

## **Trash Policy**

Trash in waterways, specifically coastal and marine waters, is a big problem in California. The State Water Resources Control Board adopted an amendment to the Water Quality Control Plan for Ocean Waters of California, to prevent trash from reaching streams, rivers, and the ocean. There are two options to comply: Track 1 or Track 2.

## Track 1

Install, operate, and maintain Full Capture
Systems. These are devices installed in the
storm drain system to capture all trash.

## Track 2

- Install, operate, and maintain a combination of Full Capture Systems, multi benefit projects (such as rainwater capture for reuse or infiltration, habitat improvement projects, etc.), and other controls (such as increased street sweeping, trash clean ups, and education) that together match Track 1 effectiveness.
- Track 2 requires monitoring to verify effectiveness.





## Why this applies to school districts:

School districts will be included in the next version of the Phase II Municipal Storm Water Permit, which will require compliance with the Trash Policy. Industrial bus yards are considered a priority area under the policy. Stopping litter at its source, and preparing early can help ease this transition.

