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Staff Report for a City of San Leandro City Council Resolution Approving the Updated City of San Leandro Sewer System Management Plan

SUMMARY AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Staff recommends City Council approval of the updated Sewer System Management Plan (SSMP) as required for compliance with the Statewide General Waste Discharge Requirements Order No. 2006-0003-DWQ.

BACKGROUND

On May 2, 2006, the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) adopted Order No. 2006-0003 Statewide General Waste Discharge Requirement for Sanitary Sewer Systems (Statewide WDR). The Statewide WDR requires public agencies that own or operate sanitary sewer systems with more than one mile of pipe to develop and implement a Sewer System Management Plan (SSMP). The WDR also defines the requirements for reporting sanitary sewer overflows (SSO). On July 26, 2013, the SWRCB authorized Order No. WQ2013-0058-EXEC, Amending Monitoring and Reporting Program for Statewide General Waste Discharge for Sanitary Sewer System (Amended MRP); the Amended MRP became effective on September 9, 2013.

The SSMP defines tasks, tools, and strategies in use by City staff to properly manage and maintain the sanitary sewer system, with the primary purpose of reducing the number of sanitary sewer overflows.

The SSMP must include the following eleven elements and must be approved in a public meeting.

- I. Goals
- II. Organization

- III. Legal Authority
- IV. Operations and Maintenance Program
- V. Design and Performance Provisions
- VI. Overflow Emergency Response Plan
- VII. Fats, Oil and Grease Control Program
- VIII. System Evaluation and Capacity Assurance Plan
- IX. Monitoring, Measurement, and Program Modifications
- X. SSMP Program Audits
- XI. Communication Program

The SSMP requires local public sewer collection system agencies to self-audit at least every two (2) years and update every five (5) years. The updated SSMP must be approved by the City Council at a regular meeting.

Analysis

The SWRCB requires the City, as a collection system agency, to adopt and maintain an SSMP. The agency's governing body, in this case the City Council, must re-approve the agency's SSMP every five years. The most recent update was in January 2017, and staff performed an audit of the plan in 2019. Staff reviewed the SSMP in December 2021 and updated it with current information. Changes made to the plan are documented in Section 12, Record Keeping Requirements.

The SSMP also includes a standalone Overflow Emergency Response Plan (OERP), originally created in 2015. This plan provides procedures for staff to follow in response to a sewer overflow, such as public notification and reporting requirements. Staff have reviewed the OERP and verified it is still accurate, updating contact information as appropriate.

Previous Actions

- Resolution No. 2017-008, the City Council approved the updated SSMP on January 17, 2017
- Resolution No. 2009-115, the City Council approved the SSMP on July 20, 2009
- Resolution No. 2007-150, the City Council approved the development plan and schedule for the SSMP on December 17, 2007

Fiscal Impacts

Approval of the updated SSMP has no fiscal impact.

Attachment(s) to Related Legislative Files

- Attached to Resolution:
 - City of San Leandro Sewer System Management Plan Volume 1, Updated December 2021

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