



# CITY OF CHULA VISTA

## Spill Emergency Response Plan (SERP)

Waste Discharge Identification (WDID):  
9SSO10646

As Required By  
The California State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) for Sanitary Sewer Systems:  
Order No. 2022-0103-DWQ: Statewide General Waste Discharge Requirements  
The San Diego Regional Water Quality Control Board (SD RWQCB):  
Order No. R9-2007-0005: WDR for Sewage Collection Agencies in the San Diego Region

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## **PURPOSE**

The City of Chula Vista owns and operates a diverse collection system that consists of pump stations, gravity flow sewer mains and force mains. The City is currently Enrolled with the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) as Waste Discharge Identification or WDID No. 9SSO10646. The City's facilities are well maintained and normally should not result in any sewage overflows or spills. However, the possibility exists for unforeseen accidents, equipment failures or other events that could result in sewer overflow or spills. This Sewer Emergency Response Plan (SERP), when enacted in response to a sewer overflow or spill will reduce or eliminate public health hazards, the environment, prevent unnecessary property damage and minimize service interruption.

The SERP is a requirement per SWRCB Order Number 2022-0103-DWQ Statewide General Waste Discharge Requirements (WDR) for Sanitary Sewer Systems or SSS (Appendix 1 these documents constitute the "SSS WDR". The San Diego Regional Water Quality Control Board (SD RWQCB) issued additional WDR in Order No. R9-2007-0005 (Appendix 2) and is assumed to be applicable as the requirements are not less stringent than the SSS WDR. Order R9-2007-0005 is addressed in this SERP. The SERP stand alone document meets the requirements of Element 6 of the SSS WDR Sewer System Management Plan requirement.

## **GENERAL**

Normal and routine maintenance of the collection system allows the system to operate at its maximum design capacity. However, there may be times when a sanitary sewer overflow (SSO) occurs. The SERP will help facilitate a timely and technically correct response to minimize impacts to property owners, property damage and to the environment. This document applies to all SSO's regardless of size or level of containment and whether the identified spill was public or private.

## **INITIAL CONTACT**

In order for a Public Works Supervisor to accurately assess the level of response, the potential liability claims for property damage,

and to accurately report an SSO to regulatory agencies, the following reporting contacts shall apply:

**DURING NORMAL WORKING HOURS**

CONTACT PUBLIC WORKS OPERATIONS DISPATCH AT (619) 397-6000

Monday - Thursday, 6:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Fridays, 6:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

(Closed every other Friday)

**AFTER NORMAL WORKING HOURS, WEEKENDS, HOLIDAYS OR FLEXDAYS**

CONTACT THE CHULA VISTA POLICE DEPARTMENT EMERGENCY DISPATCH AT

(619) 397-5151. Police dispatch will contact the Wastewater Standby Supervisor on duty. Contact information for Wastewater Supervisors is listed below and Other Contacts in the event a Wastewater Standby Supervisor cannot be reached.

**CONTINUOUS STAFFING WITH STANDBY**

Staff is available 24 hours a day every day of the year. Outside of normal working hours standby staff is available **which includes at least one Public Works Supervisor at any time**. Standby duty is defined as that period of time assigned by the Appointing Authority in addition to the employee's normal work week during which time the employee must be available by City provided cell phone or pager to respond to an SSO and other sewer system related emergencies.

**PRIMARY RESPONDER - PUBLIC WORKS SUPERVISORS -WASTEWATER SECTION**

The Public Works (PW) Supervisors for the Wastewater Section are the City's primary SSO Responders. They receive the initial contact from Public Works Dispatch or the After-Hours Police Department Emergency Dispatch. They are responsible for coordinating the City's Response Procedures outlined later in this SERP. Each of the PW Supervisors for the Wastewater Section has been authorized by the Director of the Public Works Department or a principal executive officer and the City's Legally Responsible Officer (LRO), as authorized LRO's. In the unusual event that a PW Supervisor cannot be reached Other Contacts are provided below. All City LRO's and contact information is provided in Appendix 3 along with a City organization chart as it related to Wastewater.

MIKE CAPONE (LRO)  
OFFICE (619) 397-6009  
MOBILE (619) 781-6444

NELSON RIVERA (LRO)  
OFFICE (619) 397-6039  
MOBILE (619) 921-9602

JOSEPH BURGOS (LRO)  
OFFICE (619) 397-6031

MOBILE (619) 921-7011

JESSE GOMEZ (LRO)  
OFFICE (619) 397-6080  
MOBILE (619) 889-5205

HECTOR MENDOZA-FLORES (LRO)  
OFFICE (619) 397-6026  
MOBILE (619) 823-3191

OTHER CONTACTS

MARK SANCHEZ (LRO), PW MANAGER WASTEWATER/STORMWATER  
OFFICE (619) 397-6025  
MOBILE (619) 616-1455

KALANI CAMACHO, PW SUPERINTENDENT  
OFFICE (619) 397-6113  
MOBILE (619) 921-2922

ANGELICA AGUILAR, PW ASSISTANT DIRECTOR  
OFFICE (619) 397-6088  
MOBILE (619) 851-3264

MATT LITTLE (LRO\*), PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR  
OFFICE (619) 397-6066  
MOBILE (619) 520-8019

\* The Director of the Public Works Department is a principal executive officer and the City's LRO.

REGULATORY NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

Spill Categories are in Table 1 and Regulatory notification requirements are listed in Table 2 with reporting and record keeping of spills in Table 3.

Per the State General Order Number 2022-0103-WDR, a spill is defined as a discharge of sewage from any portion of the sanitary sewer system due to a sanitary sewer system overflow, operational failure, and/or infrastructure failure. Exfiltration of sewage is not considered to be a spill, if the exfiltrated sewage remains in the subsurface and does not reach a surface water of the State. Section 5.13.1 of the General Order defines the different spill categories as listed below. **Table 1. SPILL CATEGORIES**

<b>Categories</b>	<b>Definitions (see Attachment A of Order 2022-0103-DWR for definitions)</b>
<b>Category 1</b>	<p>A Category 1 spill is a spill of any volume of sewage from or caused by a sanitary sewer system regulated under this General Order that results in a discharge to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o A surface water, including a surface water body that contains no flow or volume of water; or</li> <li>o A drainage conveyance system that discharges to surface waters when the sewage is not fully captured and returned to the sanitary sewer system or disposed of properly.</li> </ul> <p>Any spill volume not recovered from a drainage conveyance system is considered a discharge to surface water unless the drainage conveyance system discharges to a dedicated stormwater infiltration basin or facility.</p> <p>A spill from an Enrollee-owned and/or operated lateral that discharges to a surface water.</p>
<b>Category 2</b>	<p>A Category 2 spill is a spill of 1,000 gallons or greater, from or caused by a sanitary sewer system regulated under this General Order that does not discharge to a surface water.</p> <p>A spill of 1000 gallons or greater that spills out of a lateral and is caused by a failure or blockage in the sanitary sewer system.</p>
<b>Category 3</b>	<p>A Category 3 spill is a spill of equal to or greater than 50 gallons and less than 1,000 gallons, from or caused by a sanitary sewer system regulated under this General Order that does not discharge to a surface water.</p> <p>A spill of equal to or greater than 50 gallons and less than 1000 gallons, that spills out of a lateral and is caused by a failure or blockage in the sanitary sewer system.</p>
<b>Category 4</b>	<p>A Category 4 spill is a spill of less than 50 gallons, from or caused by a sanitary sewer system regulated under this General Order that does not discharge to a Surface water.</p> <p>A spill of less than 50 gallons that spills out of a lateral and is caused by a failure or blockage in the sanitary sewer system.</p>
<b>Private</b>	<p>A Private Spill is a spill of a sanitary sewer system due to a Private Sewer Lateral or Private Sanitary Sewer System overflow, operational failure, and/or infrastructure. As defined by General Order Number 2022-0103-WDR, a Private Sewer Lateral is the privately-owned lateral that transports sewage from private property(ies) into a sanitary sewer system. A Private Sanitary Sewer System is a sanitary sewer system of any size that is owned and/or operated by a private individual, company, corporation, or organization. A private sanitary sewer system may or may not connect into a publicly owned sanitary sewer system.</p>

**Table 2. REGULATORY NOTIFICATION AND WATER QUALITY MONITORING FOR SPILLS**

ELEMENT	REQUIREMENT	METHOD
<p><b>NOTIFICATION</b> (see Section 1 of Attachment E1)</p> <p>(see section C.3 of R9-2007-0005 WDQ)</p>	<p>Within <b>2 hours</b> of becoming aware of any Category 1 SSO greater than or equal to 1,000 gallons or Category 2 greater than or equal to 1000 gallons threatening to discharge to waters of the State, notify the California Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) and obtain a notification control number.</p> <p>Following initial notification and until a spill report is certified in CIWQS, provide updates to Cal OES regarding substantial changes to spill volume, discharge volume into waters of the State or drainage conveyance and impacts to the receiving waters and beneficial uses.</p> <hr/> <p>Notify the Regional Board by phone, email, or fax within <b>24 hours</b> after the Sewage Collection Agency becomes aware of the Private Spill of 1,000 gallons or more; the Private Spill results in discharge to a drainage channel and/or surface water; and/or discharge to a storm drainpipe that was not fully captured and returned to the sanitary sewer system, and notification is possible, and notification can be provided without substantially impeding cleanup or other emergency measures.</p>	<p>Call Cal OES at 800-852-7550</p> <p>SD Regional Board Phone: 619-516-1990 Fax: 619-516-1994 Email: spillreportRX@waterboards.ca.gov</p>
<p><b>WATER QUALITY MONITORING</b> (see Section 2 of Attachment E1)</p>	<p>Conduct water quality sampling within <b>18 hours</b> after initial knowledge of spill of 50,000 gallons or greater to surface waters.</p>	<p>Water quality results are required to be uploaded into CIWQS for Category 1 SSOs in which 50,000 gallons or greater are spilled to surface waters.</p>



**Table 3. REPORTING AND RECORD KEEPING FOR SPILLS**

ELEMENT	REQUIREMENT	METHOD
<b>REPORTING</b> (see Section 3 of Attachment E1)	Category 1 SSO: Submit draft report within 3 business days of becoming aware of the SSO and certify within 15 calendar days of SSO end date.	Enter data into the CIWQS Online SSO Database ( <a href="http://ciwqs.waterboards.ca.gov">http://ciwqs.waterboards.ca.gov</a> ) certified by enrollee's Legally Responsible Official(s).
	Category 2 SSO: Submit draft report within 3 business days of becoming aware of the SSO and certify within 15 calendar days of SSO end date.	
	Category 3 and Category 4 SSO: Submit certified report within 30 calendar days of the end of the month in which SSO occurred.	
	SSO Technical Report: Submit within 45 calendar days after the end date of any Category 1 SSO in which 50,000 gallons or greater are spilled to surface waters.	
	"No Spill" Certification: Certify that no SSOs occurred within 30 calendar days of the end of the month or, if reporting quarterly, the quarter in which no SSOs occurred.	
(see section C.4 of R9-2007-0005 WDQ)	Collection System Questionnaire: Update and certify every 12 months. Reference the SSO online database or CIQWS at <a href="https://ciwqs.waterboards.ca.gov/">https://ciwqs.waterboards.ca.gov/</a> for the Questionnaire.	
<b>RECORD KEEPING</b> (see Section 4 of Attachment E)	SSO event records.	Self-maintained records shall be available during inspections or upon request.
	Records documenting Sanitary Sewer Management Plan (SSMP) implementation and changes/updates to SSMP.	
	Records to document Water Quality Monitoring for SSOs of 50,000 gallons or greater spilled to surface waters.	
	Collection system telemetry records if relied upon to document and/or estimate SSO volume.	

## **REPORTING**

All required information listed below for each SSO category must be entered into the SSO Online Database or California Integrated Water Quality System (CIWQS) (<http://ciwqs.waterboards.ca.gov>). In the event that the SSO Online Database is not available, the enrollee must fax all required information in accordance with the time schedules identified in Table 1 to the San Diego Regional Water Board at (619) 516-1994. A Report Form for Category 1 Spills is included in Appendix 5. In such event, the Enrollee must also enter all required information into the Online SSO Database as soon as practical. Table 4 includes the report information for each spill category. All SSO records must be maintained for a minimum of five years and available upon request. All reports must be certified by an LRO.

Table 4. REPORT INFORMATION

Information Required	Spill Category				
	1	2	3	4	Private
Identification of sewage discharge as private lateral sewer discharge					x
Responsible party contact information (if known)					x
Person reporting spill name and phone number	x	x	x	x	x
SSO Location Name	x	x	x	x	x
Location of SSO by entering GPS coordinates	x	x	x	x	x
Applicable Regional Water Quality Control Board (R9=San Diego)	x	x	x	x	x
County where the SSO occurred (San Diego County)	x	x	x	x	x
Whether or not the SSO entered a drainage channel and/or surface water	x	x	x	x	x
Whether or not the SSO was discharged to a storm drainpipe that was not fully captured and returned to the sanitary sewer system	x	x	x	x	x
Estimated SSO volume in gallons	x	x	x	x	x
SSO source (manhole, cleanout, etc.)	x	x	x	x	x
SSO cause (mainline blockage, roots, etc.)	x	x	x	x	x
Time of SSO notification or discovery	x	x	x	x	x
Estimated operator arrival time	x	x	x	x	x
SSO destination	x	x	x	x	x
Estimated SSO end time	x	x	x	x	x
SSO Certification. Upon SSO Certification, the SSO Database will issue a Final SSO Identification (ID) Number	x	x	x	x	x
Estimated volume that reached surface water, drainage channel or not recovered from a storm drain	x	x	x	x	x
Estimated SSO amount recovered	x	x	x	x	x
Response and corrective action taken	x	x	x	x	x
If samples were taken, identify which regulatory agencies received sample results (if applicable). If no samples were taken, NA must be selected	x				
Parameters that samples were analyzed for (if applicable)	x				
Identification of whether health warnings were posted	x				
Beaches impacted (if applicable). If no beach was impacted, NA must be selected	x				
Whether there is an ongoing investigation	x				
Steps taken or planned to reduce, eliminate and prevent reoccurrence of the overflow and a schedule of major milestones for those steps	x				
OES control number (if applicable)	x				
Date OES was called (if applicable)	x				
Time OES was called (if applicable)	x				
Identification of whether County Health Officers were called	x				
Date County Health Officer was called (if applicable)	x				
Time County Health Officer was called (if applicable)	x				

## **SAFETY**

Whenever city staff responds to a report of an SSO and or other sewer system related emergencies, they may encounter a situation that requires immediate action. The most critical aspect of resolving an incident of this nature is to safely, and competently perform the actions necessary to return service as soon as possible and to keep health and environmental impacts to a minimum.

The most important item to remember during this type of incident is that safe operations always take precedent over expediency or short cuts.

Depending on the nature or cause of the SSO, staff may be performing mechanical or electrical repairs at a pump station, removing mainline blockages with combination vehicles or repairing a damaged section of pipeline. All essential safety procedures are to be followed so the response does not cause the situation to escalate.

Responses may require staff to implement the following types of safety procedures:

- Lockout/Tagout of equipment for repair
- Confined space entry procedures
- Traffic control procedures at site
- Trench and shoring procedures
- Equipment and/or vehicle operation
- Use of personnel protective equipment
- Use of a respirator

Communication is critical when responding to an SSO. Examples of communication include radio or cell phone.

## **CITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE PROCEDURES**

This section will provide step-by-step procedures explaining the actions to be taken in response to an SSO.

### **Notification**

When a Wastewater Supervisor receives notification of a possible SSO, he/she will and gather as much information as possible to determine the staffing and equipment needed for the response and take immediate action.

### **Traffic and Crowd Control**

When responding to an overflow/spill location, staff will need to assess extent of area affected. Staff will determine type of traffic or crowd control to secure area from public contact. Below are methods used:

1. Use of traffic cones, barricades or warning tape to detour vehicle and pedestrian traffic safely around area.
2. Use of reflectorized clothing when working at night.
3. Use of proper traffic control patterns and advance warning signs as outlined by San Diego Regional Standards when working in the roadway.

In the event traffic control beyond City staffing and traffic control resource capability, contact one the following Traffic Control vender to render assistance.

1. CO's Traffic Control, Inc. Office: (619) 239-8200
2. Cecilia's Safety Services Office: (858) 793-4465

### **WATER QUALITY MONITORING AND REPORTING** (Category 1 SSO with $\geq 50,000$ gallons)

The City developed and implemented an SSO Water Quality Monitoring Program. As required the City conducts water quality sampling within 18 hours after initial SSO notification for Category 1 SSOs in which 50,000 gallons or greater is spilled to surface waters. City's Data Submitters enter water quality sampling data into the CIWQS Online SSO Database as part of the SSO Technical Report. The City's SSO Water Quality Monitoring Program (Appendix 6) provides guidance on the SSO water quality monitoring and includes the following:

- Protocols for water quality monitoring,
- Procedures to account for spill travel time and scenarios where monitoring may not be possible (e.g. safety, access restrictions),
- Discussion of calibration and maintenance of instruments and devices used to implement the SSO Water Quality Monitoring Program, and
- Identification required constituents to be monitored

### **CONTAINMENT AND CORRECTIVE ACTION PROGRAM**

#### I. Mainline Blockage

1. Contact property owner or person reporting the overflow/spill and obtain information on location to determine if the spill is within the city's service area.
2. Upon arrival at the overflow/spill location, decide as to the source of the overflow/spill.
3. Secure area by placing cones or barricades around the affected area.
4. All reasonable methods to contain overflow/spill shall be used as soon as possible to prevent overflow/spill from expanding. Examples of reasonable containment methods are:
  - i. Vacuuming sewage with combination vehicle
  - ii. Building a dike/berm
  - iii. Sandbagging/Geo Logs
  - iv. Bypass Pumping (Highline)
5. Inspect flow condition in structure/manholes up and downstream from the overflowing structure/manhole to determine the location of the blockage.
6. Use hydraulic (combination cleaner) or mechanical (rodding machine) equipment to relieve the blockage as soon as possible.
7. Once the blockage has been removed or problem is corrected and overflow has ceased, use a combination machine to vacuum up spill debris. Call additional personnel if needed to recover spill and begin the decontamination process.
8. If property damage has occurred, notify a Wastewater Supervisor immediately so photographs of the damaged area can be taken for risk management records.
9. Provide proper cleanup, removing any debris and disinfect affected area to minimize health hazards and or environmental impacts.
10. Only neutral comments shall be used by city staff indicating that the liability issue cannot be determined until all relevant information has been evaluated and investigated. Staff is instructed to

be polite and sympathetic to the property or business owner concerns. Assure them that regardless who is at fault, the City is there to assist them in expediting the cleanup.

A. If Overflow/Spill is Inside Structure

1. Assist the owner by directing them to call a professional cleaning service for proper cleanup.
2. Draw a diagram of area affected by overflow. Note any water damage to private property. Take photographs and or video of damaged area and or property to assist Risk Management in settling potential claims.

B. If Overflow/Spill is Outside the Structure

1. When possible, recover spill by vacuuming using combination machine.
2. Containment Methods. (See I. Mainline Blockage #4).
3. If area is inaccessible, remove debris by means of rake and shovel and disposed of properly.
4. Wash area down, vacuum up sewage and debris and disinfect area.
5. Advise the property owner/occupant of procedure for filing a claim for damages with Risk Management.
6. Make certain that the city's mainline is functioning properly before leaving the area.
7. Complete all required reports with pertinent details including estimate of spill volume. (See County of San Diego Reporting requirements and Reporting Table on pages 4 & 5).
8. Traffic and pedestrian control shall be installed to prevent the public from having contact with the sewage if possible. Signs should be posted to keep vehicles and pedestrians away from contact with spilled sewage. Do not remove the signs until directed by the County Environmental Health Division.

## II. Force Main Failure

In the event that a spill occurs due to a leak from a force main, the following actions will be taken:

1. The leaking force main will be isolated and if necessary, bypassed if the pump station retention area does not offer enough time to make the emergency repairs to the pipeline. High lining or the use of a temporary pipeline maybe installed so that sewage can be pumped around the affected area.
2. City personnel or an approved contractor, depending on the damage, location, volume of overflow and depth of pipe, may complete repairs to the force main.
3. If any overflow from the force main leakage discharges onto private property, public right-of-way or to surface waters, carry out the provisions for containment, reporting, and clean-up as described in I. Mainline Blockage.

## III. Pump Station Failure

1. Most pump stations are equipped with a Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) to monitors pump stations around the clock. Points for low and high-water thresholds are set to alert the City staff of a pump station system failure or other anomalies that may indicate issues that could affect the proper operation of equipment.
2. City staff will check the status of alarm utilizing the interface via their desktop workstation or portable laptop and determine if a remedy can be made remotely, or whether staff needs to go to the lift station.

3. If a crew visit is warranted, upon arrival at the pump station, a determination is made as to what extent of corrective action is required. Staff performs the necessary actions to return the pump station to normal operations.
4. If an overflow has occurred, staff carries out provisions for containment, reporting and cleanup as described in Section I. Mainline Blockage.

#### CONTINGENCIES FOR PUMP STATION POWER OUTAGES AND FAILURES

The City owns an auto start dry-prime portable pumps for emergency wastewater management.  
Gorman-Rupp PA6C 6” Dry Prime portable pump.

##### Additional Equipment

1. Hose reel trailer with 4” & 6” lay flat pump discharge hose. Approximately ½ mile of flexible discharge hose and ¼ mile of ridged aluminum highline pipe.

#### EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBERS FOR EQUIPMENT RENTAL OR SERVICE

##### *Emergency Back Up Generator*

Bay City Electric Works - Toll Free: 866-938-8200, Corporate 619-938-8200 13625  
Danielson Street  
Poway, CA 92064

Global Power Group - Telephone: (619) 579-1221 12060 Woodside Ave  
Lakeside, CA 92040

##### *Equipment*

Hawthorn CAT  
16945 Camino San Bernardo, Bldg. D San Diego, CA 92127  
Engine & Generator Service 858.376.6892  
858.376.6833 - 24-hour emergency service

##### *Pumps*

United Rentals - 619-422-1106 501 "C" St  
Chula Vista, CA 91910

Xylem – 958-679-9017  
13550 Gregg St, Suite 108  
Poway, CA 92064

Rain For Rent - Phone: 951-653-2171 6400 Fischer Road  
Riverside CA 92507

#### CONTINGENCY PLAN FOR INDIVIDUAL SEWER LIFT STATION

##### *Public Service Building, PS-01 (276 Fourth Ave)*

- Station is monitored by a Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) system.

- Power Outage-Station is outfitted with emergency generator for pump power.
- Pump Failure-Has second fully redundant pump.
- Forced Main Failure - Combination truck can maintain wet well level and service to building.
- Emergency storage is in the process of design and construction.

*G St. PS-02, (890 G St.)*

- Station is monitored by a SCADA system.
- Power Outage-Station is outfitted with emergency generator for pump power.
- Pump Failure-Has second pump. A properly sized portable pump can be brought to site to maintain flows via emergency pump connect and should be incorporated after 1 hour if service cannot be restored with the stations own control system.
- Forced Main Failure-Combination Truck can begin to maintain wet well level and service to building until highline/bypass sewer pumping can be setup.
- Emergency storage is available.

*Police Department PS-07, (350 F Street)*

- Station is monitored by a SCADA system.
- Power Outage-Station is outfitted with emergency generator for pump power.
- Pump Failure-Station has second pump. Two additional pumps are stored at Public Works Operation Wastewater warehouse.
- Forced Main Failure-Combination Truck can begin to maintain wet well level and service to building until a highline/bypass sewer pumping can be setup.
- Some wet well storage is available.

*Hilltop, PS-11, (940 Hilltop Dr.)*

- Station is monitored by a SCADA system.
- Power Outage Emergency Generator for pump power
- Pump or Force Main Failure – Portable pump can be connected to emergency pump connection and should be incorporated after 3 hours of non-operation with stations own control systems.
- Some wet well storage is available.

*Parkside Dr. PS-12 (598 Parkside Dr.)*

- Station is monitored by a SCADA system.
- Power Outage-Station has a back-up Natural Gas Generator
- Pump or Force Main Failure-Pump using highline or Combination truck to maintain safe level until repairs can be made.
- Emergency storage is available.

*Max Field, PS-15 (1500 Max Ave.)*

- St Station is monitored by a SCADA system.
- Any failure-Secure all sources of influent sewage by locking restrooms. If necessary to keep restrooms open, Portable pump can be connected to emergency pump connection, Combination truck to maintain safe level until repairs can be made.
- Emergency storage is available.

*Rancho Robinhood II, PS-24, (277 Surrey Pl)*

- Station is monitored by a SCADA system.



- Power Outage-Station is outfitted with emergency generator for pump power onsite.
- Emergency pump connection.
- Any failure can be managed with a portable pump and should be incorporated after 3 hours of non-operation with stations own control systems or combination truck until repairs can be made.
- Emergency storage is available.

