CHAPTER 6
INSPECTION AND MAINTENANCE

Erosion and sediment control measures are required for the sole purpose of protecting sensitive areas such as: streams, rivers, lakes, and wetlands. Check with local jurisdiction for specific requirements, permits and inspection. Inspection and Maintenance of ESC measures throughout the life of the project are imperative to ensure their performance. Unless the measures are properly installed and maintained, there is a strong chance of failure during the construction period.

6.1 Permittee Site Inspector

Larger more complex construction sites such as: subdivisions, commercial, and highway projects require ongoing, very detailed inspection and maintenance for longer periods of time. For that very reason alone, pre-construction meetings are vital and should be scheduled prior to any clearing, grading, or utility activities. Equally important is who should attend. Along with the inspector and engineer, the contractors grading and utility superintendent should be present.

The owner of the site shall designate a competent person as Permittee Site Inspector (PSI), Inspections must be conducted by a person knowledgeable in the principles and practice of erosion and sediment controls who possesses the skills to assess conditions at the construction site that could impact stormwater quality, is knowledgeable in the correct installation of the erosion and sediment controls, and is able to assess the effectiveness of any sediment and erosion control measures selected to control the quality of stormwater discharges from the construction activity. The PSI shall be responsible for assuring the implementation of the ESCP and have the authority to immediately mobilize necessary personnel and equipment to correct and modify erosion prevention and sediment controls when required.

Duties of the PSI include:

- Provide name and 24-hour contact information of PSI
- Manage and insure proper implementation of the ESCP.
- Accompany the Agency in a field review of the ESCP prior to the beginning of work.
- *Inspection:*
    - Active Period – Daily when stormwater runoff, including runoff from snowmelt, is occurring.
    - Prior to the site becoming inactive or in anticipation of site inaccessibility – Once to ensure that erosion and sediment control measures are in working order. Any necessary maintenance and repair must be made prior to leaving the site.
    - Inactive periods greater than seven (7) consecutive calendar days – Once every two (2) weeks.
    - Periods during which the site is inaccessible due to inclement weather – If practical, inspections must occur daily at a relevant and accessible discharge point or downstream location.
- Mobilize crews to make immediate repairs to the controls or install controls during working and non-working hours.

- Complete erosion control monitoring forms after each inspection.
- Maintain up to date ESCP throughout the life of the project, available for review upon request.
- Prepare a contingency plan in preparation for emergencies and the rainy season.
- Accompany the Agency on inspections and, if requested, on inspection made by other regulating Agencies.

6.1.1 Ineffective Controls

The PSI shall record measures to clean up significant amounts of sediment. Should a control measure not function effectively, one or more of the following tasks should be performed.

- Immediately repair the control.
- Replace the control.
- Provide additional controls.

6.2 Pre-Construction Meeting

The PSI, contractor and inspector should carefully review the ESCP prior to the pre-construction meeting to understand what is required. Implementing the ESCP and assuring its performance may involve significant expense. The following pre-construction activities should be required.

- Prior to the pre-construction meeting, review and comment of the ESCP.
- During the pre-construction meeting, review all comments and concerns.
- Prohibit clearing and grading operations prior to ESCP approval and implementation.
- Tentatively locate construction accesses.
- Delineate clearing limits, drainage courses, easements, setbacks, wetlands, and other sensitive areas and their buffers.

The pre-construction meeting provides an opportunity for the contractor to discuss the plan with the inspector and learn which elements of the ESCP deserve the most attention. Adjustments to improve performance or make installation easier and maintenance more reliable may also be discussed.

The pre-construction meeting is also an opportunity to discuss the inspection schedule and procedures. Key points to consider in the pre-construction meeting are:

- Pollution Control Plan for contractor operations.
- Qualifications of individuals designated as competent person for ESCP.
- Method to be used to document the up-to-date ESCP.
- Adjacent areas that need special protection from sedimentation, particularly environmentally sensitive areas such as wetlands, stream crossings, channel, and water disposal outlets.
- Discuss drainage aspects of the site (both pre and post construction).
- Location of erosion and sediment control practices and their implementation.
- Sequence of installation with respect to the construction schedule.
- Surface stabilization plans, temporary and permanent seeding.
- Construction schedule and any anticipated shutdown periods.
- Maintenance plans and the contractor’s procedure for monitoring performance.

- Location of all borrow and disposal areas.
- Emergency or contingency plans.
- Any special requirements identified in permits.
- Monitoring form used and availability.
- Biological Assessment – this report comes from the consultant and cover special needs and concerns for threatened and endangered species on the project, the contractor should be aware of its contents.

6.2.1 Modified ESCP

All projects will include a prepared ESCP. This plan may require a registered engineer's approval. This plan is only a guide and is unlikely to have addressed all erosion problems for the project adequately. The ESCP included in the plan set should not be followed blindly. It is the owner or PSI responsibility to propose modifications to the plan.

In addition, effective erosion control is closely tied to a contractor's staging, operation methods and construction timing. When the ESCP is developed the contractor's staging and operation methods are unknown. Therefore, it is expected that changes to the ESCP be updated throughout the life of the project. As modifications to the ESCP take place, it is extremely important to secure the interest of all parties. Communications between the contractor, designated person and inspector is vital.

Depending upon the level of modification, the design engineer is responsible for submitting those changes to the local jurisdiction. Regardless of the magnitude, a contingency plan must be implemented immediately. Minor modifications to the ESCP such as installing small sections of sediment control barriers, can be field adjusted and hand written on the plans. On 1200-C permitted projects, an Action Plan or approved equivalent is required for any change to the approved ESCP. Check with DEQ or DEQ's Local Agent for specific requirements.

6.2.2 Construction Schedule Review

The implementation of the construction schedule should include the following.

- Timing of activities to limit seasonal and weather impacts.
- Timing of wet season work and temporary work shut down.
- Time of activities to meet "in-water" work restrictions.
- Erosion prevention and sediment controls shown on the plans should be installed before ground-disturbing activities begin.
- Permanent facilities, such as sediment traps and basins, which will be used during construction as temporary measures should be installed.
- Retention of temporary perimeter controls until all upstream areas are finally stabilized.
- Timing of soil stabilization such as seeding, planting, etc.

6.2.3 Monitoring Form

On all development sites inspections are to be recorded and readily available. The effectiveness of each BMP at every location on site should be documented on the form, and general observations on site conditions should also be recorded. Information provided on the form is

useful for tracking repairs and demonstrating permit compliance. It is noteworthy that in the event of permit violations or subsequent enforcement actions, the information recorded on the form, along with photographs and videos, may be used to evaluate the responsibility of involved parties.

6.3 Materials (Qualified Products List)

The purpose of this manual is to provide cost effective, environmentally sensitive management of erosion through a qualified products list (QPL). This manual illustrates materials that have been approved based on geographical controls such as, climate and soil type. In addition, approvals of all materials listed on a QPL were field tested through demonstration projects and reviewed for their performance. New materials not listed in this manual will be approved based on equal to or greater then criteria.

6.4 Installation

It must be understood that installation is equally important to the value and success of the materials. If installed incorrectly, even the best materials will fail causing more damage and additional expense to the project. For this reason alone, installation procedures should be followed very closely.

Installation of all base measures shall be inspected by Permittee Site Inspector and any deficiencies corrected prior to the start of land disturbing activities. Subsequent inspections of any additional installations should also be made throughout the life of the project as needed. Base measures may also be required to be inspected by the local jurisdiction with erosion control authority.

The inspector, contractor or PSI should be familiar with installations details for each BMP used on the project. Details for the installation of all specified BMP's should be provided in the ESCP. Installation details for BMP's are also provided in Chapter 4 of this manual.

6.5 Inspection Requirements

The owner or designated person (PSI) shall be required to provide ongoing inspection of erosion and sediment control measures throughout the life of the project. Inspections shall be recorded on an approved monitoring form.

