

# The Monthly Dirt

A Monthly Newsletter on the California Construction General Permit  
By WGR Southwest, Inc.

## QSP/QSD Renewal

Up until recently, there has been much speculation about how the State and CASQA were going to handle the renewals of the QSP and QSD certifications. Would they require certified individuals to go to another all-day class, take another proficiency exam online, or just want their money? Well, we can all breath a collective sigh of relief ... it looks like they just want our money and for us to review a short newsletter update on the permit. Here is an excerpt from the recently released renewal notice:

On October 23, 2012, CASQA and the Office of Water Programs (OWP) launched a new online renewal process for QSD and QSP certificate holders. 90 days and 21 days before your certificate expires, you will receive an email reminding you to renew and providing links and instructions. QSDs and QSPs with certificate expiration dates before January 21, 2013, will receive one email reminder - 21 days before your certificate expires.

The cost for a 2-year renewal depends on whether you let your current certificate expire before you renew, so it pays to renew early.

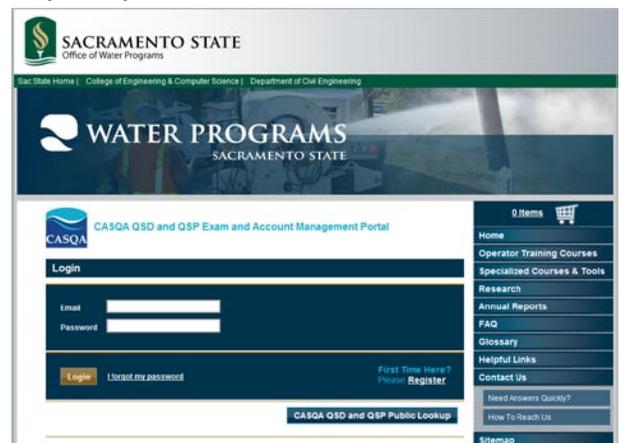
**Renew before current expiration date: \$95**

**Renew after current expiration date: \$115**

Certificate holders who do not renew before expiration should take note that the Public Lookup tool now shows "Active" and "Expired" status for every listing, so renewing before expiration will ensure uninterrupted listing as a qualified QSD or QSP. Renewal requires review of training materials that were developed to keep the QSD and QSP updated on the latest issues affecting permit compliance. This training material, called CGP Review, will be updated annually. The current CGP Review (Issue #1) addresses the regulators' top concerns regarding permit interpretation and compliance. Having their insight will help you understand how your construction site and documents will be assessed and the permit enforced. This issue also addresses recent permit changes. The CGP Review can be accessed from the renewal website.

To renew and extend your certificate for two years from your current expiration date, log into your account on the online system <https://www.owp.csus.edu/qsd-login.php> and verify that you have read the most recent CGP Review containing updated training material. If you do not already have an online account, you can create one from the login page.

The above link will take you to the same website where many of you did the online QSP/QSD exam. To take the exam, you had to set a user ID (your email address) and a password. Those of you, like me, who had to take your exam in person, will have to set up a user ID and password. Once you get into the website, click on the link "**My Personal QSD and QSP Records**". I found the process to be fairly simple and straight forward.



## New Tool for Manually Calculating R

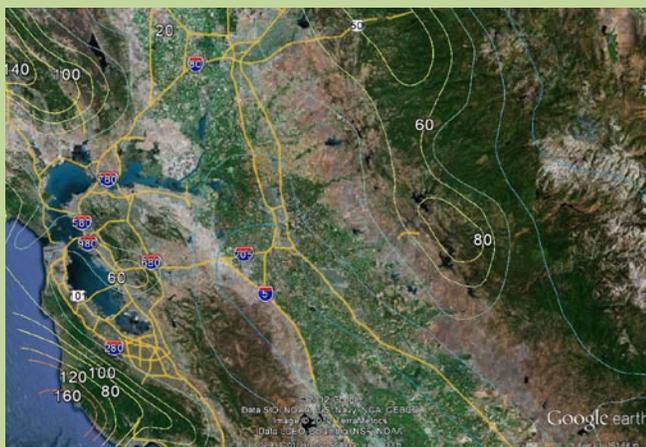
The USEPA's on-line R-factor calculator is still down for maintenance and those wanting to determine their project's risk level must still *manually* determine the R value used in the RUSLE equation for sediment risk determination. In the May 2012 edition of The Monthly Dirt, we reviewed how to manually calculate R. You can download that newsletter at [www.gotswppp.com](http://www.gotswppp.com). But, one of the frustrations about the manual method was using the isoerodent map, which until recently was limited to the crude map shown here on the right. Using this map, we found it really hard to locate projects and accurately determine the isoerodent.