*Rancho Robinhood II, PS-25(375 Corral Ct)*

- Station monitored is by a SCADA system.
- Power Outage-Station is outfitted with emergency generator for pump power onsite.
- Emergency pump connection.
- Any failure can be managed with a portable pump and should be incorporated after 3 hours of non-operation with stations own control systems or combination truck until repairs can be made.
- Emergency storage is available.

*Olympic Training Center PS-28 (Chula Vista Elite Athlete Training Center/Boathouse) 1750 Wueste Rd*

- Station is monitored by a SCADA system.
- Station is equipped with dual forced mains and has an emergency pump connection.
- Any failure, Station can be managed with combination trucks or portable pumps and facility has an automatic high-water level shutdown valve to close all water to building until high water level is resolved. The portable pump should be incorporated after 3 hours of non- operation with stations own control systems or combination truck until repairs can be made.

*Agua Vista, PS-29, 800 Agua Vista)*

- Station is monitored by a SCADA system.
- Power outages-Station has a diesel generator as an onsite backup power supply.
- Pump or Force Main Failure-Station has a set of underground detention vaults capable of containing 6 hours of average flow.
- Station is equipped with dual forced mains and has an emergency pump connection.
- A portable pump is stored on site for purposes of expediency of use when necessary as when a failure occurs causing station not to operate with its own controls for 3 hours.

*Salt Creek, PS-30, (2750 Otay Lakes Rd)*

- Station is monitored by a SCADA system.
- Any Failure-Close restroom (Only source of wastewater) or service with combination truck.
- Minimal wet well capacity is available.

*Sandpiper PS-3, PS-03, Sandpiper Way*

- Station is monitored. by Marine Sync.
- Pump Failure-has fully redundant second pump.
- Forced Main Failure - Combination truck to maintain safe level until repairs can be made.

*Tidelands PS-04, Marina Parkway*

- Station is monitored. by Marine Sync.
- Pump Failure-has fully redundant second pump.
- Forced Main Failure - Combination truck to maintain safe level until repairs can be made.

*Marina PS-05, Marina Way*

- Station is monitored. by Marine Sync.

- Pump Failure- has fully redundant second pump.
- Forced Main Failure - Combination truck to maintain safe level until repairs can be made.

#### **IV. PRIVATE LINE/LATERAL FAILURE**

1. If it is determined that the overflow is originating from a private line or lateral, the owner or property manager will be notified that they are responsible for corrective actions.
2. If any overflow from a private line or lateral discharges onto public property, public right-of-way, or onto surface waters, staff will carry out the provisions for containment, reporting, and cleanup as described in section I. Mainline Blockage.
3. If it is determined that the overflow/spill is originating from a sewer lateral staff will follow the City of Chula Vista Council Policy, 2014 Sewer Maintenance Resolution No.570-01. If all the criteria are met in the City policy, staff will assist the homeowner or property manager to take corrective action to relieve the blockage.

#### **TRAINING**

When new staff are hired in the Wastewater Operations Division of Public Works, they are given training on, and receive a copy of the SERP. Supervisors review the SERP with the employee and the employee is trained by the Sewer Maintenance Crew that responds to sewer spills during their first six-months of service. Review of the SERP is typically held annually for all Wastewater and standby staff and includes at a minimum review of the SERP, emergency operation such as traffic and crowd control and procedures for volume estimation and SSO start time determination.



Contractors working on sewer facilities are required to submit their own Sanitary Sewer Spill Emergency Response Plan specific for their project to the City prior to starting any construction activity. In addition, should a contractor experience an SSO, they are required to immediately cease all construction activity, begin cleanup efforts based on the Contractor's previously submitted Spill Emergency Response Plan, and call the City inspector for the project who will implement the SERP and oversee cleanup efforts ensuring the contractor's compliance with the emergency response plan and notification requirements.

#### **CHANGE LOG**

A change log is included in Appendix 8.

**CERTIFICATION**

The SERP is signed and certified by the Director of the Public Works Department, who is a principal executive officer and the City's registered Legally Responsible Officer (LRO).



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Matt Little, LRO  
Director of Public Works

5/30/23

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Date of Certification

## Appendix 1.

State Water Resources Control Board General Order Number  
2022-0103-DWQ Statewide General Waste Discharge  
Requirements (WDR) for Sanitary Sewer Systems

**STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD**  
**1001 I Street, Sacramento, California 95814**  
**ORDER WQ 2022-0103-DWQ**  
**STATEWIDE WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS**  
**GENERAL ORDER FOR SANITARY SEWER SYSTEMS**

This Order was adopted by the State Water Resources Control Board on December 6, 2022.

This Order shall become effective **180 days after the Adoption Date of this General Order**, on June 5, 2023.

The Enrollee shall comply with the requirements of this Order upon the Effective Date of this General Order.

This General Order does not convey any property rights of any sort or any exclusive privileges. The requirements prescribed herein do not authorize the commission of any act causing injury to persons or property, protect the Enrollee from liability under federal, state, or local laws, nor create a vested right for the Enrollee to continue the discharge of waste.

**CERTIFICATION**

I, Jeanine Townsend, Clerk to the Board, do hereby certify that this Order with all attachments is a full, true, and correct copy of the Order adopted by the State Water Board on December 6, 2022.

AYE:           Chair E. Joaquin Esquivel  
                  Vice Chair Dorene D'Adamo  
                  Board Member Sean Maguire  
                  Board Member Laurel Firestone  
                  Board Member Nichole Morgan

NAY:           None

ABSENT:       None

ABSTAIN:      None

 for  
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Jeanine Townsend  
Clerk to the Board

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

This General Order regulates sanitary sewer systems designed to convey sewage. For the purpose of this Order, a sanitary sewer system includes, but is not limited to, pipes, valves, pump stations, manholes, siphons, wet wells, diversion structures and/or other pertinent infrastructure, upstream of a wastewater treatment plant headworks. A sanitary sewer system includes:

- Laterals owned and/or operated by the Enrollee;
- Satellite sewer systems; and/or
- Temporary conveyance and storage facilities, including but not limited to temporary piping, vaults, construction trenches, wet wells, impoundments, tanks and diversion structures.

Sewage is untreated or partially treated domestic, municipal, commercial and/or industrial waste (including sewage sludge), and any mixture of these wastes with inflow or infiltration of stormwater or groundwater, conveyed in a sanitary sewer system. Sewage contains high levels of suspended solids, non-digested organic waste, pathogenic bacteria, viruses, toxic pollutants, nutrients, oxygen-demanding organic compounds, oils, grease, pharmaceuticals, and other harmful pollutants.

For the purpose of this General Order, a spill is a discharge of sewage from any portion of a sanitary sewer system due to a sanitary sewer system overflow, operational failure, and/or infrastructure failure. Sewage and its associated wastewater spilled from a sanitary sewer system may threaten public health, beneficial uses of waters of the State, and the environment.

This General Order serves as statewide waste discharge requirements and supersedes the previous State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) Order 2006-0003-DWQ and amendments thereafter. All sections and attachments of this General Order are enforceable by the State Water Board and Regional Water Quality Control Boards (Regional Water Boards). Through this General Order, the State Water Board requires an Enrollee to:

- Comply with federal and state prohibitions of discharge of sewage to waters of the State, including federal waters of the United States;
- Comply with specifications, and notification, monitoring, reporting and recordkeeping requirements in this General Order that implement the federal Clean Water Act, the California Water Code (Water Code), water quality control plans (including Regional Water Board Basin Plans) and policies;
- Proactively operate and maintain resilient sanitary sewer systems to prevent spills;
- Eliminate discharges of sewage to waters of the State through effective implementation of a Sewer System Management Plan;
- Monitor, track, and analyze spills for ongoing system-specific performance improvements; and
- Report noncompliance with this General Order per reporting requirements.



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An Enrollee is a public, private, or other non-governmental entity that has obtained approval for regulatory coverage under this General Order, including:

- A state agency, municipality, special district, or other public entity that owns and/or operates one or more sanitary sewer systems:
  - greater than one (1) mile in length (each individual sanitary sewer system);
  - one (1) mile or less in length where the State Water Board or a Regional Water Board requires regulatory coverage under this Order; or
- A federal agency, private company, or other non-governmental entity that owns and/or operates a sanitary sewer system of any size where the State Water Board or a Regional Water Board requires regulatory coverage under this Order in response to a history of spills, proximity to surface water, or other factors supporting regulatory coverage.

For the purpose of this Order, a sanitary sewer system includes only systems owned and/or operated by the Enrollee.

## 2. REGULATORY COVERAGE AND APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

### 2.1. Requirements for Continuation of Existing Regulatory Coverage

To continue regulatory coverage from previous Order 2006-0003-DWQ under this General Order, **within the 60-days-prior-to the Effective Date of this General Order**, the Legally Responsible Official of an existing Enrollee shall electronically certify the Continuation of Existing Regulatory Coverage form in the online California Integrated Water Quality System (CIWQS) Sanitary Sewer System Database. The Legally Responsible Official will receive an automated CIWQS-issued Notice of Applicability email, confirming continuation of regulatory coverage under this General Order. All regulatory coverage under previous Order 2006-0003-DWQ will cease on the Effective Date of this Order.

An Enrollee continuing existing regulatory coverage is not required to submit a new application package or pay an application fee for enrollment under this General Order. The annual fee due date for continued regulatory coverage from previous Order 2006-0003-DWQ to this General Order remains unchanged.

A previous Enrollee of Order 2006-0003-DWQ that fails to certify the Continuation of Existing Regulatory Coverage form in the online CIWQS database by the Effective Date of this Order is considered a New Applicant, and will not have regulatory coverage for its sanitary sewer system(s) until:

- A new application package for system(s) enrollment is submitted per section 2.2 (Requirements for New Regulatory Coverage) below; and
- The new application package is approved per section 2.2.2 (Approval of Application Package (For New Applicants Only)).

### 2.2. Requirements for New Regulatory Coverage

No later than 60 days prior to commencing and/or assuming operation and maintenance responsibilities of a sanitary sewer system, a duly authorized representative that

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maintains legal authority over the public or private sanitary sewer system is required to enroll under this General Order by submitting a complete application package as specified below and as provided in Attachment B (Application for Enrollment Form) of this General Order.

Unless required by a Regional Water Board, a public agency that owns a combined sewer system subject to the Combined Sewer Overflow Control Policy (33 U.S. Code § 1342(q)), is not required to enroll, under this Order, the portions of its sanitary sewer system(s) that collects combined sanitary wastewater and stormwater.

### 2.2.1. Application Package Requirements

The Application for Enrollment package for new applicants must include the following items:

- **Application for Enrollment Form.** The form in Attachment B of this General Order must be completed, signed, and certified by a Legally Responsible Official, in accordance with section 5.1 (Designation of a Legally Responsible Official) of this General Order. If an electronic Application for Enrollment form is available at the time of application, a new applicant shall submit its application form electronically; and
- **Application Fee.** A fee payable to the “State Water Resources Control Board” in accordance with the Fee Schedule in the California Code of Regulations, Title 23, section 2200, or subsequent fee regulations updates.

The application fee for this General Order is based on the sanitary sewer system’s threat to water quality and complexity designations of category 2C or 3C, which is assigned based on the population served by the system. The current Fee Schedule for sanitary sewer systems is listed under subdivision (a)(2) at the following website: [Fee Schedule](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/resources/fees/water_quality/) ([https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/resources/fees/water\\_quality/](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/resources/fees/water_quality/)).

### 2.2.2. Approval of Application Package (For New Applicants Only)

The Deputy Director of the State Water Board, Division of Water Quality (Deputy Director) will consider approval of each complete Application for Enrollment package. The Deputy Director will issue a Notice of Applicability letter which serves as approved regulatory coverage for the new Enrollee.

If the submitted application package is not complete in accordance with section 2.2.1 (Application Package Requirements) of this General Order, the Deputy Director will send a response letter to the applicant outlining the application deficiencies. The applicant will have 60 days from the date of the response letter to correct the application deficiencies and submit the identified items necessary to complete the application package to the State Water Board.

### 2.2.3. Electronic Reporting Account for New Enrollee

**Within 30 days after the date of the Approval of Complete Application Package for System Enrollment**, a duly authorized representative for the Enrollee shall obtain a CIWQS Sanitary Sewer System Database user account by clicking the “User Registration” button and following the directions on the [CIWQS Login Page](#)

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(<https://ciwqs.waterboards.ca.gov>). If additional assistance is needed to establish an online CIWQS user account, contact State Water Board staff by email at [CIWQS@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:CIWQS@waterboards.ca.gov). The online user account will provide the Enrollee secure access to the online CIWQS database for electronic reporting.

### 2.3. Regulatory Coverage Transfer

Regulatory coverage under this General Order is not transferable to any person or party except after an existing Enrollee submits a written request for a regulatory coverage transfer to the Deputy Director, at least 60 days in advance of any proposed system ownership transfer. The written request must include a written agreement between the existing Enrollee and the new Enrollee containing:

- Acknowledgement that the transfer of ownership is solely of an existing system with an existing waste discharge identification (WDID) number;
- The specific ownership transfer date in which the responsibility and regulatory coverage transfer between the existing Enrollee and the new Enrollee becomes effective; and
- Acknowledgement that the existing Enrollee is liable for violations occurring up to the ownership transfer date and that the new Enrollee is liable for violations occurring on and after the ownership transfer date.

The Deputy Director will consider approval of the written request. If approved, the Deputy Director will issue a Notice of Applicability letter which serves as an approved transfer of regulatory coverage to the new Enrollee.

## 3. FINDINGS

### 3.1. Legal Authorities

#### 3.1.1. Federal and State Regulatory Authority

The objective of the Clean Water Act is to restore and maintain the chemical, physical, and biological integrity of the waters of the United States (33 U.S.C. 1251). The Water Code authorizes the State Water Board to implement the Clean Water Act in the State and to protect the quality of all waters of the State (Water Code sections 13000 and 13160).

#### 3.1.2. Discharge of Sewage

A discharge of untreated or partially treated sewage is a discharge of waste as defined in Water Code section 13050(d) that could affect the quality of waters of the State and is subject to regulation by waste discharge requirements issued pursuant to Water Code section 13263 and Chapter 9, Division 3, Title 23 of the California Code of Regulations. A discharge of sewage may pollute and alter the quality of the waters of the State to a degree that unreasonably affects the beneficial uses of the receiving water body or facilities that serve those beneficial uses (Water Code section 13050(l)(1)).

### **3.1.3 Water Boards Authority to Require Technical Reports, Monitoring, and Reporting**

Water Code sections 13267 and 13383 authorize the Regional Water Boards and the State Water Board to establish monitoring, inspection, entry, reporting, and recordkeeping requirements. Water Code section 13267(b), authorizes the Regional Water Boards to “require any person who has discharged, discharges, or is suspected of having discharged or discharging, or who proposes to discharge waste within its region... or is suspected of having discharged or discharging, or who proposes to discharge, waste outside of its region that could affect the quality of water within its region shall furnish, under penalty of perjury, technical or monitoring reports which the regional board requires...In requiring those reports, the regional board shall provide the person with a written explanation with regard to the need for the reports and shall identify the evidence that supports requiring that person to provide the reports.” Water Code section 13267(f) authorizes the State Water Board to require this information if it consults with the Regional Water Boards and determines that it will not duplicate the efforts of the Regional Water Boards. The State Water Board has consulted with the Regional Water Boards and made this determination.

The technical and monitoring reports required by this General Order and Attachment E (Notification, Monitoring, Reporting and Recordkeeping Requirements) are necessary to evaluate and ensure compliance with this General Order. The effort to develop required technical reports will vary depending on the system size and complexity and the needs of the specific technical report. The burden and cost of these reports are reasonable and consistent with the interest of the state in protecting water quality, which is the primary purpose of requiring the reports.

Water Code section 13383(a) authorizes the Water Boards to “establish monitoring, inspection, entry, reporting, and recordkeeping requirements... for any person who discharges, or proposes to discharge, to navigable waters, any person who introduces pollutants into a publicly owned treatment works, any person who owns or operates, or proposes to own or operate, a publicly owned treatment works or other treatment works treating domestic sewage, or any person who uses or disposes, or proposes to use or dispose, of sewage sludge.” Section 13383(b) continues, “the state board or the regional boards may require any person subject to this section to establish and maintain monitoring equipment or methods, including, where appropriate, biological monitoring methods, sample effluent as prescribed, and provide other information as may be reasonably required.”

Reporting of spills from privately owned sewer laterals and systems pursuant to section 5.15 (Voluntary Reporting of Spills from Privately-Owned Sewer Laterals and/or Private Sanitary Sewer Systems) of this General Order is authorized by Water Code section 13225(c) and encouraged by the State Water Board, wherein a local agency may investigate and report on any technical factors involved in water quality control provided the burden including costs of such reports bears a reasonable relationship to the need for the report and the benefits to be obtained therefrom. The burden of reporting private spills under section 5.15 (Voluntary Reporting of Spills from Privately-Owned Sewer Laterals and/or Private Sanitary Sewer Systems) is minimal and is outweighed by the benefit of providing Regional Water Boards an opportunity to respond to these spills

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when an Enrollee, which in many cases has a contractual relationship with the owner of the private system, has knowledge of the spills.

### **3.1.4. Water Board Authority to Prescribe General Waste Discharge Requirements**

Water Code section 13263(i) provides that the State Water Board may prescribe general waste discharge requirements for a category of discharges if the State Water Board finds or determines that:

- The discharges are produced by the same or similar operations;
- The discharges involve the same or similar types of waste;
- The discharges require the same or similar treatment standards; and
- The discharges are more appropriately regulated under general waste discharge requirements than individual waste discharge requirements.

Since 2006, the State Water Board has been regulating over 1,100 publicly owned sanitary sewer systems (See section 3.1.5 (Previous Statewide General Waste Discharge Requirements) of this General Order). California also has a large unknown number of unregulated privately owned sanitary sewer systems. All waste conveyed in publicly owned and privately owned sanitary sewer systems (as defined in this General Order) is comprised of untreated or partially treated domestic waste and/or industrial waste. Generally, sanitary sewer systems are designed and operated to convey waste by gravity or under pressure; system-specific design elements and system-specific operations do not change the common nature of the waste, the common threat to public health, or the common impacts on water quality. Spills of waste from a sanitary sewer system prior to reaching the ultimate downstream treatment facility are unauthorized and enforceable by the State Water Board and/or a Regional Water Board. Therefore, spills from sanitary sewer systems are more appropriately regulated under general waste discharge requirements.

As specified in Water Code sections 13263(a) and 13241, the implementation of requirements set forth in this Order is for the reasonable protection of past, present, and probable future beneficial uses of water and the prevention of nuisance. The requirements implement the water quality control plans (Basin Plans) for each Regional Water Board and take into account the environmental characteristics of sewer service areas and hydrographic units within the state. Additionally, the State Water Board has considered water quality conditions that could reasonably be achieved through the coordinated control of all factors that affect water quality, costs associated with compliance with these requirements, the need for developing housing within California, and the need to protect sources of drinking water and other water supplies.

### **3.1.5. Previous Statewide General Waste Discharge Requirements**

On May 2, 2006, the State Water Board adopted Order 2006-0003-DWQ serving as Waste Discharge Requirements pursuant to Article 4, Chapter 4, Division 7 of the Water Code (commencing with section 13260) for inadvertent discharges to waters of the State. Order 2006-0003-DWQ prohibited discharges of untreated or partially treated sewage. Order 2006-0003-DWQ also required system-specific management, operation, and maintenance of publicly owned sewer systems greater than one mile in length.

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To decrease the impacts on human health and the environment caused by sewage spills, the previous Order required enrollees to develop a rehabilitation and replacement plan that identifies system deficiencies and prioritizes short-term and long-term rehabilitation actions. The previous Order also required enrollees to:

1. Maintain information that can be used to establish and prioritize appropriate Sewer System Management Plan activities; and
2. Implement a proactive approach to reduce spills.

The previous Order required Sewer System Management Plan elements for “the proper and efficient management, operation, and maintenance of sanitary sewer systems, while taking into consideration risk management.”

On July 30, 2013, the State Water Board amended General Order 2006-0003-DWQ with Order WQ 2013-0058-EXEC, Amending Monitoring and Reporting Program for Statewide General Waste Discharge Requirements for Sanitary Sewer Systems.

Many enrollees of Order 2006-0003-DWQ have already implemented proactive measures to reduce sewage spills. Other enrollees, however, still need technical assistance and funding to improve sanitary sewer system operation and maintenance for the reduction of sewage spills.

### **3.1.6. Existing Memorandum of Agreement with California Water Environment Association**

The California Water Environment Association is a nonprofit organization dedicated to providing water industry certifications, training, and networking opportunities. The Association’s Technical Certification Program provides accredited sanitary sewer system operator certification for collection system operators and maintenance workers.

On February 10, 2016, the State Water Board entered into a collaborative agreement with the Association titled *Memorandum of Agreement Between the California State Water Resources Control Board and the California Water Environment Association - Training Regarding Requirements Set Forth in Statewide General Waste Discharge Requirements for Sanitary Sewer Systems*. The Memorandum sets forth collaborative training necessary for regulated sanitary sewer system personnel to operate and maintain a well operating system and ensure full compliance with statewide sewer system regulations.

On March 15, 2018, the State Water Board and the California Water Environment Association amended the existing Memorandum of Agreement to include collaborative outreach and expand training needs associated with further updates to Water Board regulations for sanitary sewer systems. The State Water Board encourages further Agreement updates as necessary to support improved sewer system operations and the professionalism of collection system operators.

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## 3.2. General

### 3.2.1. Waters of the State

Waters of the State include any surface water or groundwater, including saline waters, within the boundaries of the state as defined in Water Code section 13050(e), and are inclusive of waters of the United States.

### 3.2.2. Sanitary Sewer System Spill Threats to Public Health and Beneficial Uses

Sewage contains high levels of suspended solids, pathogenic organisms, toxic pollutants, nutrients, oxygen-demanding organic compounds, oil and grease and other pollutants. Sewage spills may cause a public nuisance, particularly when sewage is discharged to areas with high public exposure such as streets and surface waters used for drinking, irrigation, fishing, recreation, or other public consumption or contact uses.

More specifically, sanitary sewer spills may:

- Adversely affect aquatic life and/or threaten water quality when reaching receiving waters;
- Inadvertently release trash, including plastics;
- Impair the recreational use and aesthetic enjoyment of surface waters by polluting surface water or groundwater;
- Threaten public health through direct public exposure to bacteria, viruses, intestinal parasites, and other microorganisms that can cause serious illness such as gastroenteritis, hepatitis, cryptosporidiosis, and giardiasis;
- Negatively impact ecological receptors and biota within surface waters; and
- Cause nuisance including odors, closure of beaches and recreational areas, and property damage.

Sanitary sewer system spills may pollute receiving waters and threaten beneficial uses of surface water and groundwater. Potentially threatened beneficial uses include, but are not limited to the following (with associated acronym representations as included in statewide water quality control plans and Regional Water Boards' Basin Plans):

- Municipal and Domestic Supply (MUN)
- Water Contact Recreation (REC-1) and Non-Contact Water Recreation (REC-2)
- Cold Freshwater Habitat (COLD)
- Warm Freshwater Habitat (WARM)
- Native American Culture (CUL)
- Wildlife Habitat (WILD)
- Rare, Threatened, or Endangered Species (RARE)
- Spawning, Reproduction, and/or Early Development (SPWN)
- Wetland Habitat (WET)
- Agricultural Supply (AGR)
- Estuarine Habitat (EST)

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- Commercial and Sport Fishing (COMM)
- Subsistence Fishing (SUB)
- Tribal Tradition and Culture (CUL)
- Tribal Subsistence Fishing (T-SUB)
- Aquaculture (AQUA)
- Marine Habitat (MAR)
- Preservation of Biological Habitats of Special Significance (BIOL)
- Migration of Aquatic Organisms (MIGR)
- Shellfish Harvesting (SHELL)
- Industrial Process Supply (PROC)
- Industrial Service Supply (IND)
- Hydropower Generation (POW)
- Navigation (NAV)
- Flood Peak Attenuation/Flood Water Storage (FLD)
- Water Quality Enhancement (WQE)
- Fresh Water Replenishment (FRSH)
- Groundwater Recharge (GWR)
- Inland Saline Water Habitat (SAL)

### 3.2.3. Proactive Sanitary Sewer System Management to Eliminate Spill Causes

Finding 3 of the previous Order, 2006-0003-DWQ, states: “Sanitary sewer systems experience periodic failures resulting in discharges that may affect waters of the state. There are many factors (including factors related to geology, design, construction methods and materials, age of the system, population growth, and system operation and maintenance), which affect the likelihood of an SSO [sanitary sewer overflow]. A proactive approach that requires Enrollees to ensure a system-wide operation, maintenance, and management plan is in place will reduce the number and frequency of SSOs within the state. This approach will in turn decrease the risk to human health and the environment caused by SSOs.”

