



## CITY COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

**Meeting Date:** June 15, 2021

**From:** Karen Kinser, Deputy Director of Public Works

**Subject:** City of Brisbane Local Stormwater Program Fees

### Community Goal/Result

Ecological Sustainability

### Purpose

To provide a public hearing and consider imposition of annual tax roll charges that fund Brisbane's Local Stormwater Program, which minimizes discharge of pollutants to San Francisco Bay in accordance with federally mandated permit requirements.

### Recommendation

1. Open the Public Hearing and take public comment. Close the Public Hearing, and if appropriate, address any objections to the imposition of fees related to the NPDES Program.
2. Adopt Resolution No. 2021-61, "A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Brisbane Imposing Charges for Funding the Local Brisbane Stormwater Program, Authorizing Placement of Said Charges on the 2021-2022 County Tax Roll, and Authorizing the County Tax Collector to Collect Such Charges."

### Background

In 1987, the Environmental Protection Agency, under amendments to the 1972 Clean Water Act, imposed regulations that mandate control and reduction of pollutants in stormwater runoff through the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permitting program. In the Bay Area, under the authority of the Porter-Cologne Water Quality Control Act, the San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board (Water Board) issues and enforces municipal stormwater NPDES permits.

A revised Municipal Regional Stormwater Permit (MRP 2.0), which applies to all municipalities throughout San Mateo, Santa Clara, Alameda, and Contra Costa counties, as well as the cities of Fairfield, Suisun City, and Vallejo, was approved by the Water Board in late 2015. This permit mandates specific actions, implementation levels, and reporting requirements that each municipality must meet. Failure by municipalities to comply with these new permit requirements may result in significant enforcement action by the Water Board.

## Discussion

There are two programs that provide stormwater management locally; the **Countywide Stormwater General Program** (which assesses Basic Fees and Additional Fees) overseen by the City/County Association of Governments of San Mateo County (C/CAG), and the City of Brisbane's own **Local Stormwater Program**.

The proposed Resolution imposes charges only for the City of Brisbane Local Stormwater Program, and authorizes the County Tax Collector to place such charges on the property tax roll.

City Council Resolution 2005-29 previously authorized the San Mateo County Flood Control District to collect the Basic Fees of the Countywide Stormwater General Program directly from property owners in Brisbane. These charges are also placed on the property tax roll.

The City Council elected to pay the Additional Fees of the Countywide Stormwater General Program directly to C/CAG when these fees were first imposed, rather than placing these charges on the property tax roll. (Since its inception, the Additional Fee amount increases annually based on the Consumer Price Index; this year's amount is expected to be approximately \$10,588)

The total fee assessment (charges) per the 2021 Engineer's Report is approximately \$52,000. The annual charge per parcel is not changed from previous years. Based on previous years' actual collections, the estimate of fees that will be collected is \$52,000.

For detailed information on both of these overall programs, including the calculation of charges, please see the 2021 Engineer's Report, included as Attachment B.

## Fiscal Impact

The city's recommended local NPDES program budget for 2021-2022 is: \$541,323

The 2021 Engineer's Report for Stormwater Management Fees estimated a previous years' actual property tax revenue for the City's Local Stormwater Program of approximately: \$52,000

Revenues from solid waste franchise fees (designated for trash capture activities, both increased street cleaning and sweeping and maintenance of trash capture devices) \$100,000

Anticipated revenues from Measure M (\$10 vehicle registration fee) \$22,000

The budget shortfall for this program is therefore: \$367,323

The City's costs to maintain compliance with the various clean water requirements (frequently referred to as NPDES) have increased significantly since the Water Board's 2015 issuance of the Municipal Regional Permit (MRP 2.0).

The following general description indicates the large number of city employees who participate both in daily/weekly activities to comply with the MRP, and who also attend regular meetings with C/CAG to address permit requirements:

- Director of Public Works/City Engineer – overall permit compliance, illicit discharge control, construction controls, serves as Chairperson of C/CAG Stormwater Committee
- Regional Compliance/Maintenance Program Manager – facilities inspections, trash capture program, corporation yard site controls, and new MRP 2.0 requirements such as PCB and mercury regulations and green infrastructure requirements
- Senior Planner – new development controls, copper controls
- Deputy Director of Public Works (Utilities) – monitoring potable water discharges, storm drain maintenance
- Deputy Director of Public Works – street sweeping
- Team Leader (Buildings & Grounds) – pesticides toxicity control
- Team Leader (Utilities) – storm drain cleaning, potable water discharge monitoring
- Public Works Inspector – construction controls
- Administrative Assistant – assists with overall permit compliance, public information and outreach, compiles annual report

Pending implementation of the recently passed SB231 Stormwater Capture bill (D- Herzberg), Council may wish to pursue increasing assessments to begin to address the above listed shortfall.

