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ELEMENT 1 – SEWER SYSTEM MANAGEMENT PLAN GOAL AND INTRODUCTION

1.1 Regulatory Context

As required by the State Water Resources Control Board No. 2022-0103-DWQ (Waste Discharge Requirement (WDR) Order), Moulton Niguel Water District (MNWD or District) has developed and implemented an updated Sewer System Management Plan (SSMP) to satisfy requirements of the WDR. MNWD has incorporated and updated the District's Spill Emergency Response Plan along with existing pretreatment and engineering programs to ensure compliance with all SSMP requirements. The SSMP has been developed to facilitate proper funding and management of the District's sanitary sewer system.

1.2 Sewer System Management Plan Update Schedule

The SSMP will be updated every six years in accordance with the WDR. The updated plan will be adopted by the Board of Directors. The SSMP will be audited annually and changes will be noted in the change log.

1.3 Sewer System Asset Overview

The District is located in South Orange County, California, and serves approximately 170,000 people in the cities of Aliso Viejo, Dana Point, Laguna Hills, Laguna Niguel, Mission Viejo and San Juan Capistrano.

The District maintains approximately 14 miles of force main sewers and approximately 488 miles of gravity sewers ranging in size (diameter) from 6 inches to 48 inches. Service laterals range in size (diameter) from 4 inches to 8 inches. All gravity sewers contain manholes to facilitate the cleaning and maintenance of the sewers. Gravity and force main lines are maintained by the District, while lateral maintenance is the responsibility of the customer.

The District has 17 active lift stations that pump wastewater from lower elevations to higher elevations (Table 1). Lift stations are designed to utilize commercial electrical power, and are equipped with either auxiliary power/pumping equipment (diesel, natural gas, or propane) or other means to convey flow during a power outage. In addition, six of the District's lift stations have emergency overflow (auxillary) wet wells

that provide additional storage in the event of an emergency condition that restricts the pumping capacity of the lift stations. These stations also have emergency bypass connections on their force mains so that portable pumps can be used to bypass the stations. The District also maintains a total of ten siphons to convey wastewater beneath other infrastructure without the use of pumps. An updated map of District boundaries and assets can be found in Attachment 2.

Table 1 Wastewater Lift Stations

Facility	Location	Standby Generator	Auxiliary Wet Well
Aliso Creek	21933 Aliso Creek Road, Aliso Viejo	X	X
Audubon	25364 Hummingbird Lane, Aliso Viejo	--	
Capistrano Lift	28869 Camino Capistrano, Laguna Niguel	--	
Crystal Sands	31683 Crystal Sands, Laguna Niguel	X	
Del Avion	24881 Camino Del Avion, Laguna Niguel	X	
Flying Cloud	31348 Flying Cloud, Laguna Niguel	X	
Fountain Glen	25502 Camino Los Padres, Laguna Niguel	X	X
La Paz Lift (Inactive)	27001 Moulton Parkway, Laguna Hills	--	--
Lower Boundary Oak	25 Crimson Canyon, Aliso Viejo	X	
Lower Salada	32332 Crown Valley Parkway, Laguna Niguel	X	
Moulton Lift (Inactive)	26112 Moulton Parkway, Laguna Hills	--	--
North Aliso	23492 Los Alisos Blvd., Mission Viejo	X	X
Regional/Alicia Pkwy.	28386 Alicia Parkway, Laguna Niguel	X	X
San Joaquin Hills	25641 Diamond Gate, Aliso Viejo	X	
South Wing	22124 Canyon Vista, Aliso Viejo	X	
Star View	31196-1/2 Flying Cloud	X	
Upper Boundary Oak	27635 Wood Canyon Drive, Aliso Viejo	X	X
Upper Salada	31447 Niguel Road, Laguna Niguel	X	X
Valencia	25659 Cabot Road, Laguna Hills	--	--

Goals

The purpose of the following goals of the MNWD Sewer System Management Plan (SSMP) is to prevent spills from the sanitary sewer (Spills) within the District's sewer collection system. The District is required to prepare and maintain the SSMP to support this purpose. The goals of this SSMP are to provide a plan and schedule for implementing measures that prevent, effectively clean up and report Spills, and to fund, manage, operate, and maintain, with adequately trained staff and/or contractors, the sewage collection system owned by the District.

The District sets forth the following goals to ensure effective response and mitigation of all reported Spills and their impact to the public health and environment. The goals of this District are:

- (1) To properly manage, operate, and maintain all portions of the Moulton Niguel Water District sewage collection system.
- (2) To minimize (i.e. reduce and prevent) the frequency of Spills.
- (3) To provide adequate sewer capacity assurance to convey the peak wastewater flows.
- (4) To meet all applicable regulatory notifications and reporting requirements.
- (5) To contain and mitigate the impacts that are associated with any Spill that may occur.

The District has a sizable investment in the sewage collection system, sewer maintenance equipment, and personnel. Therefore, it is imperative that the District continue an aggressive sewer maintenance program to complement its investment. The District has in place adequate legal authority and several documents to achieve the goals above: the Spill Emergency Response Plan (Element 6), and System Evaluation and Capacity Assurance (Element 8). These documents will be updated as necessary and included in the SSMP.