Many spills are preventable through proactive attention on sanitary sewer system management using the best practices and technologies available to address major causes of spills, including but not limited to:

- Blockages from sources including but not limited to:
  - Fats, oils and grease;
  - Tree roots;
  - Rags, wipes and other paper, cloth and plastic products; and
  - Sediment and debris.
- Sewer system damage and exceedance of sewer system hydraulic capacity from identified system-specific environmental, and climate-change impacts, including but not limited to:



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- Sea level rise impacts including flooding, coastal erosion, seawater intrusion, tidal inundation and submerged lands;
- Increased surface water flows due to higher intensity rain events;
- Flooding;
- Wildfires and wildfire induced impacts;
- Earthquake induced damage;
- Landslides; and
- Subsidence.
- Infrastructure deficiencies and failures, including but not limited to:
  - Pump station mechanical failures;
  - System age;
  - Construction material failures;
  - Manhole cover failures;
  - Structural failures; and
  - Lack of proper operation and maintenance.
- Insufficient system capacity (temporary or sustained), due to factors including but not limited to:
  - Excessive and/or increased storm or groundwater inflow/infiltration;
  - Insufficient capacity due to population increase and/or new connections from industrial, commercial and other system users; and
  - Stormwater capture projects utilizing a sanitary sewer system to convey stormwater to treatment facilities for reuse.
- Community impacts, including but not limited to:
  - Power outages;
  - Vandalism; and
  - Contractor-caused or other third party-caused damages.

### 3.2.4. Underground Sanitary Sewer System Leakage

Portions of some sanitary sewer systems may leak, causing underground exfiltration (exiting) of sewage from the system. Exfiltrated sewage that remains in the underground infrastructure trench and/or the soil matrix, and that does not discharge into waters of the State (surface water or groundwater) may not threaten beneficial uses.

Underground exfiltrated sewage may threaten beneficial uses if discharged to waters of the State. Exfiltrated sewage that discharges to groundwater may impact beneficial uses of groundwater and pollute groundwater supply. Additionally, if in close proximity, exfiltrated sewage may enter into a compromised underground drainage conveyance system that discharges into a water of the United States, or into groundwater that is hydrologically connected to (feeds into) a water of the United States, thus potentially causing: (1) a Clean Water Act violation, (2) threat and impact to beneficial uses, and/or (3) surface water pollution.

### **3.2.5. Proactive Sanitary Sewer System Management to Reduce Inflow and Infiltration**

Excessive inflow (stormwater entering) and infiltration (groundwater seepage entering) to sanitary sewer systems is preventable through proactive sewer system management using the best practices and technologies available. The efficiency of the downstream wastewater treatment processes is dependent on the performance of the sanitary sewer system. When the structural integrity of a sanitary sewer system deteriorates, high volumes of inflow and infiltration can enter the sewer system. High levels of inflow and infiltration increase the hydraulic load on the downstream treatment plant, which can reduce treatment efficiency, lead to bypassing a portion of the treatment process, cause illegal discharge of partially treated effluent, or in extreme situations make biological treatment facilities inoperable (e.g., wash out the biological organisms that treat the waste).

### **3.3. Water Quality Control Plans, Policies and Resolutions**

The nine Regional Water Boards have adopted region-specific water quality control plans (commonly referred to as Basin Plans) that designate beneficial uses, establish water quality objectives, and contain implementation programs and policies to achieve those objectives. The State Water Board has adopted statewide water quality control plans, policies and resolutions establishing statewide water quality objectives, implementation programs and initiatives.

#### **3.3.1. State Water Board Antidegradation Policy**

On October 28, 1968, the State Water Board adopted Resolution 68-16, titled Statement of Policy with Respect to Maintaining High Quality of Waters in California, which incorporates the federal antidegradation policy. Resolution 68-16 requires that existing water quality be maintained unless degradation is justified based on specific findings.

The continued prohibition of sewage discharges from sanitary sewer systems into waters of the State aligns with Resolution 68-16. A sewage discharge from sanitary sewers to waters of the State is prohibited by this Order. Therefore, this Order does not allow degradation of waters of the State. In addition, this Order: (1) further expands the existing prohibition of sewage discharges to include waters of the State, in addition to waters of the United States as provided in previous Order 2006-0003-DWQ, and (2) enhances the ability for Water Board enforcement of violations of the established prohibitions.

#### **3.3.2. State Water Board Sources of Drinking Water Policy**

On May 19, 1988, the State Water Board adopted Resolution 88-63 (amended on February 1, 2006), titled Sources of Drinking Water, establishing state policy that all waters of the State, with certain exceptions, are suitable or potentially suitable for municipal or domestic supply.

#### **3.3.3. State Water Board Cost of Compliance Resolution**

On September 24, 2013, the State Water Board adopted Resolution 2013-0029, titled Directing Actions in Response to Efforts by Stakeholders on Reducing Costs of

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Compliance While Maintaining Water Quality Protection. Through this resolution, the State Water Board committed to continued stakeholder engagement in identifying and implementing measures to reduce costs of compliance with regulatory orders while maintaining water quality protection and improving regulatory program outcomes.

### **3.3.4. State Water Board Human Right to Water Resolution**

On February 16, 2016, the State Water Board adopted Resolution 2016-0010, titled Adopting the Human Right to Water as a Core Value and Directing its Implementation in Water Board Programs and Activities, addressing the human right to water as a core value and directing Water Board programs to implement requirements to support safe drinking water for all Californians.

On November 16, 2021, the State Water Board adopted Resolution 2021-0050 titled Condemning Racism, Xenophobia, Bigotry, and Racial Injustice, and Strengthening Commitment to Racial Equity, Diversity, Inclusion, Access, and Anti-racism. Among other actions, through Resolution 2021-0050, the State Water Board, in summary as corresponding to this General Order, reaffirms its commitment to its Human Right to Water resolution, upholding that every human being in California deserves safe, clean, affordable, and accessible water for human consumption, cooking, and sanitation purposes. Resolution 2021-0050 provides the State Water Board commitment to:

- Protect public health and beneficial uses of waterbodies in all communities, including communities disproportionately burdened by wastes discharge of waste to land and surface water;
- Restore impaired surface waterbodies and degraded aquifers; and
- Promote multi-benefit water quality projects.

Through Resolution 2021-0050, the State Water Board also commits to expanding implementation of its Climate Change Resolution to address the disproportionate effects of extreme hydrologic conditions and sea-level rise on Black, Indigenous, and people of color communities, prioritizing:

- The right to safe, clean, affordable, and accessible drinking water and sanitation;
- Sustainable management and protection of local groundwater resources;
- Healthy watersheds; and
- Access to surface waterbodies that support subsistence fishing.

On June 7, 2022, the State Water Board adopted a Resolution, titled Authorizing the Executive Director or Designee to Enter into One or More Multi-Year Contracts Up to a Combined Sum of \$4,000,000 for a Statewide Wastewater Needs Assessment, supporting the equitable access to sanitation for all Californians and implementation of Resolutions 2016-0010 and 2021-0050.

This General Order supports the State Water Board priority in collecting a comprehensive set of data for California's wastewater systems, including sanitary sewer systems. Data reported per the requirements of this Order will be used with data from other Water Boards' programs, to further develop criteria and create a statewide risk

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framework to prioritize critical funding and infrastructure investments for California's most vulnerable populations, including disadvantaged or severely disadvantaged communities with inadequate or failing sanitation systems and threatened access to healthy drinking water supplies.

### **3.3.5. State Water Board Open Data Resolution**

On July 10, 2018, the State Water Board adopted Resolution 2018-0032, titled Adopting Principles of Open Data as a Core Value and Directing Programs and Activities to Implement Strategic Actions to Improve Data Accessibility and Associated Innovation, directing regulatory programs to assure all monitoring and reporting requirements support the State Water Boards' Open Data Initiative.

### **3.3.6. State Water Board Response to Climate Change**

On March 7, 2017, the State Water Board adopted Resolution 2017-0012, titled Comprehensive Response to Climate Change, requiring a proactive response to climate change in all California Water Board actions, with the intent to embed climate change consideration into all programs and activities.

### **3.4. California Environmental Quality Act**

The adoption of this Order is an action to reissue general waste discharge requirements that is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (Public Resources Code section 21000 et seq.) because it is an action taken by a regulatory agency to assure the protection of the environment and the regulatory process involves procedures for protection of the environment (Cal. Code Regs., Title 14, section 15308). In addition, the action to adopt this Order is exempt from CEQA pursuant to Cal. Code Regs., Title 14, section 15301, to the extent that it applies to existing sanitary sewer collection systems that constitute "existing facilities" as that term is used in sections 15301 and 15302, to the extent that it results in the repair or replacement of existing systems involving negligible or no expansion of capacity.

### **3.5. State Water Board Funding Assistance for Compliance with Water Board Water Quality Orders**

The State Water Board, Division of Financial Assistance administers the implementation of the State Water Board financial assistance programs, per Board-adopted funding policies. Among other funding areas, the Division administers loan and grant funding for the planning and construction of wastewater and water recycling facilities per funding program-specific policies and guidelines. Applicants may apply for Clean Water State Revolving Fund low-interest loan, Small Community Wastewater grant funding assistance, and other funding available at the time of application, for some of the costs associated with complying with this General Order.

Funding applicants may obtain further information regarding current funding opportunities, and Division of Financial Assistance staff contact information at the following website: [Financial Assistance Funding - Grants and Loans | California State Water Resources Control Board](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/grants_loans/).

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Section 13477.6 of the Water Code authorizes the Small Community Grant Fund. The Small Community Grant Fund allows the State Water Board to provide grant funding assistance to small, disadvantaged communities and small severely disadvantaged communities that may not otherwise be able to afford a loan or similar financing for projects to comply with requirements of this General Order. The State Water Board also considers loan forgiveness on a disadvantaged community-specific basis.

For disadvantaged communities' wastewater needs, the State Water Board places priority on the funding of projects that address:

- Public health;
- Violations of waste discharge requirements and National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permits;
- Providing sewer system service to existing septic tank owners; and
- High priority public health and water quality concerns identified by a Regional Water Board.

### 3.6. Notification to Interested Parties

On January 31, 2022, the State Water Board notified interested parties and persons of its intent to reissue Sanitary Sewer Systems General Order 2006-0003-DWQ by issuing a draft General Order for a 60-day public comment period. State Water Board staff conducted extensive stakeholder outreach and encouraged public participation in the adoption process for this General Order. On March 15, 2022, the State Water Board held a public meeting to hear and consider oral public comments. The State Water Board considered all public comments prior to adopting this General Order.

**THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED**, that pursuant to Water Code sections 13263, 13267, and 13383 this General Order supersedes Order 2006-0003-DWQ, Order WQ 2013-0058-EXEC, and any amendments made to these Orders thereafter, except for enforcement purposes and to meet the provisions contained in Division 7 of the Water Code (commencing with section 13000) and regulations adopted thereunder, and the provisions of the Clean Water Act and regulations and guidelines adopted thereunder, the Enrollee shall comply with the requirements in this Order.

## 4. PROHIBITIONS

### 4.1 Discharge of Sewage from a Sanitary Sewer System

Any discharge from a sanitary sewer system that has the potential to discharge to surface waters of the State is prohibited unless it is promptly cleaned up and reported as required in this General Order.

### 4.2 Discharge of Sewage to Waters of the State

Any discharge from a sanitary sewer system, discharged directly or indirectly through a drainage conveyance system or other route, to waters of the State is prohibited.

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### 4.3. Discharge of Sewage Creating a Nuisance

Any discharge from a sanitary sewer system that creates a nuisance or condition of pollution as defined in Water Code section 13050(m) is prohibited.

## 5. SPECIFICATIONS

### 5.1. Designation of a Legally Responsible Official

The Enrollee shall designate a Legally Responsible Official that has authority to ensure the enrolled sanitary sewer system(s) complies with this Order, and is authorized to serve as a duly authorized representative. The Legally Responsible Official must have responsibility over management of the Enrollee's entire sanitary sewer system, and must be authorized to make managerial decisions that govern the operation of the sanitary sewer system, including having the explicit or implicit duty of making major capital improvement recommendations to ensure long-term environmental compliance. The Legally Responsible Official must have or have direct authority over individuals that:

- Possess a recognized degree or certificate related to operations and maintenance of sanitary sewer systems, and/or
- Have professional training and experience related to the management of sanitary sewer systems, demonstrated through extensive knowledge, training and experience.

For example, a sewer system superintendent or manager, an operations manager, a public utilities manager or director, or a district engineer may be designated as a Legally Responsible Official.

The Legally Responsible Official shall complete the electronic [CIWQS "User Registration" form](https://ciwqs.waterboards.ca.gov/ciwqs/newUser.jsp) (<https://ciwqs.waterboards.ca.gov/ciwqs/newUser.jsp>). A Legally Responsible Official that represents multiple enrolled systems shall complete the electronic CIWQS "User Registration" form for each system.

The Enrollee shall submit any change to its Legally Responsible Official, and/or change in contact information, to the State Water Board within 30 calendar days of the change by emailing [ciwqs@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:ciwqs@waterboards.ca.gov) and copying the appropriate Regional Water Board as provided in Attachment F (Regional Water Quality Control Board Contact Information) of this General Order.

### 5.2. Sewer System Management Plan Development and Implementation

To facilitate adequate local funding and management of its sanitary sewer system(s), the Enrollee shall develop and implement an updated Sewer System Management Plan. The scale and complexity of the Sewer System Management Plan, and specific elements of the Plan, must match the size, scale and complexity of the Enrollee's sanitary sewer system(s). The Sewer System Management Plan must address, at minimum, the required Plan elements in Attachment D (Sewer System Management Plan – Required Elements) of this General Order. To be effective, the Sewer System Management Plan must include procedures for the management, operation, and maintenance of the sanitary sewer system(s). The procedures must: (1) incorporate the

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prioritization of system repairs and maintenance to proactively prevent spills, and (2) address the implementation of current standard industry practices through available equipment, technologies, and strategies.

For an existing Enrollee under Order 2006-0003-DWQ that has certified its Continuation of Existing Regulatory Coverage, per section 2.1 (Requirements for Continuation of Existing Regulatory Coverage) of this General Order:

### **Within six (6) months of the Adoption Date of this General Order:**

- The Legally Responsible Official shall upload the Enrollee's existing Sewer System Management Plan to the online CIWQS Sanitary Sewer System Database.

For a new Enrollee:

### **Within twelve (12) months of the Application for Enrollment approval date:**

- The governing entity of the new Enrollee shall approve its Sewer System Management Plan; and
- The Legally Responsible Official shall certify and upload its Sewer System Management Plan to the online CIWQS Sanitary Sewer System Database.

### **5.3. Certification of Sewer System Management Plan and Plan Updates**

The Legally Responsible Official shall certify and upload its Sewer System Management Plan and all subsequent updates to the online CIWQS Sanitary Sewer System Database.

### **5.4. Sewer System Management Plan Audits**

The Enrollee shall conduct an internal audit of its Sewer System Management Plan, and implementation of its Plan, at a minimum frequency of once every three years. The audit must be conducted for the period after the end of the Enrollee's last required audit period. **Within six months after the end of the required 3-year audit period**, the Legally Responsible Official shall submit an audit report into the online CIWQS Sanitary Sewer System Database per the requirements in section 3.10 (Sewer System Management Plan Audit Reporting Requirements) of Attachment E1 of this General Order.

Audit reports submitted to the CIWQS Sanitary Sewer System Database will be viewable only to Water Boards staff.

The internal audit shall be appropriately scaled to the size of the system(s) and the number of spills. The Enrollee's sewer system operators must be involved in completing the audit. At minimum, the audit must:

- Evaluate the implementation and effectiveness of the Enrollee's Sewer System Management Plan in preventing spills;
- Evaluate the Enrollee's compliance with this General Order;
- Identify Sewer System Management Plan deficiencies in addressing ongoing spills and discharges to waters of the State; and

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- Identify necessary modifications to the Sewer System Management Plan to correct deficiencies.

The Enrollee shall submit a complete audit report that includes:

- Audit findings and recommended corrective actions;
- A statement that sewer system operators’ input on the audit findings has been considered; and
- A proposed schedule for the Enrollee to address the identified deficiencies.

A new Enrollee of this General Order (that did not have a sanitary sewer system enrolled in the previous State Water Board Order 2006-0003-DWQ) shall conduct its first internal Sewer System Management Plan audit for the time period between the date of submittal of its certified Sewer System Management Plan and the third subsequent December 31<sup>st</sup> date. The audit report must be submitted into the online CIWQS Sanitary Sewer System Database **by July 1 of the following calendar year.**

See the following tables for clarification:

**Initial Audit Period and Audit Due Date for New Enrollees**

	Audit Period	Audit Due Date
New Enrollee	Certified Sewer System Management Plan Submittal Date through the third subsequent December 31 <sup>st</sup> date	July 1 <sup>st</sup> date after audit period
<i>Example</i>	<i>Certified Sewer System Management Plan Submittal Date of August 2, 2025 Audit Period of August 2, 2025 through December 31, 2027</i>	<i>July 1, 2028</i>



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**Initial Audit Period for Transition from 2-Year Audit Required in Previous Order 2006-0003-DWQ to 3-Year Audit Required in this General Order**

	Audit Period	Audit Due Date
An Enrollee previously regulated by Order 2006-003-DWQ	A 3-year period starting from the end of last required 2-year Audit Period	Within six months after end of 3-year Audit Period
<i>Example</i>	<i>Last required Audit Period start date of August 2, 2021; Audit Period of August 2, 2021 through August 1, 2024</i>	<i>February 1, 2025</i>

**Three-Year Ongoing Audit Period**

	Audit Period	Audit Due Date
Each Enrollee	A 3-year period starting from the end of last required Audit Period	Within six months after end of 3-year Audit Period

**5.5. Six-Year Sewer System Management Plan Update**

At a minimum, the Enrollee shall update its Sewer System Management Plan every six (6) years after the date of its last Plan Update due date. (For an Enrollee previously regulated by Order 2006-0003-DWQ, the six-year period shall commence on the due date identified in section 3.11 of Attachment E1 (Notification, Monitoring, Reporting and Recordkeeping Requirements) of this Order. The Updated Sewer System Management Plan must include:

- Elements required in Attachment D (Sewer System Management Plan – Required Elements) of this Order;
- Summary of revisions included in the Plan update based on internal audit findings; and
- Other sewer system management-related changes.

The Enrollee’s governing entity shall approve the updated Plan. The Legally Responsible Official shall upload and certify the approved updated Plan in the online CIWQS Sanitary Sewer System Database in accordance with section 3.11 (Sewer System Management Plan Reporting Requirements) of Attachment E1 (Notification, Monitoring, Reporting and Recordkeeping Requirements) of this General Order. During the time period in between Plan updates, the Enrollee shall continuously document changes to its Sewer System Management Plan in a change log attached to the Plan.

## 5.6. System Resilience

The Enrollee shall include and implement system-specific procedures in its Sewer System Management Plan to proactively prioritize: (1) operation and maintenance, (2) condition assessments, and (3) repair and rehabilitation, to address ongoing system resilience, as specified in Attachment D (Sewer System Management Plan – Required Elements) of this General Order.

## 5.7. Allocation of Resources

The Enrollee shall:

- Establish and maintain a means to manage all necessary revenues and expenditures related to the sanitary sewer system; and
- Allocate the necessary resources to its sewer system management program for:
  - Compliance with this General Order,
  - Full implementation of its updated Sewer System Management Plan,
  - System operation, maintenance, and repair, and
  - Spill responses.

## 5.8. Designation of Data Submitters

The Legally Responsible Official may designate one or more individuals as a Data Submitter for reporting of spill data. The Legally Responsible Official shall authorize the designation of Data Submitter(s) through the online [CIWQS database](https://ciwqs.waterboards.ca.gov) (<https://ciwqs.waterboards.ca.gov>) prior to the individuals establishing a [CIWQS user account](https://ciwqs.waterboards.ca.gov/ciwqs/newUser.jsp) (<https://ciwqs.waterboards.ca.gov/ciwqs/newUser.jsp>) and entering spill data into the online CIWQS Sanitary Sewer System Database.

The Legally Responsible Official shall submit any change to its Data Submitter(s), and/or change in Data Submitter contact information, to the State Water Board within 30 calendar days of the change, by emailing [ciwqs@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:ciwqs@waterboards.ca.gov) and copying the appropriate Regional Water Board as provided in Attachment F (Regional Water Quality Control Board Contact Information) of this General Order.

## 5.9. Reporting Certification

The Legally Responsible Official shall electronically certify, on the Enrollee's behalf, all applications, reports, the Sewer System Management Plan(s) and corresponding updates, and other information submitted electronically into the online CIWQS Sanitary Sewer System Database, as follows:

*"I certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the electronically submitted information was prepared under my direction or supervision. Based on my inquiry of the person(s) directly responsible for gathering the information, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the information submitted is true, accurate, and complete, and complies with the Statewide Sanitary Sewer Systems General Order. I am aware that there are significant penalties for submitting false information."*

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Hardcopy submittals to the State Water Board must be accompanied by the above certification statement.

### 5.10. System Capacity

The Enrollee shall maintain the system capacity necessary to convey: (1) base flows during dry weather conditions, and (2) wet weather peak flows consistent with designated local historic storms. Design storms must take into account system-specific stormwater contributions via inflow and infiltration, and location-specific depth of groundwater and storm frequencies. The Enrollee shall implement capital improvements to provide adequate hydraulic capacity to:

- Meet or exceed the design criteria as defined in the Enrollee's System Evaluation and Capacity Assurance element of its Sewer System Management Plan; and
- Prevent system capacity-related spills, and adverse impacts to the treatment efficiency of downstream wastewater treatment facilities.

### 5.11. System Performance Analysis

The Enrollee shall include a running 10-year system performance analysis in its Annual Report. The analysis must include two CIWQS-generated graphs presenting the following information:

#### **Graph 1 – Total Spill Volume per Year:**

X axis: A 10-year period which includes the current calendar year and the nine previous calendar years;

Y axis: The total spill volume, per Spill Category, for each calendar year.

#### **Graph 2 – Total Number of Spills per Year:**

X axis: A 10-year period which includes the current calendar year and the nine previous calendar years;

Y axis: The total number of spills, per Spill Category, for each calendar year.

The current calendar year is the calendar year covered in the Annual Report.

The Enrollee shall generate the graphs in CIWQS, using the existing data in the online CIWQS Sanitary Sewer System Database at the following graph generation link: ([https://ciwqs.waterboards.ca.gov/ciwqs/readOnly/PublicReportSSOServlet?reportAction=criteria&reportId=sso\\_operation\\_report](https://ciwqs.waterboards.ca.gov/ciwqs/readOnly/PublicReportSSOServlet?reportAction=criteria&reportId=sso_operation_report)).

### 5.12. Spill Emergency Response Plan and Remedial Actions

For Existing Enrollees (with regulatory coverage under Order 2006-0003-DWQ):

**Within six (6) months of the Adoption Date of this General Order**, the Enrollee shall update and implement its Spill Emergency Response Plan, per Attachment D, section 6 (Spill Emergency Response Plan) of this General Order.

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### For New Enrollees:

**Within six (6) months of the Application for Enrollment approval date**, the Enrollee shall develop and implement a Spill Emergency Response Plan, per Attachment D, section 6 (Spill Emergency Response Plan) of this General Order.

The Enrollee shall certify, in its Annual Report, that its Spill Emergency Response Plan is up to date.

The Spill Emergency Response Plan shall include measures to protect public health and the environment. The Enrollee shall respond to spills from its system(s) in a timely manner that minimizes water quality impacts and nuisance by:

- Immediately stopping the spill and preventing/minimizing a discharge to waters of the State;
- Intercepting sewage flows to prevent/minimize spill volume discharged into waters of the State;
- Thoroughly recovering, cleaning up and disposing of sewage and wash down water; and
- Cleaning publicly accessible areas while preventing toxic discharges to waters of the State.

### **5.13. Notification, Monitoring, Reporting and Recordkeeping Requirements**

The Enrollee shall comply with notification, monitoring, reporting, and recordkeeping requirements in Attachment E1 of this General Order.

#### **5.13.1. Spill Categories**

Individual spill notification, monitoring and reporting must be in accordance with the following spill categories:

- **Category 1 Spill**

A Category 1 spill is a spill of any volume **of sewage** from or caused by a sanitary sewer system regulated under this General Order that results in a discharge to:

- A surface water, including a surface water body that contains no flow or volume of water; or
- A drainage conveyance system that discharges to surface waters when the sewage is not fully captured and returned to the sanitary sewer system or disposed of properly.

Any spill volume not recovered from a drainage conveyance system is considered a discharge to surface water, unless the drainage conveyance system discharges to a dedicated stormwater infiltration basin or facility.

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A spill from an Enrollee-owned and/or operated lateral that discharges to a surface water is a Category 1 spill; the Enrollee shall report all Category 1 spills per section 3.1 of Attachment E1 (Notification, Monitoring, Reporting and Recordkeeping Requirements) of this General Order.

- **Category 2 Spill**

A Category 2 spill is a spill of 1,000 gallons or greater, from or caused by a sanitary sewer system regulated under this General Order that does not discharge to a surface water.

A spill of 1,000 gallons or greater that spills out of a lateral and is caused by a failure or blockage in the sanitary sewer system, is a Category 2 spill.

