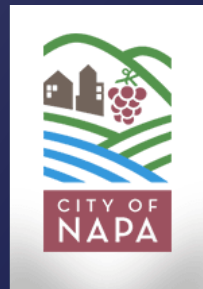




OUTFALL INSPECTIONS & MONITORING

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Storm Drain Outfall Monitoring





Why sample outfalls?

- ⦿ Detect illicit discharges
 - Wash water
 - Used oil disposal
 - Construction discharges
 - Power washing/surface cleaning
 - Mobile washers
- ⦿ Inspect annually during dry weather
- ⦿ Stormwater permit requirement

Outfall Sampling in Napa County

- ⦿ 6 Years of data collection
 - 2014 to present...and beyond ?
- ⦿ ~ 308 total outfalls in all jurisdictions
 - In 2014, all 308 were assessed
 - Later, 308 narrowed to ~162 via prioritization process

Methods

- 2 person team visits each outfall, collects photo, GPS coordinates, misc data using tablet
- At least 72 hours since last rainfall
- If water flowing, sample was collected and analyzed using variety of test kits & hand held meters

Data Collection App Entry Fields
Jurisdiction
Outfall ID
Latitude/Longitude
Name of Receiving Waters
Whether Receiving Waters Are Aquatic Habitat
Outfall Pipe Diameter
Outfall Pipe Configuration
Outfall Pipe Shape
Outfall Pipe Construction
Assessment Date and Time
Structural Condition
Presence and Severity of Erosion
Maintenance Condition
Whether Water was Flowing from Outfall
Description of Flow Quantity
Odor of Flowing Water, and Brief Descriptor of Odor
Whether a Sample was Collected
Whether Analyses Were Performed
Which Analyses Were Performed
Results of Analyses
Whether Results Exceeded Action Level Concentrations
Comments

Analytes and Action Levels

Indicator Parameter	Action Level Concentration
Ammonia	≥ 50 mg/L
Color	≥ 500 units
Conductivity	$\geq 2,000$ $\mu\text{S}/\text{cm}$
Hardness	≤ 10 mg/L as CaCO_3 or $\geq 2,000$ mg/L as CaCO_3
pH	≤ 5 or ≥ 9
Potassium	≥ 20 mg/L
Turbidity	$\geq 1,000$ NTU

Discharge Types Detected

Parameter					Laboratory/Analytical Challenges
	Sewage	Washwater	Tap Water	Industrial or Commercial Liquid Wastes	
Ammonia	●	⊙	○	⊙	Can change into other nitrogen forms as the flow travels to the outfall
Color	⊙	⊙	○	⊙	
Conductivity	⊙	⊙	○	⊙	Ineffective in saline waters
Detergents – Surfactants	●	●	○	⊙	Reagent is a hazardous waste
Fluoride*	○	○	●	⊙	Reagent is a hazardous waste Exception for communities that do not fluoridate their tap water
Hardness	⊙	⊙	⊙	⊙	
pH	○	⊙	○	⊙	
Potassium	⊙	○	○	●	May need to use two separate analytical techniques, depending on the concentration
Turbidity	⊙	⊙	○	⊙	

● Can almost always (>80% of samples) distinguish this discharge from clean flow types (e.g., tap water or natural water). For tap water, can distinguish from natural water.
 ⊙ Can sometimes (>50% of samples) distinguish this discharge from clean flow types depending on regional characteristics, or can be helpful in combination with another parameter
 ○ Poor indicator. Cannot reliably detect illicit discharges, or cannot detect tap water N/A: Data are not available to assess the utility of this parameter for this purpose. Data sources: Pitt (

*Fluoride is a poor indicator when used as a single parameter, but when combined with additional parameters (such as detergents, ammonia and potassium), it can almost always distinguish between sewage and wash water.

In case of discharge...

