



CITY OF PACIFICA WET WEATHER EQUALIZATION (EQ) BASIN PROJECT INFORMATION SHEET

- The Wet Weather Equalization (EQ) Basin Project “Project” is being constructed in response to a Cease and Desist Order (CDO) issued by the Regional Water Quality Control Board requiring the City to eliminate storm-related insufficient capacity-caused Sanitary Sewer Overflows (SSO)s from the sanitary sewer collection system by January 1, 2019 or be susceptible to substantial penalties.
- The City has held numerous Public Information Meetings and the Skatepark parking lot location was presented to and approved by the City Council in September 2015.
- The EQ basin is not a sewage storage facility and will only be used to avoid the occurrence of an SSO during the rainy season. It will temporarily store diluted waste water (mixture of mostly storm water and diluted sanitary sewer flow) during large storm events. The EQ basin will be cleaned following each use. The EQ basin will typically be inactive, empty, and clean.
- The EQ basin will be equipped with an odor control system that will draw air out of the basin after each use and treat the air using granular activated carbon prior to discharging the treated air to the atmosphere. This odor control system was designed to remove any possible foul odors in the basin.
- The EQ basin and associated equipment will be constructed within the existing paved area of the Skatepark parking lot and will not infringe on surrounding vegetated areas.
- Construction of the EQ basin will have short-term effects on the Skatepark parking lot area during construction; however, the Skatepark will remain operational during construction and plans are in place to minimize impacts to Community Center functions such as Meals on Wheels, Senior Citizen Buses, food deliveries to the Community Center kitchen, and other events. Free parking will be provided at the Crespi Parking lot for visitors to the Community Center and Skatepark.
- Following construction of the EQ basin, the Skatepark parking lot will be restored and will include additional parking spaces, upgraded ADA-parking spaces and ADA-access ramps to the Community Center, improved lighting, and surface storm water runoff from the parking lot will be filtered through two bio retention areas prior to discharge to the Pacific Ocean.

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