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Dear Stormwater Enthusiasts,

The Port of San Francisco (Port) and the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission (SFPUC) are pleased to release this draft of the *San Francisco Stormwater Design Guidelines (Guidelines)* for your review. The *Guidelines* respond to city, state, and federal mandates for water quality protection — at the same time, they provide an important tool for watershed restoration, habitat creation and city greening.

The *Guidelines* explain the regulatory requirements and the environmental context for stormwater management in San Francisco. They outline a design process for incorporating stormwater best management practices into site design and provide guidance for completing a Stormwater Control Plan (SCP).

The *Guidelines* also include appendices which provide technical resources for designers and engineers developing stormwater controls:

- Appendix A: Stormwater Best Management Practice (BMP) Fact Sheets
- Appendix B: BMP Sizing Spreadsheet
- Appendix C: Stormwater Control Plan Template
- Appendix D: Vegetation Palette

The *Guidelines* and appendices are available online at <http://stormwater.sfwater.org> (click on the Stormwater Design Guidelines link) and www.sfport.com/stormwater. Please keep in mind that the fact sheets have yet to undergo final technical review. Design parameters currently cited in the fact sheets may change after undergoing review.

We need your feedback! Handwritten comments can be difficult to decipher. To ensure that we understand your comments, please type them and submit via email. To do so, download a comment sheet from the website and email it to greenstormwater@sfwater.org and john.mundy@sfport.com. The comment submittal deadline is March, 25 2009.

More elements of the *Guidelines* will be posted as they become available, so check our website often.

Thank you in advance for your help in making the *Guidelines* clear, useful, and inspiring.

Sincerely,

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