The following tasks have been developed to accomplish the five goals. These tasks are guidelines, but are not the only measures to keep the sewer collection system operating at peak efficiency, without Spills.

Tasks

- (1) Collection System Evaluation – The District will video inspect the entire sewer system on an 8-year cycle.

(2) Collection System Routine and Systematic Line Cleaning – The Districts collections system has been separated into 84 “cleaning routes” based on drainage basins. All 6-inch to 12-inch residential sewer system lines within the District are cleaned once a year, every year. Arterial lines are cleaned or inspected at a minimum every 5 years. Trunk sewer lines (Oso-Trabuco and 2A Interceptor) are inspected annually and cleaned as needed, based on inspections.

(3) Collection System and Lift Station Maintenance Records – Site-specific work orders are kept using the District’s Computerized Maintenance Management System (CMMS) program for both the collection system and the lift stations. The Director of Operations provides the Board of Directors a quarterly update on the progress of sewer maintenance operations. The District is responsible for operating and maintaining 17 active lift stations. Monday through Friday each station is checked daily; with six larger lift stations being checked three times a day. A log is filled out during each check documenting run time of pumps, level of wet well, speed of VFD, and other information related to the facility. At the end of each month the logs are filed away and kept at our field operations facility. During the weekend all stations are checked once; with larger stations being checked twice.

(4) Collection System Crew Training and Certification – All crew members are fully trained on collection system equipment and operations. Crew training is documented for both individuals and their positions. A job specific checklist is in use for each crew position. Training information has been formally documented in collection system training manuals available to all employees. Each crew member is tested, trained, and signed off on each training item in the manual. Mandatory CWEA certification for collection system maintenance is also a job requirement. The District provides yearly training to all affected personnel on Spill response and notification procedures.

(5) Systematic and Immediate Repair of the Sewer System – The District will repair or replace all sewer line breaks, leaks, equipment, or related sewer problems in a timely manner in accordance with the Element 4 – Operations and Maintenance Program. A sewer rehabilitation plan is in place, and incorporated into the District’s 10-year capital improvement program and long range financial plan.

(6) Sewer Lift Station Maintenance – Every active sewer lift station in the District is visited and inspected at least once daily. The District’s goal is to maintain and operate its sewer lift stations at peak efficiency. These stations are monitored and alarmed to a supervising computer system. Any and all alarms are immediately called out to personnel, 24 hours a day. Lift stations are designed to meet flow requirements, maintenance down time, and/or emergency situations. Lift stations are equipped with backup generators/pumps and/or overflow protection in case of power outages. In

addition, the District owns portable generators that can be deployed as needed.

(7) During redevelopment or new construction, District staff evaluates existing and proposed wastewater system capacity in order to convey peak wastewater flows. This is achieved through the use of hydrologic modeling software.

(8) As needed, the District will update and re-evaluate the Sanitary Sewer Spill Response Plan and Sanitary Sewer Overflow Prevention Plan to make sure the best methods and best use of manpower are achieved to mitigate the effects at all Spill events.

(9) The District will report spills according to accepted documentation standards. This includes working with the local health department to best protect the public, the environment, and any stakeholders that may be impacted by a Spill event.

The goals and tasks stated above will help guide the District's employees to maintain the sewer system, ensure capacity, and minimize Spills and the resulting effects on the environment. This SSMP will be a working document, updated as needed.

ELEMENT 2 - ORGANIZATION

The District is a public agency created to provide reliable, economical, high quality water and sewer services for our customers. The publicly elected Board of Directors heads the District, followed by the General Manager and staff. The organization is divided into six Divisions: Operations, Engineering, Administration, Finance, Customer Experience and Water Resources & Efficiency. Each one of these divisions is vital in the efforts to keep the District's water and sewer system running efficiently.

The Engineering and Operations Divisions are responsible for the development, planning, scheduling, and implementation of the District's SSMP program.

The organizational chart in Attachment 1 shows the lines of authority in the District. The Engineering and Operations Divisions are headed by a Director of Engineering, Director of Infrastructure & Reuse, and a Director of Operations. The Collection Crew is responsible for day-to-day sewer system maintenance headed by the Collection System Supervisor and under the direction of the Superintendent of Operations and the Director of Operations.

An overview of the duties of each department is below:

Board of Directors – Publicly elected board establishing policy.

General Manager / Assistant General Manager / Deputy General Manager – Enforces policies, plans strategy, leads staff, allocates resources, and delegates responsibility. Runs day-to-day operations.

Finance – Manages District finances including accounts receivable, accounts payable, general accounting, payroll, customer billing, budget work, and financial and water resources planning.

Information Technology (Operations Division)– Supports SCADA, wireless communications, and assists with data collection.

Engineering – Oversees potable, recycled, and wastewater collection system mapping, planning, construction inspection, and capacity assurance.

Operations – Oversees day-to-day operation, maintenance, and repair of potable, recycled, and wastewater facilities.

Human Resources (Administration Division)– Assists with staffing District crews.

