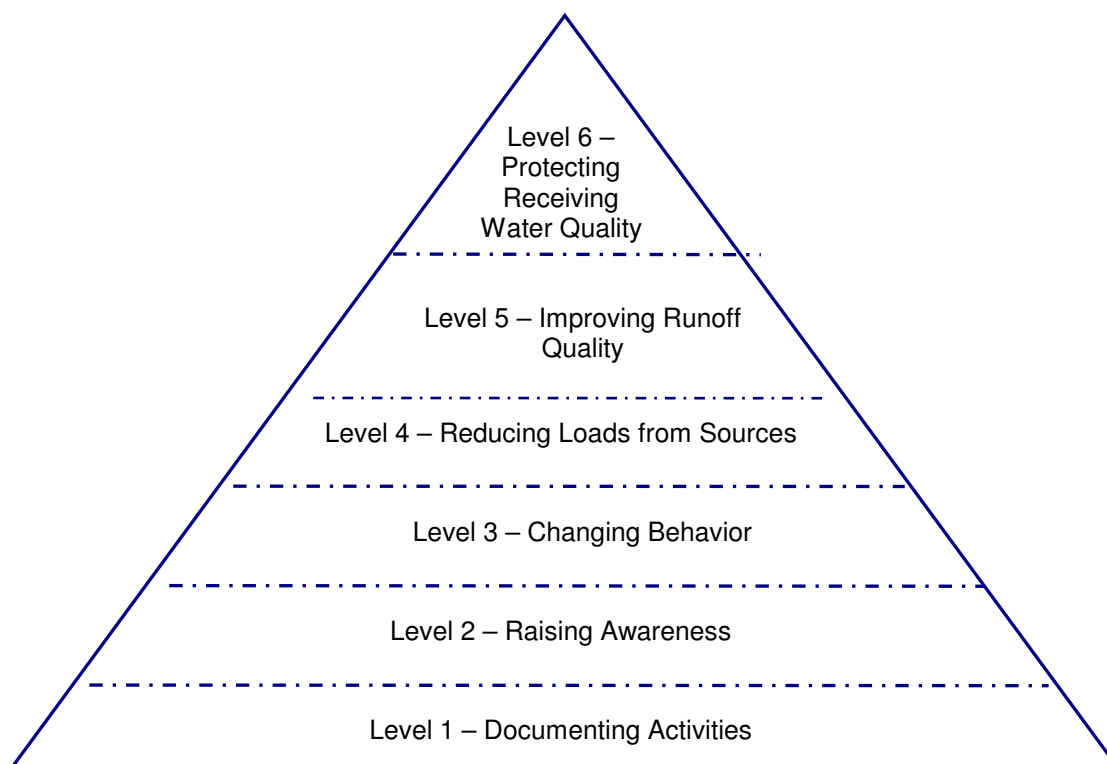


Rating Effectiveness

The General Permit requires the City to assess the appropriateness and effectiveness of the individual Best Management Practices (BMPs) used to achieve the programs goals. In order to do this, the City is using a rating system described in the Municipal Stormwater Program Effectiveness Assessment Guidance manual developed by the California Stormwater Quality Association's (CASQA) to assist permittees in evaluating the progress and effectiveness of their storm water management programs.

This rating system uses outcome levels which refer to the results of a BMP or overall program. Program elements and control measures may have outcomes at more than one of the levels described and not all levels are applicable to all activities. The six outcome levels are shown below.

Figure 1: Classification of Outcome Levels



Level 1: This level reflects program development and implementation and basic compliance with the General Storm Water Permit requirements.

Level 2: At this level the target audience's awareness of an issue has been raised through education.

Level 3: The change in the target audience's behaviors results in the implementation of BMPs.

Level 4: The outcome is a reduction in the amounts of pollutants associated with specific sources resulting from the implementation of a BMP.

Level 5: Results in the reduction in one or more specific pollutants.

Level 6: Compliance with water quality standards, protection of biological integrity, and beneficial use attainment.