

10-1.40 EROSION CONTROL (HYDROSEED)

GENERAL

Summary

This work includes removing and disposing of weeds and applying erosion control materials including seed, fiber, commercial fertilizer, straw, and tackifier to erosion control (Hydroseed) areas shown on the plans.

Comply with Section 20-3, "Erosion Control," of the Standard Specifications.

If notified by the Engineer that an area is ready to receive erosion control materials, start erosion control

(Hydroseed) work within 5 business days of the Engineer's notification to perform the work.

The Engineer will designate the ground location of all erosion control (Hydroseed) areas in increments of one acre or smaller by directing the placing of stakes or other suitable markers. Furnish all tools, labor, materials, and transportation required to adequately indicate the various erosion control (Hydroseed) locations.

MATERIALS

Seed

Seed not required to be labeled under the California Food and Agricultural Code must be tested for purity and germination by a seed laboratory certified by the Association of Official Seed Analysts or by a seed technologist certified by the Society of Commercial Seed Technologists. Measure and mix individual seed species in the presence of the Engineer.

Seed must contain at most 1.0 percent total weed seed by weight.

Deliver seed to the job site in unopened separate containers with the seed tag attached. Containers without a seed tag attached are not accepted. The Engineer takes a sample of approximately one ounce or 0.25 cup of seed for each seed lot greater than 2 pounds.

Seed must comply with the following:

Seed		
Botanical Name (Common Name)	Percent Germination (Minimum)	Pounds Pure Live Seed Per Acre (Slope Measurement)
Lotus purshianus (Purshing Lotus) ¹	45	2.0
Lupinus bicolor (BiColor Lupine) ¹	45	2.0
Bromus carinatus (California Brome) ¹	45	10.0
Hordeum californicum (California Barley) ¹	45	10.0
Festuca rubra 'Molate' (Molate Fetuca) ¹	45	8.0
Festuca vulpia 'Microstachys' (Three Weeks Fescue) ¹	45	8.0
Eschscholzia californica (California Poppy) ¹	45	2.0
Achillea millefolium (White Yarrow) ¹	45	1.0
Clarkia elegans (Mountain Garland) ¹	45	1.0
	Total	44

Applicable when numbers below are shown after a Botanical Name/(Common Name) above:

¹Seed produced in California only.

Seed Sampling Supplies

At the time of seed sampling, provide the Engineer a glassine lined bag and custody seal tag for each seed lot sample.

Commercial Fertilizer

Must have a guaranteed chemical analysis within 10 percent of 16 percent nitrogen, 6 percent phosphoric acid and 8 percent water soluble potash.

Straw

Straw must be:

1. Wheat or Barley

Wheat and barley straw must be derived from irrigated crops.

Straw must be free of plastic, glass, metal, rocks, and refuse or other deleterious material.

Tackifier

Tackifier must be:

1. Guar (Plant Based)

Tackifier must comply with the following:

1. Nonflammable
2. Nontoxic to aquatic organisms
3. Free from growth or germination inhibiting factors
4. Either a plant-based product or a polymeric-emulsion blend

Tackifier classified as a plant based product must comply with the following:

1. A natural high molecular weight polysaccharide
2. A high viscosity hydrocolloid that is miscible in water
3. Functional for at least 180 days
4. Labeled as either guar, psyllium, or starch

Guar:

1. A guar gum based product derived from the ground endosperm of the guar plant, cyanmopsis tetragonolobus
2. Treated with dispersant agents for easy mixing
3. Able to be diluted at the rate of 1 to 5 pounds per 100 gallons of water

Fiber

Fiber must be:

1. A combination of Wood and Cellulose

Fiber must comply with the following:

1. Free from lead paint, printing ink, varnish, petroleum products, seed germination inhibitors, or chlorine bleach
2. Free from synthetic or plastic materials
3. At most 7 percent ash

Wood Fiber must comply with the following:

1. Long strand, whole wood fibers, thermo-mechanically processed from clean, whole wood chips
2. Not made from sawdust, cardboard, paper, or paper byproducts
3. At least 25 percent of fibers 3/8 inch long
4. At least 40 percent held on a No. 25 sieve

Cellulose Fiber must comply with the following:

1. Made from natural or recycled pulp fiber, such as wood chips, sawdust, newsprint, chipboard, corrugated cardboard, or a combination of these materials

Coloring Agent

Use a biodegradable, nontoxic coloring agent free from copper, mercury, and arsenic.

CONSTRUCTION

Site Preparation

Immediately prior to applying seed to erosion control (Hydroseed) areas, trash and debris and weeds must be removed.

Removed weeds must be disposed of in conformance with the provisions in Section 7-1.13, "Disposal of Material Outside the Highway Right of Way," of the Standard Specifications.

Application

Apply erosion control (Hydroseed) materials in separate applications in the following sequence:

1. Apply the following mixture with hydroseeding equipment at the rates indicated within 60 minutes after the seed has been added to the mixture:

Material	Pounds Per Acre (Slope Measurement)
Seed	44
Fiber	500
Commercial Fertilizer	900

2. Apply straw at the rate of 2 tons per acre based on slope measurements. Incorporation of straw will not be required. Distribute straw evenly without clumping or piling.
3. Apply the following mixture with hydro-seeding equipment at the corresponding rates:

Material	Pounds Per Acre (Slope Measurement)
Fiber	1500
Tackifier	128

The ratio of total water to total tackifier in the mixture must be as recommended by the manufacturer.

Seed may be dry applied at the total rate specified in the preceding table for small areas not accessible by the hydro-seeding equipment, when approved in writing by the Engineer. Dry applied seed must be incorporated into the soil a maximum depth of 1/4 inch by raking or dragging.

Hydraulic application of erosion control (Hydroseed) materials for rolled erosion control product (Netting) areas must be applied by hose, from the ground. Erosion control (Hydroseed) materials must be applied onto the slope face such that the materials are well integrated into the rolled erosion control product (Netting) and in contact with ground surface. Application must be perpendicular to the slope face such that rolled erosion control product (Netting) materials are not damaged or displaced. Once straw work is started in an area, complete tackifier applications in that area on the same working day.

The Engineer may change the rates of erosion control (Hydroseed) materials to meet field conditions.

For any area where erosion control (Hydroseed) materials are to be applied, the application of all erosion control (Hydroseed) materials to be applied to that area must be completed within 72 hours from when the first materials were applied.

MEASUREMENT AND PAYMENT

Erosion control (Hydroseed) will be measured by the square foot or by the acre, whichever is designated in the Engineer's Estimate. The area will be calculated on the basis of actual or computed slope measurements.

The contract price paid per square foot or acre for erosion control (Hydroseed) includes full compensation for furnishing all labor, materials, tools, equipment, and incidentals, and for doing all the work involved in erosion control (Hydroseed) complete in place, as shown on the plans, as specified in the Standard Specifications and these special provisions, and as directed by the Engineer.