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CERTIFICATION STATEMENT

I certify under penalty of law that this document and all attachments were prepared under my direction or supervision in accordance with a system designed to assure that qualified personnel properly gather and evaluate the information submitted. Based on my inquiry of the person or persons who manage the system, or those persons directly responsible for gathering the information, the information submitted is, to the best of my knowledge and belief, true, accurate, and complete. I am aware that there are significant penalties for submitting false information, including the possibility of fine and imprisonment for knowing violations.

Hon. Carlos López Bonilla

Date

NOTICE OF INTENT (SECTION 2.2 – GENERAL PERMIT)

Information on the Permittee

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Rincón is a non-autonomous Municipality of Puerto Rico.

Information on the MS4

The Municipality of Rincón operates a municipal separate storm sewer system (MS4) located in the urban zone (Pueblo) of the Municipality and another MS4 located in the Stella community (Attachment A). The Municipality is located on the northwest coast of Puerto Rico. It is bordered by the Atlantic Ocean to the north and west; Aguada to the east; and Añasco to the south. Rincón is one of the smaller municipalities in Puerto Rico, covering approximately 13.8 square miles (36 square kilometers).

The Municipality comprises ten wards: Rincón Pueblo, Puntas, Río Grande, Ensenada, Cruces, Bo. Pueblo, Calvache, Jaguey, Atalaya, and Barrero.

Rincón's highest peak is the summit of Atalaya Mountain at 1,187 feet.

The Municipality Aguadilla-Isabela-San Sebastian, PR Urbanized Area of the storm water entities defined by the 2000 census (Attachment A)



Approximate coordinates for the Rincón Pueblo MS4 are:

- Latitude North 18° 20' 27.39"
- Longitude West 67° 15' 09.54"

Approximate coordinates for the Stella MS4 are:

- Latitude North 18° 19' 18.80"
- Longitude West 67° 15' 48.85"

The Municipality of Rincón contains five main water bodies, Quebrada Ensenada, Quebrada Grande de Calvache, Quebrada Los Ramos, Quebrada Piletas and Caño García, as well as small tributaries of the Río Grande de Aguada. Quebrada Grande de Calvache (PRWE88A), Quebrada Los Ramos (PRWQ89A), and are in the 303(d) List of Impaired Water Bodies of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA). Although these water bodies are listed as impaired, they are not within the Municipality's MS4 boundaries.

The only TMDLs approved for Puerto Rico water bodies are Río Cibuco (September 2002), Río de la Plata (September 2003), and Río Grande de Loiza (September 2007). After reviewing the 303(d) List of lagoons, lakes and rivers of Puerto Rico, the Puerto Rico Environmental Quality Board (PREQB) Strategic Planning and Evaluation Department confirmed that the Municipality does not have any TMDL requirements.

The Municipality of Rincón is not planning to rely on any other government entity regulated under the storm water regulations to satisfy any permit or Storm Water Management Program (SWMP) requirements.

The best management practices (BMPs) and measurable goals chosen to meet each of the minimum control measures included in the General Permit are described in the Municipality SWMP planning document (Appendix D). See Items 9, 10, and 11 of the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Application Requirements for a summary of the BMPs, measurable goals, schedule, and responsible persons which will implement the SWMP.

The Municipality certifies by the submittal of this NOI that all eligibility criteria for protection of threatened or endangered species, critical habitat, and historic properties have been met. The Municipality of Rincón meets Endangered Species and Critical Habitat Criteria A of the General Permit (see Appendix A of the General Permit) – No federally-listed threatened or endangered species or their designated critical habitats are in proximity to the facilities in question. In addition, adverse effects to listed threatened or endangered species or designated critical habitat from the Municipality's allowable non-storm water dischargers are not likely. Finally, the Municipality is in compliance with the National Historic Preservation Act and meets Criteria A of the General Permit (see Appendix A of the General Permit) which states that Municipality storm water discharges do not affect properties that are listed or are eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places as maintained by the Secretary of the Interior.