### Measure of Success

Approval of the Engineer’s Report will allow for the ongoing compliance with the California State Water Resources Control Boards Municipal Regional Permit.

### Attachments

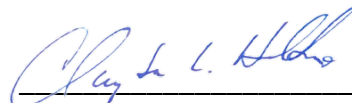
1. Resolution No. 2021-61
2. 2021 Engineer’s Report for Stormwater Management Fees



Karen Kinser, Deputy Director of Public Works



Randy Breault, Director of Public Works/City Engineer



Clay Holstine, City Manager

**ATTACHMENT 1**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2021-61**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BRISBANE IMPOSING CHARGES FOR FUNDING THE LOCAL BRISBANE STORMWATER PROGRAM, AUTHORIZING PLACEMENT OF SAID CHARGES ON THE 2021-2022 COUNTY TAX ROLL, AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY TAX COLLECTOR TO COLLECT SUCH CHARGES**

**WHEREAS**, the Environmental Protection Agency, under the 1987 amendments to the Federal Clean Water Act, imposed regulations that mandate local governments to control and reduce the amount of storm water pollutant runoff into receiving waters; and

**WHEREAS**, under the authority of the California Porter-Cologne Water Quality Control Act, the State Water Resources Control Board has delegated authority to its Regional Water Quality Control Boards to invoke permitting requirements upon counties and cities; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1993 and 1999, the San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board issued countywide National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) stormwater permits to all municipalities within San Mateo County; and

**WHEREAS**, in fall of 2015, the San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board issued a new NPDES stormwater permit, the Municipal Regional Stormwater Permit MRP 2.0 that applies to all municipalities within San Mateo County and other portions of the Bay Area; and

**WHEREAS**, the efforts for the control of stormwater pollution under the Municipal Regional Stormwater Permit require a Local Brisbane Stormwater Program; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 5471 of the California Health and Safety Code and Section 13.06.060 of the City's Storm Water Ordinance authorize imposition of charges for a Local Brisbane Stormwater Program; and

**WHEREAS**, said Local Brisbane Stormwater Program has been submitted to the City Council pursuant to the 2021 Engineer's Report for Stormwater Management Fees, which includes mandated tasks and associated costs, and an estimated amount to be collected of \$52,000; and

**WHEREAS**, the City held a public hearing to consider imposition of annual tax roll charges that fund the Local Brisbane Stormwater Program; and

**WHEREAS**, the San Mateo County Tax Collector has agreed to place such charges on the 2021-2022 County Tax Roll.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT**

1. The City Council of the City of Brisbane hereby adopts the 2021 Engineer's Report for Stormwater Management Fees as filed with the City Clerk and overrules any objections or protests to the Engineer's estimate of costs and user fee structure, or to the implementation of the stormwater management program described therein.

2. The County Controller is hereby authorized to place the City of Brisbane Local Stormwater Management Fees on the fiscal year 2021-2022 County Tax Roll, and that the County Tax Collector be and hereby is authorized to collect such charges in the same manner, by the same person, and at the same time as, together with and not separately from, the general taxes applicable to real property in the City of Brisbane, as follows:

Single Family (R-1&2)	\$9.48
Multi Family (R-3)	\$21.64
Commercial/Industrial (1)	\$19.94
Commercial/Industrial (2)	\$254.20
Vacant Land (3)	\$18.34
Vacant Land (4)	\$55.16
Vacant Land (5)	\$212.18
Vacant Land (6)	\$927.80

- (1) Land use designation generally within Central Brisbane and Southwest Bayshore.
- (2) Land use designation generally within all other areas except areas included in (1).
- (3) Vacant land with an area less than 1 acre.
- (4) Vacant land with an area greater than 1 acre but less than 5 acres.
- (5) Vacant land with an area greater than 5 acres but less than 20 acres.
- (6) Vacant land with an area greater than 20 acres.

3. The cost for such service, \$1.35 per parcel, is hereby authorized to be retained by the County from such collections, the balance of which is to be remitted to the City of Brisbane.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the City Clerk is hereby directed to forward a copy of this Resolution to the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors.

Regularly passed and adopted this 15th day of July, 2021.

