
State Water Resources Control Board

CATEGORICALLY CERTIFIED MULTI-BENEFIT FULL CAPTURE SYSTEMS

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When adopting the Trash Provisions¹, the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) directed staff to evaluate whether specific multi-benefit treatment controls as set forth in the New Development and Redevelopment BMPs Handbook (California Stormwater Quality Association, 2003) meet the requirements for certification as “full capture systems” as defined in the Trash Provisions. In consultation with the California Stormwater Quality Association, other interested stakeholders, and Regional Water Quality Control Boards, staff evaluated multi-benefit full capture systems with treatment designs that have multiple environmental benefits such as pollutant removal, trash capture, and reuse or infiltration of stormwater runoff.

As a result, the State Water Board Executive Director has categorically certified the five (5) multi-benefit treatment systems described in the information sheets linked below as Full Capture Systems. The categorical certifications to the five treatment systems apply only to custom-designed multi-benefit treatment systems. Multi-benefit treatment systems that are not custom designed but manufactured off-site and made available for sale must be individually certified through the application process. The information sheets generically describe the categorically certified Full Capture Systems and the associated specific design requirements. The information sheets also specify the limitations of the categorical certifications and identify the kinds of systems that must be submitted to the State Water Board Executive Director for individual certification. The application requirements for trash full capture system certification may be accessed at the State Water Board’s Trash Implementation Program homepage at:

https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/stormwater/trash_implementation.html.

The permittee (or other responsible entity) shall design, construct, and maintain these categorically certified Full Capture Systems in accordance with the requirements in the corresponding five (5) information sheets linked below. The permittee (or other

¹ Amendment to the Water Quality Control Plan for Ocean Waters of California to Control Trash (Ocean Plan) and Part 1 Trash Provisions of the Water Quality Control Plan for Inland Surface Waters, Enclosed Bays, And Estuaries of California adopted by the State Water Board located on the Statewide Water Quality Control Plans for Trash webpage at:

https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/trash_control/documentation.html.

responsible entity) is solely responsible for (1) ensuring that Full Capture Systems are properly designed, constructed, and maintained for their intended use, (2) coordinating as appropriate with vector control agencies, and (3) ensuring that installed Full Capture Systems pose no threat to public health or safety.

Questions concerning these requirements should be directed to the Trash Implementation Program staff via email (stormwater@waterboards.ca.gov) prior to installation.

State Water Resources Control Board Categorically Certified Multi-Benefit Full Capture Systems
<u>Bioretention</u>
<u>Capture and Use Systems</u>
<u>Detention Basin</u>
<u>Infiltration Trench or Basin</u>
<u>Media Filter</u>