NPDES APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS (APPENDIX C)

1.0 Activities by the applicant that require an NPDES Permit

The Municipality of Rincón operates an MS4 located in the urban zone (Rincon Pueblo) of the Municipality and another MS4 located in the Stella community (Attachment A).

2.0 Name, mailing address, and location of the facility for which the application is submitted

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3.0 Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) Code

SIC Code Number: 9199

4.0 Operator names, address, telephone numbers, ownership status, and status as a federal, state, local, Tribal or other public entity

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5.0 Listing of any permits or construction approvals received or applied for under any of the following programs

Resource Conservation or Recovery Act (RCRA)

The following information was obtained from EPA's Enforcement & Compliance History Online website.

FACILITY INFORMATION	FACILITY ADDRESS	RCRA PERMIT No.
SURGICAL SPECIALTIES PUERTO RICO INC	RD 413 KM 0.2 BO ENSENADA RINCON, PR 00677	PRR000017384

Underground Injection Control under the Safe Drinking Water Act

The following information was provided by the PREQB – Underground Injection Control Section (PREQB-UIC) of the Mayaguez Regional Office on November 2009.

UIC PERMIT	FACILITY	ADDRESS
UIC-01-06-017-RM	Lemontree Guest House	----
UIC-03-60-001-RM	Gas Station Texaco	Car 115 km 8.8
UIC-04-60-002-RM	Punta del Mar Bakery	Carr 413 Bo. Punta
UIC-06-60-015-RM	Tres Palmas Restaurant	Carr 413 km 5.9
UIC-08-60-007-RM	Restaurante Calyso	Carr 413 km 2.5
UIC-01-16-016-RM	David Wilcox Amirage Luxury Ocean Rental	Carr 429 Km4.0
UIC-03-60-014-RM	Vista Vacation Resort	Carr 413, km2.3 Bo. Punta
UIC-01-37-025-RM	Kike Tire	Carr 115, Bo. Pueblo
UIC-04-60-001-RM	Lazzy Parrot Inc.	Carr 413 km 4.1 Bo. Punta
UIC-00-60-000-RM	Vista del Mar y Sol	Carr 413 km 1.4 Bo Ensenada

NPDES program under the Clean Water Act

There are no current NPDES Permits for facilities that discharge into the Rincón MS4. There is one permit granted to an offshore facility that does not discharge into the Rincón MS4. This information was confirmed by the PREQB Water Program – Mayaguez Regional Office on November 2009.

Plan CES Permits under PREQB

The following information was provided by the PREQB Central Office on November 2009.

PERMIT No.	PROJECT NAME	PROJECT ADDRESS	DATE
CES-99-60-0085	PUNTA DEL MAR VILLAGE		March 1999
CES-99-60-0044	RESIDENCIAL LOS ALMENDROS		February 19, 1999
CES-00-60-0136	THE VILLAS AT THE HORNED DORSET PRIMAVERA	CARR. ESTATAL #479 KM. 3.1	April 05, 2000
CES-01-60-0022	CHALETS DEL MAR	CALLE CAMBIJA	January 23, 2001
CES-01-60-0217	MACOR BY THE SEA	CARR. 429 KM. 0.5	June 15, 2001
CES-03-60-0157	RINCON SUR COMMUNICATION SITE	CARR PR-115 INT KM 7.0	April 17, 2003

PERMIT No.	PROJECT NAME	PROJECT ADDRESS	DATE
CES-03-60-0422	COMUNIDAD ESPECIAL CERRO LOS POBRES	CARRETERA PR-189	October 17, 2003
CES-06-60-0004	REHABILITACION CANAL STELLA	CARR. PR-115	January 12, 2006
CES-06-60-0147	SEA BEACH APARTMENTS	CARR. PR-115 KM 12.4	April 07, 2006
CES-06-60-0483	SUN BEACH RINCON	CARR PR-429	December 08, 2006
CES-07-60-0085	SANTA ROSA ELDERLY APARTMENTS	CARR. 413 KM 0.4	March 07, 2007

The following information was provided by the PREQB Mayaguez Regional Office on November 2009.

