



Agenda Item No: 1.e

PLACENTIA CITY COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

Meeting Date: July 15, 2025

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From: Public Works

Subject:

Approval of the Updated Sewer System Management Plan

Financial Impact:

Fiscal Impact:

None.

Summary:

On May 2, 2006, the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) adopted statewide Waste Discharge Requirements (WDRs) for all sewer collection agencies and cities. The City, as an owner of a publicly owned sewer collection system, is required to update its Sewer System Management Plan (SSMP) periodically. Accordingly, the City approved the Sewer System Management Plan (SSMP) at a public meeting on July 21, 2009, thereby remaining in compliance with the SWRCB's mandate. The SWRCB requires the SSMP to be audited every two (2) years and reapproved at a public meeting every five (5) years. This action will approve the update to the SSMP.

Recommendation:

Recommended Action: It is recommended that the City Council take the following actions:

1. Approve the City's Sewer System Management Plan update as required by the State Water Resources Control Board; and
2. Direct Staff to submit the Sewer System Management Plan to the State Water Resources Control Board.

Strategic Plan Statement:

There is no specific strategic planning statement or goal associated with this agenda item.

Discussion:

On May 2, 2006, the SWRCB adopted Statewide General WDRs which require a Monitoring and Reporting Program for sanitary sewer systems by the issuance of Order No. 2006-0003-DWQ (Order). The regulations in the Order were in response to growing public concern about the water quality impacts of Sanitary Sewer Overflows, particularly those that cause beach closures, adverse effects to other bodies of water, or pose serious health and safety or nuisance problems. Accordingly, the City Council approved the SSMP at a public meeting on July 21, 2009. Updates to the SSMP were completed and approved by the City Council on July 15, 2014 and February 18, 2020, thereby remaining in compliance with the SWRCB's

mandate.

On December 6, 2022, the SWRCB adopted the WDR to regulate wastewater collection system management on General Order No. 2022-0103-DWQ (2022 Order). It became effective on June 5, 2023, and superseded the previous SWRCB Order No. 2006-0003-DWQ. All sections and attachments of this 2022 Order are enforceable by the SWRCB and Regional Water Quality Control Boards. The SWRCB now requires the SSMP to be updated and approved by the City Council every six years and audited every two years. The City's SSMP has been updated based on the requirements of the 2022 Order and incorporates recent spill reports and updates to associated programs and procedures.

The 2022 Order requires the SSMP Update to be approved by a governing body prior to submittal to the SWRCB. Upon approval of the SSMP Update by City Council, the document will be submitted to California Integrated Water Quality System by the City's Legally Responsible Officer by the August 2, 2025 deadline. Volume I of the SSMP is attached for review and approval. Volume II of the SSMP includes supporting documents such as a log of changes, the spill response plan, legal authority, and copies of sewer maps. Volume II is extensive and due to its large size has not been attached to this report but is available for review with the City Clerk's office.

Fiscal Impact Summary:

There is no fiscal impact associated with the requested actions.

Attachments

[Placentia SSMP Update June 2025 Volume I.pdf](#)