

## South OC Water Quality Improvement Plan



### WHAT:

The municipal separate storm sewer system (MS4) permit regulates stormwater runoff from urbanized areas in the San Diego Region (including South Orange County), requires development and implementation of a Water Quality Improvement Plan (WQIP) for "Watershed Management Areas." A WQIP for the South Orange County Watershed Management Area, comprising most of the 496-square-mile San Juan Hydrologic Unit, has been accepted by the San Diego Regional Water Quality Control Board. The South OC WQIP identifies high priority water quality conditions and sets goals, strategies and schedules to address them. Monitoring the progress and effectiveness of the strategies informs an "adaptive management" approach to updating and amending the plan over time.

### Priorities



Human Pathogen Health Risk



Stream Erosion



Unnatural Water Balance

### Goals and strategies

Focus on human waste source control

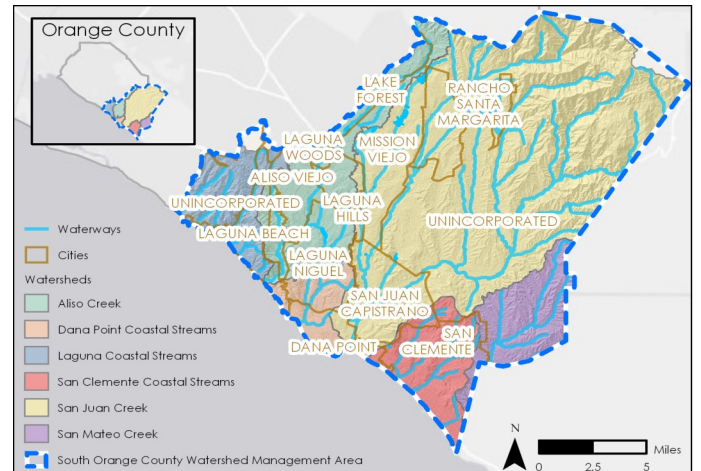
Focus on stream rehabilitation

Focus on dry weather runoff elimination



### WHO:

The South OC WQIP was developed over a two-year collaborative public stakeholder process. It will guide the efforts of the County of Orange and the eleven cities of the South Orange County Watershed Management Area in managing stormwater runoff from urbanized areas and improving overall watershed health. Partnerships with watershed stakeholders will be critical to successful implementation of the WQIP.



### WHEN:

The South OC WQIP was accepted by the San Diego Regional Water Quality Control Board on June 20, 2018 and implementation has begun. Some of the goals and milestones in the WQIP extend as far out as 2047.



### INFO:

The WQIP in its entirety is available to view on the San Diego Regional Water Board's [website](#). For more information about the South Orange County WQIP, contact South OC Stormwater at [Cindy.Rivers@ocpw.ocgov.com](mailto:Cindy.Rivers@ocpw.ocgov.com) or [click here](#).



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