfalls to the ocean, parking lots). Public agency activities, including maintenance and inspection requirements and dry weather diversion of flows from the MS4 to wastewater treatment facilities should be added to the SWMP.
10. Storm water discharges to Areas of Special Biological Significance are prohibited and must be discontinued.
11. The MRSWMP can be implemented in the most timely and cost effective manner if existing resources (programs, knowledge sources, etc.) can be utilized.
12. The most effective storm water program would include a watershed approach to BMP choice and implementation.
13. The MRSWMP should include a method of determining the water pollution sources if a water pollution discharge is discovered.
14. Non-structural BMPs (such as slope protection, riparian setbacks, buffers or swales) are preferable to Structural BMPs (such as detention basins, filtration devices).
15. The MRSWMP should create funding mechanisms that take advantage of economies of scale.
16. Local Coastal Plans (LCPs) will soon have requirements similar to Attachment 4, and therefore the MRSWMP should incorporate these requirements.
17. Objectives of potential ordinance modifications should be described adequately enough for reviewers to evaluate, and for MS4 staff to write.
18. Water quality monitoring is a critical feedback tool to determine if the Phase II Programs are actually ensuring protection of water quality.

