# Laguna County Sanitation District Ordinance Updates

County Code Chapters 24A and 29
Related to Enforcement of Violations for
Illicit Discharges to the Sewer System

# Control of Sewage Discharges

- Regulatory climate
  - *Statewide General Permit Order for Sanitary Sewers,* adopted by SWRCB in 2006.
    - Intended to reduce sewer overflows.
    - Requires Sewer System Management Plan.
    - Requires the agency be able to enforce violations of its sewer ordinances.
  - Federal, state and local laws prohibit discharges of certain wastes to the sewer system.
    - Toxic, pH, temperature, heavy loads or concentrations, solid waste, etc..

# Current Local Regulation

- County Code Chapter 29, Article III (Discharge to Laguna County Sanitation District Treatment System).
  - Was amended in 2013 by Ordinance 4867 to comply with the State Permit for control of fats, oils and grease (FOG).
  - Already contains industrial discharge criteria
  - But, does not have adequate mechanisms for enforcement of violations.
    - Requires issuance of a citation by Sheriff's Department
    - Not consistent with County Code Chapter 24A (Administrative Fines).

# Proposed Changes

- Add Laguna County Sanitation District to County Code Chapter 24A for administrative fines and appeals.

- No longer requires issuance of Sheriff's citation.

- Amend Chapter 29, Article III to include existing state codes (Health and Safety Code, Government Code, Water Code and Fish and Game Code) regarding penalties.

# Enforcement Process

- Issue notice of violation (administrative complaint) stating problem, legal authority, potential penalty.

- Allow period to comply.

- Conduct hearing to consider imposition appropriate civil penalty.

- Assess penalty.  May impose lien or collect on tax roll.

# Recommendations

- Staff recommends updating the County Code to more appropriately comply with Provision 13(iii) – Legal Authority, per the *State Water Resources Control Board Order No. 2006-0003, Statewide General Waste Discharge Requirements for Sanitary Sewer Systems.*

# Thank You

- Questions