PERMIT No.	PROJECT NAME
PGC-07-60-0008 RM	Pavilon Dos Vistas Apartments
PGC-07-60-0011 RM	Solymar Apartments
PGC-07-60-0028 RM	Vistas de la Bahia
PGC-07-60-0027 RM	Brisas del Mar
PGC-07-60-0012 RM	Calvache Community – Street Conditions Improvements

Prevention of Significant Deterioration (PSD) program under the Clean Air Act

There are no records of PSD Permits requested within the Rincón Municipality. This information was confirmed by the PREQB Air Program – Mayaguez Regional Office on November 2009.

Nonattainment program under the Clean Air Act

The Municipality of Rincón is located within an attainment area.

National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants (NESHAP) preconstruction approval, Maximum Achievable Control Technology (MACT) and Emission Source Permit as part of the Certification Law under Clean Air Act

There are no records of NESAHP or MACT permits requested under the Clean Air Act within the Rincón Municipality. A list of Emission Source Permits and New Emission Source Permits within the municipality is included bellow. This information was provided by the PREQB Air Program – Mayaguez Regional Office on November 2009.

Emission Source Permits:

PERMIT No.	PROJECT NAME
PFE-LC-RM-60-0707-0763-11-0	Rincón Centennial
PFE-LC-RM-60-1107-0975-11-0	CCPR GE Cell Site
PFE-LC-RM-60-0307-0392-11-0	Elec Gen Villa Antonio Beach Resort
PFE-LC-60-0207-0012-11-0	Victoria del Mar Apartments
PFE-LC-RM-60-1206-2505-11-0	Sprint Com Site
PFE-LC-60-0207-0018-11-0	Wave View
PFE-LC-60-0107-0004-11-0	Wave View
PFE-LC-RM-60-0907-0885-11-C	Pueblo Site

Emission Source Permits:

PERMIT No.	PROJECT NAME
PG-GE-60-0809-0594-RC	Econo Supermarket
PG-GE-60-1107-0488-RC	Telecommunications Station
PG-GE-60-1107-0548-RC	AEE
PG-GE-60-1208-0798-RC	Plaza del Mercado
PG-GE-60-0919-0599-RC	Surgical Specialties

PERMIT No.	PROJECT NAME
PG-GE-60-0407-0001-RC	Rincon by the Seas
PG-GE-60-0607-0004-RC	Costa Ensenada
PG-GE-60-0409-0284-RC	Santa Rosa Elderly
PG-GE-60-0409-009-RC	Wole TV
PG-GE-60-09-09-0641-RC	RC/ Flexible Packing Co
PG-GE-60-09-09-0642-RC	RC/ Flexible Packing Co
PG-GE-60-09-09-0643-RC	RC/ Flexible Packing Co

Ocean Dumping Permits (ODP) under the Marine Protection Research and Sanctuaries Act

The information was requested to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers of Puerto Rico. The information will be provided during SWMP implementation.

Dredge or fill permits under section 404 of the Clean Water Act

The information was requested to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers of Puerto Rico. The information will be provided during SWMP implementation.

6.0 Topographic Maps

A topographic map of the Municipality was provided by PREQB and is included as Attachment C. The map includes streets, landfills, waterbodies, industrial zones, and MS4 boundaries within the Municipality.

Storm Sewer Infrastructure Map

The Municipality of Rincón has not developed a storm sewer system map. The Municipality will develop this map as part of the implementation phase of the SWMP. The map will include locations of all outfalls within Rincón Pueblo and the Stella community, as well as the name and location of all United State waters that receive discharges from these outfalls.

