



FY 2026-27

**Proposed Stormwater Management Service
Charges**

City Council Meeting, June 10, 2026

Presentation Overview

- Regulatory Background
- City Stormwater Programs and Efforts
- FY 2025-26 Stormwater Accomplishments
- Current Stormwater Fee and Amendment Process
- Council Questions and Discussion



Regulatory Background

- Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) given authority by:
 - Clean Water Act (1977)
 - Water Quality Act (1987)
- Framework for regulating stormwater exists through National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit (**NPDES**)
- California State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) enforces NPDES Permit
- **NPDES Municipal Regional Permit (MRP)** last renewed in 2022

Municipal Regional Permit

27 Provisions including:

- Municipal Operations
- New development/redevelopment
- Industrial and commercial site control
- Illicit discharge detection and elimination
- Construction site control
- Public information and outreach
- Water quality monitoring
- Pesticides toxicity control
- Trash load reduction
- Copper, Mercury, and PCB controls



Stormwater Pollution Prevention Program Responsibilities

- Coordinate overall program efforts
- Submit **Annual Stormwater Report** to Regional Water Quality Control Board
- Develop and sponsor training workshops
- Develop educational/information materials for outreach efforts



Stormwater Pollution Prevention Program

City Programs

SSF City Programs include:

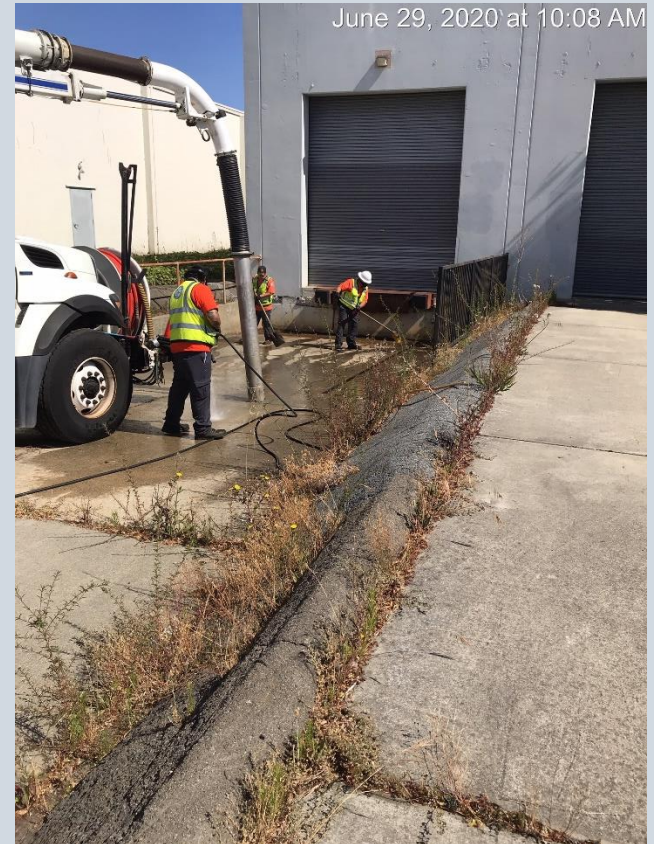
- Street sweeping, storm drain cleaning, other **maintenance activities**
- Conducting **inspections** of commercial, industrial, and construction sites
- Educational **outreach activities**
- Educating the public on difference between storm drain and sanitary sewer systems and causes of stormwater pollution

South San Francisco FY 2025-26 Accomplishments

- Stormwater illicit discharge complaint response
- Erosion control inspections (at construction sites)
- Food, auto repair, and industrial facility inspections
- Building and construction plan review
- Creek cleanups at Colma Creek
- Public event outreach and educational sessions

Current Stormwater Fee

- Adopted by South San Francisco in 1993
- Represented equitable distribution of stormwater regulation costs (at the time)
- MRP requirements have increased over last 30 years, leading to increased costs to the City's General Fund



Stormwater Fee Amendment Process

- California State Assembly passed SB 231 in 2017
 - Included stormwater under the definition of “sewer” in Proposition 218
 - Would allow stormwater fees and increases through the Prop 218 Public Notice and Hearing processes
 - Taxpayer groups have promised to legally challenge any such fees
 - Courts have not yet ruled on the validity of SB 231

Questions and Discussion

