



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
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**Department Name:** Public Works  
**Department No.:** 054  
**For Agenda of:** 4/5/2016  
**Placement:** Administrative  
**Estimated Tme:**  
**Continued Item:** No  
**If Yes, date from:**  
**Vote Required:** Majority

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** Department Scott D. McGolpin, P.E., Director, x3010  
Director(s)

Contact Info: Mark Schleich, P.E., Deputy Director, x3605

**SUBJECT:** Sewer System Management Plan Update - First Supervisorial District

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**County Counsel Concurrence**

As to form: N/A

Other Concurrence: N/A

As to form: N/A

**Auditor-Controller Concurrence**

As to form: N/A

**Recommended Actions:**

Approve the updated County Service Area 12 (Mission Canyon Sewer District) Sewer System Management Plan as required by the State Water Resources Control Board *Statewide General Waste Discharge Requirements for Sanitary Sewer Systems* (Order 2006-0003).

**Summary Text:**

The State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) adopted *Statewide General Waste Discharge Requirements for Sanitary Sewer Systems* (Order 2006-0003) on May 2, 2006 in an effort to address sewer system overflows (SSOs). Enrollment in the Order is required by anyone operating a sewer system greater than one mile in length. It also requires that an enrollee's governing board (Board of Supervisors) adopt a Sewer System Management Plan (SSMP) that addresses operational and maintenance activities to prevent SSOs. Staff requests your Board's approval of the plan.

**Background:**

County Service Area 12 (Mission Canyon Sewer District) was created in 1984 to construct a sewer system to convey wastewater from failing septic systems in the Mission Canyon area. Wastewater is conveyed to the City of Santa Barbara collection system and wastewater treatment plant. Overflows can result from blockages due to debris, grease, roots; capacity limitations; infiltration; and illicit discharges.

Agencies operating a sewer system have historically employed certain practices to prevent to the extent possible, overflows and their potential impact to the environment. These practices included response to overflows, periodic flushing of the sewer pipe lines, outreach regarding illegal discharges to the sewer system, pipe repairs, and spot investigations of pipeline integrity.

Initial regulation of the CSA 12 sewer system was pursuant to Waste Discharge Requirements Order R3-2004-0123 issued by the Regional Water Quality Control Board, which was superseded by the Statewide General Waste Discharge Requirements for Sanitary Sewer Systems General Order 2006-0003 issued by the State Water Resources Control Board. These Orders implemented a more formal approach, provided for consistency statewide, and incorporated an online reporting system.

Further, the current Order requires that each owner of a sewage collection system prepare and adopt a SSMP specific to their system. The plan addresses the agency's goals; organizational structure; legal authority; existing or proposed operations and maintenance program; design and performance provisions; an emergency response plan; a fats, oil, and grease program; a system evaluation and capacity analysis; performance measurement; plan audits; and a notification process. The plan and its updates must be approved by the agency's governing body. The update to the SSMP results from the execution of a new joint powers agreement (JPA) between the County of Santa Barbara and the City of Santa Barbara. The City originally provided certain maintenance activities to portions of the CSA 12 sewer system and was compensated by the County. In addition, the County acted as a pass through for the collection of City sewer charges. Under the new JPA, the County provides for all operational and maintenance activities and only collects sewer charges to cover its costs. City sewer costs are now directly billed by the City. This action adopts the updated plan.

**Performance Measure:**

This action readopts a formal sewer system management plan intended to meet state regulations for the proper operation of the CSA 12 sewer system. Certain aspects of operating the sewer system are tracked as performance measures. These include service calls, miles of sewer system cleaned, miles of video inspection, repair/replacement activities, and pretreatment inspections if required.

**Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

Budgeted: Yes

**Fiscal Analysis:**

There is no cost associated with this action. Costs to implement operational, maintenance, repair and replacement activities associated with the sewer system are already included in the CSA 12.

**Special Instructions:**

Forward a certified minute order of this action to the Public Works Department, attention Martin Wilder, at 620 West Foster Road in Santa Maria.

**Attachments:**

Attachment A: Sewer System Management Plan

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Public Works Department

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