Minimum inspection requirements shall be as follows:

- **Active Period –** Daily when stormwater runoff, including runoff from snowmelt, is occurring.
- **Prior to the site becoming inactive or in anticipation of site inaccessibility –** Once to ensure that erosion and sediment control measures are in working order. Any necessary maintenance and repair must be made prior to leaving the site.
- **Inactive periods greater than seven (7) consecutive calendar days –** Once every two (2) weeks.

- **Periods during which the site is inaccessible due to inclement weather –** If practical, inspections must occur daily at a relevant and accessible discharge point or downstream location.

6.5.1 Inspection of Work Restriction Areas

All construction projects are required to restrict certain types of work, which may contribute to sediment-laden water leaving the project boundaries or entering waterways. The following work restrictions need to be inspected prior to the start of work and throughout the life of the project.

1) **Flag Clearing Limits:** Construction site clearing limits will be clearly flagged in accordance with the approved plans. No ground disturbance is permitted beyond the flagged boundary. Flagging should be maintained for the duration of construction.
2) **Perimeter Controls before Grubbing:** all appropriate perimeter controls should be installed prior to any major site grubbing operation. Perimeter controls include interceptor ditches, berms infill areas, and sediment fences along the banks of existing streams and toes of slopes.
3) **Wet Season Plan and Schedule:** Prior to wet season construction work and before temporary work suspension for winter, the contractor, or designated person should meet with the Agency to review and update the ESCP and to develop a schedule to assure that appropriate controls are implemented and maintained during the wet season work and suspended periods.
4) **Limit Disturbed Areas:** If soil erosion and sediment resulting from construction activities is not effectively controlled, the Agency will limit the amount of disturbed areas that can be effectively controlled.
5) **Install BMP's Early:** Erosion and sediment control features should be incorporated into the projects at the earliest practicable time. All erosion and sediment control measures should be installed according to the approved implementation schedule and with these specifications.
6) **Stop Work:** Failure to control erosion and or pollution shall be cause for the Agency to stop all construction work until measures have been taken to bring all construction into compliance with these specifications.

6.6 Stabilization Requirements

All soils that are exposed and disturbed by construction-related activities should be stabilized according to the following time frames.

- All seeding applications must be completed and established prior to wet weather season
- Wet weather season – October 1st through May 31st
- Soils exposed during wet weather season as a result of construction must be covered at the end of each day

6.7 Erosion Control Contingency Items

It is a requirement that all construction sites have materials on hand as a contingency in the event of a failure or when required to shore up BMP's installed as part of the ESCP.

The contingency items may also be used at the discretion of the project inspector to strengthen the erosion control measures as needed during construction.

The following are examples of materials to be kept on the project site for use in emergencies.

- 100 ft of sediment fence
- 260 sq. ft. or plastic sheeting
- 1,000 ft of rope
- 50 empty sand bags (to be filled as needed)
- 10 bales of straw (used for ground cover)
- 10 bio-filter bags with stakes

6.8 Maintenance

Erosion and sediment controls must be maintained in good working order at all times in order to function as intended. These controls must be maintained in place until the Agency issues notification of acceptance of permanent stabilization.

Typical maintenance activities, guidelines and failure modes for BMP's are discussed in Chapter 4 of this manual. The inspector should be familiar with maintenance requirements for each BMP used on the project. It is noteworthy that maintenance activities and frequencies vary among the different BMP's and will depend largely on weather and other site conditions. In general, the more effective erosion prevention measures are, the less maintenance will be required for sediment controls.

6.8.1 Sediment Removal

Sediment shall be removed and the controls upgraded or repaired as outlined in Chapter 4 BMP maintenance, or as directed. In the event of continuous rainfall over a 24-hour period, or other circumstances that preclude equipment operation in that area, additional
sediment control shall be hand-carried and installed in accordance with best management practices and as approved by the Agency. Sediment shall be removed from controls such as sediment fences, sediment barriers, check dams, inlet protection, and sediment traps when the sediment buildup has reached 1/3 the exposed height of the control or storage depth. Rock filters and filter berm material shall be replaced with new rock material when sediment reduces the filtering capacity by 50 percent. Rock or other material specified shall be added or removed as needed to maintain proper function of the entrance areas. All paved areas shall be kept clean (by mechanical means) for the duration of the project.

6.8.2 Sediment Disposal

Removed sediment shall be placed in a non-erodible area within the construction site, or removed and disposed of off site in accordance with all federal, state, and local laws and ordinances. Sediment-laden water shall not be flushed into the storm water system.

6.9 Inspection Checklist

The sample Inspection Checklist included in Appendix B may be used by Agency representatives when inspecting erosion and sediment controls on a project site. The checklist is intended to summarize the key elements of a successful erosion and sediment control program. Topics on the checklist include:

- Schedule Review
- Erosion and Sediment Control Plan
- Erosion and Pollution Control Manager
- Sensitive Areas
- Contingency Plans
- Materials On-Hand
- Maintenance
- Monitoring Forms
- Slope Protection and Stabilization
- Plan Revisions and Modifications
- BMP Evaluation
- Additional Items

6.9.1 Winterization

The wet weather period is October 1 through May 31. Prior to wet weather period work and before consideration of work suspension for winter, the contractor should meet with the Agency to review and update the ESCP and to develop a schedule to assure that appropriate controls are implemented and maintained during wet season and during any possible work suspension periods. Winter preparations should begin several weeks prior to wet weather season. Refer to Chapter Four for information on common best management practices.

6.9.2 Designer/Inspector Tool Box

Several worksheets are provided in Appendix C to aid designers and inspectors in determining and verifying the quality and quantity of various erosion control items. These are especially useful when verifying the application rates of various mulch and hydraulically applied products. Appendix C includes the following.

- Slope Inclination Conversions
- Metric Conversions Table
- Straw Mulch Application Worksheet
- Hydraulic Application Equations
- Wood Fiber Mulch Hydraulic Application Worksheet
- Seed / Fertilizer Hydraulic Application Worksheet
- Hydraulic Application Example Problems

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GRADING & EROSION CONTROL INFORMATION

GENERAL CONTRACTOR Name:_____ Address:_____ _____ Phone #: _____	**CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY** Project #: _____ Project Name:_____
EXCAVATION CONTRACTOR Name:_____ Address:_____ _____ Phone #: _____	**SITE ADDRESS** Nearest Cross Streets: _____
OWNER/APPLICANT Name:_____ Address:_____ _____ Phone #: _____	**DRAINAGE / WATERWAY** Name of nearest stream, creek, river: _____
24-HOUR EMERGENCY CONTACT Name:_____ Address:_____ _____ Phone #: _____	**SOIL DISPOSAL** Exporting Soil ? Y N Address of Site:_____

I agree to comply with the "Erosion Prevention and Sediment Control Planning and Design Manual" and will construct and maintain ESC measures to contain Sediment on the construction site.

_____ _____

Owner/Applicant Signature **Date**

STANDARD EROSION AND SEDIMENT CONTROL PLAN DRAWING NOTES;

1. WHEN RAINFALL AND RUNOFF OCCURS DAILY INSPECTIONS OF THE EROSION AND SEDIMENT CONTROLS AND DISCHARGE OUTFALLS MUST BE PROVIDED BY SOME ONE KNOWLEDGEABLE AND EXPERIENCED IN THE PRINCIPLES, PRACTICES, INSTALLATION, AND MAINTENANCE OF EROSION AND SEDIMENT CONTROLS WHO WORKS FOR THE PERMITTEE.

2. CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES MUST AVOID OR MINIMIZE EXCAVATION AND CREATION OF BARE GROUND FROM OCTOBER 1 THROUGH MAY 31 EACH YEAR.

