



# Agenda Item

## City Council

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**TO:** Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

**THRU:** Tom Kisela, City Manager

**FROM:** Christopher Cash, Public Works Director

### 1. SUBJECT

Adoption of the updated City of Orange Sewer System Management Plan

### 2. SUMMARY

State Water Resources Control Board Order No. 2022-0103-DWQ adopted by the State on December 6, 2022 requires owners of sewer collection systems to update and recertify their Sewer System Management Plan at least once every six years.

### 3. RECOMMENDED ACTION

1. Adopt the updated City of Orange Sewer System Management plan.
2. Authorize and direct the Public Works Director to execute and deliver any and all documents (including amendments or modifications to the Sewer System Management Plan) deemed necessary or advisable in order to carry out, give effect to, and comply with the terms and intent of State Water Resources Control Board Order No. 2022-0103-DWQ.

### 4. FISCAL IMPACT

None.

### 5. STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS

Goal 3: Enhance Public Communication Strategy and Quality of Life

Goal 5: Improve Infrastructure, Mobility, and Technology

### 6. DISCUSSION AND BACKGROUND

Order No. R8-2002-0014 adopted by the Santa Ana Regional Water Quality Control Board on April 26, 2002 required cities in Orange County that own their own sewer collection systems to adopt a Sewer System Management Plan (SSMP) for the management of their sewer collection systems. On October 11, 2005 the City Council adopted the required SSMP. On May 2, 2006 the State Water Resources Control Board adopted Order No. 2006-0003-DWQ regulating sanitary sewer collection systems statewide. This Order superseded waste discharge requirement Order No. R8-2002-0014 and required a new SSMP. On July 14, 2009 the City Council adopted an updated and revised SSMP consistent with the new statewide Order.

Order R8-2006-0003-DWQ contained a provision that required permittees to update and recertify their SSMP every five years. The City's most recent SSMP update was performed in 2020, a copy of

the SSMP and Appendices is available for review at the City Clerk's office and on the City website.

Order WQ 2022-0103-DWQ supersedes the previous order, and amendments thereafter, and contains a provision that requires the permittees to update and certify their SSMP every six years. Consistent with this requirement, the City's SSMP has been updated to reflect changes required of the new permit. The updated SSMP includes the latest sanitary sewer and storm drain maps, ordinances, revised spill categories, revised organization charts, agency coordination, and the name change for the Overflow Emergency Response Plan to the Spill Emergency Response Plan. The SSMP also includes text changes in the body of the SSMP and the Fats, Oils and Grease (FOG) program referenced in the SSMP. A copy of the SSMP and Appendices is available for review at the City Clerk's office and on the City website.

## **7. ATTACHMENTS**

- Updated Sewer System Management Plan without appendices.
- 2020 Sewer System Management Plan without appendices.