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Learn more about the UCSC Storm Water Management Program and UCSC Storm Water Management Plan at cleanwater.ucsc.edu.

Report Concerns:

Storm Water Quality Hotline:

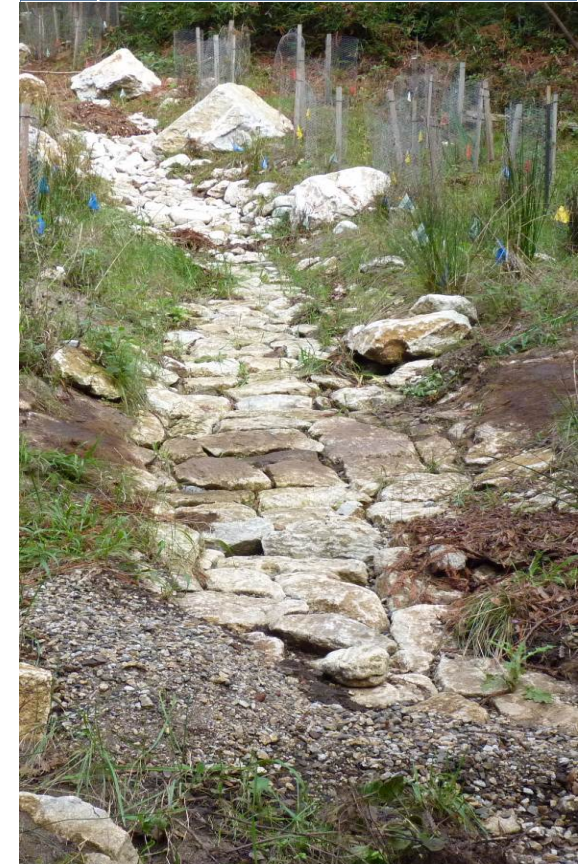
Please report any concerns, illegal dumping into storm drains, or suspicious activities that may cause environmental harm to the Storm Water Quality Hotline: (831) 459-2553.

Report an Emergency: Call 911 from any campus phone or (831) 459-2345 when calling from a cell phone (911 calls made from cell phones will not reach Campus dispatch).



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UCSC Background

With over 15,000 students, and more than 4,000 staff and faculty, the UCSC campus has a population similar to that of a small town. And like all municipalities, the campus has an extensive network of storm drains to direct storm water runoff. Storm drain systems such as those on the UCSC campus are regulated by the Environmental Protection Agency's Storm Water Regulations, as outlined in the Clean Water Act (CWA). As required by the CWA, the storm drain system at UCSC operates under a permit for Small Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems (MS₄), issues by the California Water Resources Control Board.



Municipal Permit Background

Under the MS₄ permit, UCSC is required to develop and implement a Storm Water Management Plan. This plan is further divided in seven component areas (called control measures) that UCSC is implementing: Public Education and Outreach on Storm Water Impacts Public Involvement/Participation, Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination, Construction Site Storm Water Runoff Control, New Development Design Requirements for Storm Water Management, Pollution Prevention for Operations and Maintenance, and UCSC Specific Measures to Reduce Storm Water Impacts.

The Storm Water Management Program ensures that the campus is fulfilling the requirements of its General Permit for Small Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems. In doing so, the program ensures both legal compliance as well as environmental sustainability.

Future Outlook

The Central Coast Regional Water Board is reviewing and discussing each individual Storm Water Management program, including UCSC's. Its emphasis is to review and address critical water quality challenges. To adequately protect surface waters on the Central Coast, it is critical to implement programs that are effective at managing urban runoff.

UCSC will continue to follow recommendations from the Central Coast Regional Water Board to maintain and improve its management.

