

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This document details the Drainage Area Management Plan (DAMP) to be implemented by the County of Orange, Orange County Flood Control District and incorporated cities (Permittees). The 1993 DAMP was updated in order to reflect the current status of the NPDES Stormwater Program within Orange County as well as to provide the future direction to the program for the Third Term Permit (2002-2007).

Since the DAMP is the result of a comprehensive planning process it will continue to undergo revision as new information, particularly water quality data, becomes available. Through this DAMP, the Permittees intend to continue to improve existing stormwater quality management practices and, where necessary, to address identified problems and to implement new practices.

The DAMP revision has been formulated with the following objectives in mind:

- Address the requirements of the Third Term Permits;
- Ensure effective public participation and support;
- Focus on problems identified through monitoring;
- Utilize available resources effectively;
- Implement public education as a central program component;
- Detect and eliminate illicit connections/illegal discharges;
- Evaluate opportunities and implement projects for retrofitting existing structures as identified through the watershed planning process;
- Verify Best Management Practice (BMPs) designs and effectiveness through experience, research and demonstration projects; and
- Develop plans on a watershed basis.

Private and public sector representatives participated in developing the stormwater pollutant control programs described within this DAMP. Throughout the DAMP's evolution, the document will be available for public review and comment. Overall program guidance will be provided by the Permittees.