- **Category 3 Spill**

A Category 3 spill is a spill of equal to or greater than 50 gallons and less than 1,000 gallons, from or caused by a sanitary sewer system regulated under this General Order that does not discharge to a surface water.

A spill of equal to or greater than 50 gallons and less than 1,000 gallons, that spills out of a lateral and is caused by a failure or blockage in the sanitary sewer system is a Category 3 spill.

- **Category 4 Spill**

A Category 4 spill is a spill of less than 50 gallons, from or caused by a sanitary sewer system regulated under this General Order that does not discharge to a surface water.

A spill of less than 50 gallons that spills out of a lateral and is caused by a failure or blockage in the sanitary sewer system is a Category 4 spill.

### 5.13.2. Annual Report

The Enrollee shall submit an Annual Report (previously termed as Collection System Questionnaire in Order 2006-0003-DWQ) as specified in section 3.9 (Annual Report) of Attachment E1 (Notification, Monitoring, Reporting and Recordkeeping Requirements) of this General Order.

**For new Enrollees: Within 30 days of obtaining a CIWQS account,** a new Enrollee shall submit its initial Annual Report, as specified in section 3.9 (Annual Report) of Attachment E1 (Notification, Monitoring, Reporting and Recordkeeping Requirements) of this General Order.

**5.14. Electronic Sanitary Sewer System Service Area Boundary Map**

**For continuing enrollees, starting on July 1, 2025, and no later than December 31, 2025:**

**For new enrollees – no earlier than July 1, 2025, or within 12 months of the Application for Enrollment approval date, whichever date is later:**

The Legally Responsible Official shall submit, to the State Water Board, geospatial data detailing the locations of the Enrollee’s sanitary sewer system service area boundary, per the required content and specifications in section 3.8 (Electronic Sanitary Sewer System Service Area Boundary Map) of Attachment E1 of this General Order, for each system identified by a WDID number.

An Enrollee of a disadvantaged community that may need assistance developing an electronic map to comply with this requirement, may contact State Water Board staff for assistance at [SanitarySewer@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:SanitarySewer@waterboards.ca.gov).

**5.15. Voluntary Reporting of Spills from Privately-Owned Sewer Laterals and/or Private Sanitary Sewer Systems**

Within 24 hours of becoming aware of a spill (as described below) from a private sewer lateral or private sanitary sewer system that is not owned/operated by the Enrollee, the Enrollee is encouraged to report the following observations to the online CIWQS Sanitary Sewer System Database at the following link:

<https://ciwqs.waterboards.ca.gov>:

- A spill equal or greater than 1,000 gallons that discharges (or has a potential to discharge) to a water of the State, or a drainage conveyance system that discharges to waters of the State; **or**
- Any volume of sewage that discharges (or has a potential to discharge) to surface waters.

In the CIWQS module, the Enrollee is encouraged to identify:

- Time of observation;
- Description of general spill location (for example, street name and cross street names);
- Estimated volume of spill;
- If known, general description of spill destination (for example, flowing into drainage channel, flowing directly into a creek, etc.); and
- If known, name of private system owner/operator.

The CIWQS database will make the name and contact information of the entity voluntarily reporting a private spill, accessible to State and Regional Water Board staff only. The CIWQS database will only make information regarding the actual spill, accessible to the public.

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### **5.16. Voluntary Notification of Spills from Privately-Owned Laterals and/or Systems to the California Office of Emergency Services**

Upon observing or acquiring knowledge of any of the following from a private sewer lateral or private sanitary sewer system that is not owned/operated by the Enrollee, the Enrollee is encouraged to notify the California Office of Emergency Services (as provided by Health and Safety Code section 5410 et. seq. and Water Code section 13271), or inform the responsible party that State law requires such notification to the Office of Emergency Services by any person that causes or allows a sewage discharge to waters of the State:

- A spill equal to 1,000 gallons or more that discharges (or has a potential to discharge) to waters of the State, or a drainage conveyance system that discharges to waters of the State; or
- A spill of any volume to surface waters.

### **5.17. Unintended Failure to Report**

If an Enrollee becomes aware that they unintentionally failed to submit relevant facts in any report required in this General Order, the Enrollee shall promptly notify Regional Water Board and State Water Board staff. Regional Water Board contact information is included in Attachment F of this Order. State Water Board staff shall be contacted by email at [SanitarySewer@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:SanitarySewer@waterboards.ca.gov) for assistance in formally amending the corresponding report(s) in the online CIWQS Sanitary Sewer System Database.

### **5.18. Duty to Report to Water Boards**

In accordance with Water Code section 13267 and/or section 13383, upon request by the State Water Board Executive Director (or designee) or a Regional Water Board Executive Officer (or designee), the Enrollee shall provide the requested information which the State or Regional Water Board deems necessary to determine compliance with this General Order.

### **5.19. Operation and Maintenance**

To prevent discharges to the environment, the Enrollee shall maintain in good working order, and operate as designed, any facility or treatment and control system designed to contain sewage and convey it to a treatment plant.

## **6. PROVISIONS**

### **6.1. Enforcement Provisions**

The following enforcement provisions are based on existing federal and state regulations, laws and policies, including the federal Clean Water Act, the state Water Code and the State Water Board Enforcement Policy.

#### **6.1.1. Enforceability of Clean Water Act and Water Code Violations**

Noncompliance with requirements of this General Order or discharging sewage without enrolling in this General Order constitutes a violation of the Water Code and a potential

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violation of the Clean Water Act and is grounds for an enforcement action by the State Water Board or the applicable Regional Water Board. Failure to comply with the notification, monitoring, inspection, entry, reporting, and recordkeeping requirements may subject the Enrollee to administrative civil liabilities of up to \$10,000 a day per violation pursuant to Water Code section 13385; up to \$1,000 a day per violation pursuant to Water Code section 13268; or referral to the Attorney General for judicial civil enforcement. Discharging waste not in compliance with the requirements of this General Order or the Clean Water Act may subject the Enrollee to administrative civil liabilities up to \$10,000 a day per violation and additional liability up to \$10 per gallon of discharge not cleaned up after the first 1,000 gallons of discharge; up to \$5,000 a day per violation pursuant to Water Code section 13350 or up to \$20 per gallon of waste discharged; or referral to the Attorney General for judicial civil enforcement.

### **6.1.2. Monetary Penalties**

The Water Code provides the State and Regional Water Boards the authority to pursue formal enforcement actions, including imposing administrative liability and civil monetary penalties, for non-compliance with the requirements of this General Order and violations of the Clean Water Act.

### **6.1.3. Falsifying or Failure to Report**

The Water Code provides that any person failing or refusing to furnish technical or monitoring program reports, as required under this General Order, or falsifying any information provided in the technical or monitoring reports is subject to administrative liability and civil monetary penalties. Any person who knowingly fails or refuses to furnish technical or monitoring program reports or falsifies any information provided in reports required by this General Order is subject to criminal penalties.

### **6.1.4. Severability of General Order**

The provisions of this General Order are severable; if any provision of this Order, or the application of any provision of this Order to any circumstance, is held invalid, the application of such provision to other circumstances and the remainder of this Order shall not be affected thereby.

### **6.1.5. Indirect Discharges**

In the event that a spill enters into a drainage conveyance system, the Enrollee shall take all feasible steps to prevent discharge of sewage into waters of the State by blocking or redirecting the flow in the drainage conveyance system, removing the sewage from the drainage conveyance system, and cleaning the system in a manner that does not inadvertently impact beneficial uses of the receiving water body.

### **6.1.6. Water Boards' Considerations for Discretionary Enforcement**

Consistent with the State Water Board Enforcement Policy, when considering Water Code section 13327 factors, the State Water Board or a Regional Water Board may consider the Enrollee's efforts to contain, control, clean up, and mitigate spills. In assessing the factors, the State Water Board or the applicable Regional Water Board will consider:



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- The Enrollee's compliance with this General Order with a focus on compliance with reporting requirements;
- The Enrollee's provision of adequate funding to implement the requirements of this General Order;
- The Enrollee's compliance with providing a complete and updated Sewer System Management Plan;
- The Enrollee's compliance with implementing its Sewer System Management Plan;
- The overall effectiveness of the Enrollee's Sewer System Management Plan with respect to:
  - System management, operation, and maintenance,
  - Adequate treatment facilities, sanitary sewer system facilities, and/or components with an appropriate design capacity, to reasonably prevent spills (e.g. adequately enlarging treatment or collection facilities to accommodate growth, infiltration and inflow, etc.),
  - Preventive maintenance (including cleaning, root grinding, and fats, oils, and grease control) and source control measures,
  - Implementation of backup equipment,
  - Inflow and infiltration prevention and control,
  - Appropriate sanitary sewer system capacity to prevent spills, and
  - The Enrollee's responsiveness to stop and mitigate the impact of the discharge;
- The Enrollee's compliance with identifying the cause of the spill;
- The Enrollee's use of available information and observations to accurately estimate the spill volume and identify the affected or potentially affected receiving waters;
- The Enrollee's thoroughness of cleaning up sewage in drainage conveyance systems after the spill(s);
- The Enrollee's use of water quality and biological monitoring and assessment to determine the short-term and long-term impacts to beneficial uses and the environment;
- The Enrollee's follow up actions to improve system performance;
- The Enrollee's implementation of feasible alternatives to prevent spills, such as:
  - Use of temporary storage or waste retention,
  - Reduction of system inflow and infiltration,
  - Collection and hauling of waste to a treatment facility,
  - Prevention of and/ or containment of spills due to a design storm event identified in the Enrollee's Sewer System Management Plan,

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- Implementation of available equipment, technologies, strategies, and recommended industry practices for maintaining and managing sewer systems to prevent spills, and contain and eliminate discharges to waters of the State; and
- The spill duration and factors beyond the reasonable control of the Enrollee causing the event.

### 6.1.7. Enforcement Discretion Based on Reporting Compliance

Consistent with the State Water Board Enforcement Policy, the State Water Board or a Regional Water Board may consider the Enrollee's efforts to comply with spill reporting requirements when determining compliance with Water Code section 13267 and section 13383. When assessing Water Code section 13227 factors, the State Water Board or the applicable Regional Water Board will consider:

- The Enrollee's diligence to comply with all reporting requirements in this General Order;
- The use of best available information for the Enrollee's reporting of spill start date and start time in which the release of sewage from the sanitary sewer system initiated;
- The Enrollee's reporting of spill end date, and end time to be the date and time in which the release of sewage from the sanitary sewer system was stopped;
- The Enrollee's diligence to accurately estimate and report spill volumes;
- The Enrollee's subsequent verification and/or updates to initial Draft Spill Reports in accordance with this General Order; and
- The Enrollee's timely certification of required spill reports.

Consistent with Water Code section 13267 and section 13383, the State Water Board or a Regional Water Board may require an Enrollee to report the results of a condition assessment of a specified portion of the Enrollee's sanitary sewer system.

### 6.2. Other Regional Water Board Orders

It is the intent of the State Water Board that sanitary sewer systems be regulated in a manner consistent with federal and state regulations. This Order will not be interpreted or applied:

- In a manner inconsistent with the federal Clean Water Act;
- To authorize a spill or discharge that is illegal under either the Clean Water Act, the Water Code, and/or an applicable Basin Plan prohibition or water quality standard;
- To prohibit a Regional Water Board from issuing an individual National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit or individual waste discharge requirements superseding an Enrollee's regulatory coverage under this General Order for a sanitary sewer system authorized under the Clean Water Act or Water Code;

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- To supersede any more specific or more stringent waste discharge requirements or enforcement orders issued by a Regional Water Board; or
- To supersede any more specific or more stringent state or federal requirements in existing regulation, an administrative/judicial order, or Consent Decree.

### **6.3. Sewer System Management Plan Availability**

The Enrollee's updated Sewer System Management Plan must be maintained for public inspection at the Enrollee's offices and facilities and must be available to the public through CIWQS and/or on the Enrollee's website, in accordance with section 3.8 (Sewer System Management Plan Reporting Requirements) of Attachment E1 (Notification, Monitoring, Reporting and Recordkeeping Requirements) of this General Order.

### **6.4. Entry and Inspection**

#### **6.4.1. Entry and Availability of Information**

The Enrollee shall allow State and Regional Water Board staff, upon presentation of credentials and other documents as may be required by law, to:

- Enter upon the Enrollee's premises where a regulated facility or activity is located or conducted, or where records are kept under the requirements of this General Order;
- Have access to and reproduce any records required to be maintained by this General Order;
- Inspect any facility and/or equipment (including monitoring and control equipment), practices, or operations required in this General Order; and
- Sample or monitor substances or parameters for assuring compliance with this General Order, or as otherwise authorized by the Water Code.

#### **6.4.2. Pre-Inspection Questionnaire**

The Enrollee shall provide pre-inspection information to State and Regional Water Board staff through the completion of a Pre-Inspection Questionnaire provided by Water Board staff.

## **ATTACHMENT A - DEFINITIONS**

### **Annual Report**

An Annual Report (previously termed as Collection System Questionnaire in Order 2006-0003-DWQ) is a mandatory report in which the Enrollee provides a calendar-year update of its efforts to prevent spills.

### **Basin Plan**

A Basin Plan is a water quality control plan specific to a Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Water Board), that serves as regulations to: (1) define and designate beneficial uses of surface and groundwaters, (2) establish water quality objectives for protection of beneficial uses, and (3) provide implementation measures.

### **Beneficial Uses**

The term “Beneficial Uses” is a Water Code term, defined as the uses of the waters of the State that may be protected against water quality degradation. Examples of beneficial uses include but are not limited to, municipal, domestic, agricultural and industrial supply; power generation; recreation; aesthetic enjoyment; navigation; and preservation and enhancement of fish, wildlife, and other aquatic resources or preserves.

### **California Integrated Water Quality System (CIWQS)**

CIWQS is the statewide database that provides for mandatory electronic reporting as required in State and Regional Water Board-issued waste discharge requirements.

### **Data Submitter**

A Data Submitter is an individual designated and authorized by the Enrollee’s Legally Responsible Official to enter spill data into the online CIWQS Sanitary Sewer System Database. A Data Submitter does not have the authority of a Legally Responsible Official to certify reporting entered into the online CIWQS Sanitary Sewer System Database.

### **Disadvantaged Community**

A disadvantaged community is a community with a median household income of less than eighty percent (80%) of the statewide annual median household income.

For the purpose of this General Order, there is no differentiation between a small and large disadvantaged community.

### **Drainage Conveyance System**

A drainage conveyance system is a publicly- or privately-owned separate storm sewer system, including but not limited to drainage canals, channels, pipelines, pump stations, detention basins, infiltration basins/facilities, or other facilities constructed to transport stormwater and non-stormwater flows.

## Enrollee

An Enrollee is a public, private, or other non-governmental entity that has obtained approval for regulatory coverage under this General Order, including:

- A state agency, municipality, special district, or other public entity that owns and/or operates one or more sanitary sewer systems:
  - greater than one (1) mile in length (each individual sanitary sewer system);
  - one mile or less in length where the State Water Resources Control Board or a Regional Water Quality Control Board requires regulatory coverage under this Order, or
- A federal agency, private company, or other non-governmental entity that owns and/or operates a sanitary sewer system of any size where the State Water Resources Control Board or a Regional Water Quality Control Board requires regulatory coverage under this Order in response to a history of spills, proximity to surface water, or other factors supporting regulatory coverage.

## Environmentally Sensitive Area

An environmentally sensitive area is a designated agricultural and/or wildlife area identified to need special natural landscape protection due to its wildlife or historical value.

## Exfiltration

Exfiltration is the underground exiting of sewage from a sanitary sewer system through cracks, offset or separated joints, or failed infrastructure due to corrosion or other factors.

## Flood Control Channel

A flood control channel is a channel used to convey stormwater and non-stormwater flows through and from areas for flood management purposes.

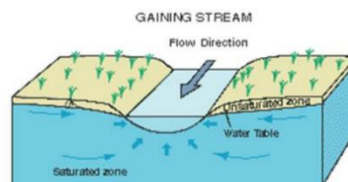
## Governing Entity

A governing entity includes but is not limited to the following:

- A publicly elected governing board, council, or commission of a municipal agency;
- A Department or Division director of a federal or state agency that is not governed by a board;
- A governing board or commission of an organization or association; and
- A private system owner/manager that is not governed by a board.

## Hydrologically Connected

Two waterbodies are hydrologically connected when one waterbody flows, or has the potential to flow, into the other waterbody. For the purpose of this General Order, groundwater is hydrologically connected to a surface water when the groundwater feeds into the surface water. (The surface waterbody in this example is termed a gaining stream as it gains flow from surrounding groundwater.)



### **Lateral (including Lower and Upper Lateral)**

A lateral is an underground segment of smaller diameter pipe that transports sewage from a customer's building or property (residential, commercial, or industrial) to the Enrollee's main sewer line in a street or easement. Upper and lower lateral boundary definitions are subject to local jurisdictional codes and ordinances, or private system ownership.

A lower lateral is the portion of the lateral located between the sanitary sewer system main, and either the property line, sewer clean out, curb line, established utility easement boundary, or other jurisdictional locations.

An upper lateral is the portion of the lateral from the property line, sewer clean out, curb line, established utility easement boundary, or other jurisdictional locations, to the building or property.

### **Legally Responsible Official**

A Legally Responsible Official is an official representative, designated by the Enrollee, with authority to sign and certify submitted information and documents required by this General Order.

### **Nuisance**

For the purpose of this General Order, a nuisance, as defined in Water Code section 13050(m), is anything that meets all of the following requirements:

- Is injurious to health, or is indecent or offensive to the senses, or an obstruction to the free use of property, so as to interfere with the comfortable enjoyment of life or property;
- Affects at the same time an entire community or neighborhood, or any considerable number of persons, although the extent of the annoyance or damage inflicted upon individuals may be unequal; and
- Occurs during, or as a result of, the treatment or disposal of wastes.

### **Private Sewer Lateral**

A private sewer lateral is the privately-owned lateral that transports sewage from private property(ies) into a sanitary sewer system.

### **Private Sanitary Sewer System**

A private sanitary sewer system is a sanitary sewer system of any size that is owned and/or operated by a private individual, company, corporation, or organization. A private sanitary sewer system may or may not connect into a publicly owned sanitary sewer system.

### **Potential to Discharge, Potential Discharge**

Potential to Discharge, or Potential Discharge, means any exiting of sewage from a sanitary sewer system which can reasonably be expected to discharge into a water of the State based on the size of the sewage spill, proximity to a drainage conveyance system, and the nature of the surrounding environment.

## **Receiving Water**

A receiving water is a water of the State that receives a discharge of waste.

## **Resilience**

Resilience is the ability to recover from or adjust to adversity or change, and grow from disruptions. Resilience can be built through planning, preparing for, mitigating, and adapting to changing conditions.

## **Sanitary Sewer System**

A sanitary sewer system is a system that is designed to convey sewage, including but not limited to, pipes, manholes, pump stations, siphons, wet wells, diversion structures and/or other pertinent infrastructure, upstream of a wastewater treatment plant headworks, including:

- Laterals owned and/or operated by the Enrollee;
- Satellite sewer systems; and/or
- Temporary conveyance and storage facilities, including but not limited to temporary piping, vaults, construction trenches, wet wells, impoundments, tanks and diversion structures.

For purpose of this Order, sanitary sewer systems include only systems owned and/or operated by the Enrollee.

## **Satellite Sewer System**

A satellite sewer system is a portion of a sanitary sewer system owned or operated by a different owner than the owner of the downstream wastewater treatment facility ultimately treating the sewage.

## **Sewer System Management Plan**

A sewer system management plan is a living document an Enrollee develops and implements to effectively manage its sanitary sewer system(s) in accordance with this General Order.

## **Sewage**

Sewage, and its associated wastewater, is untreated or partially treated domestic, municipal, commercial and/or industrial waste (including sewage sludge), and any mixture of these wastes with inflow or infiltration of stormwater or groundwater, conveyed in a sanitary sewer system.

## **Spill**

A spill is a discharge of sewage from any portion of a sanitary sewer system due to a sanitary sewer system overflow, operational failure, and/or infrastructure failure. Exfiltration of sewage is not considered to be a spill under this General Order if the exfiltrated sewage remains in the subsurface and does not reach a surface water of the State.

## **Training**

Training is in-house or external education and guidance needed that provides the knowledge, skills, and abilities to comply with this General Order.

**Wash Down Water**

Wash down water is water used to clean a spill area.

**Waste**

Waste, as defined in Water Code section 13050(d), includes sewage and any and all other waste substances, liquid, solid, gaseous, or radioactive, associated with human habitation, or of human or animal origin, or from any producing, manufacturing, or processing operation, including waste placed within containers of whatever nature prior to, and for purposes of, disposal.

**Waste Discharge Identification Number (WDID)**

A waste discharge identification number (WDID) identifies each individual sanitary sewer system enrolled under this General Order. A WDID number is assigned to each enrolled system upon an Enrollee’s approved regulatory coverage.

**Waters of the State**

Waters of the State are surface waters or groundwater within boundaries of the state as defined in Water Code section 13050(e), in which the State and Regional Water Boards have authority to protect beneficial uses. Waters of the State include, but are not limited to, groundwater aquifers, surface waters, saline waters, natural washes and pools, wetlands, sloughs, and estuaries, regardless of flow or whether water exists during dry conditions. Waters of the State include waters of the United States.

**Waters of the United States**

Waters of the United States are surface waters or waterbodies that are subject to federal jurisdiction in accordance with the Clean Water Act.

**Water Quality Objective**

A water quality objective is the limit or maximum amount of pollutant, waste constituent or characteristic, or parameter level established in statewide water quality control plans and Regional Water Boards’ Basin Plans, for the reasonable protection of beneficial uses of surface waters and groundwater and the prevention of nuisance.



**ATTACHMENT B – APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT**

**1. Enrollment Status:** (Mark only one item)

New Enrollee

New Enrollee with previous regulatory coverage under Order 2006-0003-DWQ  
(that failed to certify continuation of coverage in CIWQS per Order 2022-XXXX-DWQ)

Existing WDID Number: \_\_\_\_\_

**2. Applicant Information:**

Legally Responsible Official Submitting Application

First and Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

System Owner/Operator Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

County: \_\_\_\_\_

Sanitary Sewer System Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Regional Water Quality Control Board(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Signature and Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**3. Applicant Type (Check one):**

City    County    State    Federal    Special District

Government Combination    Private    Other Non-governmental Entity

**4. Wastewater Treatment Plant Receiving Sanitary Sewer System Waste:**

Wastewater Treatment Plant Permittee: \_\_\_\_\_

WDID No.: \_\_\_\_\_

**5. Billing Information**

Billing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Billing Contact Person and Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone and Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**6. Application Fee:**

The application fee, as required by Water Code section 13260, is based on the daily population served by the sanitary sewer system. See updated [Fee Schedule](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/resources/fees/water_quality/).  
([https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/resources/fees/water\\_quality/](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/resources/fees/water_quality/))

Check one of the following and enter fee amount:

Population Served < 50,000 – Total Fee submitted: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Population Served ≥ 50,000 – Total Fee submitted: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Make the fee payment payable to the State Water Resources Control Board and mail the complete application package to:

State Water Resources Control Board, Accounting Office

P. O. Box 1888

Sacramento, CA 95812-1888

Attention: Statewide Sanitary Sewer System Program

**7. Application Submittal Certification**

*I certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that to the best of my knowledge and belief, the information in the submitted application package is true, accurate and complete. I am aware that there are significant penalties for submitting false information, including the possibility of fines and imprisonment.*

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**ATTACHMENT C - NOTICE OF TERMINATION**

**1. Enrollee Information**

Enrollee Name: \_\_\_\_\_

WDID No: \_\_\_\_\_

Legally Responsible Official Requesting Termination of Coverage: \_\_\_\_\_

First and Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

County: \_\_\_\_\_

Sanitary Sewer System Name(s) or Unique Identifier(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Regional Water Quality Control Board(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Signature and Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**2. Basis of Termination**

Explanation of termination, including subsequent regulatory coverage and subsequent owner/operator of enrolled sanitary sewer system, as applicable:

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**3. Regulatory Coverage Termination Certification**

*I certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that to the best of my knowledge: 1) the sanitary sewer system I officially represent is not required to be regulated under the Statewide Waste Discharge Requirements for Sanitary Sewer Systems Order 2022-XXXX-DWQ, and 2) the information submitted in this Notice of Termination is true, accurate and complete. I am aware that there are significant penalties for submitting false information, including the possibility of fine or imprisonment. Additionally, I understand that the submittal of this Notice of Termination does not release sanitary sewer system agencies from liability for any violations of the Clean Water Act.*

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**For State Water Board Use Only**

Approved for Termination

Denied and Returned to Enrollee

Deputy Director of Water Quality Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Notice of Termination Effective Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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**ATTACHMENT D – SEWER SYSTEM MANAGEMENT PLAN – REQUIRED ELEMENTS**

A Sewer System Management Plan (Plan) is a living planning document that documents ongoing local sewer system management program activities, procedures, and decision-making – at the scale necessary to address the size and complexity of the subject sanitary sewer system(s). This Plan may incorporate other programs and other plans by reference, to address short-term and long-term system resilience through:

- Proactive planning and decision-making;
- Local government ordinances;
- Updated operations and maintenance activities and procedures;
- Implementation of capital improvements;
- Sufficient local budget to support staff resources, contractors, equipment, and training; and
- Updated training of staff and contractors.