7.0 Brief description of the nature of the business

The Rincón Municipality is located on the west coast of Puerto Rico, with the urban area approximately 0.5 miles from the ocean. Most of the storm water runs on surface infrastructure, which is collected into uncovered canals that discharge to the Atlantic Ocean. There is some underground infrastructure used to

connect the surface system to the discharge canals. A detailed description and map of the Rincón Pueblo and Stella storm sewer system will be developed through the implementation phase of the SWMP.

8.0 Estimate of the square mileage served by the MS4.

The Municipality of Rincón has a total of 13.8 square miles. The Rincón Pueblo and Stella community MS4s cover 0.32 and 0.28 square miles, respectively.

9.0 Summary of best management practices, measurable goals for each BMP, and persons responsible for implementing or coordinating the applicants storm water management program

A full description of all of the BMPs proposed for the six minimum control measures is included in the SWMP document (Attachment B).

Please note: For the tables included below, either Frequency or Deadline is provided based upon the type of milestone proposed. Completion Deadline indicates the Permit term year at the end of which the milestone will be completed and Permit Years indicate the years in which the associated BMP will be implemented.

9.1 Public Education and Outreach on Storm Water Impacts

The Human Resources, Recycling and Emergency Response Departments will be responsible for the implementation of the Public Education and Outreach Minimum Control Measure.

Measurable Goals

- Number of events conducted where storm water materials were distributed and/or a storm water message was delivered
- Number of storm water related articles published in the Rincon Recycles and the El Coqui of Rincon magazines
- Number of visits to the storm water Website
- Number of Municipality employees provided general storm water awareness training
- Number of directors trained
- Number of Municipality employees trained regarding BMPs

Schedule and Milestones

Milestone	Completion Deadline	Frequency	Permit Year(s)
Develop General Awareness Message	Year 1	--	1
Incorporate Message into Existing Environmental Programs	Year 1	--	1-5
Review and Utilize New Existing Materials	Year 1	--	1-5
Municipality' Employees Training & Materials	--	1/year	1-5

Milestone	Completion Deadline	Frequency	Permit Year(s)
Directors Training	--	1/year	1-5
General Storm Water Information on Website	Year 2	--	1-5
Develop and Distribute Contractors' Brochure	Year 3	--	3-5
Construction Information on Website	Year 3	--	3-5
Septic System Educational Program	Year 2	--	2-5
Volunteer Events (i.e. stream cleanups, roadway litter events)	--	1/year	1-5
School presentations	--	1/school/year	1-5
Community Group Presentations	--	4/year	1-5

9.2 Public Involvement and Participation

The Community in Communication with the Mayor Office and the Volunteer Group Development Program will be responsible for implementing the Public Involvement Minimum Control Measure.

Measurable Goals

- Number of public meetings conducted soliciting input on the SWMP
- Number of volunteers participating in the community river and creeks cleanups
- Number of storm water related incident reports received by the Community in Communication with the Mayor Program
- Timely availability of SWMP documents and annual reports to the public

Schedule and Milestones

Milestone	Completion Deadline	Frequency	Permit Year(s)
Solicit Public Input at Public Meetings	---	1/year	1-5
Volunteer Events (i.e. stream cleanups, roadway litter events)	---	1/year	1-5
SWMP Information on Website	Year 1	--	1-5
Incorporation of Storm Water Issues into Community in Communication with the Mayor	Year 1	--	1-5

9.3 Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination

The Recycling Department will implement and coordinate the BMPs for the Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination (IDDE) Minimum Control Measure.

