

REPORT TO COUNCIL

City of Sacramento

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Consent
April 21, 2009

Honorable Mayor and
Members of the City Council

Title: Certification of a Sewer System Management Plan

Location/Council District: Citywide

Recommendation: Adopt a **Resolution** certifying compliance of the City Sewer System Management Plan with the State Waste Discharge Requirements for the City separated sewer collection system.

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Presenters: N/A

Department: Department of Utilities (DOU)

Division: Engineering Services

Organization No: 14000

Description/Analysis

Issue: As required by the State, the City has coverage under the recently adopted Statewide General Waste Discharge Requirements (WDR) for all publicly owned sanitary sewer collection systems. The City is required by the State to develop and implement a Sewer System Management Plan (SSMP) to eliminate sewer overflows from the separated sewer system owned by the City (see Attachment 2). The City is also required to certify at a public meeting compliance of the SSMP with the State WDR. Adoption of the attached resolution satisfies this certification requirement.

Policy Considerations: Compliance with the WDR, specifically, the requirement to eliminate sanitary sewer overflows, is consistent with the City Council focus areas of public safety, economic development, and sustainability and livability.

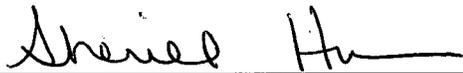
Environmental Considerations: This report concerns administrative activities that will not have any significant effect on the environment and that do not constitute a "project" as defined by the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)[CEQA Guideline Sections 15061(b)(3); 15378(b)(2)].

Rationale for Recommendation: With the adoption of the resolution, the City

will comply with the State WDR for the City separated sewer collection system.

Financial Considerations: Oversight of SSMP implementation will be completed with existing resources; however, assessments to be completed with the SSMP may require the City spend additional resources in future years for capital improvements or additional operations and maintenance activities to reduce or eliminate sewer overflows.

Emerging Small Business Development (ESBD): none

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ACM/Director of Utilities

Recommendation Approved:


for Ray Kerridge
City Manager

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Attachment 1

Background

On May 2, 2006 the California State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) adopted Statewide General Waste Discharge Requirements (WDR) Order No. 2006-0003 for all publicly owned sanitary sewer collection systems. The purpose of the WDR is to prevent Sewer System Overflows (SSOs). A SSO is any overflow or spill of sewage that has backed up into buildings or private property, or that has entered a waterway, or a spill that has entered the public right-of-way.

The City applied for coverage under the WDR on November 2, 2006 for the separated sewer collection system from the separated system owned by the City (see Attachment 2). The City is required to prevent SSOs from the separated system, develop and implement a Sewer System Management Plan (SSMP) to eliminate SSOs, and comply with SSO reporting requirements. The City Council is also required to certify at a public meeting that the City's SSMP complies with the requirements set forth in the WDR.

The purpose of the City SSMP is to provide a plan and schedule to properly manage, operate, and maintain all parts of the sanitary sewer system, and to reduce and prevent SSOs, as well as mitigate any SSOs that do occur. The SSMP is required to include specific plan components including goals, legal authority, operations and maintenance activities, design standards, emergency response plans, grease blockage best management practices, capacity studies, audits and capital improvement funding.

The WDR specify the due dates for completion of the SSMP document. The final SSMP must be certified as complying with State WDR by May 2, 2009. The 2008-2009 SSMP attached to this report in electronic format and presented for Council consideration complies with the requirements set forth in the State WDR.

RESOLUTION NO.

Adopted by the Sacramento City Council

CERTIFICATION OF THE 2008-2009 SEWER SYSTEM MANAGEMENT PLAN

BACKGROUND

- A. On May 2, 2006 the California State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) adopted Statewide General Waste Discharge Requirements (WDR) Order No. 2006-0003 for all publicly owned sanitary sewer collection systems.
- B. The City applied for coverage under the WDR on November 2, 2006 for the City's separated sewer collection system.
- C. The City is required to prevent sanitary sewer overflows (SSOs), develop a Sewer System Management Plan (SSMP) to eliminate SSOs, and comply with reporting requirements. In addition, the City Council is required to certify at a public meeting compliance of the SSMP with the State WDR.

BASED ON THE FACTS SET FORTH IN THE BACKGROUND, THE CITY COUNCIL RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

- Section 1. The City's 2008-2009 Sewer System Management Plan complies with the State WDR and is approved and adopted.

