

**Table 1 – Legislation and Policies Related to the Control of Flood and Storm Waters in Monterey County**

<p><u>Objects and Purposes of the Water Resources Agency (WRA) Act and Powers of the Agency:</u> WRA created as a flood control and water agency; the Agency consists of all territory of the County lying within the exterior boundaries of the County. <i>To provide for control of the flood and storm waters of the Agency and the flood and storm waters of streams that have their sources outside the Agency, but which streams and flood waters flow into the Agency, and to conserve those waters for beneficial and useful purposes by spreading, storing, retaining, and causing those waters to percolate into the soil within the Agency, or to save and conserve in any manner all or any of those waters and to protect from those flood or storm waters the public highways, life and property in the Agency, and to obtain retain, and reclaim drainage, storm, flood, and other waters for beneficial use within the Agency.</i></p>
<p><u>Goals S-2 Flood Control; S-3 Drainage; PS-2 Water Quality and Supply; and, PS-3 Long-Term Water Supply.</u> The WRA is recognized throughout various goals and policies to provide advice, determination, and identification of which measures and discretionary conditions are appropriate to achieve the following: <i>Reduce the amount of new development in floodplains and, for any development that does occur, minimize the risk from flooding and erosion; Ensure effective storm drainage and flood control to protect life, property, and the environment; Assure an adequate and safe water supply to meet the County's current and long-term needs; Ensure that new development is assured a long-term sustainable water supply.</i></p>
<p><u>The Inland Portions of unincorporated Monterey County is divided into seven (7) Area Plans which contains policies specific to Water Resources related issues.</u> The WRA is recognized throughout these various Area Plans as the authority to decide how new development projects shall be sited and designed to avoid impacts from increased flood and storm water runoff</p>
<p><u>The Coastal Portions of unincorporated Monterey County is divided into four (4) Land Use Plans which contains policies specific to Water Resources related issues.</u> The WRA is recognized throughout these various Land Use Plans as the authority to decide how new development projects shall be sited and designed to avoid impacts from increased flood and storm water runoff</p>
<p><u>Storm Drain Master Plans:</u> WRA reviews land use development proposals and considers those hydrologic and hydraulic characteristics expertly described in the Storm Drain Master Plan; the WRA identifies which measures and discretionary conditions are appropriate to land use permits and ministerial permits; the WRA ensures the project is in conformance with the recommendation of each appropriate plan; each development proposal is evaluated independently, based on its own specific merits, impacts and benefits, by the Water Resources Agency Development Services team.</p>