3. DURING WET WEATHER PERIOD, TEMPORARY STABILIZATION OF THE SITE MUST OCCUR AT THE END OF EACH WORK DAY.

4. SEDIMENT CONTROLS MUST BE INSTALLED AND MAINTAINED ON ALL DOWN GRADIENT SIDES OF THE CONSTRUCTION SITE AT ALL TIMES DURING CONSTRUCTION. THEY MUST REMAIN IN PLACE UNTIL PERMANENT VEGETATION OR OTHER PERMANENT COVERING OF EXPOSED SOIL IS ESTABLISHED.

5. ALL ACTIVE INLETS MUST HAVE SEDIMENT CONTROLS INSTALLED AND MAINTAINED AT ALL TIMES DURING CONSTRUCTION. UNLESS OTHERWISE APPROVED, A SURFACE MOUNTED AND ATTACHABLE, U-SHAPED FILTER BAG IS REQUIRED FOR ALL CURB INLET CATCH BASINS.

6. SIGNIFICANT AMOUNTS OF SEDIMENT WHICH LEAVES THE SITE MUST BE CLEANED UP WITHIN 24 HOURS AND PLACED BACK ON THE SITE AND STABILIZED OR PROPERLY DISPOSED. THE CAUSE OF THE SEDIMENT RELEASE MUST BE FOUND AND PREVENTED FROM CAUSING A RECURRENCE OF THE DISCHARGE WITHIN THE SAME 24 HOURS. ANY IN-STREAM CLEAN UP OF SEDIMENT SHALL BE PREFORMED ACCORDING TO THE OREGON DEPARTMENT OF STATE LANDS REQUIRED TIME FRAME.

7. SEDIMENT MUST NOT BE INTENTIONALLY WASHED INTO STORM SEWERS, DRAINAGE WAYS, OR WATER BODIES.

8. SEDIMENT MUST BE REMOVED FROM BEHIND ALL SEDIMENT CONTROL MEASURES WHEN IT HAS REACHED A HEIGHT OF 1/3RD THE BARRIER HEIGHT, AND PRIOR TO THE CONTROL MEASURES REMOVAL.

9. CLEANING OF ALL STRUCTURES WITH SUMPS MUST OCCUR WHEN THE SEDIMENT RETENTION CAPACITY HAS BEEN REDUCED BY 50% AND AT COMPLETION OF PROJECT.

10. ANY USE OF TOXIC OR OTHER HAZARDOUS MATERIALS MUST INCLUDE PROPER STORAGE, APPLICATION, AND DISPOSAL.

11. THE PERMITTEE MUST PROPERLY MANAGE HAZARDOUS WASTES, USED OILS, CONTAMINATED SOILS, CONCRETE WASTE, SANITARY WASTE, LIQUID WASTE, OR OTHER TOXIC SUBSTANCES DISCOVERED OR GENERATED DURING CONSTRUCTION.

12. THE APPLICATION RATE OF FERTILIZERS USED TO REESTABLISH VEGETATION MUST FOLLOW MANUFACTURER'S RECOMMENDATIONS. NUTRIENT RELEASES FROM FERTILIZERS TO SURFACE WATERS MUST BE MINIMIZED. TIME RELEASE FERTILIZERS SHOULD BE USED AND CARE SHOULD BE MADE IN APPLICATION OF FERTILIZERS WITHIN ANY WATER WAY RIPARIAN ZONE.

13. OWNER OR DESIGNATED PERSON SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR PROPER INSTALLATION AND MAINTENANCE OF ALL EROSION AND SEDIMENT CONTROL MEASURES, IN ACCORDANCE WITH CURRENT CLEAN WATER SERVICES STANDARDS AND STATE, AND FEDERAL REGULATIONS.

14. PRIOR TO ANY LAND DISTURBING ACTIVITIES, THE BOUNDARIES OF THE CLEARING LIMITS, VEGETATED BUFFERS, AND ANY SENSITIVE AREAS SHOWN ON THIS PLAN SHALL BE CLEARLY DELINEATED IN THE FIELD. UNLESS OTHERWISE APPROVED, NO DISTURBANCE IS PERMITTED BEYOND THE CLEARING LIMITS. THE OWNER/PERMITTEE MUST MAINTAIN THE DELINEATION FOR THE DURATION OF THE PROJECT.
    NOTE: VEGETATED CORRIDORS TO BE DELINEATED WITH ORANGE CONSTRUCTION FENCE OR APPROVED EQUAL.

15. PRIOR TO ANY LAND DISTURBING ACTIVITIES, THE BMPS THAT MUST BE INSTALLED ARE GRAVEL CONSTRUCTION ENTRANCE, PERIMETER SEDIMENT CONTROL, AND INLET PROTECTION. THESE BMPS MUST BE MAINTAINED FOR THE DURATION OF THE PROJECT.

16. IF VEGETATIVE SEED MIXES ARE SPECIFIED, SEEDING MUST TAKE PLACE NO LATER THAN SEPTEMBER 1ST; THE TYPE AND PERCENTAGES OF SEED IN THE MIX ARE AS IDENTIFIED ON THE PLANS OR AS SPECIFIED BY THE DESIGN ENGINEER.

17. WATER-TIGHT TRUCKS MUST BE USED TO TRANSPORT SATURATED SOILS FROM THE CONSTRUCTION SITE. AN APPROVED EQUIVALENT IS TO DRAIN THE SOIL ON SITE AT A DESIGNATED LOCATION USING APPROPRIATE BMPS; SOIL MUST BE DRAINED SUFFICIENTLY FOR MINIMAL SPILLAGE.

18. ALL PUMPING OF SEDIMENT LADEN WATER MUST BE DISCHARGED OVER AN UNDISTURBED, PREFERABLY VEGETATED AREA, AND THROUGH A SEDIMENT CONTROL BMP (I.E. FILTER BAG).

19. THE ESC PLAN MUST BE KEPT ONSITE. ALL MEASURES SHOWN ON THE PLAN MUST BE INSTALLED PROPERLY TO ENSURE THAT SEDIMENT LADEN WATER DOES NOT ENTER A SURFACE WATER SYSTEM, ROADWAY, OR OTHER PROPERTIES.

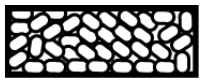
20. THE ESC MEASURES SHOWN ON THIS PLAN ARE THE MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS FOR ANTICIPATED SITE CONDITIONS. DURING THE CONSTRUCTION PERIOD, THESE MEASURES SHALL BE UPGRADED AS NEEDED TO MAINTAIN COMPLIANCE WITH ALL REGULATIONS.

21. WRITTEN ESC LOGS ARE SUGGESTED TO BE MAINTAINED ONSITE AND AVAILABLE TO DISTRICT INSPECTORS UPON REQUEST.

22. IN AREAS SUBJECT TO WIND EROSION, APPROPRIATE BMPS MUST BE USED WHICH MAY INCLUDE THE APPLICATION OF FINE WATER SPRAYING, PLASTIC SHEETING, MULCHING, OR OTHER APPROVED MEASURES.

23. ALL EXPOSED SOILS MUST BE COVERED DURING WET WEATHER PERIOD.

Erosion Prevention and Sediment Control Symbols

	**Brush Barrier**
	**Check Dam**
	**Compost Blanket**
	**Construction Entrance**
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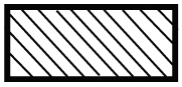	**Erosion Control Matting**
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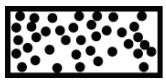
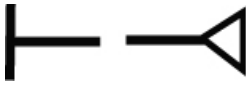
	**Seeding & Mulching**
	**Temporary Slope Drains**

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Erosion Control Inspection Log

Project Name: _____

Date:_____ Time:_____ Weather:_____ Rainfall In the Last 24 Hours: Yes _____ No _____

Site Active: Yes_____ No_____ Days Since Last Inspection: _____

Inspection Type: Initial Inspection _____ Regular Inspection_____ Final _____ Active Storm Water Runoff_____ Other_____

Observations: _____

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Corrective Actions Taken/Needed: _____

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Have Any Changes Been Made to the ESCP: Yes____ No____

If Yes, What Changes Have Been Made: _____

_____

Have The Changes Been Documented: Red Lines: Yes_____ No_____ Action Plan: Yes_____ No_____

Inspected By: Print Name:_____ Title: _____

Signature:_____

Additional Comment Space on Back

Observations: (Continued)

Corrective Actions Taken/Needed: (Continued)

INSPECTION CHECKLIST
FOR
EROSION CONTROL

- **SCHEDULE**

  Have you looked at the Contractors Schedule and determined any conflicts?
  - ✓ Install necessary Best Management Practices (BMP's) prior to any earthwork beginning.
  - ✓ Are earthwork operations being performed in wet weather season with soils that are highly erosive?
  - ✓ Grubbing of areas that will be worked on much later should be delayed
  - ✓ Staging of project may require staging of erosion control measures
  - ✓ Is seeding scheduled before the end of the seed dates?
  - ✓ Are there "In-Stream work areas that may alter contractor's schedule?
  - ✓ When will the contractor remove BMP's?

