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Stormwater Impact Fund Implementation Plan (Adopted March 17, 2010)

Capitol Region Watershed District's (CRWD) mission is to protect, manage and improve the water resources of the District. The District adopted Rules in September 2006. The Rules were amended January 7, 2009 and require permits for projects that create greater than one acre of land disturbance. Stormwater Management Rule C requires permanent Best Management Practices (BMPs) to achieve volume reduction in the amount equivalent to one inch of rainfall over the new impervious surfaces of the development. The alternative compliance section of Rule C, section 3(c)(2), part (iii) allows for payment to the Stormwater Impact Fund when on-site practices, off-site treatment, or banked volume reduction credits can not be used to achieve compliance. Money contributed to the Fund will be used to provide equivalent volume reduction elsewhere in the District.

GOALS

The Stormwater Impact Fund is the last step in the alternative compliance sequencing section of CRWD Rule C and is intended to:

- Provide an alternative method to achieve volume reduction on all permitted projects;
- Account for unique conditions that may make compliance difficult on some sites;
- Incorporate flexibility into the District's stormwater requirements;
- Provide applicants a known process and expenditure for project planning and budgeting.

ELIGIBILITY FOR CONTRIBUTION TO THE STORMWATER IMPACT FUND

The following criteria must be met in order for a project to be eligible for contribution to the Stormwater Impact Fund as required in Stormwater Rule C:

- Documentation of specific site conditions indicating why standard compliance is not feasible and the project therefore qualifies for alternative compliance sequencing;
- Documentation that the alternative compliance sequencing steps have been satisfied;
- In the case of linear projects that have previous Board approval to defer volume reduction credits as provided for in Rule C, Section 3(c)(4), documentation to support why BMPs to compensate for the volume deficit have not been constructed within two years of approving the deferral.

ELIGIBILITY FOR USE OF FUNDS

Money from the Stormwater Impact Fund shall be allocated to the following two activities:

1. Project Planning and Engineering for Construction of Volume Reduction Practices
2. Construction of Volume Reduction Practices

The Board of Managers will evaluate projects as funding becomes available and assign priority to projects based on the following criteria:

1. Projects located within the same subwatershed as the permitted projects contributing to the Fund.
2. Projects that are identified in completed subwatershed studies or other planning documents.
3. Projects that include multiple funding and planning partners
4. Quantity of stormwater treated
5. Cost per cubic foot removed