



Membership Categories and Definitions Effective January 1, 2025

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Membership Types

REGULAR MEMBERSHIPS

Available to organizations that are subject to or hold a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) stormwater permit.

AFFILIATE MEMBERSHIPS

Available to organizations, legal entities, or individuals that do not hold or are subject to an NPDES stormwater permit.

Regular Membership Categories and Definitions

INDIVIDUAL MS4S

An individual municipality that is a named traditional permittee in a Phase I or Phase II NPDES stormwater permit. Membership is tiered by population.

AREAWIDE MS4 PROGRAMS

Two or more permittees named in a Phase I or Traditional Phase II NPDES stormwater permit joining collectively. Membership is tiered by the collective population.

EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS

Educational institutions that are subject to an NPDES stormwater permit. Membership tiers include:

- Individual School Site, Campus, or District
- County or Regional Educational Entity
- Statewide Public Educational Entity

TRANSPORTATION DISTRICTS, AIRPORTS, AND PORTS

Transportation districts, airports, and ports that are subject to an NPDES stormwater permit. Membership tiers include:

- Individual District, Airport, or Port
- Regional District, Airport, or Transportation Entity
- Statewide Transportation Entity

UTILITIES (WATER DISTRICTS, WASTEWATER, AND POWER)

Water districts, wastewater agencies, and power suppliers that are subject to an NPDES stormwater permit. Membership tiers include:

- Local (serves one county)
- Regional Utility (serves more than one county)
- Statewide (serves more than one region)

OTHER PERMITTEES

Legal entity subject to the Construction General NPDES Permit, the Industrial General NPDES Permit, and / or the Phase II Small MS4 Permit AND not already identified in another membership category.

- Local Facility or Site
- Regional or Statewide

Affiliate Membership Categories and Definitions

INDIVIDUALS

An individual joining as an individual. This category is limited to one individual per organization.

CONSULTANTS, VENDORS, SOLE PROPRIETORS, TRADE ASSOCIATIONS, NONPROFITS, OTHERS

All organizations (except for Local, State, Federal, or Institutional Entities) that are not subject to an NPDES stormwater permit. Membership is tiered by the gross revenue of the organization in California.

LOCAL, STATE, FEDERAL, INSTITUTIONAL ENTITIES

Local, State, Federal, or Institutional Entities that are not subject to an NPDES stormwater permit.