Measurable Goals

- Approval of adequate legal authority (i.e. existing or new ordinance(s)) to prohibit illicit discharges
- Completion of storm sewer map
- Completion of dry weather inspections within priority areas of the MS4
- Number of trainings provided to Municipality staff
- Percentage (%) of detected or reported illicit discharges eliminated
- Number of septic system owners educated about proper maintenance
- Number of septic system pump outs performed by the Municipality

Schedule and Milestones

Milestone	Completion Deadline	Frequency	Permit Year(s)
Review of Existing Ordinance(s)	Year 1	--	1
Septic System Educational Program	Year 1	--	1-5
Septic System Pump Out Program	Year 1	--	1-5
Incorporation of Storm Water Issues into Community in Communication with the Mayor	Year 1	--	1-5
Development of New Ordinance	Year 2	--	1-2
Storm Sewer Mapping	Year 2	--	1-2
IDDE Information on Website	Year 2	--	1-5
Development of IDDE Plan	Year 3		1-3
Public Works IDDE Training & Materials	--	1/year	1-5
Development of ERP	Year 3	--	3
Completion of Priority Dry Weather Inspections	Year 5	--	4-5

9.4 Construction Site Storm Water Runoff

The Engineering Department will implement and coordinate the BMPs for the Construction Minimum Control Measure.

Measurable Goals

- Development of legal authority to implement the construction program
- Development of plan review SOP
- Development of inspection SOP
- Number of plan review staff trained
- Number of inspection staff trained
- Number of inspections conducted at each qualifying project

Schedule and Milestones

Milestone	Completion Deadline	Frequency	Permit Year(s)
Development of Ordinance	Year 1	--	1
Develop Inspection SOP	Year 2	--	1-2
Evaluate and Select Preferred BMPs	Year 2	--	1-2
Develop Plan Review SOP	Year 2	--	1-2
Develop ERP	Year 2	--	1-2
Conduct Staff Trainings	Year 3	1/year	3-5
Construction Information on Website	Year 3	--	3-5
Develop and Distribute Contractors' Brochure	Year 3	--	3-5
Conduct Plan Reviews & Inspections	Year 3	--	3-5

9.5 Post-Construction Storm Water Management in New Development and Redevelopment

The Engineering Department will implement and coordinate the BMPs for the Post-construction Minimum Control Measure.

Measurable Goals

- Development of legal authority to implement the post-construction program

- Development of plan review SOP
- Development of inspection SOP
- Number of plan review staff trained
- Number of inspection staff trained
- Number of post-construction BMP plans reviewed for adequacy
- Number of “as built” post-construction BMP inspections conducted
- Percent (%) of development projects with “as built” inspections performed prior to occupancy

Schedule and Milestones

Milestone	Completion Deadline	Frequency	Permit Year(s)
Development of Ordinance	Year 1	--	1
Develop Inspection SOP	Year 2	--	1-2
Evaluate and Select Preferred BMPs	Year 2	--	1-2
Develop Plan Review SOP	Year 2	--	1-2
Develop ERP	Year 2	--	1-2
Conduct Staff Trainings	Year 3	1/year	3-5
Introduce Post-Construction Information on Website	Year 3	--	3-5
Conduct Plan Reviews & Inspections	Year 3	--	3-5

9.6 Pollution Prevention/Good Housekeeping for Municipal Operations

The Public Works and Rincón Ornate Departments will implement and coordinate the BMPs for the Pollution Prevention/Good Housekeeping Minimum Control Measure.

Measurable Goals

- Number and percentage of facility inspections completed
- Number of SWPPPs completed
- Number and percentage of field staff trained in activity or facility-specific BMPs
- Activity SOPs completed to assist field staff in BMP implementation
- Number of street miles swept

