

**CITY OF SANTA MONICA'S
TREAT & RELEASE URBAN RUNOFF INTERPRETATION
As per the URBAN RUNOFF MITIGATION ORDINANCE
(7.10 SMMC)**

Treat & Release option for complying with the City's Urban Runoff Mitigation Ordinance is defined as follows:

- Divert, capture and detain the required mitigation volume or flow.
- Send above required mitigation volume or flow through a structural BMP or series of BMPs that incorporates separation-screening, filtering, absorbent, or combination of these physical treatment devices or systems to remove the maximum number of pollutants of concern practicable from the runoff before it leaves the parcel and enters the public storm drain system.
- Said devices shall have had extensive laboratory testing, have numerous U.S. installations, and preferably have independent testing and documentation on successful removal efficiencies.
- Catch basin, storm drain and downspout inserts are considered a *pre-treatment* BMP for Treat and Reuse, and even Treat and Release, but **NOT** an acceptable Treat and Release BMP solution.
- The City reserves the right to approve or disapprove an applicant's proposed BMP(s).