

10.14. PROCEDURES FOR 208 CONSISTENCY REPORTS

208 Consistency Reports are prepared for new wastewater treatment facilities or expansions of existing wastewater treatment facilities that are owned and operated by Designated Management Agencies and that have a capacity less than 5 MGD capacity. The following is the process that is followed. 208 Consistency Reports are only prepared for public facilities. All private facilities require a 208 Plan Amendment, unless they are otherwise deemed consistent with the 208 Plan.

- 1) Designated Management Agency interested in building or expanding a facility notifies PAG staff of the need for the report.
- 2) PAG staff and the DMA staff work together to prepare a draft report for review by local jurisdictions, interested parties and ADEQ.
- 3) PAG staff mail a written notice to all property owners within ½ mile of the project site, and other potentially interested parties. The notice must identify the project location, include a description of the project, discuss possible impacts to local residents, explain how the project will be funded, explain where to obtain more information, explain where and when a decision will be made, and how to provide input. The notice must be mailed at least one week prior to PAG's Environmental Planning Advisory Committee's (EPAC) scheduled action on the proposal.
- 4) EPAC reviews the proposal at its regular monthly meeting. The draft report must be made available to all EPAC members at least one week in advance of the meeting. EPAC issues a formal recommendation on the proposal. (EPAC could choose to refer the matter to the Watershed Planning Subcommittee for further review before making a decision.)
- 5) PAG staff prepares a summary of public involvement efforts and public input received.
- 6) PAG's Management Committee reviews the proposal along with staff's report on public input and guidance provided by EPAC.
- 7) PAG's Regional Council reviews the report, taking into consideration EPAC's recommendation, Management Committee's recommendation, and public input. Regional Council takes formal action on the proposal.
- 8) PAG provides ADEQ with a copy of the approved report so that ADEQ can make a 208 Consistency determination and issue the necessary permits.

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The 208 Consistency Report must contain all of the information that the PAG Regional Council will need to determine whether the proposal is consistent with the region's water quality management planning goals and policies. Also, in consideration of the fact that ADEQ is ultimately responsible for all 208 consistency determinations, the report also should contain information that ADEQ believes is necessary.

In general, a 208 Consistency Report will not contain as much information as a 208 Plan Amendment, but it should contain the following information at a minimum:

- Discussion of the purpose of the document and the reason a new or expanded facility is being proposed;
- Description of existing facility(s) (if any), including location, treatment method and capacity;
- Discussion of alternatives considered;
- Identification of the preferred alternative and the reason it is preferred;
- Delineation of the area that will be served by the new or expanded facility;
- Identification of the facility owner and operator;
- Description of the treatment process, capacity and effluent quality;
- Identification of effluent disposal method or effluent reuse sites;
- Discussion of impacts on surrounding land uses, water quality and air quality;
- Explanation of how the project will be funded.