



California Stormwater Quality Association®

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Dues Categories and Definitions Effective January 1, 2026

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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 Dues 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 that are subject to a municipal NPDES stormwater permit. Permittees joining collectively under this membership category must be:

- A named permittee in a Phase I stormwater permit or a named traditional permittee in the Phase II stormwater permit; AND
- Located within the same County or within two adjacent counties; AND
- Have a legally established cost-sharing agreement amongst all entities that are part of the membership.

Membership is tiered by the collective population.

Some named Phase I permittees joining through this membership category, such as a Flood Control District, are not population based. To account for these entities, each areawide MS4 program's population will be increased by 5% per non-population-based entity joining as part of an Areawide MS4 Program.¹

¹ Example 1: If Areawide Membership X has a population of 1M and has one non-population-based entity as a named Phase I permittee, the population for CASQA membership purposes would be 1.05M. Example 2. If Areawide Membership Y has a population of 1M and has two non-population-based entities as a named Phase I permittee, the population for CASQA membership purposes would be 1.1M.

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 ENTITIES, AIRPORTS, AND PORTS

Transportation entities, 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 PERMITTEE

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

EXCLUSIONS

The following exclusion applies:

- **Airports and Ports:** Employees of airports and ports are excluded from the Membership Dues Category under the Individual MS4 and Areawide MS4 Program and must pay dues under the Transportation Entities, Airports, and Ports Membership Dues Category, unless the airport or port is itself a separate named permittee in a Phase I MS4 Permit and the port or airport is paying dues as part of an Areawide MS4 Program.

Affiliate Membership Dues Categories and Definitions

INDIVIDUAL AFFILIATE

An individual joining as an individual. This category is limited to one individual per organization not subject to an NPDES stormwater permit.

CORPORATE AFFILIATE

All corporations that are not subject to an NPDES stormwater permit (excluding nonprofits and associations). Membership is tiered by the gross revenue of the corporation in California.

NONPROFIT AFFILIATE

All 501(c)(3) organizations (excluding membership associations).

ASSOCIATION AFFILIATE

All membership associations. Membership is limited to employees of the association and is not transferable to the organizations or individuals who are part of the association.

STUDENT AFFILIATE

Individuals who are (1) currently enrolled full-time in an undergraduate, master's, or PhD degree program, or (2) within two years of graduation from an undergraduate, master's, or PhD degree program.