



Agenda Report

December 16, 2019

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council
FROM: Department of Public Works
THROUGH: Municipal Services Committee (December 10, 2019)
SUBJECT: ADOPTION OF SEWER SYSTEM MANAGEMENT PLAN

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Acknowledge that the Sewer System Management Plan is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Division 13, Section 21000 et seq. of the Public Resources Code and Title 14, Sections 15061(b)(3) and 15308;
2. Adopt a resolution approving the Sewer System Management Plan (SSMP) document prepared by Dudek dated November 2019, included herein as Exhibit "A"; and
3. Authorize the Director of Public Works to certify and submit the Sewer System Management Plan document to the California State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB).

BACKGROUND:

In May 2006, the California State Water Resources Control Board adopted Order No. 2006-0003, entitled "Statewide General Waste Discharge Requirements (WDR) for Sanitary Sewer Systems," to regulate public wastewater collection (sewer) systems with the goal of reducing the number and volume of sanitary sewer overflows throughout the state. The City of Pasadena owns and operates a collection system consisting of approximately 328 miles of sewer pipes. As a result, the City is required to comply with the WDR.

In accordance with the WDR, the City shall (1) participate in the Monitoring and Reporting Program (MRP), issued as an attachment to the subject Order, and report all sewage spills to the SWRCB electronically; and (2) develop and implement a

customized SSMP to provide a plan and schedule to manage, operate, and maintain the City's sanitary sewer system.

The SSMP must include the identification of legal authority of the operator; an operation and maintenance program; pipe design and performance standards; an overflow emergency response program; a fats, oil, and grease control program; a system evaluation and capacity assurance plan; a monitoring and audit program; a communication program; and the certification required by the SWRCB. Both the SSMP document and the SSMP implementation program must be certified by the Enrollee (City)s to be in compliance with the requirements set forth in the WDR, and must be approved by the Agency's governing board at a public meeting.

City's SSMP is required to be updated every five years and be recertified if there are any significant program changes. This updated SSMP will be valid through December 2024, barring any significant program changes.

Upon approval of the City Council, the SSMP document will be certified by the Director of Public Works and submitted to the California State Water Resources Control Board.

COUNCIL POLICY CONSIDERATION:

The project is consistent with the City Council's goal to improve, maintain and enhance public facilities and infrastructure. It also supports the Public Facilities Element of the General Plan by maintaining public facilities to enhance the quality of life of the community.

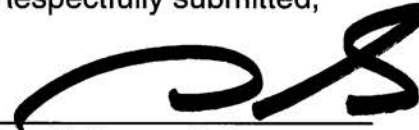
ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS:

There is no new construction proposed as part of this action. This action authorizes the City to adopt and submit the SSMP (with the previously adopted programs and projects) and the SSMP implementation program to the SWRCB. The proposed actions have been determined to be exempt from CEQA per Sections 15061(b)(3) and 15308.

FISCAL IMPACT:

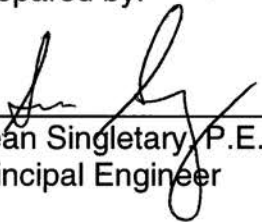
In compliance to the California Water Code Section 13260, an appropriate annual fee shall be submitted by all Enrollees covered under the WDR. The fee is based on the daily population served by the sanitary sewer system. The annual fee for Fiscal Year 2018 for the City of Pasadena was \$12,259. Sufficient funds are available in Budget Account Number 20522079-821200, the Sewer Construction and Maintenance Fund to cover the annual fees.

Respectfully submitted,



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Attachment A – Sewer System Management Plan