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Karen Cunningham  
Mayor

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution No. 2021-61 was duly and regularly adopted at a regular meeting of the Brisbane City Council on July 15, 2021, by the following vote:

AYES:  
NOES:  
ABSENT:

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Ingrid Padilla  
City Clerk

## ATTACHMENT 2

### 2021 ENGINEER'S REPORT for STORMWATER MANAGEMENT FEES

#### Purpose

The purpose of this report is to define the City of Brisbane stormwater management program and the method utilized in determining the user fee structure to be applied by Assessor's Parcel Number (APN) and to appear on the County Tax Roll for Fiscal Year 2021-2022.

#### History

The Environmental Protection Agency, under the 1987 amendments to Section 402(p) of the Clean Water Act, imposed regulations mandating local governments manage stormwater discharges as a means of reducing pollution in public bodies of water. The California State Water Resources Control Board delegated enforcement authority to the Regional Water Quality Control Boards (RWQCB) to ensure compliance with the Clean Water Act. The San Francisco Bay RWQCB, under Section 13370 *et seq* of the California Water Code, requires the City of Brisbane and all other municipal stormwater dischargers in San Mateo, Santa Clara, Alameda, and Contra Costa counties, as well as the cities of Fairfield, Vallejo, and Suisun City to control significant sources of stormwater pollution as co-permittees under a Municipal Regional Stormwater Permit 2.0, referenced as Order R2-2015-0049 and National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit No. CAS612008.

As a condition of the Municipal Regional Stormwater Permit, the City of Brisbane and other municipal stormwater dischargers are required to meet specific requirements in a variety of program areas that address the multiple potential pollutant sources that can impact a municipal storm drain system. Compliance efforts in San Mateo County are implemented in two ways: those that have countywide benefit or significance are implemented by the City/County Association of Governments of San Mateo County (C/CAG) through its San Mateo Countywide Water Pollution Prevention Program (Countywide Program), and those that are specific to a local jurisdiction are implemented through municipality-specific programs. Administration of Brisbane's local program is primarily managed by the City's Public Works Department.

### **STORMWATER MANAGEMENT PROGRAM**

#### **Background Information**

The process of urbanization increases rainwater runoff. As trees and grass are cleared, pervious ground cover is frequently replaced by impervious concrete, asphalt, or brick. Rainwater can no longer seep into the ground. If this stormwater is not properly managed, flooding may result. Often, municipal drainage systems are designed for flows resulting from pre-development runoff, and become undersized when impervious area is increased by building structures, driveways, and parking lots. Further, increased stormwater runoff makes areas not covered by impervious

materials more susceptible to erosion, and as a result, sediment may discharge to the storm drain system.

Stormwater runoff flowing over man-made surfaces such as roads and parking lots can also contribute to water quality degradation. The natural purification that occurs when water flows through the subsurface is lost. As rainwater flows over impervious surfaces, it can pick up pollutants such as engine oils, pesticides, fertilizers, and trace metals like lead, copper, or zinc. These contaminants are frequently toxic to humans and aquatic life.

Stormwater pollution can come from point and non-point sources. Point sources are attributable to a distinct point of discharge, such as a pipe into a water body. Point source pollution can include illegal storm drain connections at industrial facilities or cross connections between sanitary and storm sewer systems. Non-point source pollution, such as overland flow or sheet runoff, is not attributable to a distinct point of discharge, and is a major contributor to water quality degradation in California. Problems that magnify non-point source pollution include channel erosion, sedimentation due to construction and land development, hydrologic modification, physical habitat alteration, excessive or poorly timed application of pesticides and fertilizers, natural or engineered agricultural subsurface drainage, septic systems, livestock grazing, and urban runoff. Oil and grease from parking lots and driveways, nutrients, littering, animal waste, accidental spills, soil erosion and air pollution all contribute to non-point source discharges in urban areas. Urban runoff is the focus of stormwater pollution prevention regulations in Brisbane.

### **Program Structure**

The Municipal Regional Permit requirements implemented at both the Countywide Program and municipality-specific levels fall into seven main program areas, the central focus of each being summarized as follows:

1. Municipal Government Maintenance Activities - Ensure development and implementation of appropriate Best Management Practices by all municipalities to control and reduce non-stormwater discharges and polluted stormwater to storm drains and watercourses during operation, inspection, and routine repair and maintenance activities of municipal facilities and infrastructure.
2. New Development and Construction Controls – Use planning authorities to include appropriate source control, site design, and stormwater treatment measures in new development and redevelopment projects to address both soluble and insoluble stormwater runoff pollutant discharges and prevent increases in runoff flows from new development and redevelopment projects. This goal is to be accomplished primarily through the implementation of low impact development techniques. Municipalities also implement a construction site inspection and control program at all construction sites, with follow-up and enforcement consistent with an enforcement response plan, to prevent construction site discharges of pollutants and impacts on beneficial uses of receiving waters.