Schedule and Milestones

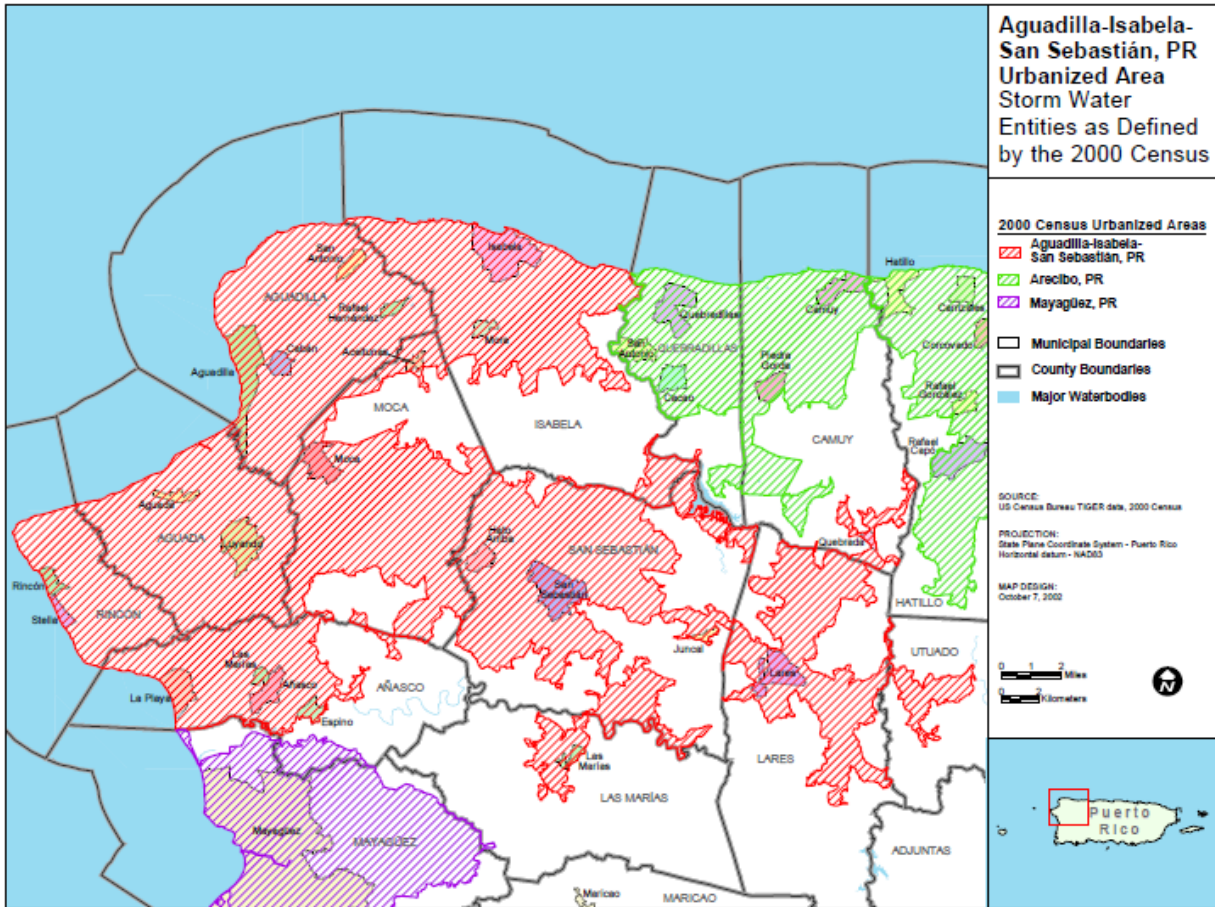
Milestone	Completion Deadline	Frequency	Permit Year(s)
Perform Initial Facility Inventory & Inspections	Year 1	--	1-2
Development of SWPPPs	Year 3	--	3
Train Public Works Field Staff	--	1/year	1-5
Implement Facility BMPs	Year 3	--	3-5
Inspect Facilities	--	1/year	3-5
Review Activities for Discharge Potential	Year 2	--	1-2
Develop Activity-Specific SOPs	Year 3	--	3
Implement Activity BMPs	Year 3	--	3-5
Clean Debris from MS4	--	1/month	1-5
Sweep Streets	--	Daily	1-5
Review Facility Prioritization	Year 5		5