The Enrollee’s development, update, and implementation of a Sewer System Management Plan addressing the requirements of this Attachment is an enforceable component of this General Order. As specified in Provision 6.1 (Enforcement Provisions) of this General Order, consistent with the Water Code and the State Water Board Enforcement Policy, the State Water Board or a Regional Water Board may consider the Enrollee’s efforts in implementing an effective Sewer System Management Plan to prevent, contain, control, and mitigate spills when considering Water Code section 13327 factors to determine necessary enforcement of this General Order.

This Attachment includes the following required elements that the Enrollee shall address in its Plan and subsequent updates. The Enrollee shall identify any requirement in this Attachment that is not applicable to the Enrollee’s sewer system and shall explain in its Plan why the requirement is not applicable.

**1. SEWER SYSTEM MANAGEMENT PLAN GOAL AND INTRODUCTION**

The goal of the Sewer System Management Plan (Plan) is to provide a plan and schedule to: (1) properly manage, operate, and maintain all parts of the Enrollee’s sanitary sewer system(s), (2) reduce and prevent spills, and (3) contain and mitigate spills that do occur.

The Plan must include a narrative Introduction section that discusses the following items:

**1.1. Regulatory Context**

The Plan Introduction section must provide a general description of the local sewer system management program and discuss Plan implementation and updates.

**1.2. Sewer System Management Plan Update Schedule**

The Plan Introduction section must include a schedule for the Enrollee to update the Plan, including the schedule for conducting internal audits. The schedule must include milestones for incorporation of activities addressing prevention of sewer spills.

**1.3. Sewer System Asset Overview**

The Plan Introduction section must provide a description of the Enrollee-owned assets and service area, including but not limited to:

- Location, including county(ies);
- Service area boundary;
- Population and community served;
- System size, including total length in miles, length of gravity mainlines, length of pressurized (force) mains, and number of pump stations and siphons;
- Structures diverting stormwater to the sewer system;
- Data management systems;
- Sewer system ownership and operation responsibilities between Enrollee and private entities for upper and lower sewer laterals;
- Estimated number or percent of residential, commercial, and industrial service connections; and
- Unique service boundary conditions and challenge(s).

Additionally, the Plan Introduction section must provide reference to the Enrollee’s up-to-date map of its sanitary sewer system, as required in section 4.1 (Updated Map of Sanitary Sewer System) of this Attachment.

**2. ORGANIZATION**

The Plan must identify organizational staffing responsible and integral for implementing the local Sewer System Management Plan through an organization chart or similar narrative documentation that includes:

- The name of the Legally Responsible Official as required in section 5.1 (Designation of a Legally Responsible Official) of this General Order;
- The position titles, telephone numbers, and email addresses for management, administrative, and maintenance positions responsible for implementing specific Sewer System Management Plan elements;
- Organizational lines of authority; and
- Chain of communication for reporting spills from receipt of complaint or other information, including the person responsible for reporting spills to the State and Regional Water Boards and other agencies, as applicable. (For example, county

health officer, county environmental health agency, and State Office of Emergency Services.)

### **3. LEGAL AUTHORITY**

The Plan must include copies or an electronic link to the Enrollee's current sewer system use ordinances, service agreements and/or other legally binding procedures to demonstrate the Enrollee possesses the necessary legal authority to:

- Prevent illicit discharges into its sanitary sewer system from inflow and infiltration (I&I); unauthorized stormwater; chemical dumping; unauthorized debris; roots; fats, oils, and grease; and trash, including rags and other debris that may cause blockages;
- Collaborate with storm sewer agencies to coordinate emergency spill responses, ensure access to storm sewer systems during spill events, and prevent unintentional cross connections of sanitary sewer infrastructure to storm sewer infrastructure;
- Require that sewer system components and connections be properly designed and constructed;
- Ensure access for maintenance, inspection, and/or repairs for portions of the service lateral owned and/or operated by the Enrollee;
- Enforce any violation of its sewer ordinances, service agreements, or other legally binding procedures; and
- Obtain easement accessibility agreements for locations requiring sewer system operations and maintenance, as applicable.

### **4. OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE PROGRAM**

The Plan must include the items listed below that are appropriate and applicable to the Enrollee's system.

#### **4.1. Updated Map of Sanitary Sewer System**

An up-to-date map(s) of the sanitary sewer system, and procedures for maintaining and providing State and Regional Water Board staff access to the map(s). The map(s) must show gravity line segments and manholes, pumping facilities, pressure pipes and valves, and applicable stormwater conveyance facilities within the sewer system service area boundaries.

#### **4.2. Preventive Operation and Maintenance Activities**

A scheduling system and a data collection system for preventive operation and maintenance activities conducted by staff and contractors.

The scheduling system must include:

- Inspection and maintenance activities;



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- Higher-frequency inspections and maintenance of known problem areas, including areas with tree root problems;
- Regular visual and closed-circuit television (CCTV) inspections of manholes and sewer pipes.

The data collection system must document data from system inspection and maintenance activities, including system areas/components prone to root-intrusion potentially resulting in system backup and/or failure.

### **4.3. Training**

In-house and external training provided on a regular basis for sanitary sewer system operations and maintenance staff and contractors. The training must cover:

- The requirements of this General Order;
- The Enrollee's Spill Emergency Response Plan procedures and practice drills;
- Skilled estimation of spill volume for field operators; and
- Electronic CIWQS reporting procedures for staff submitting data.

### **4.4. Equipment Inventory**

An inventory of sewer system equipment, including the identification of critical replacement and spare parts.

## **5. DESIGN AND PERFORMANCE PROVISIONS**

The Plan must include the following items as appropriate and applicable to the Enrollee's system:

### **5.1. Updated Design Criteria and Construction Standards and Specifications**

Updated design criteria, and construction standards and specifications, for the construction, installation, repair, and rehabilitation of existing and proposed system infrastructure components, including but not limited to pipelines, pump stations, and other system appurtenances. If existing design criteria and construction standards are deficient to address the necessary component-specific hydraulic capacity as specified in section 8 (System Evaluation, Capacity Assurance and Capital Improvements) of this Attachment, the procedures must include component-specific evaluation of the design criteria.

### **5.2. Procedures and Standards**

Procedures, and standards for the inspection and testing of newly constructed, newly installed, repaired, and rehabilitated system pipelines, pumps, and other equipment and appurtenances.

**6. SPILL EMERGENCY RESPONSE PLAN**

The Plan must include an up to date Spill Emergency Response Plan to ensure prompt detection and response to spills to reduce spill volumes and collect information for prevention of future spills. The Spill Emergency Response Plan must include procedures to:

- Notify primary responders, appropriate local officials, and appropriate regulatory agencies of a spill in a timely manner;
- Notify other potentially affected entities (for example, health agencies, water suppliers, etc.) of spills that potentially affect public health or reach waters of the State;
- Comply with the notification, monitoring and reporting requirements of this General Order, State law and regulations, and applicable Regional Water Board Orders;
- Ensure that appropriate staff and contractors implement the Spill Emergency Response Plan and are appropriately trained;
- Address emergency system operations, traffic control and other necessary response activities;
- Contain a spill and prevent/minimize discharge to waters of the State or any drainage conveyance system;
- Minimize and remediate public health impacts and adverse impacts on beneficial uses of waters of the State;
- Remove sewage from the drainage conveyance system;
- Clean the spill area and drainage conveyance system in a manner that does not inadvertently impact beneficial uses in the receiving waters;
- Implement technologies, practices, equipment, and interagency coordination to expedite spill containment and recovery;
- Implement pre-planned coordination and collaboration with storm drain agencies and other utility agencies/departments prior, during, and after a spill event;
- Conduct post-spill assessments of spill response activities;
- Document and report spill events as required in this General Order; and
- Annually, review and assess effectiveness of the Spill Emergency Response Plan, and update the Plan as needed.

## **7. SEWER PIPE BLOCKAGE CONTROL PROGRAM**

The Sewer System Management Plan must include procedures for the evaluation of the Enrollee's service area to determine whether a sewer pipe blockage control program is needed to control fats, oils, grease, rags and debris. If the Enrollee determines that a program is not needed, the Enrollee shall provide justification in its Plan for why a program is not needed.

The procedures must include, at minimum:

- An implementation plan and schedule for a public education and outreach program that promotes proper disposal of pipe-blocking substances;
- A plan and schedule for the disposal of pipe-blocking substances generated within the sanitary sewer system service area. This may include a list of acceptable disposal facilities and/or additional facilities needed to adequately dispose of substances generated within a sanitary sewer system service area;
- The legal authority to prohibit discharges to the system and identify measures to prevent spills and blockages;
- Requirements to install grease removal devices (such as traps or interceptors), design standards for the removal devices, maintenance requirements, best management practices requirements, recordkeeping and reporting requirements;
- Authority to inspect grease producing facilities, enforcement authorities, and whether the Enrollee has sufficient staff to inspect and enforce the fats, oils, and grease ordinance;
- An identification of sanitary sewer system sections subject to fats, oils, and grease blockages and establishment of a cleaning schedule for each section; and
- Implementation of source control measures for all sources of fats, oils, and grease reaching the sanitary sewer system for each section identified above.

## **8. SYSTEM EVALUATION, CAPACITY ASSURANCE AND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS**

The Plan must include procedures and activities for:

- Routine evaluation and assessment of system conditions;
- Capacity assessment and design criteria;
- Prioritization of corrective actions; and
- A capital improvement plan.

### **8.1 System Evaluation and Condition Assessment**

The Plan must include procedures to:

- Evaluate the sanitary sewer system assets utilizing the best practices and technologies available;

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- Identify and justify the amount (percentage) of its system for its condition to be assessed each year;
- Prioritize the condition assessment of system areas that:
  - Hold a high level of environmental consequences if vulnerable to collapse, failure, blockage, capacity issues, or other system deficiencies;
  - Are located in or within the vicinity of surface waters, steep terrain, high groundwater elevations, and environmentally sensitive areas;
  - Are within the vicinity of a receiving water with a bacterial-related impairment on the most current Clean Water Act section 303(d) List;
- Assess the system conditions using visual observations, video surveillance and/or other comparable system inspection methods;
- Utilize observations/evidence of system conditions that may contribute to exiting of sewage from the system which can reasonably be expected to discharge into a water of the State;
- Maintain documents and recordkeeping of system evaluation and condition assessment inspections and activities; and
- Identify system assets vulnerable to direct and indirect impacts of climate change, including but not limited to: sea level rise; flooding and/or erosion due to increased storm volumes, frequency, and/or intensity; wildfires; and increased power disruptions.

### **8.2. Capacity Assessment and Design Criteria**

The Plan must include procedures to identify system components that are experiencing or contributing to spills caused by hydraulic deficiency and/or limited capacity, including procedures to identify the appropriate hydraulic capacity of key system elements for:

- Dry-weather peak flow conditions that cause or contributes to spill events;
- The appropriate design storm(s) or wet weather events that causes or contributes to spill events;
- The capacity of key system components; and
- Identify the major sources that contribute to the peak flows associated with sewer spills.

The capacity assessment must consider:

- Data from existing system condition assessments, system inspections, system audits, spill history, and other available information;
- Capacity of flood-prone systems subject to increased infiltration and inflow, under normal local and regional storm conditions;

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- Capacity of systems subject to increased infiltration and inflow due to larger and/or higher-intensity storm events as a result of climate change;
- Increases of erosive forces in canyons and streams near underground and above-ground system components due to larger and/or higher-intensity storm events;
- Capacity of major system elements to accommodate dry weather peak flow conditions, and updated design storm and wet weather events; and
- Necessary redundancy in pumping and storage capacities.

### **8.3. Prioritization of Corrective Action**

The findings of the condition assessments and capacity assessments must be used to prioritize corrective actions. Prioritization must consider the severity of the consequences of potential spills.

### **8.4. Capital Improvement Plan**

The capital improvement plan must include the following items:

- Project schedules including completion dates for all portions of the capital improvement program;
- Internal and external project funding sources for each project; and
- Joint coordination between operation and maintenance staff, and engineering staff/consultants during planning, design, and construction of capital improvement projects; and Interagency coordination with other impacted utility agencies.

## **9. MONITORING, MEASUREMENT AND PROGRAM MODIFICATIONS**

The Plan must include an Adaptive Management section that addresses Plan-implementation effectiveness and the steps for necessary Plan improvement, including:

- Maintaining relevant information, including audit findings, to establish and prioritize appropriate Plan activities;
- Monitoring the implementation and measuring the effectiveness of each Plan Element;
- Assessing the success of the preventive operation and maintenance activities;
- Updating Plan procedures and activities, as appropriate, based on results of monitoring and performance evaluations; and
- Identifying and illustrating spill trends, including spill frequency, locations and estimated volumes.

**10. INTERNAL AUDITS**

The Plan shall include internal audit procedures, appropriate to the size and performance of the system, for the Enrollee to comply with section 5.4 (Sewer System Management Plan Audits) of this General Order.

**11. COMMUNICATION PROGRAM**

The Plan must include procedures for the Enrollee to communicate with:

- The public for:
  - Spills and discharges resulting in closures of public areas, or that enter a source of drinking water, and
  - The development, implementation, and update of its Plan, including opportunities for public input to Plan implementation and updates.
- Owners/operators of systems that connect into the Enrollee’s system, including satellite systems, for:
  - System operation, maintenance, and capital improvement-related activities.

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## **ATTACHMENT E1– NOTIFICATION, MONITORING, REPORTING AND RECORDKEEPING REQUIREMENTS**

The Notification Requirements (section 1), Spill-specific Monitoring Requirements (section 2), Reporting Requirements (section 3) and Recordkeeping Requirements (section 4) in this Attachment are pursuant to Water Code section 13267 and section 13383, and are an enforceable component of this General Order. For the purpose of this General Order, the term:

- Notification means the notifying of appropriate parties of a spill event or other activity.
- Spill-specific Monitoring means the gathering of information and data for a specific spill event to be reported or kept as records.
- Reporting means the reporting of information and data into the online California Integrated Water Quality System (CIWQS) Sanitary Sewer System Database.
- Recordkeeping means the maintaining of information and data in an official records storage system.

Failure to comply with the notification, monitoring, reporting and recordkeeping requirements in this General Order may subject the Enrollee to civil liabilities of up to \$10,000 a day per violation pursuant to Water Code section 13385; up to \$1,000 a day per violation pursuant to Water Code section 13268; or referral to the Attorney General for judicial civil enforcement.

Water Code section 13193 et seq. requires the Regional Water Quality Control Boards (Regional Water Boards) and the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) to collect sanitary sewer spill information for each spill event and make this information available to the public. Sanitary sewer spill information for each spill event includes but is not limited to: Enrollee contact information for each spill event, spill cause, estimated spill volume and factors used for estimation, location, date, time, duration, amount discharged to waters of the State, response and corrective action(s) taken.

### **1. NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS**

#### **1.1. Notification of Spills of 1,000 Gallons or Greater to the California Office of Emergency Services**

Per Water Code section 13271, for a spill that discharges in or on any waters of the State, or discharges or is deposited where it is, or probably will be, discharged in or on any waters of the State, the Enrollee shall notify the California Office of Emergency Services and obtain a California Office of Emergency Services Control Number as soon as possible **but no later than two (2) hours** after:

- The Enrollee has knowledge of the spill; and
- Notification can be provided without substantially impeding cleanup or other emergency measures.

The notification requirements in this section apply to individual spills of 1,000 gallons or greater, from an Enrollee-owned and/or operated laterals, to a water of the State.

## 1.2. Spill Notification Information

The Enrollee shall provide the following spill information to the California Office of Emergency Services before receiving a Control Number, as applicable:

- Name and phone number of the person notifying the California Office of Emergency Services;
- Estimated spill volume (gallons);
- Estimated spill rate from the system (gallons per minute);
- Estimated discharge rate (gallons per minute) directly into waters of the State or indirectly into a drainage conveyance system;
- Spill incident description:
  - Brief narrative of the spill event, and
  - Spill incident location (address, city, and zip code) and closest cross streets and/or landmarks;
- Name and phone number of contact person on-scene;
- Date and time the Enrollee was informed of the spill event;
- Name of sanitary sewer system causing the spill;
- Spill cause or suspected cause (if known);
- Amount of spill contained;
- Name of receiving water body receiving or potentially receiving discharge; and
- Description of water body impact and/ or potential impact to beneficial uses.

## 1.3. Notification of Spill Report Updates

Following the initial notification to the California Office of Emergency Services and until such time that the Enrollee certifies the spill report in the online CIWQS Sanitary Sewer System Database, the Enrollee shall provide updates to the California Office of Emergency Services regarding substantial changes to:

- Estimated spill volume (increase or decrease in gallons initially estimated);
- Estimated discharge volume discharged directly into waters of the State or indirectly into a drainage conveyance system (increase or decrease in gallons initially estimated); and
- Additional impact(s) to the receiving water(s) and beneficial uses.

## **2. SPILL-SPECIFIC MONITORING REQUIREMENTS**

### **2.1 Spill Location and Spread**

The Enrollee shall visually assess the spill location(s) and spread using photography, global positioning system (GPS), and other best available tools. The Enrollee shall document the critical spill locations, including:

- Photography and GPS coordinates for:
  - The system location where spill originated.  
For multiple appearance points of a single spill event, the points closest to the spill origin.
- Photography for:
  - Drainage conveyance system entry locations,
  - The location(s) of discharge into surface waters, as applicable,
  - Extent of spill spread, and
  - The location(s) of clean up.

### **2.2 Spill Volume Estimation**

To assess the approximate spill magnitude and spread, the Enrollee shall estimate the total spill volume using updated volume estimation techniques, calculations, and documentation for electronic reporting. The Enrollee shall update its notification and reporting of estimated spill volume (which includes spill volume recovered) as further information is gathered during and after a spill event.

### **2.3. Receiving Water Monitoring**

#### **2.3.1. Receiving Water Visual Observations**

Through visual observations and use of best available spill volume-estimating techniques and field calculation techniques, the Enrollee shall gather and document the following information for spills discharging to surface waters:

- Estimated spill travel time to the receiving water;
- For spills entering a drainage conveyance system, estimated spill travel time from the point of entry into the drainage conveyance system to the point of discharge into the receiving water;
- Estimated spill volume entering the receiving water; and
- Photography of:
  - Waterbody bank erosion,
  - Floating matter,
  - Water surface sheen (potentially from oil and grease),

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- Discoloration of receiving water, and
- Impact to the receiving water.

### 2.3.2. Receiving Water – Water Quality Sampling and Analysis

For sewage spills in which an estimated 50,000 gallons or greater are discharged into a surface water, the Enrollee shall conduct the following water quality sampling no later than **18 hours** after the Enrollee's knowledge of a potential discharge to a surface water:

- Collect one water sample, each day of the duration of the spill, at:
  - The DCS-001 location as described in section 2.3.4 (Receiving Water Sampling Locations) of this Attachment, if sewage discharges to a surface water via a drainage conveyance system; and/or
  - Each of the three receiving water sampling locations in section 2.3.4 (Receiving Water Sampling Locations) of this Attachment;

If the receiving water has no flow during the duration of the spill, the Enrollee must report "No Sampling Due To No Flow" for its receiving water sampling locations.

The Enrollee shall analyze the collected receiving water samples for the following constituents per section 2.3.3 (Water Quality Analysis Specifications) of this Attachment:

- Ammonia, and
- Appropriate bacterial indicator(s) per the applicable Basin Plan water quality objectives, including one or more of the following, unless directed otherwise by the Regional Water Board:
  - Total Coliform Bacteria
  - Fecal Coliform Bacteria
  - *E-coli*
  - Enterococcus

Dependent on the receiving water(s), sampling of bacterial indicators shall be sufficient to determine post-spill (after the spill) compliance with the water quality objectives and bacterial standards of the California Ocean Plan or the California Inland Surface Water Enclosed Bays, and Estuaries Plan, including the frequency and/or number of post-spill receiving water samples as may be specified in the applicable plans.

The Enrollee shall collect and analyze additional samples as required by the applicable Regional Water Board Executive Officer or designee.

**2.3.3. Water Quality Analysis Specifications**

Spill monitoring must be representative of the monitored activity (40 Code of Federal Regulations section 122.41(j)(1)).

Sufficiently Sensitive Methods

Sample analysis must be conducted according to sufficiently sensitive test methods approved under 40 Code of Federal Regulations Part 136 for the sample analysis of pollutants. For the purposes of this General Order, a method is sufficiently sensitive when the minimum level of the analytical method approved under 40 Code of Federal Regulations Part 136 is at or below the receiving water pollutant criteria.

Environmental Laboratory Accreditation Program-Accredited Laboratories

The analysis of water quality samples required per this General Order must be performed by a laboratory that has accreditation pursuant to Article 3 (commencing with section 100825) of Chapter 4 of Part 1 of Division 101 of the Health and Safety Code. (Water Code section 13176(a).) The State Water Board accredits laboratories through its Environmental Laboratory Accreditation Program (ELAP).

**2.3.4. Receiving Water Sampling Locations**

The Enrollee shall collect receiving water samples at the following locations.

**Sampling of Flow in Drainage Conveyance System (DCS) Prior to Discharge**

<b>Sampling Location</b>	<b>Sampling Location Description</b>
DCS-001	A point in a drainage conveyance system before the drainage conveyance system flow discharges into a receiving water.

**Receiving Surface Water Sampling (RSW)<sup>1</sup>**

<b>Sampling Location</b>	<b>Sampling Location Description</b>
RSW-001 Point of Discharge	A point in the receiving water where sewage initially enters the receiving water.
RSW-001U: Upstream of Point of Discharge	A point in the receiving water, upstream of the point of sewage discharge, to capture ambient conditions absent of sewage discharge impacts.

Sampling Location	Sampling Location Description
RSW-001D: Downstream of Point of Discharge	A point in the receiving water, downstream of the point of sewage discharge, where the spill material is fully mixed with the receiving water.

<sup>1</sup> The Enrollee must use its best professional judgment to determine the upstream and downstream distances based on receiving water flow, accessibility to upstream/downstream waterbody banks, and size of visible sewage plume.

**2.4. Safety and Access Exceptions**

If the Enrollee encounters access restrictions or unsafe conditions that prevents its compliance with spill response requirements or monitoring requirements in this General Order, the Enrollee shall provide documentation of access restrictions and/or safety hazards in the corresponding required report.

**3. REPORTING REQUIREMENTS**

All reporting required in this General Order must be submitted electronically to the online [CIWQS Sanitary Sewer System Database](https://ciwqs.waterboards.ca.gov) (https://ciwqs.waterboards.ca.gov), unless specified otherwise in this General Order. Electronic reporting may solely be conducted by a Legally Responsible Official or Data Submitter(s) previously designated by the Legally Responsible Official, as required in section 5.8 (Designation of Data Submitters) of this General Order.

The Enrollee shall report any information that is protected by the Homeland Security Act, by email to [SanitarySewer@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:SanitarySewer@waterboards.ca.gov), with a brief explanation of the protection provided by the Homeland Security Act for the subject report to be protected from unauthorized disclosure and/or public access, and for official Water Board regulatory purposes only.

**3.1. Reporting Requirements for Individual Category 1 Spill Reporting**

**3.1.1. Draft Spill Report for Category 1 Spills**

**Within three (3) business days** of the Enrollee’s knowledge of a Category 1 spill, the Enrollee shall submit a Draft Spill Report to the online CIWQS Sanitary Sewer System Database.

The Draft Spill Report must, at minimum, include the following items:

1. Contact information: Name and telephone number of Enrollee contact person to respond to spill-specific questions;
2. Spill location name;
3. Date and time the Enrollee was notified of, or self-discovered, the spill;
4. Operator arrival time;

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5. Estimated spill start date and time;
6. Date and time the Enrollee notified the California Office of Emergency Services, and the assigned control number;
7. Description, photographs, and GPS coordinates of the system location where the spill originated;
  - If a single spill event results in multiple appearance points, provide GPS coordinates for the appearance point closest to the failure point and describe each additional appearance point in the spill appearance point explanation field;
8. Estimated total spill volume exiting the system;
9. Description and photographs of the extent of the spill and spill boundaries;
10. Did the spill reach a drainage conveyance system? If Yes:
  - Description of the drainage conveyance system transporting the spill;
  - Photographs of the drainage conveyance system entry location(s);
  - Estimated spill volume fully recovered from the drainage conveyance system;
  - Estimated spill volume remaining within the drainage conveyance system;
11. Description and photographs of all discharge point(s) into the surface water;
12. Estimated spill volume that discharged to surface waters; and
13. Estimated total spill volume recovered.

### 3.1.2. Certified Spill Report for Category 1 Spills

**Within 15 calendar days** of the spill end date, the Enrollee shall submit a Certified Spill Report for Category 1 spills, to the online CIWQS Sanitary Sewer System Database. Upon completion of the Certified Spill Report, the online CIWQS Sanitary Sewer System Database will issue a final spill event identification number.