### 3. Industrial, Commercial, and Illicit Discharge Controls

- A. Industrial and Commercial Site Controls – Implement an industrial and commercial site control program at all sites which could reasonably be considered to cause or contribute to pollution of stormwater runoff, with inspections and effective follow-up and enforcement to abate actual or potential pollution sources consistent with an enforcement response plan to prevent discharge of pollutants and impacts on beneficial uses of receiving waters.
  - B. Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination – Implement illicit discharge prohibitions and ensure illicit discharges are detected and controlled. Municipalities shall develop and implement an illicit discharge program that includes an active surveillance component and a centralized complaint collection and follow-up component to target illicit discharge and non-stormwater sources.
4. Public Information and Outreach – Increase the knowledge of the target audiences regarding the impacts of stormwater pollution on receiving water and potential solutions to mitigate the problems caused, change the waste disposal and runoff pollution generation behavior of the target audiences by encouraging implementation of appropriate solutions, and involve various citizens in mitigating the impacts of stormwater pollution.
5. Water Quality Monitoring – Perform water quality monitoring activities to address specific management questions related to the health of San Francisco Bay and local receiving waters, including status and trends monitoring and pollutants of concern/long-term trends monitoring. Additional specific monitoring projects are required, including projects addressing water quality stressor/source identification, Best Management Practices effectiveness evaluations for stormwater treatment or hydrograph modification control, and geomorphic analyses to identify how and where creeks can be restored or protected to cost-effectively reduce the impacts of pollutants, increased flow rates, and increased durations of urban runoff.

### 6. Pollutants of Concern

- A. Pesticides Toxicity Control – Implement control programs to prevent the impairment of urban streams by pesticide-related toxicity. The control programs addresses municipalities' and others' use of pesticides within municipal jurisdictions that pose a threat to water quality and have the potential to enter the municipal storm drain system. Pesticides of concern include organophosphorous pesticides, pyrethroids, carbamates, and fipronil.
- B. Trash Load Reduction – Implement control measures and other actions to reduce trash loads from municipal storm sewers by 70% by 2017, and 100% or no adverse impacts to receiving waters from trash by 2022. This includes developing and implementing Short-Term Trash Load Reduction Plans, which includes installation and maintenance of trash capture devices within the storm drain system and cleanup and abatement progress on trash hot spots.



- C. Mercury and Polychlorinated Biphenyls (PCBs) – Initiate control programs for mercury and PCBs to implement the urban runoff requirements of the San Francisco Bay mercury and PCBs Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs) and reduce mercury and PCB loads to make substantial progress toward achieving the urban runoff load allocations established in the mercury and PCBs TMDLs. These programs include pilot projects to investigate and abate mercury and PCB sources in drainages, including public rights-of-way, and stormwater conveyances with accumulated sediment that contain elevated mercury and PCB concentrations, to evaluate and enhance municipal sediment removal and management practices, to evaluate on-site stormwater treatment via retrofit, and diversion of dry weather and first flush flows to publicly owned treatment works.
  - D. Copper Controls – Implement control measures identified in the Regional Water Quality Control Board's Basin Plan to support approved copper site-specific objectives for San Francisco Bay. Control measures include managing waste generated from cleaning and treating copper architectural features, managing discharges from pools, spas, and fountains that contain copper-based chemicals, engage in efforts to reduce copper discharged from automobile brake pads to surface waters via urban runoff, and ensuring proper management of copper by industrial sources.
  - E. Polybrominated Diphenyl Ethers (PBDEs), Legacy Pesticides, and Selenium – Implement programs to gather concentration and loading information for PBDEs, legacy pesticides, and selenium to identify, assess, and manage controllable sources of these pollutants in urban runoff, if any.
7. Exempted and Conditionally Exempted Discharges – Implement programs to ensure discharges to the storm drain system with minimal pollutant concern, such as uncontaminated groundwater, diverted stream flows, and pumped groundwater from foundation drains are properly managed and monitored to eliminate adverse impacts to receiving waters.

## **COUNTYWIDE PROGRAM**

The Countywide Program centrally manages the efforts that provide overall benefits to the County and all cities and towns within the county involved with implementation of the Municipal Regional Permit requirements. The seven permit components described above delineate work tasks to be undertaken and completed during the 2021-2022 fiscal year.

The 2021-2022 NPDES Countywide Program Budget was adopted by C/CAG on June 10, 2021 in the amount of \$3,125,467. The City of Brisbane is required to contribute proportionate funding to the Countywide Program. This funding is divided into two categories, the Basic and the Additional Fees. The Basic Fee was established to fund the original Countywide Program activities when the NPDES permit was first adopted. The Additional Fees were established to fund additional Countywide Program activities required by the Regional Board subsequent to establishment of the Basic Fees.

