

# **CONSTRUCTION IN WATERCOURSE**

## **10. CONSTRUCTION IN WATERCOURSE – The Watercourse Permit**

### **10.1 Watercourse Permit Description and Purpose**

A Watercourse Permit is a Public Works permit given for construction work on private property within a natural watercourse. A natural watercourse is a natural ravine with a tributary area of any size.

Any person desiring to construct, reconstruct, or repair any natural watercourse or any structure in any natural watercourse must obtain a Watercourse Permit from the Board of Public Works. The Board of Public Works has delegated that responsibility to the Bureau of Engineering.

#### **Authority**

Sections [64.07](#), [64.08](#), [64.09](#) and [64.10](#) of the Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC) gives authority to the Board of Public Works.

No person shall do anything to any natural water course or any channel carrying storm water that will in any manner obstruct or interfere with the flow of water through such water course or channel, and any property owner, lessee or tenant of any property through which a natural water course or any channel carrying storm water passes shall keep and maintain the same free from any obstructions that will in any manner prevent or retard the flow of water through such water course or channel, except that a water course or channel may be filled or altered if a permit to do so has been first obtained from the Board of Public Works.

#### **How long does it take to get a Watercourse Permit?**

It varies on the time it takes to obtain a Watercourse Permit.

#### **How long is a Watercourse Permit valid?**

The Watercourse Permit is valid forever.

**When does a Watercourse Permit expire?**

The Watercourse Permit never expires.

**Revised Watercourse Permit**

If a Watercourse Permit needs to be revised, submit another application.