- ⦿ Results > Action Levels?
 - Required to Investigate

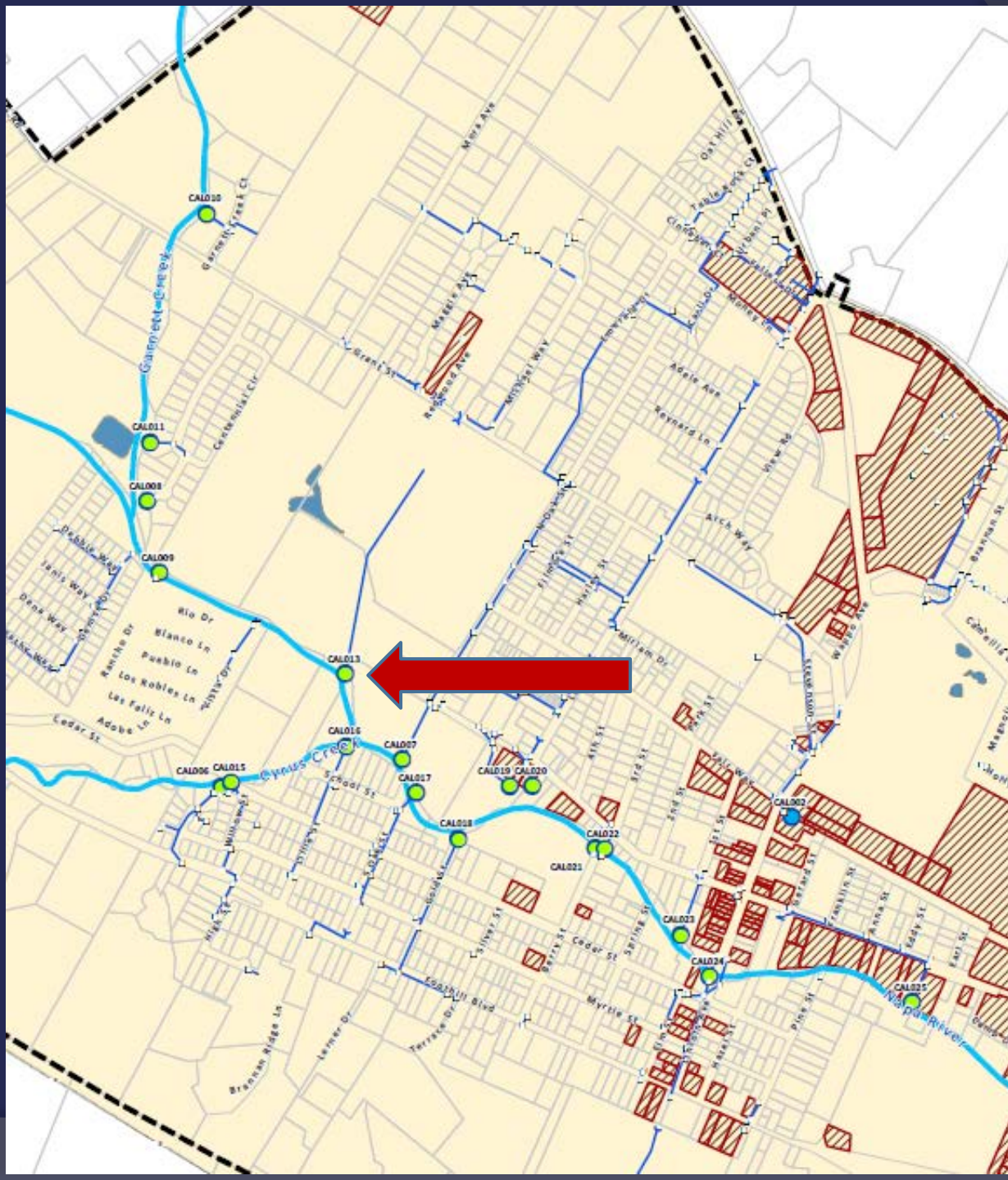
- ⦿ Results < Action Levels?
 - Investigate anyway...until you get to know the discharge

Results - 2014

- ◎ 304 outfalls assessed (visited)
 - 29 were flowing
 - 28 were sampleable
 - 6 exceeded action levels
 - 2 valid exceedances
 - 2 investigations
 - ✓ 4 Tidal
 - ✓ 1 Groundwater Discharge
 - ✓ 1 Confirmed Illicit Discharge