The Basic and Additional Fees are calculated as follows:

Basic Annual Charges:

- Single Family Residence: \$3.9527/parcel
- Miscellaneous, Agriculture, Vacant and Condominium: \$1.72/parcel
- All Other Land Uses: \$3.44/parcel for the first 11,000 square feet plus \$0.3127 per 1,000 additional square feet of parcel area

Additional Annual Charge (Adjusted Annually by Consumer Price Index):

- Single Family Resident: \$3.6530/parcel
- Miscellaneous, Agriculture, Vacant and Condominium: \$1.9763/parcel
- All Other Land Uses: \$3.6530/parcel for the first 11,000 square feet plus \$0.3593 per 1,000 additional square feet of parcel area

The Countywide Program's Basic and Additional Fees for 2021-2022 that will be charged to the City of Brisbane are estimated at approximately \$9,115 and \$10,588, respectively. The City of Brisbane has historically authorized the Countywide Program to assess and collect the Basic Fees directly through separate property tax assessments, whereas the Additional Fees are paid to C/CAG out of the City's General Fund. This approach prevents the Additional Fees from being billed to property owners.

## **CITY OF BRISBANE LOCAL PROGRAM**

### **City Facilities**

The City of Brisbane is responsible for all public drainage facilities within its jurisdiction that collect stormwater and convey it to San Francisco Bay. Brisbane's facilities include the City's streets, curbs and gutters, catch basins, pipelines, culverts, and open channels.

Stormwater is collected from private property and public streets in two open channels; the Guadalupe Valley Municipal Improvement District (GVMID) Basin Channel and the Bayshore Storm Drain Basin Channel. This stormwater is generally conveyed through these channels to underground box culverts which ultimately outfall to the Bay. The GVMID Basin Channel outfall delivers stormwater via the Lagoon box culvert. This outfall receives water from most of Central Brisbane as well as the Guadalupe Valley and discharges this water into the Lagoon. Stormwater that enters the Lagoon eventually flows to the Bay through two box culverts under US 101. The Bayshore Storm Drain Basin Channel receives stormwater mainly from the undeveloped land in northern Brisbane as well as portions of Daly City and discharges this water to the Bay through a single box culvert under US 101. Stormwater from Sierra Point generally outfalls to the Bay through multiple culverts located along the perimeter of the Sierra Point Peninsula.

During normal rainfall, flooding potential in Brisbane is low. During heavy rains, however, localized flooding can and has occurred in some areas. Some trunk lines, drain pipes, catch basins and other structures are undersized, and additional catch basins are needed. The City's 2003 Storm Drainage Master Plan proposed Capital Improvement Projects to address these issues.

## **Local Program Elements**

The following is a description of City-specific actions that will be implemented to meet the Municipal Regional Stormwater Permit requirements that were generally described previously in this report. These descriptions detail the City-specific efforts that will be performed to address these requirements. Following this description is a summary of the City's stormwater budget for 2021-2022.

1. **Municipal Government Maintenance Activities** - This program is intended to prevent pollution of stormwater runoff through improvements in municipal government maintenance activities and associated programs. This program focuses on preventing non-stormwater discharges or polluted stormwater associated with street and road repair and maintenance activities, sidewalk/plaza maintenance and pavement washing, bridge and structure maintenance and graffiti removal, and implementing management measures at the City corporation yard. This program includes contractual street sweeping services, development and implementation of a Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan for the corporation yard, management of the City's maintenance contractors, and participation in Countywide Program subcommittees and activities related to municipal maintenance.
2. **New Development and Construction Controls** – This program focuses on controlling stormwater pollution from construction sites, new developments, and redevelopment areas. Tasks include developing and implementing planning, inspection, and enforcement procedures, developing and implementing requirements for post-construction controls, inspecting stormwater treatment measures to ensure proper operation and maintenance, and providing education and training to construction site operators. The Municipal Regional Stormwater Permit require municipalities to ensure applicable new and redevelopment projects manage stormwater runoff using Low Impact Development techniques, primarily focused on harvesting and use, evapotranspiration, and infiltration to groundwater. This program includes implementation of planning procedures to ensure all applicable projects incorporate appropriate site design, source control, and stormwater treatment measures.
3. **Industrial, Commercial, and Illicit Discharge Controls**
  - a. **Industrial and Commercial Site Controls** – This element of the program is designed to control pollutants discharged to municipal storm drains from commercial and industrial facilities. Specific focus is placed upon facility inspection, providing information and assistance to facility managers about reducing pollutants in stormwater from these facilities, and implementing escalating enforcement responses for instances of non-compliance. This program includes staff participation in Countywide Program subcommittees and compliance with the requirements to develop and implement an information/inspection program, in coordination with existing County Health department commercial/industrial inspection programs.