The Certified Spill Report must, at minimum, include the following mandatory information in addition to all information in the Draft Spill Report per section 3.1.1 (Draft Spill Report for Category 1 Spills) above:

1. Description of the spill event destination(s), including GPS coordinates if available, that represent the full spread and reach of the spill;
2. Spill end date and time;
3. Description of how the spill volume estimations were calculated, including at a minimum:
  - The methodology, assumptions and type of data relied upon, such as supervisory control and data acquisition (SCADA) records, flow monitoring or other telemetry information used to estimate the volume of the spill discharged, and the volume of the spill recovered (if any volume of the spill was recovered), and
  - The methodology(ies), assumptions and type of data relied upon for estimations of the spill start time and the spill end time;

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4. Spill cause(s) (for example, root intrusion, grease deposition, etc.);
5. System failure location (for example, main, lateral, pump station, etc.);
6. Description of the pipe material, and estimated age of the pipe material, at the failure location;
7. Description of the impact of the spill;
8. Whether or not the spill was associated with a storm event;
9. Description of spill response activities including description of immediate spill containment and cleanup efforts;
10. Description of spill corrective action, including steps planned or taken to reduce, eliminate, and prevent reoccurrence of the spill, and a schedule of major milestones for those steps;
11. Spill response completion date;
12. Detailed narrative of investigation and investigation findings of cause of spill;
13. Reasons for an ongoing investigation (as applicable) and the expected date of completion;
14. Name and type of receiving water body(s);
15. Description of the water body(s), including but not limited to:
  - o Observed impacts on aquatic life,
  - o Public closure, restricted public access, temporary restricted use, and/or posted health warnings due to spill,
  - o Responsible entity for closing/restricting use of water body, and
  - o Number of days closed/restricted as a result of the spill.
16. Whether or not the spill was located within 1,000 feet of a municipal surface water intake; and
17. If water quality samples were collected, identify sample locations and the parameters the water quality samples were analyzed for. If no samples were taken, Not Applicable shall be selected.

### **3.1.3. Spill Technical Report for Individual Category 1 Spill in which 50,000 Gallons or Greater Discharged into a Surface Water**

For any spill in which 50,000 gallons or greater discharged into a surface water, **within 45 calendar days** of the spill end date, the Enrollee shall submit a Spill Technical Report to the online CIWQS Sanitary Sewer System Database. The Spill Technical Report, at minimum, must include the following information:

1. Spill causes and circumstances, including at minimum:
  - o Complete and detailed explanation of how and when the spill was discovered;



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- Photographs illustrating the spill origin, the extent and reach of the spill, drainage conveyance system entrance and exit, receiving water, and post-cleanup site conditions;
  - Diagram showing the spill failure point, appearance point(s), the spill flow path, and ultimate destinations;
  - Detailed description of the methodology employed, and available data used to calculate the discharge volume and, if applicable, the recovered spill volume;
  - Detailed description of the spill cause(s);
  - Description of the pipe material, and estimated age of the pipe material, at the failure location;
  - Description of the impact of the spill;
  - Copy of original field crew records used to document the spill; and
  - Historical maintenance records for the failure location.
2. Enrollee's response to the spill:
- Chronological narrative description of all actions taken by the Enrollee to terminate the spill;
  - Explanation of how the Sewer System Management Plan Spill Emergency Response Plan was implemented to respond to and mitigate the spill; and
  - Final corrective action(s) completed and a schedule for planned corrective actions, including:
    - Local regulatory enforcement action taken against an illicit discharge in response to this spill, as applicable,
    - Identifiable system modifications, and operation and maintenance program modifications needed to prevent repeated spill occurrences, and
    - Necessary modifications to the Emergency Spill Response Plan to incorporate lessons learned in responding to and mitigating the spill.
3. Water Quality Monitoring, including at minimum:
- Description of all water quality sampling activities conducted;
  - List of pollutant and parameters monitored, sampled and analyzed; as required in section 2.3 (Receiving Water Monitoring) of this Attachment;
  - Laboratory results, including laboratory reports;
  - Detailed location map illustrating all water quality sampling points; and
  - Other regulatory agencies receiving sample results (if applicable).
4. Evaluation of spill impact(s), including a description of short-term and long-term impact(s) to beneficial uses of the surface water.

### 3.1.4. Amended Certified Spill Reports for Individual Category 1 Spills

The Enrollee shall update or add additional information to a Certified Spill Report within **90 calendar days** of the spill end date by amending the report or by adding an attachment to the Spill Report in the online CIWQS Sanitary Sewer System Database. The Enrollee shall certify the amended report.

After **90 calendar days**, the Enrollee shall contact the State Water Board at [SanitarySewer@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:SanitarySewer@waterboards.ca.gov) to request to amend a Spill Report. The Legally Responsible Official shall submit justification for why the additional information was not reported within the Amended Spill Report due date.

## 3.2. Reporting Requirements for Individual Category 2 Spill Reporting

### 3.2.1. Draft Spill Report for Category 2 Spills

**Within three (3) business days** of the Enrollee's knowledge of a Category 2 spill, the Enrollee shall submit a Draft Spill Report to the online CIWQS Sanitary Sewer System Database.

The Draft Spill Report must, at minimum, include the following items:

1. Contact information: Name and telephone number of Enrollee contact person to respond to spill-specific questions;
2. Spill location name;
3. Date and time the Enrollee was notified of, or self-discovered, the spill;
4. Operator arrival time;
5. Estimated spill start date and time;
6. Date and time the Enrollee notified the California Office of Emergency Services, and the assigned control number;
7. Description, photographs, and GPS coordinates of the system location where the spill originated;

If a single spill event results in multiple appearance points, provide GPS coordinates for the appearance point closest to the failure point and describe each additional appearance point in the spill appearance point explanation field;

8. Estimated total spill volume exiting the system;
9. Description and photographs of the extent of the spill and spill boundaries;
10. Did the spill reach a drainage conveyance system? If Yes:
  - Description of the drainage conveyance system transporting the spill;
  - Photographs of the drainage conveyance system entry location(s);
  - Estimated spill volume fully recovered from the drainage conveyance system;
  - Estimated spill volume remaining within the drainage conveyance system;

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- Estimated spill volume discharged to a groundwater infiltration basin or facility, if applicable; and

11. Estimated total spill volume recovered.

### 3.2.2. Certified Spill Report for Category 2 Spills

**Within 15 calendar days** of the spill end date, the Enrollee shall submit a Certified Spill Report for the Category 2 spill, to the online [CIWQS Sanitary Sewer System Database](https://ciwqs.waterboards.ca.gov) (<https://ciwqs.waterboards.ca.gov>). Upon completion of the Certified Spill Report, the online CIWQS Sanitary Sewer System Database will issue a final spill event identification number.

The Certified Spill Report must, at minimum, include the following mandatory information in addition to all information in the Draft Spill Report per section 3.2.1 (Draft Spill Report for Category 2 Spills) above:

1. Description of the spill event destination(s), including GPS coordinates if available, that represent the full spread and reach of the spill;
2. Spill end date and time;
3. Description of how the spill volume estimations were calculated, including at a minimum:
  - The methodology, assumptions and type of data relied upon, such as supervisory control and data acquisition (SCADA) records, flow monitoring or other telemetry information used to estimate the volume of the spill discharged, and the volume of the spill recovered (if any volume of the spill was recovered), and
  - The methodology(ies), assumptions and type of data relied upon for estimations of the spill start time and the spill end time;
4. Spill cause(s) (for example, root intrusion, grease deposition, etc.);
5. System failure location (for example, main, pump station, etc.);
6. Description of the pipe/infrastructure material, and estimated age of the pipe material, at the failure location;
7. Description of the impact of the spill;
8. Whether or not the spill was associated with a storm event;
9. Description of spill response activities including description of immediate spill containment and cleanup efforts;
10. Description of spill corrective action, including steps planned or taken to reduce, eliminate, and prevent reoccurrence of the spill, and a schedule of major milestones for those steps;
11. Spill response completion date;
12. Detailed narrative of investigation and investigation findings of cause of spill;
13. Reasons for an ongoing investigation (as applicable) and the expected date of completion; and

14. Whether or not the spill was located within 1,000 feet of a municipal surface water intake.

### 3.2.3. Amended Certified Spill Reports for Individual Category 2 Spills

The Enrollee shall update or add additional information to a Certified Spill Report within **90 calendar days** of the spill end date by amending the report or by adding an attachment to the Spill Report in the online CIWQS Sanitary Sewer System Database. The Enrollee shall certify the amended report.

After **90 calendar days**, the Enrollee shall contact the State Water Board at [SanitarySewer@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:SanitarySewer@waterboards.ca.gov) to request to amend a Spill Report. The Legally Responsible Official shall submit justification for why the additional information was not reported within the Amended Spill Report due date.

### 3.3. Monthly Certified Spill Reporting for Category 3 Spills

The Enrollee shall report and certify all Category 3 spills to the online CIWQS Sanitary Sewer System Database within 30 calendar days after the end of the month in which the spills occurred. (For example, all Category 3 spills occurring in the month of February shall be reported and certified by March 30<sup>th</sup>). After the Legally Responsible Official certifies the spills, the online CIWQS Sanitary Sewer System Database will issue a spill event identification number for each spill.

The monthly reporting of all Category 3 spills must include the following items for each spill:

1. Contact information: Name and telephone number of Enrollee contact person to respond to spill-specific questions;
2. Spill location name;
3. Date and time the Enrollee was notified of, or self-discovered, the spill;
4. Operator arrival time;
5. Estimated spill start date and time;
6. Description, photographs, and GPS coordinates where the spill originated:
  - If a single spill event results in multiple appearance points, provide GPS coordinates for the appearance point closest to the failure point and describe each additional appearance point in the spill appearance point explanation field;
7. Estimated total spill volume exiting the system;
8. Description and photographs of the extent of the spill and spill boundaries;
9. Did the spill reach a drainage conveyance system? If Yes:
  - Description of the drainage conveyance system transporting the spill;
  - Photographs of the drainage conveyance system entry locations(s);
  - Estimated spill volume fully recovered from the drainage conveyance system; and

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- Estimated spill volume discharged to a groundwater infiltration basis or facility, if applicable.
- 10. Estimated total spill volume recovered;
- 11. Description of the spill event destination(s), including GPS coordinates, if available, that represent the full spread and reaches of the spill;
- 12. Spill end date and time;
- 13. Description of how the spill volume estimations were calculated, including, at minimum:
  - The methodology and type of data relied upon, including supervisory control and data acquisition (SCADA) records, flow monitoring or other telemetry information used to estimate the volume of the spill discharged, and the volume of the spill recovered (if any volume of the spill was recovered), and
  - The methodology and type of data relied upon to estimate the spill start time, on-going spill rate at time of arrival (if applicable), and the spill end time;
- 14. Spill cause(s) (for example, root intrusion, grease deposition, etc.);
- 15. System failure location (for example, main, pump station, etc.);
- 16. Description of the pipe/infrastructure material, and estimated age of the pipe/infrastructure material, at the failure location;
- 17. Description of the impact of the spill;
- 18. Whether or not the spill was associated with a storm event;
- 19. Description of spill response activities including description of immediate spill containment and cleanup efforts;
- 20. Description of spill corrective actions, including steps planned or taken to reduce, eliminate, and prevent reoccurrence of the spill, and a schedule of the major milestones for those steps; including, at minimum:
  - Local regulatory enforcement action taken against an illicit discharge in response to this spill, as applicable, and
  - Identifiable system modifications, and operation and maintenance program modifications needed to prevent repeated spill occurrences at the same spill event location, including:
    - Adjusted schedule/method of preventive maintenance,
    - Planned rehabilitation or replacement of sanitary sewer asset,
    - Inspected, repaired asset(s), or replaced defective asset(s),
    - Capital improvements,
    - Documentation verifying immediately implemented system modifications and operating/maintenance modifications,
    - Description of spill response activities,

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- Spill response completion date, and
- Ongoing investigation efforts, and expected completion date of investigation to determine the full cause of spill;

21. Detailed narrative of investigation and investigation findings of cause of spill.

### 3.4. Monthly Certified Spill Reporting for Category 4 Spills

The Enrollee shall report and certify the estimated total spill volume exiting the sanitary sewer system, and the total number of all Category 4 spills to the online CIWQS Sanitary Sewer System Database, within 30 calendar days after the end of the month in which the spills occurred.

### 3.5. Amended Certified Spill Reports for Category 3 Spills

**Within 90 calendar days of the certified Spill Report due date**, the Enrollee may update or add additional information to a certified Spill Report by amending the report or by adding an attachment to the Spill Report in the online CIWQS Sanitary Sewer System Database. The Enrollee shall certify the amended report.

**After 90 calendar days**, the Legally Responsible Official shall contact the State Water Board at [SanitarySewer@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:SanitarySewer@waterboards.ca.gov) to request to amend a certified Spill Report. The Legally Responsible Official shall submit justification for why the additional information was not reported within the 90-day timeframe for amending the certified Spill Report, as provided above.

### 3.6. Annual Certified Spill Reporting of Category 4 and/or Lateral Spills

For all Category 4 spills and spills from its owned and/or operated laterals that are caused by a failure or blockage in the lateral and that do not discharge to a surface water, the Enrollee shall:

- Maintain records per section 4.4. of this Attachment;  
The Enrollee shall provide records upon request by State Water Board or Regional Water Board staff.
- Annually upload and certify a report, in an appropriate digital format, of all recordkeeping of spills to the online CIWQS Sanitary Sewer System Database, by February 1st after the end of the calendar year in which the spills occurred.

A spill from an Enrollee-owned and/or operated lateral that discharges to a surface water is a Category 1 spill; the Enrollee shall report all Category 1 spills per section 3.1 of Attachment E1 (Notification, Monitoring, Reporting and Recordkeeping Requirements) of this General Order.

### 3.7. Monthly Certification of “No-Spills” or “Category 4 Spills” and/or “Non-Category 1 Lateral Spills”

If either (1) no spills occur during a calendar month or (2) only Category 4, and/or Enrollee-owned and/or operated lateral spills (that do not discharge to a surface water) occur during a calendar month, the Enrollee shall certify, within 30 calendar days after

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the end of each calendar month, either a “No-Spill” certification statement, or a “Category 4 Spills” and/or “Non-Category 1 Lateral Spills” certification statement, in the online CIWQS Sanitary Sewer System Database, certifying that there were either no spills, or Category 4 and/or Non-Category 1 Lateral Spills that will be reported annually (per section 3.6 of this Attachment) for the designated month.

If a spill starts in one calendar month and ends in a subsequent calendar month, and the Enrollee has no further spills of any category, in the subsequent calendar month, the Enrollee shall certify “no-spills” for the subsequent calendar month.

If the Enrollee has no spills from its systems during a calendar month, but the Enrollee voluntarily reported a spill from a private lateral or a private system, the Enrollee shall certify “no-spills” for that calendar month.

If the Enrollee has spills from its owned and/or operated laterals during a calendar month, the Enrollee shall not certify “no spills” for that calendar month.

### 3.8. **Electronic Sanitary Sewer System Service Area Boundary Map**

The Legally Responsible Official shall submit, to the State Water Board, an up-to-date electronic spatial map of its sewer system service area boundaries. The map must be in accordance with section 5.14 (Electronic Sanitary Sewer System Service Area Boundary Map) of this General Order and the specification provided on the statewide Sanitary Sewer Systems program website. The map must include the location of wastewater treatment facility(ies) that treats the sewer system waste, if in the same sewer service boundary.

By the Effective Date of this General Order, specifications for the electronic sanitary sewer service area boundary map format will be provided on the statewide Sanitary Sewer Systems Order program website.

### 3.9. **Annual Report (Previously termed as Collection System Questionnaire in General Order 2006-0003-DWQ)**

A new Enrollee shall complete and submit its first certified Annual Report into the online CIWQS Sanitary Sewer System Database, **within 30 days of obtaining a CIWQS account**; Subsequent Annual Reports are due by April 1 of each year.

All enrollees shall update their previous year’s Annual Report, **by April 1 of each year after the Effective Date of this General Order**, for each calendar year (January 1 through December 31).

The Annual Report must be entered directly into the online CIWQS Sanitary Sewer System Database. The Enrollee’s Legally Responsible Official shall certify the Annual Report as instructed in CIWQS;

The Annual Report must address, and update as applicable, the following items:

- Population served;

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- Updated sewer system service area boundary map, if service area boundary has changed from original map submitted per section 5.14 (Electronic Sanitary Sewer System Service Area Boundary Map) of this General Order;
- Number of system operation and maintenance staff:
  - Entry level (less than two years of experience),
  - Journey level (greater than two years of experience),
  - Supervisory level, and
  - Managerial level;
- Number of operation and maintenance staff certified as a certified collection system operator by the California Water Environmental Association (CWEA), with:
  - Corresponding number of certified collection system operator grade levels (Grade I, II, III, IV, and V);
- System information:
  - Miles of system gravity and force mains,
  - Number of upper and lower service laterals connected to system,
  - Estimated number of upper and lower laterals owned and/or operated by the Enrollee,
  - Portion of laterals that is Enrollee's responsibility,
  - Average age the major components of system infrastructure,
  - Number and age of pump stations, and
  - Estimated total miles of the system pipeline not accessible for maintenance;
- Name and location of the treatment plant(s) receiving sanitary sewer system's waste;
- Name of satellite sewer system tributaries;
- Number of system's gravity sewer above or underground crossings of water bodies throughout system;
- Number of force main (pressurized pipe) above or underground crossings of water bodies throughout system;
- Number of siphons used to convey waste throughout the sewer system;
- Miles of sewer system cleaned;
- Miles of sewer system video inspected, or comparable (i.e., video closed-circuit television or alternative inspection methods);
- System Performance Evaluation as specified in section 5.11 (System Performance Analysis) of this General Order;
- Major spill causes (for example, root intrusion, grease deposition);



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- System infrastructure failure points (for example, main, pump station, lateral, etc.);
- Ongoing spill investigations; and
- Actions taken to address system deficiencies.

### 3.10. Sewer System Management Plan Audit Reporting Requirements

The Enrollee shall submit its Sewer System Management Plan Audit and other pertinent audit information, in accordance with section 5.4 (Sewer System Management Plan Audits) of this General Order, to the online CIWQS Sanitary Sewer System Database **by six (6) months after the end of the 3-year audit period.**

If a Sewer System Management Plan Audit is not conducted as required: the Enrollee shall:

- Update the online CIWQS Sanitary Sewer System Database and select the justification for not conducting the Audit; and
- Notify its corresponding Regional Water Board (see Attachment F (Regional Water Quality Control Board Contact Information)) of the justification for the lapsed requirements.

The Enrollee's reporting of a justification for not conducting a timely Audit does not justify non-compliance with this General Order. The Enrollee shall:

- Submit the late Audit as required in this General Order; and
- Comply with subsequent Audit requirements and due dates corresponding with the original audit cycle.

### 3.11. Sewer System Management Plan Reporting Requirements

For an Existing Enrollee previously regulated by Order 2006-0003-DWQ: **Within every six (6) years after the required due date of its last Plan Update**, the Legally Responsible Official shall upload and certify a local governing entity-approved Sewer System Management Plan Update to the online CIWQS Sanitary Sewer System Database. If the electronic document format or size capacity prevents the electronic upload of the Plan, the Legally Responsible Official shall report an electronic link to its updated Sewer System Management Plan posted on its own website.

Order 2006-0003-DWQ required each enrollee to develop its initial Sewer System Management Plan per the following schedule, with required Plan updates at a frequency of 5-years thereafter:

Systems serving populations: Greater than 100,000: May 2, 2009

Between 100,000 and 10,000: August 2, 2009

Between 10,000 and 2,500: May 2, 2010

Less than 2,500: August 2, 2010

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This Order carries forth the previously-required Plan Update schedule per Order 2006-0003-DWQ. Per the six-year Plan Update frequency required in this Order, the Enrollee shall upload and certify its first Plan Update, to the online CIWQS Sanitary Sewer System Database by the following due dates, with subsequent Plan Updates at the frequency of six years thereafter:

Systems serving populations: Greater than 100,000: May 2, 2025

Between 100,000 and 10,000: August 2, 2025

Between 10,000 and 2,500: May 2, 2026

Less than 2,500: August 2, 2026

For a New Enrollee: **Within twelve (12) months of its Application for Enrollment Approval date**, the Legally Responsible Official of a new Enrollee shall upload and certify a local governing entity-approved Sewer System Management Plan to the online CIWQS Sanitary Sewer System Database. If electronic document format or size capacity prevents the electronic upload of the Plan, the Legally Responsible Official shall report an electronic link to its Sewer System Management Plan posted on its own website. The due date for subsequent 6-year Plan updates, is six (6) years from the submittal due date of the new Enrollee's first Sewer System Management Plan.

### 4. RECORDKEEPING REQUIREMENTS

The Enrollee shall maintain records to document compliance with the provisions of this General Order, and previous General Order 2006-0003-DWQ as applicable, for each sanitary sewer system owned, including any required records generated by an Enrollee's contractor(s).

#### 4.1. Recordkeeping Time Period

The Enrollee shall maintain records of documents required in this Attachment, including records collected for compliance with this General Order, and records collected in accordance with previous General Order 2006-0003-DWQ, for five (5) years.

#### 4.2. Availability of Documents

The Enrollee shall make the records required in this General Order readily available, either electronic or hard copies, for review by Water Board staff during onsite inspections or through an information request.

#### 4.3. Spill Reports

The Enrollee shall maintain records for each of the following spill-related events and activities:

- Spill event complaint, including but not limited to records documenting how the Enrollee responded to notifications of spills. Each complaint record must, at a minimum, include the following information:
  - Date, time, and method of notification,

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- Date and time the complainant first noticed the spill, if available,
- Narrative description of the complaint, including any information the caller provided regarding whether the spill has reached surface waters or a drainage conveyance system, if available,
- Complainant's contact information, if available, and
- Final resolution of the complaint;
- Records documenting the steps and/or remedial action(s) undertaken by the Enrollee, using all available information, to comply with this General Order, and previous General Order 2006-0003-DWQ as applicable;
- Records documenting how estimate(s) of volume(s) and, if applicable, volume(s) of spill recovered were calculated;
- All California Office of Emergency Services notification records, as applicable; and
- Records, in accordance with the Monitoring Requirements in this Attachment.

### **4.4. Recordkeeping of Category 4 Spills and Non-Category 1 Lateral Spills**

An Enrollee must maintain the following records for each individual Category 4 spill and for each individual non-Category 1 Enrollee-owned and/or operated lateral spill, and report in accordance to section 3.6 (Annual Certified Spill Reporting of Category 4 and/or Lateral Spills) of this Attachment.

#### **Recordkeeping of Individual Category 4 Spill Information:**

1. Contact information: Name and telephone number of Enrollee contact person to respond to spill-specific questions;
2. Spill location name;
3. Description and GPS coordinates for the system location where the spill originated;
4. Did the spill reach a drainage conveyance system? If Yes:
  - Description of drainage conveyance system location,
  - Estimated spill volume fully recovered within the drainage conveyance system, and
  - Estimated spill volume remaining within the drainage conveyance system;
5. Estimated total spill volume exiting the sanitary sewer system;
6. Spill date and start time;
7. Spill cause(s) (for example, root intrusion, grease deposition, etc.);
8. System failure location (for example, main, pump station, etc.);
9. Description of spill response activities including description of immediate spill containment and cleanup efforts;
10. Description of how the volume estimation was calculated, including, at minimum:

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- The methodology and type of data relied upon, including supervisory control and data acquisition (SCADA) records, flow monitoring or other telemetry information used to estimate the volume of the spill discharged, and the volume of the spill recovered (if any volume of the spill was recovered), and
- The methodology and type of data relied upon to estimate the spill start time, on-going spill rate at time of arrival (if applicable), and the spill end time;

11. Description of implemented system modifications and operating/maintenance modifications.

### **Recordkeeping of Individual Lateral Spill Information:**

1. Date and time the Enrollee was notified of, or self-discovered, the spill;
2. Location of individual spill;
3. Estimated individual spill volume;
4. Spill cause(s) (for example, root intrusion, grease deposition, etc.); and
5. Description of how the volume estimations were calculated.

### **Total Annual Spill Information:**

1. Estimated total annual spill volume;
2. Description of spill corrective actions, including at minimum:
  - Local regulatory enforcement action taken against the sewer lateral owner in response to a spill, as applicable, and
  - System operation, maintenance and program modifications implemented to prevent repeated spill occurrences at the same spill location.

## **4.5. Sewer System Telemetry Records**

The Enrollee shall maintain the following sewer system telemetry records if used to document compliance with this General Order, and previous General Order 2006-0003-DWQ as applicable, including spill volume estimates:

- Supervisory control and data acquisition (SCADA) system(s);
- Alarm system(s);
- Flow monitoring device(s) or other instrument(s) used to estimate sewage flow rates, and/or volumes;
- Computerized maintenance management system records; and
- Asset management-related records.