- **EROSION AND SEDIMENT CONTROL PLAN (ESCP)**
  - ✓ Walk project during preliminary or advanced plan review and look for potential erosion problems
  - ✓ Have you reviewed the Contractor's Erosion Control Plan to determine if it is adequate or makes sense? The ESCP included in the bid package may need modifications to address site conditions or staging
  - ✓ Walk project with PSI prior to any earthwork looking for needed modifications of ESCP
  - ✓ Is the ESCP being kept up-to-date?
  - ✓ Is the ESCP kept on-site? Where?
  - ✓ What is contractor's erosion control plan for offsite borrow sources and waste areas?

- **EROSION AND SEDIMENT CONTROL MANAGER (PSI)**

  Have you met and talked with the person identified as the PSI?
  - ✓ Do you believe this person has adequate knowledge to perform this work?
  - ✓ Does this person understand all the required duties of the PSI?
  - ✓ Does this person have the authority to direct resources and make changes in an emergency situation?

- **SENSITIVE AREAS**

  Are there sensitive areas, which require "extra" attention?
  - ✓ Have they been adequately addressed on the ESCP?
  - ✓ Will these sensitive areas require more monitoring?

- **CONTINGENCY PLAN**
  - ✓ Is there a contingency plan for unexpected events?
  - ✓ What is the plan for stabilization of earthwork performed after seeding dates?

- **MATERIALS ON-HAND**

  It may be difficult to get Erosion Control materials in the middle of the wet season. It is easier to deal with erosion before it happens rather than after.
  - ✓ Does the Contractor have adequate materials on hand to cover each phase of work they plan on performing?

- **MAINTENANCE**
  - ✓ Consider access for maintenance of BMP's. Place where they are easy to maintain if you have a choice
  - ✓ Are installed erosion and sediment controls in good working order?
  - ✓ Are catch basins cleaned out when more than 6 inches of sediment depth accumulates?
  - ✓ At sediment fences, barriers, check dams, inlet protection cleaned out when sediment reaches 1/3 of the storage depth?
  - ✓ Are construction entrances maintained with fresh rock to prevent tracking of sediment onto pavement?

- **MONITORING FORMS**
  - ✓ Are you getting Erosion Control Weekly reports as often as they should be filed from the PSI?
  - ✓ Are the forms complete and adequately represent site conditions and work performed?
  - ✓ Are forms on-site with the "Up-to-Date Plan"?

- **SLOPE PROTECTION & STABILIZATION**
  - ✓ All highly sensitive areas
  - ✓ Permanently finish slopes from top down and seed as you go!
  - ✓ Track walk slopes to provide loosened soil and hold seed
  - ✓ Temporarily stabilize unfinished earthwork scheduled for re-disturbance at a later date (i.e. straw mulch, chemical soil stabilizers, plastic sheeting, matting, etc.)

- **PLANS ARE ONLY A GUIDE**
  What's best for your project is what works on your project. No designer can sit in an office and determine what works on your project. It may require trial and error. The plans are a toolbox with available tools. You may have to create and modify these tools to satisfy the conditions

- **IT'S NOT WORKING!!!**
  Are the BMP's working? If not, are the facilities attempting to prevent erosion before it starts?

- **ADDITIONAL ITEMS**
  - ✓ Go back to newly installed BMP's to check their performance
  - ✓ How will contractor handle dust control or wind erosion?
  - ✓ Will snow melt change runoff and drainage patterns?

Metric Conversion Tables

Measurement in:	From English Units:	To Metric Units:	Multiply By
Length	inch (in)	millimeter (mm)	25.40
	foot (ft)	meter (mm)	0.3048
	yard (yd)	meter (mm)	0.9144
	mile (mi)	kilometer (km)	1.609
Area	in^2	mm^2	645.2
	ft^2	m^2	0.0929
	yd^2	m^2	0.8361
	mi^2	km^2	2.590
	acre	hectare (ha)	0.4047
	acre	m^2	4047

Quantity	From SI Units	To English Units	Divide By
Length	km	mile	1.609
	m	yard	0.9144*
	m	foot	0.3048*
	mm	inch	25.4*
Area	km^2	square mile	2.59
	m^2	acre	4047
	hectare	acre	0.404
	m^2	square yard	0.836
	m^2	square foot	0.092
	mm^2	square inch	645.2

Abbreviations

L	liter
ha	hectares
kg	Kilogram=1x103 grams
m	meter
km	kilometer=1x103 meters

SLOPE CONVERSION TABLE

Rise:Run	% Grade	Angle Degree
1:00	1.0	0.6
1:90	1.1	0.6
1:80	1.3	0.7
1:70	1.4	0.8
1:60	1.7	1.0
1:50	2.0	1.1
1:40	2.5	1.4
1:35	2.9	1.6
1:30	3.3	1.9
1:25	4.0	2.3
1:20	5.0	2.9
1:19	5.3	3.0
1:18	5.6	3.2
1:17	5.9	3.4
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1:14	7.1	4.1
1:13	7.7	4.4
1:12	8.3	4.8
1:11	9.1	5.2
1:10	10.0	5.7
1:9	11.1	6.3
1:8	12.5	7.1
1:7	14.3	8.1
1:6	16.7	9.5
1:5	20.O	11.3
1:4	25.0	14.0
1:3	33.3	18.4
1:2	50.0	26.6
1:1	100.0	45.0

How to calculate Slope: Rise or (v) vertical change elevation (feet)
Run or (h) horizontal distance (feet)