- b. Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination – This program element focuses on identifying and eliminating illicit discharges to the storm drain system by identifying major outfalls, conducting inspections of the storm drain system, identifying and eliminating illicit connections, inspecting for evidence of illegal dumping and tracking illicit discharges to their sources, providing information to the public about proper disposal alternatives, and implementing an effective enforcement response plan. This program includes staff participation in Countywide Program activities, City staff monitoring of illicit discharges in coordination with County Hazardous Waste Inspectors, and compliance with inspection procedures and enforcement activities.
4. Public Information and Outreach – This program is intended to inform the public about sources of stormwater pollution, how it reaches local waterways, types of common activities that contribute to stormwater pollution, its effects on receiving waters, and to encourage public involvement in reducing the amount of pollutants entering the City's storm drain system. The public information component of this program overlaps with other program elements described below. This program includes participation in Countywide Program activities, dissemination of educational materials, including the preparation of periodic notices to be placed in the local media, and the planning and implementation of local community volunteer activities.
5. Water Quality Monitoring – This element of the program on the City level is to support Countywide Program staff in performing required monitoring activities as part of a Regional Monitoring Collaborative with other Bay Area stormwater permittees. This program element includes participation in Countywide Program activities and providing input to Countywide Program staff on proposed monitoring activities and programs.
6. Pollutants of Concern
  - a. Pesticides Toxicity Control – This element of the program includes implementation of the City's adopted Integrated Pest Management resolution and ensuring less toxic methods of pest control in all City operations, including activities performed through contractors. City staff also provides outreach materials on less-toxic methods of pest control to the public. This program element includes participation in Countywide Program activities and supporting the Our Water Our World program implementation in local retailers selling pest control materials.
  - b. Trash Load Reduction – This element of the program includes developing and implementing Short and Long-Term Trash Load Reduction plans, identification and annual cleanup/assessment of one trash hot spot, and implementation of various control measures to reduce trash loadings in the City's storm drain system. This program also includes participation in Countywide Program's trash control subcommittee.

- c. Mercury and Polychlorinated Biphenyls (PCBs) – This program element includes providing support to Countywide Program staff on implementation of the required programs and pilot projects for addressing mercury and PCBs. These program elements are primarily managed at the Countywide Program level; however this program element includes funding for City staff participation in relevant Pollutant of Concern subcommittees and activities. The City will investigate opportunities for Green Infrastructure installations to meet our portion of San Mateo County’s mercury reduction goals.
  - d. Copper Controls – This program element includes participation and support of Countywide Program efforts directed at regional copper management issues, such as the statewide Brake Pad Partnership, and implementation of local planning, inspection, education, and enforcement efforts to address stormwater discharges from any permitted architectural copper installations or pool, spa, and fountain discharges containing copper algaecides. This program includes City participation in Countywide Program subcommittees and activities related to copper controls.
  - e. Polybrominated Diphenyl Ethers (PBDEs), Legacy Pesticides, and Selenium – This program is primarily managed at the Countywide Program level and includes City staff participation in relevant Countywide Program subcommittees and activities.
7. Exempted and Conditionally Exempted Discharges – This program element includes management and oversight of exempted and conditionally exempted discharges to the City's storm drain system to ensure compliance with permit conditions. This includes City staff implementing management measures for potable water discharges to the storm drain system and ensuring appropriate conditions of approval on new and redevelopment projects to properly manage any exempted or conditionally exempted discharges. This program includes City participation in Countywide Program subcommittees and activities related to exempted and conditionally exempted discharges.
  8. Establish Program and Collect Fees – Implementation of the program requires the City’s Finance Department to manage the NPDES Fund and the County Flood Control District to collect the City's Local Program fee in the same manner as the Countywide Program fee. This program includes the Additional Annual Fee collected by C/CAG and funded from the City’s General Fund.

**Summary of Budget Department 6140 (NPDES)**

1. Salaries and Benefits	\$ 303,588
2. Services and Supplies (excluding anticipated Additional Fees)	\$ 99,012
3. Annual C/CAG NPDES Additional Fees (from General Fund)	\$ 10,588
4. Indirect Costs	<u>\$ 128,135</u>
TOTAL	\$ 541,323

## USER FEE FORMULA

### Method

The City of Brisbane developed a formula for calculating stormwater fees that remains unchanged since it was first utilized after stormwater fees were authorized by the Council in July 1994. The user fee formula is based on two distinct concepts: (1) an administrative fee should be shared equally by all parcels to cover program administration costs; and (2) an assessment fee should be charged in proportion to the storm drainage service utilized and the amount of pollutants or sediment generated by each type of parcel. Average parcel square footage and assumptions explained below regarding the types of land uses for each zone were used to develop an equitable assessment fee structure.