## **4.6. Sewer System Management Plan Implementation Records**

The Enrollee shall maintain records documenting the Enrollee's implementation of its Sewer System Management Plan, including documents supporting its Sewer System Management Plan audits, corrections, modifications, and updates to the Sewer System Management Plan.

**4.7. Audit Records**

The Enrollee shall maintain, at minimum, the following records pertaining to its Sewer System Management Plan audits, and other internal audits:

- Completed audit documents and findings;
- Name and contact information of staff and/or consultants that conducted or involved in the audit; and
- Follow-up actions based on audit findings.

**4.8. Equipment Records**

The Enrollee shall maintain a log of all owned and leased sewer system cleaning, operational, maintenance, construction, and rehabilitation equipment.

**4.9. Work Orders**

The Enrollee shall maintain record of work orders for operations and maintenance projects.

**ATTACHMENT E2 – SUMMARY OF NOTIFICATION, MONITORING AND REPORTING REQUIREMENTS**

This Attachment provides a summary of notification, monitoring and reporting requirements, by spill category, and for Enrollee-owned and/or operated laterals as required in Attachment E1 of this General Order, for quick reference purposes only.

**Table E2-1**

**Spill Category 1: Spills to Surface Waters**

<b>Spill Requirement</b>	<b>Due</b>	<b>Method</b>
Notification	<p><b>Within two (2) hours</b> of the Enrollee’s knowledge of a Category 1 spill of 1,000 gallons or greater, discharging or threatening to discharge to surface waters:</p> <p>Notify the California Office of Emergency Services and obtain a notification control number.</p>	<p>California Office of Emergency Services at: (800) 852-7550  (Section 1 of Attachment E1)</p>
Monitoring	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Conduct spill-specific monitoring;</li> <li>• Conduct water quality sampling of the receiving water within <b>18 hours</b> of initial knowledge of spill of 50,000 gallons or greater to surface waters.</li> </ul>	<p>(Section 2 of Attachment E1)</p>
Reporting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Submit Draft Spill Report <b>within three (3) business days</b> of the Enrollee’s knowledge of the spill;</li> <li>• Submit Certified Spill Report <b>within 15 calendar days</b> of the spill end date;</li> <li>• Submit Technical Report <b>within 45 calendar days</b> after the spill end date for a Category 1 spill in which <b>50,000 gallons or greater</b> discharged to surface waters; and</li> <li>• Submit Amended Spill Report <b>within 90 calendar days</b> after the spill end date.</li> </ul>	<p>(Section 3.1 of Attachment E1)</p>

**Table E2-2**

**Spill Category 2: Spills of 1,000 Gallons or Greater That Do Not Discharge to Surface Waters**

<b>Spill Requirements</b>	<b>Due</b>	<b>Method</b>
Notification	<p><b>Within two (2) hours</b> of the Enrollee’s knowledge of a Category 2 spill of 1,000 gallons or greater, discharging or threatening to discharge to waters of the State:</p> <p>Notify California Office of Emergency Services and obtain a notification control number.</p>	<p>California Office of Emergency Services at: (800) 852-7550</p> <p>(Section 1 of Attachment E1)</p>
Monitoring	Conduct spill-specific monitoring.	(Section 2 of Attachment E1)
Reporting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Submit Draft Spill Report <b>within three (3) business days</b> of the Enrollee’s knowledge of the spill;</li> <li>• Submit Certified Spill Report <b>within 15 calendar days</b> of the spill end date; and</li> <li>• Submit Amended Spill Report <b>within 90 calendar days</b> after the spill end date.</li> </ul>	(Section 3.2 of Attachment E1)

**Table E2-3**

**Spill Category 3: Spills of Equal or Greater than 50 Gallons and Less than 1,000 Gallons That Does Not Discharge to Surface Waters**

<b>Spill Requirements</b>	<b>Due</b>	<b>Method</b>
Notification	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
Monitoring	Conduct spill-specific monitoring.	(Section 2 of Attachment E1)
Reporting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Submit monthly Certified Spill Report to the online CIWQS Sanitary Sewer System Database within <b>30 calendars days</b> after the end of the month in which the spills occur; and</li> <li>Submit Amended Spill Reports <b>within 90 calendar days</b> after the Certified Spill Report due date.</li> </ul>	(Section 3.3 and 3.5 of Attachment E1)

**Table E2-4**

**Spill Category 4: Spills Less Than 50 Gallons That Do Not Discharge to Surface Waters**

<b>Spill Requirements</b>	<b>Due</b>	<b>Method</b>
Notification	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
Monitoring	Conduct spill-specific monitoring.	(Section 2 of Attachment E1)
Reporting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>If, during any calendar month, Category 4 spills occur, certify monthly, the estimated total spill volume exiting the sanitary sewer system, and the total number of all Category 4 spills into the online CIWQS Sanitary Sewer System Database, within 30 days after the end of the calendar month in which the spills occurred.</li> <li>Upload and certify a report, in an acceptable digital format, of all Category 4 spills to the online CIWQS Sanitary Sewer System Database, by February 1<sup>st</sup> after the end of the calendar year in which the spills occur.</li> </ul>	(Section 3.4, 3.6, 3.7 and 4.4 of Attachment E1)



**Table E2-5**

**Enrollee Owned and/or Operated Lateral Spills That Do Not Discharge to Surface Waters**

<b>Spill Requirements</b>	<b>Due</b>	<b>Method</b>
Notification	<p><b>Within two (2) hours</b> of the Enrollee’s knowledge of a spill of 1,000 gallons or greater, from an enrollee-owned and/or operated lateral, discharging or threatening to discharge to waters of the State:</p> <p>Notify California Office of Emergency Services and obtain a notification control number.</p> <p>Not applicable to a spill of less than 1,000 gallons.</p>	<p>California Office of Emergency Services at: (800) 852-7550</p> <p>(Section 1 of Attachment E1)</p>
Monitoring	Conduct visual monitoring.	(Section 2 of Attachment E1)
Reporting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Upload and certify a report, in an acceptable digital format, of all lateral spills (that do not discharge to a surface water) to the online CIWQS Sanitary Sewer System Database, by February 1<sup>st</sup> after the end of the calendar year in which the spills occur.</li> <li>• Report a lateral spill of any volume that discharges to a surface water as a Category 1 spill.</li> </ul>	(Sections 3.6, 3.7 and 4.4 of Attachment E1)

**ATTACHMENT F – REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD CONTACT INFORMATION**

This Attachment provides a map, list of counties, and contact information to assist the Enrollee in identifying the corresponding Regional Water Quality Control Board office, for all Regional Water Board notification requirements in this General Order.



**Region 1 -- North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board:**

Del Norte, Glenn, Humboldt, Lake, Marin, Mendocino, Modoc, Siskiyou, Sonoma, and Trinity counties.

RB1SpillReporting@waterboards.ca.gov or (707) 576-2220

**Region 2 -- San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board:**

Alameda, Contra Costa, San Francisco, Santa Clara (Northern most part of Morgan Hill), San Mateo, Marin, Sonoma, Napa, Solano counties.

RB2SpillReports@waterboards.ca.gov or (510) 622-2369

**Region 3 -- Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board:**

Santa Clara (most of Morgan Hill), San Mateo (Southern portion), Santa Cruz, San Benito, Monterey, Kern (small portions), San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, Ventura (Northern portion) counties.

CentralCoast@waterboards.ca.gov or (805) 549-3147

**Region 4 -- Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board:**

Los Angeles, Ventura counties (small portions of Kern and Santa Barbara counties).

rb4-ssswdr@waterboards.ca.gov or (213) 576-6600

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**Region 5 -- Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board:**

**Rancho Cordova (Sacramento) Office:** Colusa, Lake, Sutter, Yuba, Sierra, Nevada, Placer, Yolo, Napa, (North East), Solano (West), Sacramento, El Dorado, Amador, Calaveras, San Joaquin, Contra Costa (East), Stanislaus, Tuolumne counties.

RB5sSpillReporting@waterboards.ca.gov or (916) 464-3291

**Fresno Office:** Fresno, Kern, Kings, Madera, Mariposa, Merced, and Tulare counties, and small portions of San Benito and San Luis Obispo counties.

RB5fSpillReporting@waterboards.ca.gov or (559) 445-5116

**Redding Office:** Butte, Glen, Lassen, Modoc, Plumas, Shasta, Siskiyou, and Tehama counties.

RB5rSpillReporting@waterboards.ca.gov or (530) 224-4845

**Region 6 -- Lahontan Regional Water Quality Control Board:**

**Lake Tahoe Office:** Alpine, Modoc (East), Lassen (East side and Eagle Lake), Sierra, Nevada, Placer, El Dorado counties.

RB6sSpillReporting@waterboards.ca.gov or (530) 542-5400

**Victorville Office:** Mono, Inyo, Kern (East), San Bernardino, Los Angeles (North East corner) counties.

RB6vSpillReporting@waterboards.ca.gov or (760) 241-6583

**Region 7 -- Colorado River Basin Regional Water Quality Control Board:**

Imperial county and portions of San Bernardino, Riverside, San Diego counties.

RB7SpillReporting@waterboards.ca.gov or (760) 346-7491

**Region 8 -- Santa Ana Regional Water Quality Control Board:**

Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino counties.

RB8SpillReporting@waterboards.ca.gov or (951) 782-4130

**Region 9 -- San Diego Regional Water Quality Control Board:**

San Diego county and portions of Orange and Riverside counties.

RB9Spill\_Report@waterboards.ca.gov or (619) 516-1990

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## Appendix 2.

San Diego Regional Water Quality Control Board General Order  
No. R9-2007-0005 WDR for Sewage Collection Agencies in the  
San Diego Region

CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD  
REGION 9, SAN DIEGO REGION

ORDER R9-2007-0005

WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS  
FOR SEWAGE COLLECTION AGENCIES  
IN THE SAN DIEGO REGION

The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Diego Region (hereinafter Regional Board), finds that:

1. **STATEWIDE GENERAL WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS:** State Water Resource Control Board (State Board) Order No. 2006-0003-DWQ, *Statewide General Waste Discharge Requirements for Sanitary Sewer Systems*, adopted by the State Board on May 2 2006, establishes minimum requirements to prevent sanitary sewer overflows (SSOs) from publicly owned/ operated sanitary sewer system. Order No. 2006-0003-DWQ is the primary regulatory mechanism for sanitary sewer systems statewide, but allows each regional board to issue more stringent or more prescriptive Waste Discharge Requirements (WDRs) for sanitary sewer systems within their respective jurisdiction.
2. **ENROLLMENT UNDER ORDER NO. 2006-0003-DWQ:** In accordance with Order No. 2006-0003-DWQ, all federal and state agencies, municipalities, counties, districts, and other public entities that own, operate, acquire, or assume responsibility for sanitary sewer systems greater than one mile in length that collect and/or convey untreated or partially treated wastewater to a publicly owned treatment facility in the State of California are required to apply for coverage under the general WDRs.
3. **ORDER No. 96-04:** On May 9, 1996, this Regional Board adopted Order No. 96-04, *General Waste Discharge Requirements Prohibiting Sanitary Sewer Overflows by Sewage Collection Agencies*, prohibiting the discharge of sewage from a sanitary sewer system at any point upstream of a sewage treatment plant. Each Sewage Collection Agency currently regulated under Order No. 96-04 is required to obtain enrollment under the State Board Order No. 2006-0003-DWQ.
4. **SAN DIEGO REGION SANITARY SEWER OVERFLOW REGULATIONS:** Order No. 96-04 has been an effective regulatory mechanism in reducing the number and magnitude of sewage spills in the Region. The Order is more stringent and prescriptive than Order No. 2006-0003-DWQ in that Order No. 2006-0003-DWQ may allow some SSOs that are currently prohibited under Order No. 96-04. In order to maintain regulation of Sanitary Sewer Systems in the San Diego Region consistent with the provisions of Order No. 96-04, this Order reaffirms the prohibition on all SSOs upstream of a sewage treatment plant. This strict prohibition implements the requirements contained in the Basin Plan, California Water Code, and Federal Clean Water Act.

5. **CONSISTENT REGIONAL REQUIREMENTS:** The regulation of all Sewage Collection Agencies will be consistent within the San Diego Region by requiring agencies such as California Department of Corrections; California State University, San Marcos; San Diego State University; and University of California, San Diego, which have not been regulated under Order No. 96-04, to comply with Regional Board requirements that augment State Board Order No. 2006-0003-DWQ.
6. **BASIN PLAN:** The Regional Board adopted a Water Quality Control Plan for the San Diego Basin (hereinafter Basin Plan) on September 8, 1994. The Basin Plan was subsequently approved by the State Board on December 13, 1994. Subsequent revisions to the Basin Plan have also been adopted by the Regional Board and approved by the State Board. The Basin Plan designates beneficial uses, narrative, and numerical water quality objectives, and prohibitions which are applicable to the discharges prohibited under this Order.
7. **PROHIBITIONS CONTAINED IN BASIN PLAN:** The Basin Plan contains the following prohibitions which are applicable to the discharges prohibited under this Order:
  - a. "The discharge of waste to waters of the state in a manner causing, or threatening to cause a condition of pollution, contamination, or nuisance as defined in California Water Code Section 13050, is prohibited."
  - b. "The discharge of treated or untreated waste to lakes or reservoirs used for municipal water supply, or to inland surface water tributaries thereto, is prohibited."
  - c. "The discharge of waste to inland surface waters, except in cases where the quality of the discharge complies with applicable receiving water quality objectives, is prohibited. ..."
  - d. "The dumping, deposition, or discharge of waste directly into waters of the state, or adjacent to such waters in any manner which may permit its being transported into the waters, is prohibited unless authorized by the Regional Board."
  - e. "The unauthorized discharge of treated or untreated sewage to waters of the state or to a storm water conveyance system is prohibited."
  - f. "The discharge of waste to land, except as authorized by waste discharge requirements or the terms described in California Water Code Section 13264 is prohibited."
  - g. "The discharge of waste in a manner causing flow, ponding, or surfacing on lands not owned or under the control of the discharger is prohibited, unless the discharge is authorized by the Regional Board."

8. **PORTER-COLOGNE WATER QUALITY CONTROL ACT (CALIFORNIA WATER CODE, DIVISION 7):** California Water Code Section 13243 provides that a Regional Board, in establishing waste discharge requirements, may specify certain conditions or areas where the discharge of waste, or certain types of waste, is prohibited. California Water Code 13260 prohibits the discharge of waste to land prior to the filing of a required report of waste discharge and the subsequent issuance of either WDRs or a waiver of WDRs. California Water Code 13264 prohibits discharge of waste absent a report of waste discharge and waste discharge requirements.
9. **FEDERAL CLEAN WATER ACT:** The Federal Clean Water Act largely prohibits any discharge of pollutants from a point source to waters of the United States except as authorized under an NPDES permit. In general, any point source discharge of sewage effluent to waters of the United States must comply with technology-based, secondary treatment standards, at a minimum, and any more stringent requirements necessary to meet applicable water quality standards and other requirements. Hence, the unpermitted discharge of wastewater from a sanitary sewer system to waters of the United States is illegal under the Clean Water Act. Furthermore, the Code of Federal Regulation requires proper operation and maintenance of all POTW facilities including collection systems, which results in prevention of SSOs.
10. **RESCISSION OF ORDER No. 96-04:** Order No. 96-04 can be rescinded after all of the Sewage Collection Agencies regulated under Order No. 96-04 have obtained coverage under Order No. 2006-0003-DWQ.
11. **PRIVATE LATERAL SEWAGE DISCHARGES REPORTING:** Order No. 96-04 does not require Sewage Collection Agencies to report Private Lateral Sewage Discharges. Over the past several years, however, this Regional Board has been tracking the number of Private Lateral Sewage Discharges based on courtesy reports from the Sewage Collection Agencies. During the period from July 2004 through June 2006, a total of 268 Private Lateral Sewage Discharges were reported by the Agencies. During some of those months, more Private Lateral Sewage Discharges were reported than public SSOs. Because the Agencies are not required to report Private Lateral Sewage Discharges, it is not known if the numbers reported fully represent the number and locations of Private Lateral Sewage Spills in the Region.

Finding Nos. 2, 3, and 4 of State Board Order No. 2006-0003-DWQ pertaining to causes of SSOs and the potential threat to water quality resulting from SSOs are also applicable to Private Lateral Sewage Discharges. Because Private Lateral Sewage Discharges are numerous and are a potential threat to public health and the environment, there is a need to have a reliable reporting system for Private Lateral Sewage Discharges for similar reasons as the public SSOs. Although sewage collection agencies are not responsible for the cause, cleanup, or repair of Private Lateral Sewage Discharges, sewage collection agencies are typically notified and/or are the first responders to Private Lateral Sewage Discharges. Consequently, requiring the sewage collection agencies to report all known Private Lateral Sewage Discharges is reasonable and a first step toward development of a regulatory approach for reducing Private Lateral Sewage Discharges in the San Diego Region.

12. **PERMITTING FEES:** This Order will serve as additional requirements to the State Board Order No. 2006-0003-DWQ. Sewage Collection Agencies that are covered and pay the fees under State Board Order No. 2006-0003-DWQ (or orders that supersede 2006-0003-DWQ) will not be required to pay for fees under this Order No. R9-2007-0005.
13. **CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT:** The action to adopt this Order is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (Public Resources Code §21000 et seq.) because it is an action taken by a regulatory agency to assure the protection of the environment and the regulatory process involves procedures for protection of the environment. (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, §15308). In addition, the action to adopt this Order is exempt from CEQA pursuant to Cal.Code Regs., title 14, §15301 to the extent that it applies to existing sanitary sewer collection systems that constitute "existing facilities" as that term is used in Section 15301, and §15302, to the extent that it results in the repair or replacement of existing systems involving negligible or no expansion of capacity.
14. **PUBLIC NOTICE:** The Regional Board has notified all known interested persons and the public of its intent to consider adoption of this Order. Interested persons and the public have had reasonable opportunity to participate in review of the proposed Order.
15. **PUBLIC HEARING:** The Regional Board has considered all comments pertaining to this Order submitted to the Regional Board in writing, or by oral presentations at the public hearing held on February 14, 2007.

**IT IS HEREBY ORDERED**, that all Sewage Collection Agencies within the San Diego Region, in order to meet the provisions contained in Division 7 of the California Water Code and regulations adopted thereunder, shall comply with the following, in addition to the State Water Resource Control Board Order No. 2006-0003-DWQ (or orders that supersede 2006-0003-DWQ) and its addenda (hereinafter referred to as State Board Order):



#### A. Definitions

1. For purposes of this Order, a Sewage Collection Agency shall mean an "enrollee", as defined in the State Board Order, within the boundaries of the San Diego Region.

#### B. Prohibition

1. The discharge of sewage from a sanitary sewer system at any point upstream of a sewage treatment plant is prohibited.

#### C. Monitoring and Reporting Program Requirements

1. Each Sewage Collection Agency shall report all SSOs in accordance with the Monitoring and Reporting Program No. 96-04 until the Sewage Collection Agency notifies the Regional Board that they can successfully report the SSOs to the State Board Online SSO System. The notification shall be a letter signed and certified by a person designated, for a municipality, state, federal or other public agency, as either a principal executive officer or ranking elected official.
2. For Category 1 (as defined in State Board Monitoring and Reporting Program No. 2006-0003-DWQ) SSOs, the Sewage Collection Agency shall provide notification of the SSO to the Regional Board by phone, email, or fax within 24 hours after the Sewage Collection Agency becomes aware of the SSO, notification is possible, and notification can be provided without substantially impeding cleanup or other emergency measures. The information reported to the Regional Board shall include the name and phone number of the person reporting the SSO, the responsible sewage collection agency, the estimated total sewer overflow volume, the location of the SSO, the receiving water (if any), the start date/time of the SSO (if known), the end date/time of the SSO (or whether or not the sewer overflow is still occurring at the time of the report), and confirmation that the local health services agency was or will be notified as required under the reporting requirements of the local health services agency.
3. The Sewage Collection Agency shall provide notification of all Private Lateral Sewage Discharges (as defined in the State Board Order), for which they become aware of, that equal or exceed 1,000 gallons; result in a discharge to a drainage channel and/or surface water; and/or discharge to a storm drainpipe that was not fully captured and returned to the sanitary sewer system, to the Regional Board by phone or fax within 24 hours after the Sewage Collection Agency becomes aware of the Private Lateral Sewage Discharge, notification is possible, and notification can be provided without substantially impeding cleanup or other emergency measures. The information reported to the Regional Board shall include the following information, if known: the name and phone number of the person reporting the Private Lateral Sewage Discharge, the service area where the Private Lateral Sewage Discharge occurred, the responsible party (other than the Sewage Collection Agency, if known), the estimated Private

Lateral Sewage Discharge volume, the location of the Private Lateral Sewage Discharge, the receiving water (if any), the start date/time of the Private Lateral Sewage Discharge, the end date/time of the Private Lateral Sewage Discharge (or whether or not the sewer overflow is still occurring at the time of the report), and confirmation that the local health services agency was or will be notified as required under the reporting requirements of the local health services agency.

4. The following requirement supersedes the Private Lateral Sewage Discharge Reporting Timeframe for Private Lateral Sewage Discharges in the State Board Monitoring and Reporting Program No. 2006-0003-DWQ: For Private Lateral Sewage Discharges that occur within a Sewage Collection Agency's service area and that a Sewage Collection Agency becomes aware of, the Sewage Collection Agency shall report the Private Lateral Sewage Discharge to the State Board Online SSO Database within 30 days after the end of the calendar month in which the Private Lateral Sewage Discharge occurs. The Sewage Collection Agency must identify the sewage discharge as occurring and caused by a private lateral, and a responsible party (other than the Sewage Collection Agency) should be identified, if known. The Sewage Collection Agency will not be responsible for the cause, cleanup, or repair of Private Lateral Sewage Discharges, but only the reporting of those within their jurisdiction and for which they become aware of.

#### D. Notification

1. Upon completion with Monitoring and Reporting Program Requirement C.1, the Regional Board will give written notice to the Sewage Collection Agency stating that regulation of the Sewage Collection Agency under Order No. 96-04 is terminated.
2. Order No. 96-04 is rescinded once regulation of all Sewage Collection Agencies under Order No. 96-04 is terminated. The Regional Board will give written notice to all of the Sewage Collection Agencies stating that all Sewage Collection Agencies under Order No. 96-04 was terminated and, thus, Order 96-04 is rescinded.