Example: Divide rise by run to get your calculated slope %

15v
50h *** Divide 15v by 50h to get .30 or 30%**

Table A-1

Seed or Fertilizer Hydraulic Application

Application Load	Area of Coverage (A)													
	Application Rates of Pure Live Seed (R_{sf})													
(W_{sf})	20 lb/acre		40 lb/acre		60 lb/acre		80 lb/acre		100 lb/acre		200 lb/acre		400 lb/acre	
Pounds	acre	$ft.^2$	acre	$ft.^2$	acre	$ft.^2$	acre	$ft.^2$	acre	$ft.^2$	acre	$ft.^2$	acre	$ft.^2$
10	0.50	21,780	0.25	10,890	0.17	7,260	0.13	5,445	0.10	4,356	0.05	2,178	0.03	1,089
20	1.00	43,560	0.50	21,780	0.33	14,520	0.25	10,890	0.20	8,712	0.10	4,356	0.05	2,178
30	1.50	65,340	0.75	32,670	0.50	21,780	0.38	16,335	0.30	13,068	0.15	6,534	0.08	3,267
40	2.00	87,120	1.00	43,560	0.67	29,040	0.50	21,780	0.40	17,424	0.20	8,712	0.10	4,356
50	2.50	108,900	1.25	54,450	0.83	36,300	0.63	27,225	0.50	21,780	0.25	10,890	0.13	5,445
60	3.00	130,680	1.50	65,340	1.00	43,560	0.75	32,670	0.60	26,136	0.30	13,068	0.15	6,534
70	3.50	152,460	1.75	76,230	1.17	50,820	0.88	38,115	0.70	30,492	0.35	15,246	0.18	7,623
80	4.00	174,240	2.00	87,120	1.33	58,080	1.00	43,560	0.80	34,848	0.40	17,424	0.20	8,712
90	4.50	196,020	2.25	98,010	1.50	65,340	1.13	49,005	0.90	39,204	0.45	19,602	0.23	9,801
100	5.00	217,800	2.50	108,900	1.67	72,600	1.25	54,450	1.00	43,560	0.50	21,780	0.25	10,890
120	6.00	261,360	3.00	130,680	2.00	87,120	1.50	65,340	1.20	52,272	0.60	26,136	0.30	13,068
140	7.00	304,920	3.50	152,460	2.33	101,640	1.75	76,230	1.40	609,984	0.70	30,492	0.35	15,246
160	8.00	348,480	4.00	174,240	2.67	116,160	2.00	87,120	1.60	69,696	0.80	34,848	0.40	17,424
180	9.00	392,040	4.50	196,020	3.00	130,680	2.25	98,010	1.80	78,408	0.90	39,204	0.45	19,602
200	10.00	435,600	5.00	217,800	3.33	145,200	2.50	108,900	2.00	87,120	1.00	43,560	0.50	21,780
220	11.00	479,160	5.50	239,580	3.67	159,720	2.75	119,790	2.20	95,832	1.10	47,916	0.55	23,958
240	12.00	522,720	6.00	261,360	4.00	174,240	3.00	130,680	2.40	104,544	1.20	52,272	0.60	26,136
260	13.00	566,280	6.50	283,140	4.33	188,760	3.25	141,570	2.60	113,256	1.30	56,628	0.65	28,314
280	14.00	609,840	7.00	304,920	4.67	203,280	3.50	152,460	2.80	121,968	1.40	60,984	0.70	30,492
300	15.00	653,400	7.50	326,700	5.00	217,800	3.75	163,350	3.00	130,680	1.50	65,360	0.75	32,670

"Application Load" is in Pure Live Seed.

Gross weight of seed can be converted by the Pure Live Seed (PLS) Rate [%Purity x % Germination = %PLS; Wsf = Gross Weight x %PLS]

To evaluate mulch tracer material, use Table C-1.

Wood Fiber Mulch Hydraulic Application

Table C-1	2,000lb/acre Application Rate (R_{wf})			
Wood Fiber	Water Required for Application		Area of Coverage (A)	
(W_{wf})	Average (V_{wa})	Maximum (V_{wm})		
	40 lbs mulch / 100gal water	50lbs mulch / 100gal water		
Pounds	*Gallons	*Gallons	ft²	Acres
500	1,250	1,000	10,890	0.25
600	1,500	1,200	13,068	0.30
700	1,750	1,400	15,246	0.35
800	2,000	1,600	17,424	0.40
900	2,250	1,800	19,602	0.45
1,000	2,500	2,000	21,780	0.50
1,100	2,750	2,200	23,958	0.55
1,200	3,000	2,400	26,136	0.60
1,300	---	2,600	28,314	0.65
1,400	---	2,800	30,492	0.70
1,500	---	3,000	32,670	0.75

Table C-2	2,500lb/acre Application Rate (R_{wf})			
Wood Fiber	Water Required for Application		Area of Coverage (A)	
(W_{wf})	Average (V_{wa})	Maximum (V_{wm})		
	40 lbs mulch / 100gal water	50lbs mulch / 100gal water		
Pounds	*Gallons	*Gallons	ft²	Acres
500	1,250	1,000	8,712	0.20
600	1,500	1,200	10,454	0.24
700	1,750	1,400	12,197	0.28
800	2,000	1,600	13,939	0.32
900	2,250	1,800	15,682	0.36
1,000	2,500	2,000	17,424	0.40
1,100	2,750	2,200	19,166	0.44
1,200	3,000	2,400	20,909	0.48
1,300	---	2,600	22,651	0.52
1,400	---	2,800	24,394	0.56
1,500	---	3,000	26,136	0.60

* Largest Typical Hydro seeding equipment has a 3,000 gallon working volume.

HYDRAULIC APPLICATION

Wood Fiber Mulch Hydraulic Application

Average Water Required for Application

V_{wa} (gal) = (W_{wf}) / (40lbs mulch / 100gal water)

Maximum Water Required for Application

V_{wm} (gal) = (W_{wf}) / (50lbs mulch / 100gal water)

Area of Coverage

A (acre) = (W_{wf} / R_{wf})

A (ft^2) = (W_{wf} / R_{wf}) * (43,560 ft^2/acre)

Wood Fiber Application Rate (lb/acre)	R_{wf}
Weight or Mass of Wood Fiber (lbs)	W_{wf}
Average Water Requirement (gal)	V_{wa}
Maximum Water Requirement (gal)	V_{wm}
Area of Coverage (ft^2) & (acres)	A

Seed or Fertilizer Hydraulic Application

Area of Coverage

A (acre) = (W_{sf} / R_{sf})

A (ft^2) = (W_{sf} / R_{sf}) * (43,560 ft^2/acre)

Seed or Fertilizer Application Rates (lb/acre)	R_{sf}
Weight or Mass of Seed or Fertilizer (lbs)	W_{sf}
Area of Coverage (ft^2) & (acres)	A

Example #1 (Mulch - Area of Coverage)

Given: Required mulch application rate 2,000 lb/acre.
Hydro Seeder with 1,800 gal working capacity.
900 lbs of Wood Fiber to be applied over seeded area.

Find: Range of Area of Coverage.

Answer: Find the 2,000 lb/acre Application Rate Chart, Table C-3.

Using a 50 lbs / 100 gal mulch/water ratio:
Find 1,800 gal in the Maximum Water Required for Application column.
Follow this row over to the area columns.
One tank can cover **0.45 acre (19,602 ft^2).**

Using a 40 lbs / 100 gal mulch/water ratio:
Find 1,800 gal in the Average Water Required for Application column.
There isn't an 1,800 gal row, so interpolate between 1,750 gal and 2,000 gal.
Follow the 1,750 gal and 2,000 gal row over to the area columns.
At 1,750 gal, one tank can cover 0.35 acre (15,246 ft^2).
At 2,000 gal, one tank can cover 0.40 acre (17,424 ft^2).
One tank can cover 1,800 lb * ((0.40 acre - 0.35 acre)/(2,000 gal - 1,750 gal))
0.36 acre (15,682 ft^2).

Example #2 (Mulch - Materials Used)

Given: 0.60 acre (26,136 ft^2) area to be seeded.
Required mulch application rate 1,200 lb/acre.
Hydro Seeder with 2,500 gal working capacity.

Find: A) Amount of Mulch Required in lbs.
B) Range of Water Required in gal.
C) Number of Trips Required.

Answer: Find the 2,000 lb/acre Application Rate Chart, Table C-3.

A) Find 0.60 acre under the Area of Coverage column.
Follow the row over to the Wood Fiber column.
The wood fiber required by the area is **1,200 lb.**

B) Find 0.60 acre under the Area of Coverage column.
Follow the row to the Required Water for Application column.
Using a 50 lbs / 100 gal mulch/water ratio:
The water required for the area is **2,400 gal.**
Using a 40 lbs / 100 gal mulch/water ratio:
The water required for the area is **3,000 gal.**

C) Using a 50 lbs / 100 gal mulch/water ratio:
(2,400 gal / (2,500 gal/trip)) = **1 trip.**
Using a 40 lbs / 100 gal mulch/water ratio:
(3,000 gal / (2,500 gal/trip)) = 1.2 trips, so use **2 trips.**

Example #3 (Seed - Area of Coverage)

Given: Seed Application Rate 40 lb/acre.
200 lb of Seed is to be Applied.

Find: Area of Coverage.