Culprit? Construction

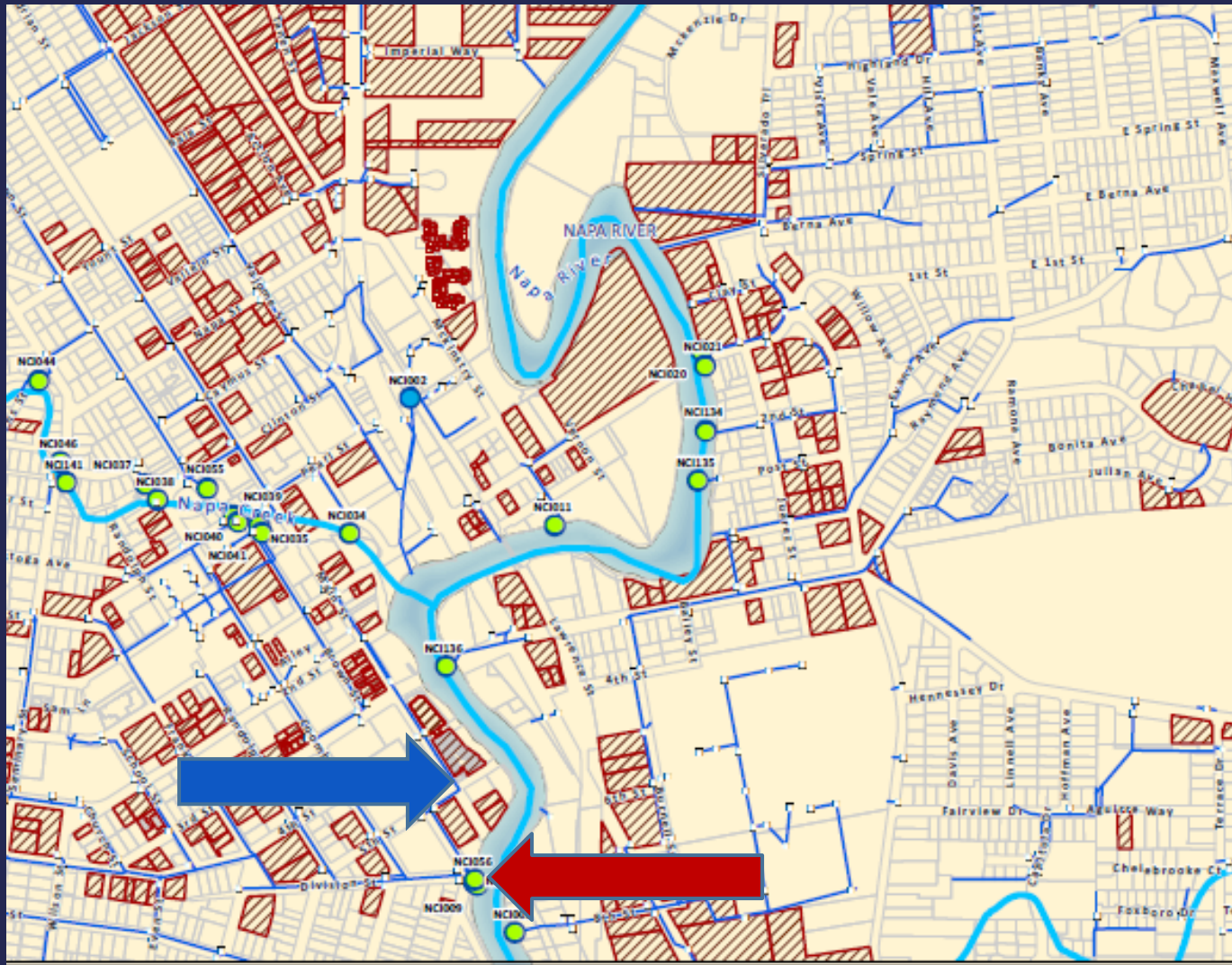
Outfall ID	Color (color units)	Conductivity (μS/cm)	Detergents (mg/L)	Hardness (mg/L)	pH	Turbidity (NTU)	Potassium (mg/L)	Ammonia (mg/L)
CAL013	>500	1,457	NA	216	7.47	2,467	0	20
NCI056	20	19,550	2.5	3,410	7.42	1.79	60	10
NCI006*	--	32,050	--	--	--	--	--	--
NCI049*	--	32,300	--	--	--	--	--	--
NCI137*	--	33,400	--	--	--	--	--	--
NCI186*	--	25,710	--	--	--	--	--	--



