



Staff Report

File #: 23-0364

**REQUEST FOR CITY COUNCIL AND
CORONA UTILITY AUTHORITY ACTION**

DATE: 05/03/2023

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council Members
Honorable President and Board Members

FROM: Utilities Department

SUBJECT:
RESOLUTION APPROVING THE SEWER SYSTEM MANAGEMENT PLAN AS REQUIRED BY THE STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD ORDER NO. 2006-0003-DWQ

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This staff report asks the City Council to adopt Resolution No. 2023-022 which approves the Sewer System Management Plan as required by the State Water Resources Control Board Order No. 2006-0003-DWQ. The Sewer System Management Plan documents how an agency manages, operates, and maintains all parts of the sanitary sewer system to help reduce, prevent, and mitigate sanitary sewer overflows.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

That the City Council adopt Resolution No. 2023-022, approving the Sewer System Management Plan update.

That the Corona Utility Authority review, ratify, and to the extent necessary, direct that the City Council take the above action.

BACKGROUND & HISTORY:

In 2006, the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) adopted Order Number 2006-0003-DWQ Statewide General Waste Discharge Requirements (WDR) for Sanitary Sewer Systems. The order requires all federal and state agencies, municipalities, counties, districts, and other public entities that own or operate a wastewater collection system greater than one mile in length to develop and implement a system specific Sewer System Management Plan (SSMP). On September 9, 2013, the SWRCB adopted Order No. WQ 2013-0058-EXEC which amended the Statewide WDR requirements related to the monitoring and reporting program.

ANALYSIS:

On March 1, 2017, the City of Corona adopted Resolution No. 2017-010 and approved changes to the SSMP. Under the WDR, the SSMP must be updated regularly and approved by the City Council when significant updates are made.

The SSMP has been reviewed and the following information has been updated by Utilities Department staff to ensure the collection system information is accurate:

- Legally Responsible Official contact information
- Organizational chart
- Department name
- Job titles and responsibilities
- Maintenance schedule

The SSMP has the following 11 sections:

1. Goal
2. Organization
3. Legal Authority
4. Operation and Maintenance Program
5. Design and Performance Provisions
6. Sanitary Sewer Overflow Emergency Response Plan
7. Fats, Oils and Grease (FOG) Control Program
8. System Evaluation and Capacity Assurance Plan
9. Monitoring, Measurement, and Program Modification
10. SSMP Program Audits
11. Communication Program

The Utilities Department is committed to maintaining a functional and safe sanitary sewer collection system for the health of the public and the environment. Staff receives annual training on the SOPs. In addition, the Utilities Department has the sewer lines videoed on a regular basis to look for areas of concern that could lead to backups or overflows. The Utilities Department reviews the SSMP annually to ensure it still meets the needs of the Department and follows all SWRCB requirements. The State Water Resources Control Board Order No. 2006-0003-DWQ requires both the SSMP and the Enrollee’s program to implement the SSMP which must be certified by the Enrollee to be in compliance with the requirements set forth above and must be presented to the Enrollee’s governing board for approval at a public meeting. The SSMP must be updated every five (5) years, and must include any significant program changes. Re-certification by the governing board of the Enrollee is required in accordance with Order No. 2006-0003-DWQ, Item D.14, when significant updates to the SSMP are made. Therefore, staff recommends adoption of Resolution No. 2023-022.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

The recommended action has no fiscal impact.

ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS:

This action is exempt pursuant to Section 15061(b)(3) of the Guidelines for the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), which states that a project is exempt from CEQA if the activity is covered by the common sense exemption that CEQA applies only to projects that have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment. Where it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment, the activity is not subject to CEQA. This action to adopt Resolution No. 2023-022 approving the Sewer System Management Plan will have no significant effect on the environment as the SSMP documents how an agency manages, operates, and maintains all parts of the sanitary sewer system to help reduce, prevent, and mitigate sanitary sewer overflows. There is no possibility that adopting this resolution will have a significant effect on the environment. Therefore, no environmental analysis is required.

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Attachments:

1. Exhibit 1 - Resolution No. 2023-022