



CITY OF SANTA BARBARA

COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

AGENDA DATE: June 25, 2013

TO: Mayor and Councilmembers

FROM: Water Resources Division, Public Works Department

SUBJECT: Approval For Sewer System Management Plan

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council approve the updated Sewer System Management Plan and authorize the Public Works Director, as the City's authorized representative, to file a Notice of Completion with the State Water Resources Control Board.

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION:

On May 2, 2006, the State Water Resources Control Board adopted Statewide General Waste Discharge Requirements (Waste Discharge Requirements) for publicly owned sanitary sewer systems. The GWDR required the development and implementation of a system-specific Sewer System Management Plan (SSMP) which includes documentation that describes ongoing programmatic activities for sewer system operation, maintenance and repair. The City initially developed and received Council certification for its SSMP documentation in 2008. According to Waste Discharge Requirements, the SSMP documentation must be updated and re-certified by Council every five years.

Using consultant contract support through the years 2011 and 2012, the City produced necessary updates for its SSMP documentation. These updates included development of the following Work Plans:

- Fats, Oils and Grease Program Plan;
- Sanitary Sewer Overflow (SSO) Response Improvement Plan;
- Lift Station SSO Response Plan;
- Cleaning and Inspection Plan;
- Closed Circuit Television, Rehabilitation, and Replacement Plan;
- Wastewater Master Plan;
- Lift Station Maintenance, Inspection, and Condition Assessment Plan;
- Information Technology Governance Plan;
- Flow Monitoring Plan; and
- Exfiltration Abatement Program Plan.

The SSMP itself provides an overview of how the City conducts its wastewater management activities for successful, ongoing Waste Discharge Requirements compliance. The abovementioned work plans are comprised of over 800 written pages that serve as appendices for this updated SSMP document. The investment made in developing important new business strategies and activities associated with this updated SSMP documentation will serve the City well in future years.

The Board of Water Commissioners reviewed the updated SSMP documentation at its meeting on June 10, 2013, and voted 3/0/0 to concur with staff's recommendation.

BUDGET/FINANCIAL IMPACT:

Funding for the projects and programs documented in the SSMP is included in the appropriate Wastewater Fund capital and operating budgets.

SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT:

The proactive maintenance and repair of the collection system reduces the potential for sanitary sewer system overflows.

The updated SSMP and Appendices are available for review by the City Council in the Council Reading File and by the public in the City Clerk's Office.

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