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Executive Summary

The City continues to make significant progress in the implementation of the Storm Water Management Plan (SWMP). (See Table 1 for a Status of the Measurable Goals for Year 3.) The most significant progress made this reporting period is in implementation of Public Education and Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination minimum control measures. In March 2008, storm water staff began issuing Notice of Violations (NOVs) for illicit discharges to the storm drain system. General brochures for businesses and homeowners as well as brochures on specific topics such pressure washing and food facilities were created and distributed with the NOVs.

In June 2008 the City began inspecting food facilities. This program focuses on reducing the amount of Fats, Oils and Grease (FOG) discharged to the City's collection system which can cause sanitary sewer overflows and storm water issues such as washing down outside surfaces and cleaning equipment outside. Although neither of these programs is required in the current Storm Water Management Plan, these programs are crucial to raising the awareness of the Storm Water Program and improving the quality of storm water runoff and eliminating non-storm water discharges. These two programs have significantly increased business owners awareness about the Storm Water Program and should reduce the amounts of oil, grease and other pollutants from reaching the storm drain system.

In Year two, the City's contractor prepared a draft ordinance for Illicit Discharge, Post Construction, and Grading. All three of these ordinances were to be adopted by City Council in Year 3, however this was not accomplished. The City is currently working on developing a LID Design Manual to meet the requirements of Attachment 4. Once this manual is adopted, the Post Construction Ordinance will be revised to include Attachment 4 requirements and references to the manual. The draft Grading Ordinance that was prepared was from a template. After reviewing the City's current Ordinance, it was decided that it is more comprehensive and has requirements specific to the City of Paso Robles. Therefore, the current Grading Ordinance will be revised to include Attachment 4 requirements, references to the LID Design manual and the State's Construction Permit, as well as updating the current language. The adoption of these three ordinances, revising the Engineering Standards, and the development of a LID Design Manual are a priority for the City in the next reporting period.

Over the past three years, the Storm Water Program has been implemented by a variety of people including both City staff and private consultants which has created inconsistencies in how the program has been implemented and how the Storm Water Management Plan has been revised. In May 2007 the revised SWMP was modified as required by the Regional Water Quality Control Board. However, these corrections did not address issues such as disorganization and redundant BMPs. Modifications are proposed in this report that will organize the existing BMPs into related groups, eliminate redundancy, and clarify the goals of the BMP which will make the BMPs more effective and easier to track and report.

Overall, the City feels that progress is being made implementation of the program and that the awareness of the Storm Water Program is increasing. This is the first step in changing the behaviors that will result in achieving the goal of improved water quality.