But, the State SMARTS group has come through again! They have developed a kml file of the isoerodents that can be used on Google Earth™. You can download the isoerodent kml file, as well as, the kml files for K, LS, and receiving water risk from the State's ftp site at:

<ftp://swrcb2a.waterboards.ca.gov/pub/swrcb/dwg/cgp/Risk/>

We recommend using an ftp tool like Filezilla to download the files. If you have problems downloading them, we have linked them to our website at [www.gotswppp.com](http://www.gotswppp.com).



We have also developed a Risk Determination Worksheet that you can use to document, not only the R calculation, but also show the RUSLE calculation and supporting documentation; and the receiving water risk rating. If you would like a free copy of our worksheet, please email your request to [jteravskis@wgr-sw.com](mailto:jteravskis@wgr-sw.com).

## Upcoming Training ...

- Next Got SWPPP? Class:  
✓ **Nov. 27-29 – QSD/QSP Certification (in Lod)**

For more information or to register for a class go to [www.gotswppp.com](http://www.gotswppp.com)

STORM WATER  
**AWARENESS**  
WEEK 2012

This year's first ever event held Sept. 24 – 28 was a huge success! Over 20 classes were held and more than 250 persons participated in the event. We received tons of positive comments about this free training opportunity. We are already starting to plan the 2013 event to be held during the last week of September. Thank you to all of you who participated in this year's event. We especially thank all of our workshop presenters.

## Calling All QSPs ... We Need You!

*Do you need work? Join our network of QSPs for opportunities to get project referrals local to you.*

[www.FINDaQSP.com](http://www.FINDaQSP.com)

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*Please contact us if you have any questions ...*

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## November Special

### Hornet's Nest Drain Inlet Filter



### \$40 (Bag Only) or \$50 (w/ Oil Pillow)

A unique, under-grate storm drain filter. The oversized base allows the filter to be used with a variety of size and shape drain inlets. Simply insert the filter, place the grate into place and trim the excess material for a custom fit and clean appearance. The yellow webbing secures the filter to the grate and doubles as lifting straps to quickly and easily remove the filter, grate and all, for simple cleaning. The sediment collection cone has 4 overflow portals to ease congestion during heavy storm events.

Material - 8 ounce non-woven geotextile  
Strapping - Weather resistant 2" polypropylene webbing

## BMP OUTLET'S Product Spotlight



Silt Sifter® is the ultimate solution! The patented dual-component, bag-within-a-bag design, Silt Sifter® Bag is the original cushioned sediment control device incorporating materials specifically chosen for both 'filtration' and 'high-flow' performance. Squared on one end to better hug the curb, the Silt Sifter® Bag comes either pre-filled with 30 pounds of 1" natural rock or empty. The sewn-in Heavy Duty 2" Velcro enclosure makes it a snap to fill and provides a solid barrier to prevent any rock from escaping making for a cleaner and tidier job site.

#### Product Specifications:

- Outer Material High density polyethylene - Poly thread (4) lock stitching
- Filtering Media Pine Wood Excelsior\*
- Rock Bag High density polyethylene - Poly thread (4) lock stitching
- Stabilization 1" rock (filled)
- UV Rating 85% with 364° flammability point
- Dimensions 30"L x 16"W x 6"H
- Weight (Dry) Approximately 30 lbs. (filled)
- Durability 500 lb. burst strength
- Maintenance Clean with power wash or strong hose

\*Pine wood excelsior acts as a filter for capturing silt, sediment and soils. Also a cushioning agent to substantially reduce product damage under normal conditions.

#### Flow Test Results

- Free Flow Water (no debris) 30 GPM (gallons per minute)
- Sand 29 GPM
- Top Soil 28 GPM
- Clay 24 GPM Patent US 6,905,289

## Need Maintenance or BMPs?



Are you in the Northern California region? If so, our BMP mobile service team can come to you. Our BMP expert will perform a free storm water compliance evaluation and make recommendations on areas needing improvement. Our BMP expert can also provide...

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- BMP Installation Quotes
- BMP Implementation advice

Schedule your visit today! (209) 334-5363 x 130

