



Section 1
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1.1 SHORT TITLE

These regulations together with all future amendments shall be known as the "City of Hemet, Storm Drain Criteria and Drainage Design Manual" (hereafter called MANUAL) being part of and subject to the City of Hemet Municipal Code (hereafter called CODE).

1.2 JURISDICTION

This MANUAL shall apply to all land within the incorporated areas of the City, including any public lands. This MANUAL shall apply to all facilities constructed on City right-of-way easements dedicated for public use, and to all privately owned and maintained storm water drainage facilities.

1.3 PURPOSE

This MANUAL shall establish the minimum design and technical criteria for the analysis and design of all hydraulic structures and storm water drainage and detention facilities. All subdivisions, planned unit developments, building permit applications or any other proposed construction submitted for approval under the provisions of the CODE, shall include an adequate storm drainage system analysis and appropriate drainage system design. Such analysis and design shall meet or exceed the criteria set forth within this MANUAL. Options to the provisions of this MANUAL may be suggested by the applicant. The burden of proof that the options are equal to or better than the criteria in this MANUAL, is the responsibility of the applicant. Policies and technical criteria not specifically addressed in this document shall follow the provisions specified by the City of Hemet. Drainage facilities in place or under construction shall be accepted without regard to the provisions of this MANUAL.

1.4 ENACTMENT AUTHORITY

The MANUAL has been adopted pursuant to the authority conferred upon the City of Hemet through the *California Government Code*. As part of the authority provided to the City by the State and specified within the CODE, this MANUAL was adopted by resolution and is considered part of the CODE.

1.5 AMENDMENT AND REVISIONS

The policies and criteria contained in the MANUAL may be amended as new techniques are developed and/or if experience indicates a need for revision. Amendments and revisions to this MANUAL shall be made on a periodic basis, as needed, and shall be enacted by a resolution of the City Council.

1.6 ENFORCEMENT RESPONSIBILITY

It shall be the responsibility of the City of Hemet Public Works Director/City Engineer or their representative to enforce the provisions of this MANUAL.

1.7 REVIEW AND APPROVAL

The City of Hemet will review all drainage submittals for general compliance with this MANUAL. Project approval by the City of Hemet does not relieve the owner, engineer, or designer from the responsibility of ensuring that the calculations, plans, specifications, construction, and recorded drawings are in compliance with the criteria contained in the MANUAL.

The City of Hemet may request other responsible agencies to review any reports or plans to determine their consistency with the requirements of this MANUAL.

1.8 INTERPRETATION

In the interpretation and application of the provisions of this MANUAL, the following provisions shall apply:

- In its interpretation and application, the provisions shall be regarded as the minimum requirements for the protection of the environment and the public health, safety, and welfare of the residents of the City of Hemet.
- Whenever the provisions of this MANUAL conflict with the CODE or other applicable law, the most restrictive standards or requirements shall apply.
- This MANUAL shall not abrogate or annul any permits or approved drainage reports or construction plans issued before the effective date of this MANUAL.

1.9 RELATIONSHIP TO OTHER STANDARDS

If the Riverside County Flood Control and Water Conservation District, State or Federal Government imposes stricter criteria, standards, or requirements, than those specified in this MANUAL, those criteria shall be incorporated into the MANUAL after appropriate due process and public hearing(s) are held.

1.10 WAIVERS FROM THESE CRITERIA

Waivers from this MANUAL will be considered on a case-by-case basis by the Public Works Director/City Engineer or their representative. An appeal of a decision by the Public Works Director/City Engineer shall be prepared and processed consistent with the provisions of the CODE.

1.11 ABBREVIATIONS

As used in these criteria, the following abbreviations shall apply:

FEMA	Federal Emergency Management Agency
FIRM	Flood Insurance Rate Map
RCFC&WCD	Riverside County Flood Control and Water Conservation District
ROW	Right-of-Way
USDOT	United States Department of Transportation
USGS	United States Geological Survey