Generally speaking, residential properties contribute equal amounts of water to the storm drain system. For this reason, the formula charges single-family residential properties a uniform user fee based on estimated runoff from an average single-family property. This practice is common in other cities and is equitable because these properties benefit equally from City-wide services such as public streets, sidewalks and parking.

On average, 50% impervious cover per parcel is generally accepted as the typical impervious area for a single-family residential dwelling. Using an average single-family parcel area of 4,823 square feet and 50% impervious cover, a standard impervious area of 2,411 square feet was defined as an Equivalent Single-family Unit (ESU). In determining the assessment portion of the stormwater user fee for the various parcels in the City, the following formula is used:

$$\text{User Fee} = \text{Single Family Fee} \times (\text{Number of ESUs})$$

The impervious area for non-residential properties and vacant land was devised by use of runoff area and general land characteristics and use. As shown on Exhibit A, entitled “Storm Drain Program Rate Analysis,” small commercial and industrial land uses are estimated to have approximately 100% runoff area, large commercial and industrial land uses are estimated to have approximately 80% runoff area, and vacant land is estimated to have 20-50% runoff area, as opposed to single family residential properties, which are estimated to have approximately 50% impervious area. These estimates, along with the other land use runoff area estimates on the attachment, are all consistent with the general runoff coefficients used in standard engineering practices.

For the storm drain user fee formula, current land use classifications are generally consolidated into the following four categories and further broken down to group commercial/industrial and vacant land by average lot size:

1. Single-Family Residential (R-1 and R-2) - This classification is based upon 50% impervious area which equate to a runoff coefficient of 0.5.

2. Multi-Family High Density (R-3) - All the remaining residential classifications are based upon the assumption that the higher density properties, which generally consist of the apartments along San Bruno and Visitation Avenues and the trailer park, have approximately 100% impervious surface area, as opposed to 50% for single-family properties. This 100% impervious surface area equates to a runoff coefficient of 1.0.

3. Commercial/Industrial (1) & (2) - These classifications are based upon the assumption that most small commercial/industrial land uses in Brisbane (Commercial (1)) have a 100% impervious surface area and larger commercial/industrial land uses, (Commercial (2)) have an 80% impervious surface area, as opposed to 50% for single-family properties. These impervious surface areas equate to runoff coefficients of 1.0 for Commercial (1) and 0.8 for Commercial (2).

4. Vacant Land (3), (4), (5) & (6) - Vacant Land (3) accounts for smaller lots with an area less than 1 acre and with increased runoff coefficients. Vacant Land (4) accounts for mid-sized lots with an area greater than 1 acre but less than 5 acres. Vacant Land (5) accounts for larger lots with an area greater than 5 acres but less than 20 acres. Vacant Land (6) accounts for larger lots with an area greater than 20 acres. These classifications are based upon the assumptions that the smaller parcels have higher runoff coefficients based upon their size and proximity and the larger parcels have little or no impervious surfaces and a typical runoff coefficient of 0.2 to 0.5, as opposed to 0.5 for single-family properties.

In developing the total ESUs, the following uses were designated exempt from fee collection: City Government Activities, Federal and State Government Activities, and Unclassified.

As previously indicated, the City’s user fee formula remains unchanged from inception. The charges per parcel include an administrative fee of \$4.50 and the additional fee per ESU of \$4.98. The following table details the total annual charges per parcel based on land use type, which remain unchanged from previous years:

	<u>ESU</u>	<u>Annual Charge</u> <u>Per Parcel**</u>
Single Family Residential	1.00	\$9.48
Multi-Family High Density Residential	3.44	\$21.64
Commercial/Industrial (1)	3.10	\$19.94
Commercial/Industrial (2)	50.14	\$254.20
Vacant Land (3)*	2.78	\$18.34
Vacant Land (4)*	10.17	\$55.16
Vacant Land (5)*	41.70	\$212.18
Vacant Land (6)*	185.40	\$927.80

(1) Land use designation generally within Central Brisbane and Southwest Bayshore

(2) Land use designation generally within all other areas except areas included in (1)

(3) Vacant land with an area less than 1 acre.

(4) Vacant land with an area greater than 1 acre but less than 5 acres.