Answer: Use the Seed or Fertilizer Hydraulic Application Chart, Table A-1.
Find the 40 lb/acre application rate column.
Find the 200 lb seed row.
Determine where the column and the row intersect and record the area.
For 40 lb/acre, the area of coverage is **5 acre (217,800 ft^2).**

Or

Use the Formula on the Hydraulic Application Equations Sheet.
Find the area of coverage equation under the title Seed or Fertilizer Hydraulic Application.
The area equation is A (acre) = W_{sf} / R_{sf}
Area (acre) = (200 lb) / (40 lb/acre) = **5 acre.**
Area (ft^2) = [(200 lb) / (40 lb/acre)] * (43,560 ft^2/acre) = **217,800 ft^2.**

Example #4 (Seed - Materials Needed)

Given: Required Area of Coverage .13 acre (5,662.8 ft^2).
Seed Application Rate 200 lb/acre.

Find: Amount of Seed Required in lbs.

Answer: Use the Seed or Fertilizer Hydraulic Application Chart, Table A-1.
Find the 200 lb/acre application rate column.
Move down the list of areas to 0.13 acre.
0.13 acre is not in this column, so interpolate.
Find the area above and below 0.13 acre.
Follow the row from the area to the Amount of Seed column.
For 0.10 acre (4,356 ft^2), the amount of seed is **20 lbs.**
For 0.15 acre (6,534 ft^2), the amount of seed is **30 lbs.**

At 0.13 acre (5,662.8 ft^2), the amount of seed is
0.13 acre * ((30 lb - 20 lb)/(0.15 acre - 0.10 acre)) = **26 lbs.**

Or

Use the Formula on the Hydraulic Application Equations Sheet.
Find the area of coverage equation under the title Seed or Fertilizer Hydraulic Application.
The area equation is A (acre) = W_{sf} / R_{sf}
Rearrange the equation so W_{sf} (lb) = (A) * (R_{sf})
Wsf (lb) = (0.13 acre) * (200 lb/acre) = **26 lbs.**

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ACRONYMS

USACOE	U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
AOS	Apparent Opening Size
ASTM	American Standards for Testing Materials
BOD	Biological Oxygen Demand
COD	Chemical Oxygen Demand
CWA	Clean Water Act
CWS	Clean Water Services
CZARA	Coastal Zone Act Reauthorization Amendments of 1990
CZMA	Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972
DEQ	Department of Environmental Quality
DSL	Division of State Lands
DOF	Department of Forestry
ECRM	Erosion Control and Revegetation Mats
EPA	Environmental Protection Agency
EPCM	Erosion and Pollution Control Manager
EQC	Environmental Quality Commission
ESA	Endangered Species Act
ESCP	Erosion and Sediment Control Plan
HDPP	High Density Polyethylene Pipe
IECA	International Erosion Control Association
ISO	International Standards Organization
NMFS	National Marine Fisheries Service
NPDES	National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System

ACRONYMS
(continued)

NRCS	Natural Resources Conservation Service
OAR	Oregon Administrative Rules
ODFW	Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife
ODOT	Oregon Department of Transportation
ORS	Oregon Revised Statutes
PCP	Pollution Control Plan
RUSLE	Revised Universal Soil Loss Equation
SWCD	Soil and Water Conservation District
TRM	Turf Reinforcement Mats
TSS	Total Suspended Solids
TMDL	Total Maximum Daily Load
WES	Water Environment Service

GLOSSARY OF TERMS

Adsorption	The adhesion of a substance to the substance to the surface of a solid or liquid. Heavy metals such as zinc and lead often adsorb onto particles.
Alluvial Soils	Soils developed from transported and relatively recently deposited material (alluvium) characterized by a weak modification (or none) of the original material by soil-forming processes.
Annual Storm	The highest peak storm discharge that is expected in any given year.
Apron	A pad of non-erosive material designed to prevent scour holes developing at the outlet ends of culverts, outlet pipes, grade stablilization structures, and other water control devices.
Aquifer	An underground porous, water-bearing geological formation. The term is generally restricted to materials capable of yielding an appreciable supply of water.
Base Flow	Stream discharge derived from groundwater sources as differentiated from surface runoff. Sometimes considered to include flows from regulated lakes or reservoirs.
Bedrock	The more or less solid rock in place either on or beneath the surface of the earth. It may be soft, medium or hard and have a smooth or irregular surface.
Berm	A constructed barrier of compacted earth.
Best Management Practices (BMP's)	Physical, structural and/or managerial practices employed to avoid or mitigate damage or potential damage from the contamination or pollution of surface waters or wetlands. Structural BMP's are actual physical installations rather than procedural/managerial BMP's, such as good housekeeping and employee training.
Catch Basin	A grated inlet, curb opening or combination inlet with or without a sump which admits storm water to a sewer or subdrain.
Channel	A natural stream or excavated ditch that conveys water.
Channel Stabilization	Protecting the sides and bed of a channel from erosion by controlling flow velocities and flow directions using jetties, drops or other structures and/or by lining the channel with a suitable liner such as vegetation, riprap, concrete or other similar material.

Check Dam	A small dam constructed in a gully or other small watercourse to decrease flow velocity, minimize channel scour and promote sediment deposition.
Clay	(1) Soil fraction consisting of particles less than 0.002 mm in diameter. (2) A soil texture class, which is dominated by clay or at least has a larger proportion of clay than either silt or sand.
Cohesion	The capacity of a soil to resist shearing stress, exclusive of functional resistance.
Cohesive Soil	A soil that, when unconfined, has considerable strength when air-dried and significant strength when saturated.
Coir	Fiber made from coconut husks.
Compost	Organic residue or a mixture of organic residues and soil that has undergone biological decomposition until it has become relatively stable humus.
Conventional Pollutants	Contaminants (other than nutrients) such as sediment, oil, and vehicle fluids.
Contour	An imaginary line on the surface of the earth connecting points of the same elevation.
Cut	Portion of land surface or area from which earth has been removed or will be removed by excavating the depth below the original ground surface to the excavated surface.
Cut-and-Fill	Process of earth grading by excavating part of a higher area and using the excavated material for fill to raise the surface of an adjacent lower area.
Cutoff Trench	A long, narrow excavation (keyway) constructed along the center line of a dam, dike, levee or embankment and filled with relatively impervious material intended to reduce seepage of water through porous strata.
Design Highwater	The elevation of the water surface at peak flow conditions of the design flood.
Design Storm	Selected storm of a given frequency used for designing a design storm system. Hypothetical storm derived from intensity-duration-frequency curves. A prescribed hyetograph and total precipitation amount (for a specific duration recurrence frequency) used to estimate runoff in order to analyze existing drainage, design new drainage facilities or assess impacts of a proposed project on surface water flow.

Detention	Storage and subsequent release of excess storm water runoff.
Detention Facility	An above or below ground facility, such as a pond or tank, which temporarily stores storm water runoff and releases it at a controlled rate. There is little or no infiltration of the stored storm water.
Detention Time	The theoretical time required to displace the contents of a tank or unit at a given rate of discharge (volume divided by rate of discharge).
Dewatering	The removal of water temporarily impounded in a holding basin.
Dike	An embankment to confine or control water, often built along the banks of a river o prevent overflow of lowlands; a levee.
Discharge	Usually the rate of water flow; a volume of fluid passing a point per unit time commonly expressed as cubic feet per second, cubic meters per second, gallons per minute, or millions of gallons per day.
Dispersion, Soil	The breaking down of fine soil aggregates into individual particles, resulting in single-grain structure. Ease of dispersion influences the erodibility of soils. Generally speaking, the more easily dispersed the soil, the more erodible it is.
Diversion	A channel with a supporting ridge on the lower side constructed at the top, across, or at the bottom of a slop for the purpose of controlling surface runoff.
Diversion Dike	A barrier built to divert surface runoff.
Drain	A buried slotted or perforated pipe or other conduit (subsurface drain) or a ditch (open drain) for carrying off surplus groundwater or surface water.
Drainage	The removal of excess surface water or groundwater from land by means of ditches or subsurface drains.
Drainageway	A natural or artificial depression that carries surface water to a larger watercourse or outlet such as a river, lake, or bay.
Drop Inlet	Overall structure in which the water drops through a vertical riser connected a discharge conduit or storm sewer.
Earth Dam	Dam constructed of compacted suitable soil materials.
Elongation	The increase in length produced in the gage length produced by a tensile load.
Embankment	A man-made deposit of soil, rock, or other material often used to form an impoundment.

