

**State of California  
Santa Ana Regional Water Quality Control Board**

General Supplemental Environmental Project (SEP) Qualification Criteria

- 1. A SEP should only consist of measures that go above and beyond the obligation of the discharger.**
- 2. The SEP should directly benefit or study groundwater or surface water quality or quantity, and the beneficial uses of waters of the State.**
- 3. The SEP shall not directly benefit, in a fiscal manner, the State Board or a regional board.**
- 4. The SEP shall not be an action, process or product that is otherwise required of the discharger by any rule or regulation of any entity.**
- 5. The SEP project proponent should have proven institutional stability and capacity and ability to complete the SEP project and submit products and reports as per the Settlement Agreement.**
- 6. A SEP must have a nexus (connection or link) between the violation(s) and the SEP. In general, the SEP project should directly benefit the area where the harm occurred or provide a region-wide or statewide use or benefit.**
- 7. The SEP project must comply with the requirements of California Environmental Quality Act.**
- 8. The SEP project must be consistent with the State Water Board's, "Policy on Supplemental Environmental Projects."**
- 9. The SEP proposal must include, where appropriate, success criteria and requirements for monitoring to track the long-term success of the project.**

SEP projects should be designed for pollution prevention, environmental restoration, public awareness and education, watershed assessment, watershed management, facilitation services, non-point source program implementation and/or other environmental or water quality enhancements. Examples of SEPs that have been funded within the Santa Ana Region include Arundo removal projects, stakeholder outreach efforts related to the storm water program for controlling pollutant discharges from construction sites, diversion of urban runoff from a water contact recreation area, perchlorate remediation, toxicity bioaccumulation studies and wetlands enhancement and restoration.