*I, John Robertus, Executive Officer, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of Order No. 2007-0005 adopted by the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Diego Region on February 14, 2007.*

  
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JOHN H. ROBERTUS  
Executive Officer

## Appendix 3.

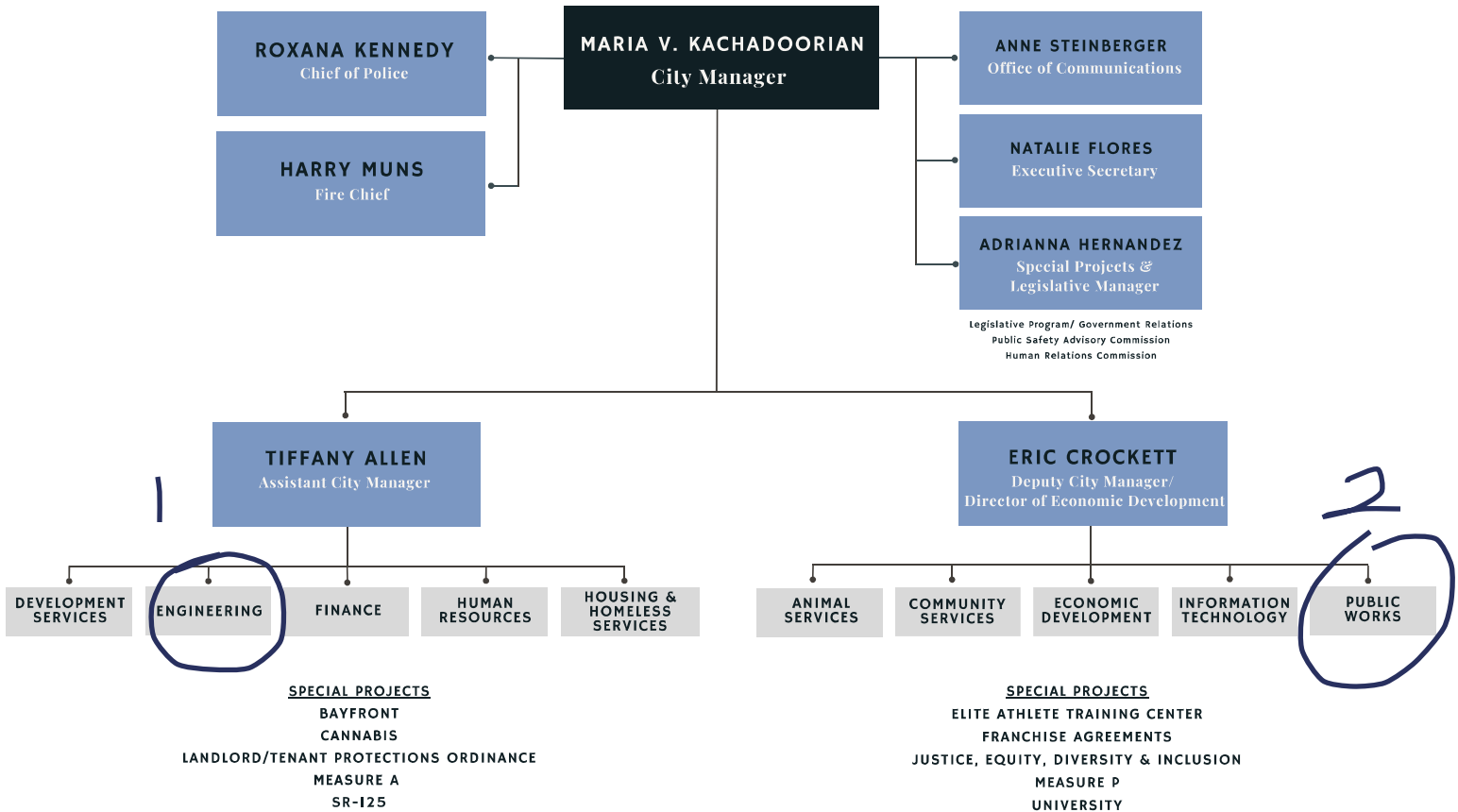
### Legally Responsible Officials (LRO) Contact Information

Appendix 4. Legally Responsible Officials

Position	Reporting To	Name	LRO	Phone	Email
City Manager	Mayor and City Council	Maria Kachadorian		619-691-5031	<a href="mailto:mkachadorian@chulavistaca.gov">mkachadorian@chulavistaca.gov</a>
Assistant City Manager - Engineering	City Manager	Tiffany Allen		619-691-5179	<a href="mailto:tallen@cityofchulavistaca.gov">tallen@cityofchulavistaca.gov</a>
Deputy City Manager - Public Works	City Manager	Eric Crockett		619-476-5341	<a href="mailto:ecrockett@chulavistaca.gov">ecrockett@chulavistaca.gov</a>
<b>Public Works Department</b>					
Director of Public Works	Assistant City Manager	Matt Little	LRO	619-397-6066	<a href="mailto:mlittle@chulavistaca.gov">mlittle@chulavistaca.gov</a>
PW Superintendent	Director of Public Works	Kalani Camacho		619-397-6113	<a href="mailto:kcamacho@chulavistaca.gov">kcamacho@chulavistaca.gov</a>
PW Manager- Wastewater/Stormwater	Public Works Superintendent	Mark Sanchez	LRO	619-397-6009	<a href="mailto:msanchez@chulavistaca.gov">msanchez@chulavistaca.gov</a>
PW Supervisor-Wastewater	Public Works Manager	Jesus "Jesse" Gomez	LRO	619-397-6080	<a href="mailto:jgomez@chulavistaca.gov">jgomez@chulavistaca.gov</a>
PW Supervisor-Wastewater	Public Works Manager	Nelson Rivera	LRO	619-397-6039	<a href="mailto:nrivera@chulavistaca.gov">nrivera@chulavistaca.gov</a>
PW Supervisor-Wastewater	Public Works Manager	Mike Capone	LRO	619-397-6009	<a href="mailto:mcapone@chulavistaca.gov">mcapone@chulavistaca.gov</a>
PW Supervisor - Pumps	Public Works Supervisor	Joe Allshouse	LRO	619-397-6042	<a href="mailto:jallshouse@chulavistaca.gov">jallshouse@chulavistaca.gov</a>
PW Supervisor -Storm Drains	Public Works Supervisor	Joe Burgos	LRO	619-397-6031	<a href="mailto:jburgos@chulavistaca.gov">jburgos@chulavistaca.gov</a>
PW Garage Operation Supervisor		Rudy Cancio	LRO	619-397-6025	<a href="mailto:rcancio@chulavistaca.gov">rcancio@chulavistaca.gov</a>
<b>Engineering and Capital Projects Department</b>					
Director of Engineering and Capital Projects/City Engineer	Deputy City Manager	William Valle		619-691-5045	<a href="mailto:wvalle@chulavistaca.gov">wvalle@chulavistaca.gov</a>
Principal Civil Engineer	City Engineer	Frank Rivera		619-691-5045	<a href="mailto:frivera@chulavistaca.gov">frivera@chulavistaca.gov</a>
Senior Civil Engineer	Principal Civil Engineer	Beth Gentry	LRO	619-476-2402	<a href="mailto:bgentry@chulavistaca.gov">bgentry@chulavistaca.gov</a>
Associate Engineer	Senior Civil Engineer	Sandra Hernandez		619-476-5363	<a href="mailto:shernandez@chulavistaca.gov">shernandez@chulavistaca.gov</a>
Engineering Tech II	Senior Civil Engineer	Tim Weinman	LRO	619-409-3805	<a href="mailto:tweinman@chulavistaca.gov">tweinman@chulavistaca.gov</a>
Engineering Tech II	Senior Civil Engineer	Salim Sekandar		619-476-5388	<a href="mailto:ssekandar@chulavistaca.gov">ssekandar@chulavistaca.gov</a>

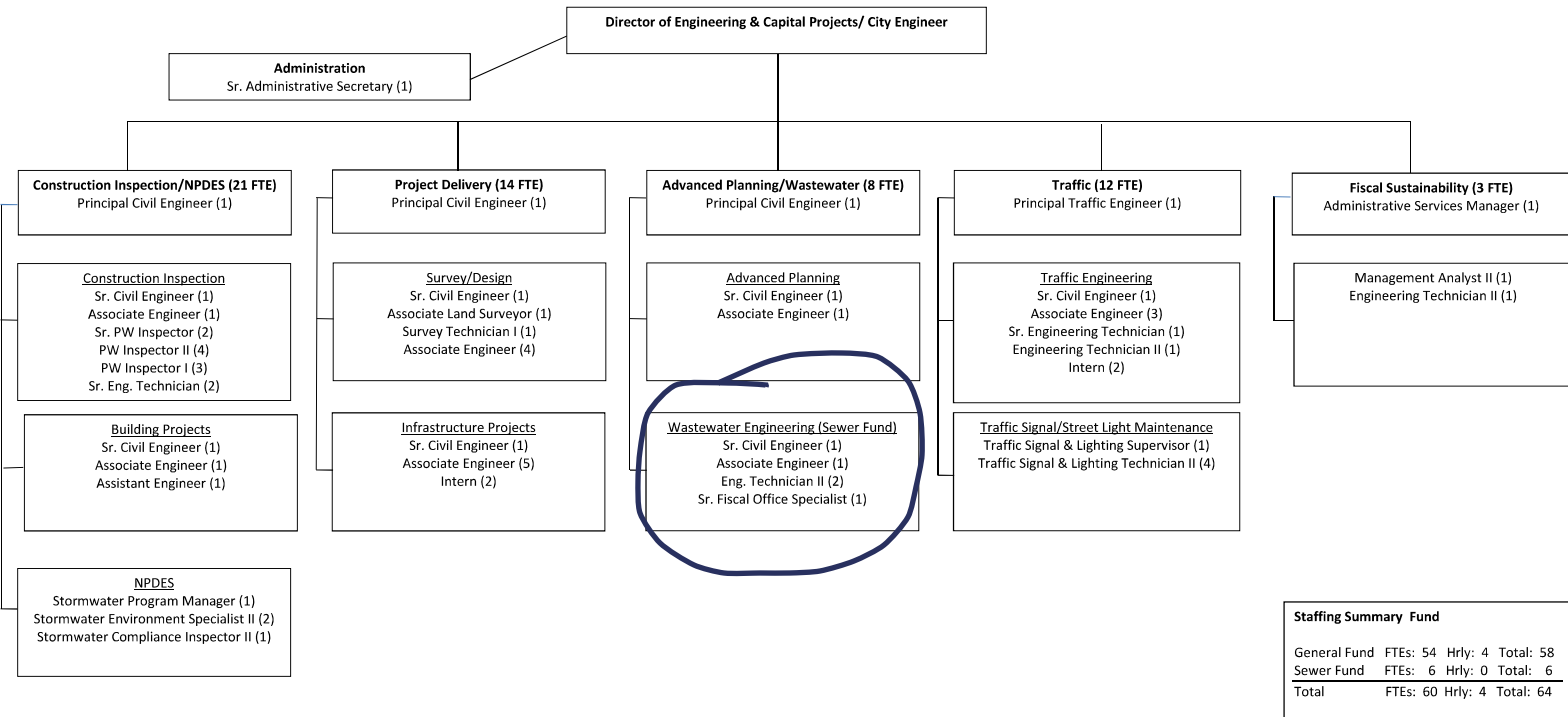
## Appendix 4.

### Wastewater Organizational Chart and City Organizational Chart





**ENGINEERING & CAPITAL PROJECTS  
FY 2020-2021**

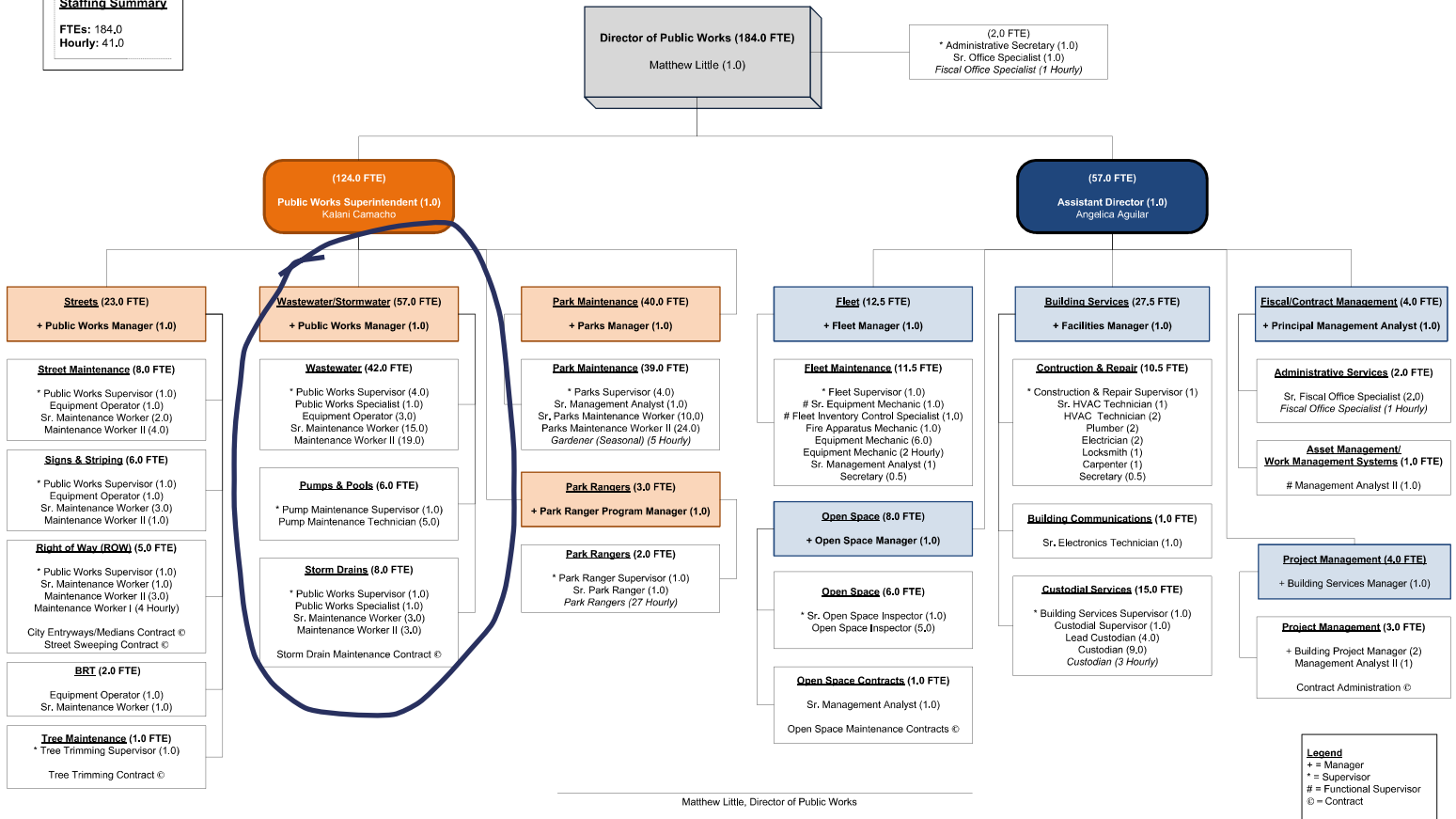




# Public Works Department

Last Update: 1/26/2023

**Staffing Summary**  
 FTEs: 184.0  
 Hourly: 41.0



Matthew Little, Director of Public Works



Appendix 5.  
Spill Report Form

**CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD –  
SANITARY SEWER OVERFLOW 24-HOUR NOTIFICATION REPORT FORM  
FOR CATEGORY 1 SPILLS IN THE SAN DIEGO REGION  
ORDER No. R9-2007-0005**

If CIWQS is not working , the 3-day draft report may be faxed in using this form. Please provide the following information, if available.

RWQCB STAFF CONTACT \_\_\_\_\_

DATE OF NOTIFICATION \_\_\_ / \_\_\_ / \_\_\_

TIME OF NOTIFICATION \_\_ \_\_ : \_\_ \_\_ AM / PM

REPORTED BY \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_

REPORTING AGENCY: \_\_\_\_\_

AGENCY ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

RESPONSIBLE PARTY (if not the Reporting Agency): \_\_\_\_\_

PUBLIC SPILL       PRIVATE SPILL

ESTIMATED TOTAL SSO VOLUME (GALLONS): \_\_\_\_\_

ESTIMATED RECOVERED VOLUME (GALLONS): \_\_\_\_\_

LOCATION OF SSO: \_\_\_\_\_ START DAY/TIME: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  CONTAINED       ON-GOING

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ END DAY/TIME: \_\_\_\_\_

ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

WATERS OF STATE IMPACTED?  YES  NO

STORM DRAIN: \_\_\_\_\_

PRIMARY SURFACE WATER: \_\_\_\_\_

SECONDARY SURFACE WATER: \_\_\_\_\_

OTHER IMPACTED WATER: \_\_\_\_\_

BEACH CLOSURE?  YES  NO LOCATION: \_\_\_\_\_

LOCAL HEALTH AGENCY NOTIFIED IMMEDIATELY?  YES  NO DATE/TIME \_\_\_\_\_

OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES NOTIFIED?  YES  NO DATE/TIME \_\_\_\_\_

OES CONTROL # \_\_\_\_\_

CAUSE / COMMENTS / OTHER DETAILS:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

## Appendix 6.

Water Quality Monitoring Program (Category 1 Spills  $\geq$  50,000 gallons)

# Water Quality Monitoring Program for

# Sanitary Sewer Overflows

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# 1. Water Quality - Monitoring

## Trigger for Water Quality Sampling

- State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB)  
Sampling must be performed for sanitary sewer overflows (SSOs) that are 50,000 gallons or greater and reach surface water.
- San Diego County Department of Environmental Health (DEH)  
Sampling must be performed for SSOs that reach surface water if County DEH staff indicates that sampling is necessary.

## Safety and Access

- Water quality sampling should only be performed if it is safe to do so and access to the surface water is not restricted. Unsafe conditions include, but are not limited to, heavy rains, slippery and/or steep banks, and visibility issues.
- When sampling is not possible, details of the situation should be recorded in the certified Category 1 SSO Report and the SSO Technical Report submitted on the CIWQS Online SSO Database.

## When to Sample

- Sampling must be performed (when and if it is safe to do so) within 48 hours after initial SSO notification.
- Water quality sampling should not interfere with stopping the SSO.

## Where to Sample

- Sampling should account for spill travel time in surface water (see Sample Collection Procedure below). The County DEH may require sampling at additional sites.

## Optional Follow-Up Monitoring

- It may be appropriate to conduct additional monitoring by sampling and/or visual inspection, depending on the original monitoring results. For example, follow-up monitoring could be conducted until the water body has reverted to an estimated baseline condition if an impact from the SSO is observed or if directed by the County DEH.

# 2. Water Quality - Sampling

## Sampling Parameters required for Analyses

- Ammonia
- Bacterial indicators (i.e., total and fecal coliform, enterococcus, and *E. coli*)

## SSO Sample Collection Kit Inventory

- 3 sterile ammonia sample bottles labeled A
- 3 sterile bacteria sample bottles labeled B
- Cooler
- Ice pack or ice (store in freezer)
- Safety gloves
- Sampling pole

- Pen
- Velocity probe or floating device
- Chain of Custody (form attached)
- Camera
- Safety glasses

#### Sampling Locations

- Upstream of SSO
- Immediate vicinity where SSO enters water body (“source”)
- Downstream of SSO

#### Sample Collection Procedure

1. Retrieve SSO Sample Collection kit<sup>1</sup> from Public Works office.
2. Obtain ice from freezer and place in cooler.
3. Determine the point where SSO entered waterway and, if possible, photograph this location. Try to include a reference point in the photo.
4. If sampling is performed after the SSO has stopped, estimate SSO travel time.
  - This may be done by observing or dropping floatable debris in the surface water and timing how long it takes to travel over a measured distance (e.g., 100 feet). Include sections in the surface water where there are bends, bottlenecks, or other characteristics that may slow down the flow. If the first measurement is uncertain, this time estimate may be performed three to five times, and the values averaged to determine the estimated travel time. The velocity in the upper portion of the water body can then be calculated by dividing the measured distance by the average time.
  - An alternative way to measure the SSO travel time is to use a velocity probe to determine the rate of flow in the water body.
5. Determine the “source” location for water quality sampling by accounting for SSO travel time.
  - If the SSO is occurring, the “source” location is the point where the SSO is entering the waterway.
  - If the SSO has stopped, calculate the approximate downstream distance from the original SSO location by dividing the time since the SSO occurred by the estimated velocity. This is the approximate downstream distance from the SSO discharge point to the “source” sampling location.
6. Put on safety gloves and safety glasses from the SSO Sample Collection Kit.
7. For each parameter, label the sample bottles with the location names (e.g., “Upstream”, “Source” and “Downstream”).
8. **Upstream Sample Collection:** Collect the “upstream” samples first. Move approximately one hundred feet (100’) upstream of the Source location. Label each of the sample bottles marked “Upstream” with the date and time.
  - a. (If possible) take a photo of the sample location, including a reference point in the photo.
  - b. Fill the labeled bottles in the direction of the water flow just below the surface in knee deep water, approximately 3 feet deep (full arm’s length), without rinsing. Fill bottle leaving about 1” of air to allow for mixing. If needed, extend the sampling pole to the fullest length to reach deeper water depth. Avoid sampling debris or surface scum and minimize contact with bank or beach bed as water fouling may occur.

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<sup>1</sup> A SSO Sample Collection kit can be an ice chest with all equipment inside prepared for sampling.

- c. Immediately place cap securely on bottle to avoid leaks and contamination. Dry bottle.
- d. Place each sample bottle in the cooler after collection.

**Source Sample Collection:** Collect the “source” samples next. Move approximately ten feet (10’) downstream of the Source location. Label each of the sample bottles marked “Source” with the date and time.

- e. (If possible) take a photo of the sample location, including a reference point in the photo.
- f. Fill the labeled bottles in the direction of the water flow just below the surface in knee deep water, approximately 3 feet deep (full arm’s length), without rinsing. Fill bottle leaving about 1” of air to allow for mixing. If needed, extend the sampling pole to the fullest length to reach deeper water depth. Avoid sampling debris or surface scum and minimize contact with bank or beach bed as water fouling may occur.
- g. Immediately place cap securely on bottle to avoid leaks and contamination. Dry bottle.
- h. Place each sample bottle in the cooler after collection.

**Downstream Sample Collection:** Lastly, collect the “downstream” samples. Move one hundred feet (100’) downstream of the Source location. Label each of the sample bottles marked “Downstream” with the date and time.

- a. (If possible) take a photo of the sample location, including a reference point in the photo.
- b. Fill the labeled bottles in the direction of the water flow just below the surface in knee deep water, approximately 3 feet deep (full arm’s length), without rinsing. Fill bottle leaving about 1” of air to allow for mixing. If needed, extend the sampling pole to the fullest length to reach deeper water depth. Avoid sampling debris or surface scum and minimize contact with bank or beach bed as water fouling may occur.
- c. Immediately place cap securely on bottle to avoid leaks and contamination. Dry bottle.
- d. Place each sample bottle in the cooler after collection.

9. If additional sites are required and specified by County DEH, continue to perform sampling at these additional sites according to sampling procedures in the previous step.
10. Complete the laboratory chain of custody form with requested information: site, bottle number, collector, date and time of collection, type of sample, analyses requested, name and phone number of responsible person(s), and courier name.
11. As soon as possible after sample collection, transport the cooler containing the samples and the completed laboratory chain of custody form to the laboratory. The parameter with the shortest holding time is 6 hours (from sample collection to beginning of analysis). Sample analyses should begin as soon as possible after sample collection to achieve the most accurate result.
12. Restock the SSO Sample Collection Kit with the items listed above (*SSO Sample Collection Kit*).
13. After the analyses have been performed (see “Water Quality Analyses Protocols” below) and the results have been reviewed and finalized, report them to the County DEH and check if any of the following conditions are satisfied:
  - Both the ammonia and bacteria levels downstream are approximately equal to or less than the upstream levels;
  - The concentration of ammonia is below 2.139 mg/L as N; or
  - The fecal coliform bacteria levels are below 400 MPN/100mL.

As soon as one of the above conditions is satisfied and (if applicable) the County DEH indicates that additional monitoring is not needed, monitoring for this SSO may stop. If none are satisfied, repeat the Sample Collection Procedure steps until either or all of the conditions are satisfied, or other information is available to suggest eh SSO is no longer causing a potentially adverse effect on the waterbody.

**Warnings for Sample Collection**

- **Avoid Contamination.** Be careful. Make every effort not to touch the inside of the collection bottle and the inner surface of the lid or bottle rim. Sample containers may also contain chemicals and/or preservatives.
- **Deliver Sample(s) to Lab(s) Immediately.** All samples need to be delivered to the laboratory expeditiously due to the limited hold time required for maintaining sample integrity.

### **3. Water Quality - Analyses**

**Laboratory**

Samples will be sent to an ELAP accredited or similarly certified laboratory according to the laboratory's Standard Operating Procedure (SOPs), see Table 1 below for laboratories in San Diego.

**Maintenance and Calibration of Monitoring Instruments and Devices**

All laboratory monitoring instruments and devices used for water quality analyses are maintained and calibrated according to the SOPs to ensure their continued accuracy. The SSO Sample Collection Kit is checked by the City staff annually to verify its contents, and City staff are to replace chemical preservatives in the sample bottles at that time.



Table 1. ELAP Certified Laboratories and Contact Information

ELAP Cert. No.	Lab Name	Phone Number	Contact	Address	Website
1802	Nautilus Environmental, LLC	(858) 587-7333	Marilyn O'Neill	4340 Vandever Ave, San Diego, CA 92120	<a href="http://www.nautilusenvironmental.com/">http://www.nautilusenvironmental.com/</a>
2468	JMR Environmental Services, Inc.	(619) 858-7260	N/A	4560 Alvarado Canyon Rd Ste 2D San Diego CA 92120	<a href="https://www.jmrenvironmental.com/">https://www.jmrenvironmental.com/</a>
2505	Analytical Chemical Labs, Inc.	(619) 276-1558	N/A	8222 Vickers St., Ste 110 San Diego, CA 92111	<a href="https://aclchem.com/">https://aclchem.com/</a>
2564	EnviroMatrix Analytical, Inc.	(858) 560-7717	N/A	9590 Chesapeake Dr., Suite 5 San Diego, CA 92123	<a href="https://www.enviromatrixinc.com/">https://www.enviromatrixinc.com/</a>
2713	EMSL Analytical Inc	(858) 499-1303	N/A	8145 Ronson Rd B, San Diego, CA 92111	<a href="https://www.emsl.com/">https://www.emsl.com/</a>
2822	Mobilab Environmental Determinations USA LLC	(858) 368-9519	N/A	9235 Trade Place, Suite J, San Diego, CA 92126	<a href="https://mobilabsusa.com/external/index.html">https://mobilabsusa.com/external/index.html</a>

Appendix 7.

Change Log

Section	Update	Date
<b>Multiple</b>	Updated reference to WDR 2022: General Order 2022-0103-DWQ and associated nomenclature (e.g. OERP is now the SERP)	Jun-23
<b>Multiple</b>	Updated Spill Categories per WDR 2022	Jun-23
<b>Multiple</b>	Updated Notification, Response and Record Keeping per WDR 2022	Jun-23
<b>Multiple</b>	Miscellaneous grammatical and formatting updates.	Jun-23
<b>Public Works Supervisors</b>	Provided a Wastewater Organizational Chart with City Organizational Chart	Jun-23
	Updated LRO information (names, contact information, etc.)	Jun-23
<b>Regulatory Notification Requirements</b>	Removed the 2015 Spill Response Notification and Flow Chart	Jun-23