



COUNTY OF SAN MATEO
Inter-Departmental Correspondence

Department of Public Works

DATE: August 12, 2009
BOARD MEETING DATE: August 25, 2009
SPECIAL NOTICE/HEARING: None
VOTE REQUIRED: Majority

TO: Honorable Board of Supervisors
FROM: James C. Porter, Director of Public Works
SUBJECT: Adoption of the Sewer System Management Plan for the Ten County Sewer Maintenance and Sanitation Districts Governed by the Board of Supervisors

RECOMMENDATION:

Acting as the governing board of each of the ten County Sewer Maintenance and Sanitation Districts, adopt a resolution:

1. Approving the Sewer System Management Plan prepared in accordance with the California State Water Resources Control Board Statewide General Waste Discharge Requirements for Sanitary Sewer Systems; and
2. Directing the Director of Public Works to implement and periodically update the Sewer System Management Plan as necessary to comply with current regulatory requirements and best practices.

BACKGROUND:

On May 2, 2006, the California State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) adopted the Statewide General Waste Discharge Requirements (GWDR) for Sanitary Sewer Systems Order No. 2006-0003 (Order) to provide a consistent, statewide regulatory approach to address sanitary sewer overflows (SSOs). All public agencies that own or operate sanitary sewer systems greater than one mile in length that collect and/or convey wastewater to publicly owned treatment facilities are required to comply with the Order.

The Order requires that these public agencies report all SSOs in the State Water Board's online SSO database and seek approval from their governing board for the development of a Sewer System Management Plan (SSMP) and the final SSMP at a public meeting.

The SSMP documents an agency's existing or proposed programs to properly operate and maintain its sanitary sewer system.

The ten County Sewer Maintenance and Sanitation Districts (Districts) governed by your Board provide sanitary sewage collection, transport, treatment and disposal services to approximately 12,000 residences, businesses, schools, and institutions in ten (10) areas of San Mateo County with an estimated total population of 60,000 based on the Year 2000 Census. The SSMP elements, required completion dates, and Districts' completion certification dates are listed in Exhibit "A".

DISCUSSION:

Your Board adopted Resolution No. 069070 on October 16, 2007, approving the development of a SSMP and schedule for the Districts.

Staff has completed all of the eleven (11) elements in the SSMP (Exhibit "B") in accordance with the GWDR timeline set by the State Water Board based upon the population of the community and the SSMP must be approved by the governing Board in accordance with the GWDR.

County Counsel has reviewed and approved the Resolution as to form.

Approval of the SSMP contributes to the Shared Vision 2025 outcome of a Healthy Community by providing a plan to manage the Districts effectively to minimize sanitary sewer overflows, which may pollute surface or ground water, threaten public health, and impair the recreational use of surface waters.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The cost of implementing the SSMP will be charged to each district proportionately based on the number of equivalent residential units per district. The State Water Board also requires that an annual fee be paid for enrollment in the mandatory online reporting program. Costs for complying with the SSO reporting requirement will be allocated to the specific District that experienced an SSO.

There is no impact to the General Fund.

Exhibit "A": Sewer System Management Plan (SSMP) Time Schedule

Exhibit "B": Summary of the Eleven Sewer System Management Plan (SSMP) Requirements and Sewer System Management Plan