



# CITY OF SANTA BARBARA

## COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

**AGENDA DATE:** October 23, 2007

**TO:** Mayor and Councilmembers

**FROM:** Water Resources, Public Works Department

**SUBJECT:** Approval Of Schedule For Development Of The Sewer System Management Plan

### RECOMMENDATION:

That Council approve the schedule for development of the City's Sewer System Management Plan (SSMP).

### DISCUSSION:

On May 2, 2006, the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) issued General Waste Discharge Requirements (GWDR) to all publicly owned collection systems with one or more miles of collection system pipelines. The GWDR seeks to reduce spills from collection systems by requiring local agencies to develop robust programs to operate, maintain, and replace the collection system infrastructure. A key provision of the GWDR is the development of a Sewer System Management Plan that details the manner in which a collection system will be maintained.

Many agencies have had to significantly increase their budget and operations in order to implement a collection system maintenance program. The City has had a progressive collection system maintenance program for many years. As a result, development and implementation of the formalized SSMP will not result in significant changes to work practices or budget.

The GWDR sets forth a schedule for SSMP development and specifies that the governing board for each collection system agency must approve both the schedule for development of the SSMP, as well as the final SSMP. The City's collection system management practices have been documented in a draft SSMP. Staff will provide public notice of the availability of this document on the City's web site. Staff will consider public input in finalization of the SSMP and return to Council by no later than

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REVIEWED BY: \_\_\_\_\_Finance \_\_\_\_\_Attorney

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August 1, 2008 with a final document for approval. The SWRCB deadline for completion and approval of the SSMP is August 1, 2009.

**BUDGET/FINANCIAL IMPACT**

It is not anticipated that the development of adoption of the SSMP will have significant budgetary impacts as the wastewater fund already supports a robust program of maintenance and capital replacement.

**SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT**

The pro-active maintenance and repair of the collection system prevents spills from the wastewater collection system, thereby reducing opportunities for contamination of local creeks and the ocean.

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