



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Submitted on:
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Department Name: PW/LCSD
Department No.: 054
Agenda Date: July 15, 2025
Placement: Administrative Agenda
Estimated Time:
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Directors, Laguna County Sanitation District
FROM: Department Director(s): Chris Sneddon, P.E., PW Director
Contact Info: Martin Wilder, P.E., LCSD Manager
SUBJECT: **Laguna County Sanitation District, Sewer Collection System Management Plan;
Fourth and Fifth Supervisorial Districts**

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence:

As to form: N/A

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: N/A

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors, acting as the Board of Directors of Laguna County Sanitation District:

- a) Approve the Laguna County Sanitation District Sewer System Management Plan, dated 2025, and certify that the plan and program are in compliance with State Water Resources Control Board Order No. 2022-0103-DWQ Statewide General Waste Discharge Requirements for Sanitary Sewer Systems; and
- b) Determine that the above-recommended action is not a project that is subject to environmental review under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), pursuant to CEQA Guidelines section 15378(b)(5), finding that the action consists of an administrative activity of government that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment.

Summary Text:

This item is on the agenda to approve the Laguna County Sanitation District Sewer System Management Plan (SSMP) and certify that the plan and implementation program are in compliance

with State Water Resources Control Board Order No. 2022-0103-DWQ Statewide General Waste Discharge Requirements for Sanitary Sewer Systems. The SSMP is a requirement of the General Order and is intended to prevent sanitary sewer overflows and protect the environment. The Laguna County Sanitation District sewer system provides wastewater collection for the Orcutt and unincorporated Santa Maria area and is comprised of approximately 131 miles of sewer lines for which the SSMP establishes measures to properly operate, maintain, repair and replace in order to keep the system in good working order.

Discussion:

The Laguna County Sanitation District is proposing to approve and certify a Sewer System Management Plan. The plan is in compliance with the State Water Resources Control Board and is intended to prevent sanitary sewer overflows.

Background:

The State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) adopted Statewide General Waste Discharge Requirements for Sanitary Sewer Systems (Order 2022-0103-DWQ) on December 6, 2022 in an effort to address sewer system overflows (SSO) statewide. This Order replaces the original Order (Order 2006-0003) adopted May 2, 2006. Enrollment in the new Order is required by anyone operating a sewer system greater than one mile in length. It also requires that an enrollee's governing board adopt a system specific Sewer System Management Plan (SSMP) that addresses operational and maintenance activities to prevent SSOs. The new Order has updated requirements for a SSMP, and therefore, the proposed SSMP for this Board action replaces the District's existing SSMP. The specific content of the SSMP addresses goals; agency organization; legal authority; a system specific operation and management program; design and performance provisions (development standards); a spill emergency response plan; a sewer pipe blockage control program; a system evaluation and capacity assurance and capital improvements plan; monitoring, measurement, and program specifications; internal audits; and communication. The General Order also requires that the SSMP be evaluated and recertified when there are major changes or approximately every 6 years by the agency's governing body. Prior plans were certified November 6, 2007, August 20, 2013, October 3, 2017, and October 11, 2022. This action complies with the SWRCB requirements and as an administrative activity necessary to comply with the SWRCB requirements it is not a project subject to CEQA pursuant to CEQA guidelines Section 15378(b)(5).

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

There are no fiscal impacts associated with this action.

Special Instructions:

It is requested that the Clerk of the Board:

- A. Forward a certified minute order and one fully executed agreement to Kevin Thompson and Cori Munguia at the Laguna County Sanitation District administrative office in the North County Public Works Department building at 620 West Foster Road, Santa Maria, CA 93455, or by email at kethomp@countyofsb.org and cmunguia@countyofsb.org.

Attachments:

Attachment A – Sewer System Management Plan

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