Floodplain	The lowland that borders a stream and is subject to flooding when the stream overflows its banks.
Flood Stage	The stage at which overflow of the natural banks of a stream begins.
Floodway	A channel, either natural, excavated, or bounded by dikes and levees, used to carry flood flows.
Freeboard	Vertical clearance between the normal operating level and the top side of an open conduit or channel. Vertical distance between the design water surface elevation and the elevation of the barrier retaining the water.
Frequency of Storm (Design storm frequency)	The anticipated period in years that will elapse before another storm of equal intensity and/or total volume will recur: a 10-year storm can be expected to occur on the average once very 10 years.
Gabion	A wire mesh cage, usually rectangular, filled with rock and used to protect channel banks and other sloping areas from erosion.
Gauge	Device for measuring precipitation, water level, discharge, velocity, pressure, temperature, etc., e.g., a rain gauge. A measure of the thickness of metal, e.g., diameter of wire or wall thickness of steel pipe.
Geotextile	Any permeable textile used with foundation, rock, earth or any other geotechnical engineering-related material as an integral part of a human-made project, structure or system.
Grade	(1) the slope of a road, a channel, or natural ground. (2) The finished surface of canal bed, roadbed, top of embankment, or bottom of excavation; any surface prepared to a design elevation for the support of construction such as paving or the laying of a conduit. (3) To finish the surface of a canal bed, roadbed, top of embankment, or bottom of excavation, or other land area to a smooth, even condition.
Grade Stabilization Structure	A structure for the purpose of stabilizing the grad of a gully or other watercourse, thereby preventing further head-cutting or lowering of the channel bottom.
Gradient	Change of elevation, velocity, pressure, or other characteristics per unit length; slope.
Grading	The cutting and/or filling of the land surface to a desired slope or elevation.
Grass	A member of the botanical family Gramineae, characterized by blade-like leaves that originate as a sheath wrapped around the stem.
Grassed Waterway	A natural or constructed waterway, usually broad and shallow, covered with erosion-resistant grasses and used to safely conduct surface water from an area.

Ground Cover	(Horticulture) Low-growing, spreading plans useful for low maintenance landscape areas.
Habitat	The environment in which the life needs of a plan or animal are supplied.
Harmful Pollutant	A substance which has adverse effects on an organism. Adverse effects include immediate death, chronic poisoning, impaired reproduction and other conditions.
Head Loss	Energy loss due to friction, eddies, changes in velocity, elevation or direction of flow.
Headwater	The source of a stream. The water upstream from a structure or point a stream.
Heavy Metals	Metals having a high specific gravity, present in municipal and industrial wastes, that pose long-term environmental hazards. Such metals include cadmium, chromium, cobalt, copper, lead, mercury, nickel and zinc.
Hydrologic Cycle	The circuit of water movement from the atmosphere to the earth and back to the atmosphere through various stages or processes such as precipitation, interception, runoff, infiltration, percolation, storage, evaporation, and transpiration.
Hydrology	The science of the behavior of water in the atmosphere, on the surface of the earth, and underground.
Impervious	A surface, which water, can not easily penetrate. Can include graveled surface as well as paved surfaces.
Infiltration	The downward movement of water from the surface to the subsoil.
Invert	The inside bottom of a culvert or other conduit.
Land Capability	The suitability of land for use. Land capability classification involves consideration of: 1) the risks of land damage from erosion and other causes and 2) the difficulties in land use owing to physical land characteristics, including climate.
Land Use Controls	Methods for regulating the uses to which a given land area may be put, including such things as zoning, subdivision regulation, and floodplain regulation.
Loam	A soil textural classification in which the proportions of sand, silt and clay are well balanced. Loams have the best properties for cultivation of plants.
Mean Velocity	The average velocity of a stream flowing in a channel or conduit at a given cross-section or in a given reach. It is equal to the discharge divided by the cross-section area of the reach.

Mitigation	means, in the following order or importance:
1.	Avoiding the impact altogether by not taking a certain action or part of an action.
2.	Minimizing impacts by limiting the degree or magnitude of the action and its implementation, by using appropriate technology, or by taking affirmative steps to avoid or reduce impacts.
3.	Rectifying the impact by repairing, rehabilitating or restoring the affected environment.
4.	Reducing or eliminating the impact over time by preservation and maintenance operations during the life of the action and
5.	Compensation for the impact by replacing, enhancing, or providing substitute resources or environments.
Mulch	A natural or artificial layer of plant residue or other materials covering the land surface which conserves moisture, holds soil in place, aids in establishing plant cover, and minimizes temperature fluctuations.
National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES)	The part of the Federal Clean Water Act, which requires permits (NPDES permits) for point and nonpoint source discharges.
Natural Drainage	The flow patterns of storm water runoff over the land in its pre-development state.
Nonpoint Source Pollution	Pollution that enters a water body from diffuse origins on the watershed and does not result from discernible, confined, or discrete conveyances.
Normal Depth	Depth of flow in an open conduit during uniform flow for the given conditions.
Nutrients	Essential chemicals for plant and animal growth. Excessive amounts can lead to water quality degradation and algae blooms. Some nutrients are toxic at high concentrations.
Open Drain	Natural watercourse or constructed open channel that conveys drainage water.
Outfall	The point, location, or structure where wastewater or drainage discharge from a sewer to a receiving body of water.
Outlet	Point of water disposal from a stream, river, lake tidewater, or artificial drain.
Outlet Channel	A waterway constructed or altered primarily to carry water from man made structures, such as smaller channels, tiles, lines, and diversions.
Peak Discharge	The maximum, instantaneous flow rate during a storm, usually in reference to a specific design storm event.

Permeability	A generic term for the ability of a material to conduct a fluid.
Permeable Soils	Soil materials with filtration rate of 10 minutes per inch or better. Such soils allow infiltration and reduce or eliminate surface and storm water runoff. Classified as SCS (Soil Conservation Services) Type A.
Permeability Rate	The rate at which water will move through a saturated soil. Permeability rates are classified as follows:

- Very slow – Less than 0.06 inches per hour.
- Slow – 0.06 to 0.20 inches per hour.
- Moderately slow – 0.20 to 0.63 inches per hour.
- Moderate – 0.63 to 2.0 inches per hour.
- Rapid – 6.3 to 20.0 inches per hour.
- Very rapid – More than 20.0 inches per hour.

Permittivity	For a geotextile, the volumetric flow rate if water per unit cross-section area, per unit head, under laminar flow conditions, in the normal direction through the fabric.
Point Source	Any discernible, confined and discrete conveyance, including but not limited to, any pipe ditch, channel, tunnel, conduit, well, discrete fissure, container, roller stock, concentrated animal feeding operation, or vessel or other floating craft, from which pollutants are or may be discharged.
Point Source Pollutants	Pollution, which enters a water, body resulting from discernible confined or discrete conveyances.
Pollution Control Plan (PCP)	Consists of Pollution Control Plan form, narrative, site map and details describing measures to prevent pollution related to contractor activities. Special Provision 00170.30 © spells out the Contractor's responsibilities related to Pollution Control.
Pervious	Allowing movement of water.
Porosity	The volume of pore space in soil or rock.
pH	A numerical measure of hydrogen ion activity. The neutral point is pH 7.0. All pH values below 7.0 are acid and all above 7.0 are alkaline.
Rainfall Intensity	The rate at which rain is falling at any given instant, usually expressed in inches per hour.
Rational Method	A means of computing storm drainage flow rates, Q, by use of the formula Q=CIA, where C is coefficient describing the physical drainage area, I is the rainfall intensity and A is the area.
Receiving Stream	The body of water into which runoff or effluent is discharged.