ATTACHMENT A URBANIZED AREA MAPS

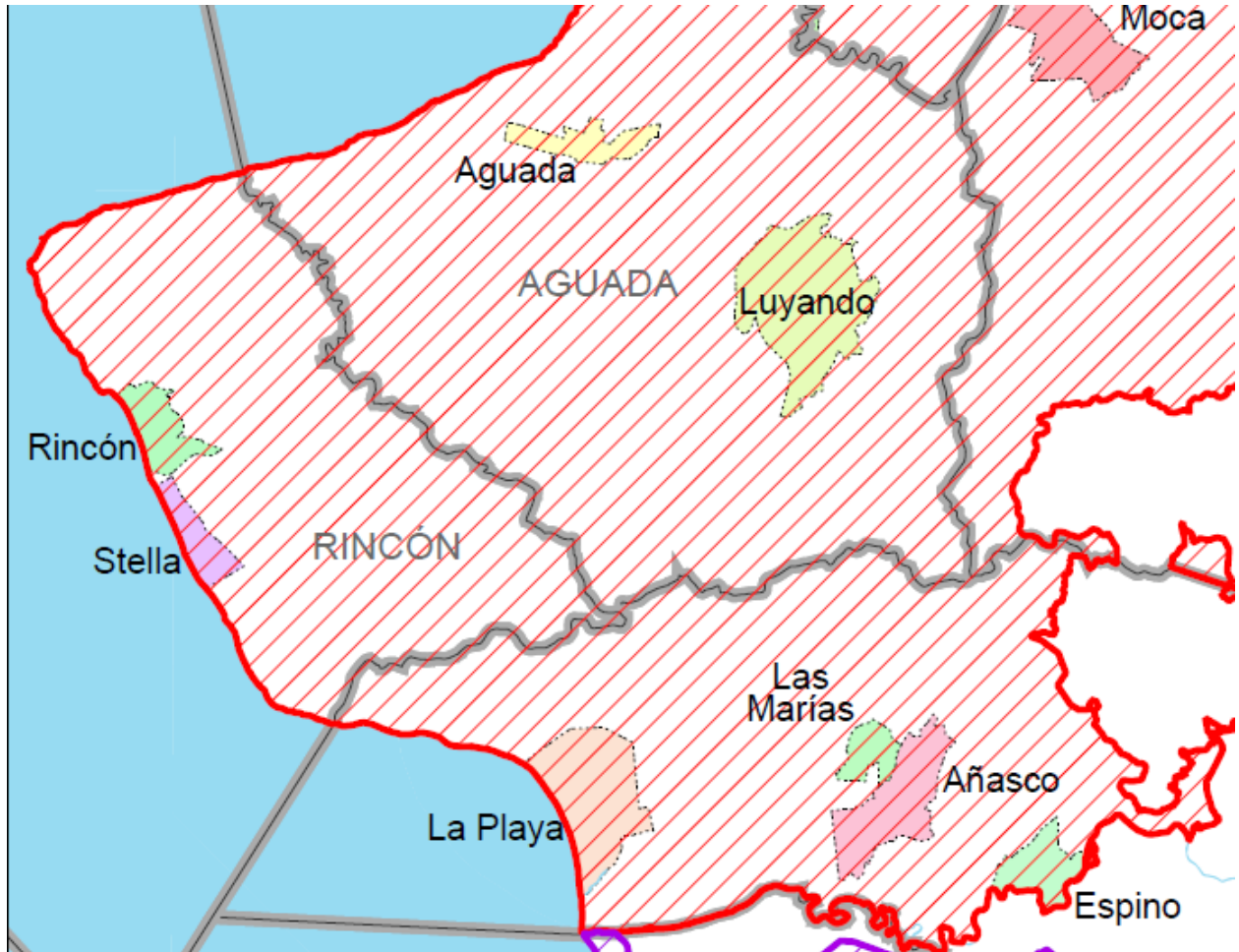
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ATTACHMENT B STORM WATER MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

ATTACHMENT C RINCÓN TOPOGRAPHIC MAP

