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City of Grover Beach Closely Monitoring the Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board's Stormwater Requirements

Grover Beach --The City of Grover Beach's Stormwater Management Plan is in its second year of implementation. A requirement of the second and third years is to develop a regional criterion for post construction stormwater controls. In layman's terms this means the Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board (CCRWQCB) will be adopting rules for permanent stormwater features that will be required for public projects and private development. The City of Grover Beach is in somewhat of a unique position, as opposed to some other jurisdictions within the region, due to the existing standards that require on-site stormwater retention. These current requirements have raised some concerns from homeowners and developers, especially for commercial infill development where space for storing stormwater is at a premium. Unfortunately, even though the City has been working with the CCRWQCB for some time, it is still unknown exactly what the specific criteria or application thresholds will be. It is possible that the CCRWQCB will adopt standards that are more stringent than the City's current standards. The City does know that the Board intends for all new stormwater controls to be inspected and certified annually by City staff, which will result in increased costs to the City.

A Joint Effort Review Team (JERT) was established to assist the CCRWQB in developing numerical criteria and applicability standards for post construction stormwater controls. City staff has been participating on the JERT, however specific numeric criteria for treatment and infiltration has yet to be established. CCRWQB staff will be presenting its initial findings and adoption schedule at a public meeting on **Thursday, March 15 at 8:30 a.m.** The meeting will be held at the Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board's office located at 895 Aerovista Place, Suite 101, San Luis Obispo. Following the meeting, the City will have until **Friday, May 18, 2012** to provide public comments regarding the findings.

For additional information regarding the City's Stormwater Management Plan, please visit the City's website at www.grover.org. If you have any questions or comments regarding this plan, please contact Public Works Director Greg Ray at (805) 473-4520 or by email to publicworks@grover.org.

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