Retention	The process of collecting and holding surface and storm water runoff with no surface overflow.
Retention/Detention Facility	A type of drainage facility designed either to hold water for a considerable length of time and then release it by evaporation, plant transpiration, and/or infiltration into the ground, or to hold surface and storm water runoff for a short period of time and then release it to the surface and storm water management system.
Retention Structure	A natural or artificial basin that functions similar to a detention structure except that it maintains a permanent water supply.
Riparian	Pertaining to banks of streams, wetlands, lakes or tide waters.
Riser	The inlet portions of a drop inlet spillway that extends vertically from the pipe conduit barrel to the water surface.
Runoff	That portion of precipitation that flows from drainage area on the land surface, in open channels or in storm water conveyance systems.
Salmonid	A member of the fish family *salmonidae*. Includes Chinook, coho, chum, sockeye and pink salmon, cutthroat, steelhead, rainbow, Dolly varden, brook, kokanee and whitefish.
Sand	(1) Soil particles between 0.05 and 2.0 mm in diameter. (2) a soil textural class inclusive of all soils which are at least 70% sand and 15% or less clay.
Saturation	In soils, the point at which a soil or an aquifer will no longer absorb any amount of water without losing an equal amount.
Scour	The clearing and digging action of flowing water, especially the downward erosion caused by stream water in sweeping away mud and silt from the streambed and outside bank of a curved channel.
Sediment	Fragmented material originated from weathering and erosion of rocks and unconsolidated deposits. The material is transported by, suspended in, or deposited by water.
Sedimentation	Deposition or formation of sediment.
Sediment Delivery Ratio	The fraction of the soil eroded from upland sources that actually reaches a stream channel or storage reservoir.
Sediment Discharge	The quality of sediment, measured in dry weight or by volume, transported through a stream cross-section in a given time. Sediment discharge consists of both suspended load and bedload.
Seedbed	The soil prepared by natural or artificial means to promote the germination of seed and the growth of seedlings.
Seedling	A young plant grown from seed.

Sheet Erosion	Relatively uniform removal of soil form an area without the development of conspicuous water channels.
Sheet Flow	Relatively uniform flow over a plan surface without concentration of water into conspicuous channels.
Shoot	The above-ground portion of a plant.
Silt	(1) Soil fraction consisting of particles between 0.002 and 0.05 mm in diameter. (2) A soil textural class indicating more than 80% silt.
Siltation	Process by which a river, lake or other water body becomes clogged with sediment. Siltation can clog gravel beds and prevent successful salmon spawning.
Slope	Degree of deviation of a surface from the horizontal; measured as a numerical ration or percent. Expressed as a ratio, the first number is the horizontal distance (run) and the second is the vertical distance (rise), e.g., 2:1. Slope can also be expressed as the rise over the run. For instance, a 2:1 slope is a 50 percent slope.
Soil	Th unconsolidated mineral and organic material on the immediate surface of the earth that serves as a natural medium for the growth of land plants.
Soil Horizon	A horizontal layer of soil that, through processes of soil formation, has developed characteristics distinct from the layers above and below.
Soil Profile	A vertical section of the soil from the surface through all horizons.
Soil Stabilization	Use of rock-lining, vegetation or other methods to prevent soil movement when loads are applied to the soil.
Soil Structure	The relation of particles or groups of particles which impart to the whole soil a characteristic manner of breaking; some types are crumb structure, block structure, platy structure, and columnar structure.
Soil Texture	The physical structure or character of soil determined by the relative proportions of the soil separates (sand, silt and clay) of which it is composed.
Spillway	A passage such as a paved apron or channel for surplus water over or around or through a dam or similar structure. An open or closed channel, or both, sued to convey excess water from a reservoir. It may contain gates, whether manually or automatically controlled., to regulate the discharge of excess water.
Storm Frequency	The statistical time interval between major storms of predetermined intensity and runoff volumes for which storm sewers and other structures are designed and constructed to handle hydraulically without surcharge or backflood.

Storm Sewer	A sewer that carries storm water, surface drainage, street wash and other wash waters, but excludes sewage and industrial wastes. Also called a storm drain.
Storm Water	That portion of precipitation that does not percolate into the ground or evaporate, but flows via overland flow, interflow, channels or pipes into a defined surface water channel, or a constructed infiltration facility.
Storm Water Facility	A constructed component of a storm water drainage system, designed or constructed to perform particular function, or multiple functions. Storm water facilities include pipes, swales, ditches, culverts, street gutters, detention basins, retention basins, constructed wetlands and other.
Streambanks	The usual boundaries, not the flood boundaries, of a stream channel. Right and left banks are named facing downstream.
Subsoil	The B horizons of soils with distinct profiles. In soils with weak profile development, the subsoil can be defined as the soil below which roots do not normally grow.
Subsurface Drain	A pervious backfilled trench usually containing stone and perforated pipe for intercepting groundwater or seepage.
Surface Runoff	Precipitation that falls onto the surfaces of roofs, streets, the ground, etc., and is not absorbed or retained by that surface, but collects and runs off.
Suspended Solids	Organic or inorganic particles suspended in and carried by water, sand, mud, clay as well as solids.
Swale	An elongated depression in the land surface that is a least seasonally wet, is usually heavily vegetated, and is normally without flowing water. Swales conduct storm water into primary drainage channels and may provide some groundwater recharge.
Time of Concentration	The time period necessary for surface water runoff to reach the outlet of a sub-basin from the hydraulically most remote point in the tributary drainage area.
Toe of Slope	The base or bottom of a slope at the point where the ground surface abruptly changes to a significantly flatter grade.
Topography	General term to include characteristics of the ground surface such as plains, hills, mountains, degree of relief, steepness of slopes, and other physiographic features.
Topsoil	The dark-colored surface layer of A horizon of a soil. When present it ranges in depth from a fraction of an inch to 2 or 3 feet; equivalent to the plow layer of cultivated soils. Commonly used to refer to the surface soil layer(s), enriched in organic matter and having textural and structural characteristics favorable for plant growth.

Total Suspended Solids (TSS)	The entire amount of organic and inorganic particles dispersed in water. TSS are the larger particles in the water which are more easily removed by sedimentation than smaller particles which cause turbidity.
Toxicity	The characteristics of being poisonous or harmful to plant animal life; the relative degree or severity of the characteristic.
Trash Rack	A structural device used to prevent debris from entering a pipe spillway or other hydraulic structure.
Turbidity	Is caused by silt and clay particles, particles smaller than 0.02 mm, suspended in water. Measurement of turbidity can be done by turbidimeter which measures light-beam scatter caused by small suspended particles and converts it to NTU (national turbidity units).
Turf	Surface soil supporting a dense growth of grass and associated root mat.
Vegetative Stabilization	Protection of erodible or sediment-producing areas with: • Permanent seeding, producing long-term vegetative cover, • Short-term seeding, producing temporary vegetative cover, or • Sodding, producing areas covered with a turf of perennial sod-forming grass.
Watercourse	A definite channel with bed and banks within which concentrated water flows, either continuously or intermittently.
Water Quality	A term used to describe the chemical, physical, and biological characteristics of water, usually in respect to its suitability for a particular purpose.
Water Resources	The supply of groundwater and surface water in a given area.
Watershed Area	All land and water within the confines of a drainage divide.
Water Table	The free surface of the groundwater. That surface subject to atmospheric pressure under the ground, generally rising and falling with the season, or from other conditions such as water withdrawal.
Weir	Device for measure or regulating the flow of water.
Wet Pond	A facility treating storm water by utilizing a permanent pool of water to remove conventional pollutants from runoff. Treatment mechanisms include sedimentation, biological uptake and plant filtration.
Wet Season	October to April.

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