(5) Vacant land with an area greater than 5 acres but less than 20 acres.

(6) Vacant land with an area greater than 20 acres.

\* Additional vacant land designations were added to equally distribute charges based upon land area and runoff generated. The vacant land areas were divided into groups so that the average parcel size more closely reflected the parcel area and distribution within that designation. This was done by creating new limits as identified in notes 3 through 6 inclusive so that a parcel in the “Acres” was not charged the same as a parcel in the Baylands or in Northwest Bayshore sub-areas.

\*\* Annual charge includes an administrative fee of \$4.50 per parcel.

Please note annual charges have been rounded by \$0.01 in some cases to allow fees to be evenly divided into semi-annual tax bills received by property owners.

### **Fee Summary**

Exhibit A, entitled "User Classification Fee Summary," presents the anticipated fees to be collected for fiscal year 2021-2022. These fees remain unchanged from previous years. As shown, the anticipated income from special assessments is \$52,018.02 which funds nearly half of the services and supplies category of the 2021-2022 NPDES budget



**EXHIBIT A to 2021 ENGINEER'S REPORT FOR STORMWATER MANAGEMENT FEES  
STORM DRAIN PROGRAM RATE ANALYSIS**

CATEGORY	# OF PARCELS	TOT. AREA (ACRES)	AVG. AREA (SF)	RUNOFF COEFF.	RUNOFF AREA (SF)	ESU PER CATEGORY
SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL (R-1)	1,566	109.15	3,036	0.5	1,518	1.00
MULTI-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL (R-3)	45	6.48	6,273	1.0	6,273	3.44
COMMERCIAL/ INDUSTRIAL (1)	172	23.46	5,941	1.0	5,941	3.10
COMMERCIAL/ INDUSTRIAL (2)	73	238.45	142,286	0.8	113,829	50.14
VACANT LAND (3)	109	24.29	9,707	0.5	4,854	2.78
VACANT LAND (4)	33	37.76	49,843	0.4	19,937	10.17
VACANT LAND (5)	14	71.73	223,183	0.3	66,955	41.70
VACANT LAND (6)	8	277.95	1,513,438	0.2	302,688	185.40
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>2,020</b>	<b>789.27</b>				

- (1) LAND USE DESIGNATION GENERALLY WITHIN CENTRAL BRISBANE, AND SOUTHWEST BAYSHORE  
(2) LAND USE DESIGNATION GENERALLY WITHIN ALL OTHER AREAS EXCEPT AREAS INCLUDED IN (1)  
(3) VACANT LAND WITH AN AREA LESS THAN 1 ACRE  
(4) VACANT LAND WITH AN AREA GREATER THAN 1 ACRE BUT LESS THAN 5 ACRES  
(5) VACANT LAND WITH AN AREA GREATER THAN 5 ACRES BUT LESS THAN 20 ACRES  
(6) VACANT LAND WITH AN AREA GREATER THAN 20 ACRES

CATEGORY	# OF PARCELS	ADMIN. FEE	ESU	TOTAL ESUs	ASSMT/ PARCEL	ASSMT. FEE TOT.	TOT. FEE/ PARCEL	TOTAL FEES
SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL (R-1)	1566	\$7,047.00	1.00	1566.00	\$4.98	\$7,798.68	\$9.48	\$14,845.68
MULTI-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL (R-3)	45	\$202.50	3.44	154.80	\$17.14	\$771.30	\$21.64	\$973.80
COMMERCIAL/ INDUSTRIAL (1)	172	\$774.00	3.10	533.20	\$15.44	\$2,655.68	\$19.94	\$3,429.68
COMMERCIAL/ INDUSTRIAL (2)	73	\$328.50	50.14	3660.22	\$249.70	\$18,228.10	\$254.20	\$18,556.60
VACANT LAND (3)	109	\$490.50	2.78	303.02	\$13.84	\$1,508.56	\$18.34	\$1,999.06
VACANT LAND (4)	33	\$148.50	10.17	335.61	\$50.66	\$1,671.78	\$55.16	\$1,820.28
VACANT LAND (5)	14	\$63.00	41.70	583.80	\$207.68	\$2,907.52	\$212.18	\$2,970.52
VACANT LAND (6)	8	\$36.00	185.40	1483.20	\$923.30	\$7,386.40	\$927.80	\$7,422.40
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>2,020</b>	<b>\$9,090.00</b>				<b>\$42,928.02</b>		<b>\$52,018.02</b>

TOTAL FEES = \$52,018.02  
CARRY OVER (estimated) = \$0.00

ADMIN. FEE / PARCEL = \$4.50  
ASSMT. FEE / ESU = \$4.98