Results - 2019

- ⦿ All 162 “Priority” outfalls assessed
 - 35 were flowing
 - 34 were sampleable
 - 0 exceeded action levels *however...*
 - 2 were voluntarily investigated based on appearance, odor and/or detergents results
 - ✓ 1 Confirmed Illicit Discharge
 - X 1 discharge could not be confirmed and second visit to the outfall showed no flow
- ✓ More limited suite of analytes – flow strength, color, odor, EC, pH and turbidity (no NH₄, detergents, hardness or K)

A Word About Groundwater Discharges



Big Picture

- Total cost ~ \$138,000 over 6 years
- Total man hours ~ 1,338
- Valuable effort to establish baseline
- Best way forward
 - Ideas?

Table 6. Storm Drain Outfall Assessment Summary

Item	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	Total
Outfalls Assessed	304	156	156	159	163	162	1,100
Outfalls Discharging	29	14	26	31	24	35	159
Discharges Sampled and Analyzed	28	13	25	31	23	34	154
Source Investigations	2	0	2	1	3	2	10
Illicit Discharges Detected and Reported	1	0	0	1	1	0	3

To Report an Illicit Discharge

<http://www.countyofnapa.org/stormwater/>

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The Napa Countywide Stormwater Pollution Prevention Program (NCSPPP) is a joint effort of the County of Napa, cities of American Canyon, Napa, St. Helena and Calistoga, and the Town of Yountville to:

- Prevent stormwater pollution
- Protect and enhance water quality in creeks and wetlands
- Preserve beneficial uses of local waterways
- Comply with [State](#) and federal regulations



Though the entities of the NCSPPP carry out their own individual stormwater pollution prevention programs, the NCSPPP provides for the coordination and consistency of approaches between the individual participants and documents their efforts in annual reports.

How the NCSPPP is Funded

The NCSPPP is funded by the member agencies and is administered by the Napa County Flood Control and Water Conservation District's Stormwater Program Manager.

Purpose

The purpose of this Web site is to provide solutions for residents and businesses to help control water pollution. We hope this information helps you join our effort to eliminate stormwater pollution in Napa County.

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Report an Illicit Discharge

It is illegal to release anything other than stormwater which is free of pollutants to a stormwater conveyance system! Stormwater conveyance systems include streets, curbs and gutter, storm drains and ditches. See Non-Stormwater Discharges below to learn about specific exemptions to these prohibitions.

Call the Stormwater Hotline for the local jurisdiction in which its occurring to report an illicit discharge. Please provide a detailed account of the incident (i.e., date, time, location, responsible party (if known), pollutant (if known) and nature of the incident when you call. You can report anonymously but if you provide your contact information it allows municipal staff to gather additional information and report back to you about the outcome of the incident.

Stormwater Hotlines

- American Canyon: 707-647-4550
- Napa: 707-257-9600
- Yountville: 707-944-8851 or 707-944-2988 after hours
- St. Helena: 707-968-2658 or 707-967-2850 after hours
- Calistoga: 707-942-2828
- Napa County (unincorporated): 707-253-4417 or [Report Online](#)

Non-Stormwater Discharges aka "Allowable" Discharges

The following discharges are **exempt** from the illicit discharge prohibitions.

1. Water line flushing and other discharges from potable water sources
2. Irrigation and lawn watering
3. Rising ground waters or springs
4. Passive foundation and footing drains
5. Water from crawl space pumps and basement pumps
6. Air conditioning condensate
7. Noncommercial vehicle washing*
8. Natural flows from riparian habitats and wetlands
9. Dechlorinated swimming pool discharges**
10. Flows from fire suppression activities, including fire hydrant flows

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