Director of Operations - Responsible for the implementation of the SSMP, and for the day-to-day operations of the water and sewer systems. The Director of Operations can be reached at (949) 831-2500.

Superintendent(s) of Operations – Day-to-day operations of the potable, recycled, and wastewater collection system including sewer line cleaning, video inspection, lift stations, electrical, and sewer repair work. The Superintendent(s) of Operations can be reached at (949) 831-2500.

Regulatory Compliance Manager – Responsible for creating and maintaining SSMP, regulatory reporting and sampling necessary during spill response events. The Regulatory Compliance Manager is a Legally Responsible Official (LRO). The Regulatory Compliance Manager can be reached at (949) 831-2500.

The chain of communication during a reported overflow event is as follows:

During a Spill event, a Customer Service Representative would normally be the first to receive information of a reported Spill from outside sources by phone, and immediately transfer the information to Customer Service field personnel via cell phone. As the field personnel respond to the reported Spill site, they are responsible to immediately notify the Collection Crew Supervisor during normal business hours or the standby person during off hours to respond to the site. Important information can be passed on to responding collection crew members in route to the Spill site. There are standby personnel from various crews, Customer Service (2), Distribution, Electrical/Instrumentation, Inspection, IT, Wastewater Treatment Plants (3), Station Maintenance, Street/Valve Crew, and a secondary operations staff member that are able to respond to a Spill incident.

During a Spill event, the Collections supervisor or senior maintenance worker onsite would be responsible for reporting information to the Director of Operations, or Superintendent of Operations if they were unable to be on site, and the Regulatory Compliance Manager. The Regulatory Compliance Manager or their designee would report all information to the appropriate agencies.

The Regulatory Compliance Manager or their designee would have the ultimate responsibility to report Spills to the California Integrated Water Quality System (CIWQS), Orange County Health Department, and the Office of Emergency Services (OES) if the spill is greater than 1,000 gallons. At the time of publishing, the LRO is Sara Boyer.

ELEMENT 3 – LEGAL AUTHORITY

The legal authority required for the SSMP under the WDR Order, specifically legal authority for (a) prevention of illicit discharges, (b) proper design and construction of sewers and connections, (c) ensuring access for maintenance, inspection, and repairs of laterals of the District, (d) limitations on Fats, Oils, and Grease (FOG) discharges, and (e) enforcement of violations of the District's Sewer Service Rules and Regulations, is summarized below.

Waste Discharge Pretreatment and Source Control Program – Ordinance 1997-1 of the District implements the general and specific prohibitions of the national pretreatment program under 40 CFR 403.5. An Enforcement Response Plan provides for specific application of the terms, conditions, and enforcement provisions of the pretreatment ordinance and program, including administrative fines, civil enforcement, and criminal penalties.

Rules and Regulations for Sewer Service – The District is a California Water District formed under Water Code Section 34000 et seq., and has Rules and Regulations governing users of, and dischargers to, the sewer system. The Rules and Regulations set forth measures to prohibit illicit discharges that cause obstruction to the flow in sewers or other interference with the proper operation of sewer facilities, or that constitute a human health hazard or create a public nuisance. Illegal connections are prohibited, and customers and owners are responsible for maintenance of their sewer laterals, to the main sewer. Water Code Section 35424 authorizes misdemeanor fines for violations of the Rules and Regulations, in addition to other fines and penalties established under the pretreatment ordinance and the FOG program, discussed below.

Standard Plans and Specifications – The District’s Standard Plans and Specifications for construction of District sewer systems include procedural guides, design requirements, technical specifications, and standard drawings. All sewer system designs for planned development or redevelopment are reviewed by the Engineering Division, taking into consideration existing trunk sewer locations, slope and size of sewer collection mains, the overall master plan for the sewer system, and design criteria. The District’s Standard Plans and Specifications are available online at www.mnwd.com.

Fats, Oils, and Grease (FOG) Rules and Regulations – The District participates in a cooperative pretreatment program administered by the South Orange County Wastewater Authority (SOCWA). The program regulates commercial customers’ discharges to the District’s sewer system. Through the pre-treatment program, all food establishments within the District’s boundaries are monitored and inspected for proper FOG removal equipment and Best Kitchen Management Practices. The District adopted detailed FOG Rules and Regulations in November 2008, which give the District enforcement tools, including a permit system, to control FOG coming into the sewer system. The FOG Rules and Regulations are a separate element (Element 7) in this SSMP.

ELEMENT 4 – OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE

4.1 Updated Map of Sanitary Sewer System

The District uses Geographic Information System (GIS) based maps supported by NexGen Computerized Maintenance Management System (CMMS) to systematically clean and maintain the collection system. District service vehicles have a sectional book that show details of the potable, recycled, and sewer systems for the entire

District. The sectional maps are updated as new information is obtained from the Collection Crew or other District personnel.

Each sewer manhole has a unique identification number. The detail of each sewer line shows type of pipe, size, length between manholes, manhole locations in the street, manhole depth, etc. Details of all lift station piping and equipment are also available on the sectional map pages.

A map of the sanitary sewer system is included as Attachment 2 of the SSMP.

4.2 Collection System Cleaning and Maintenance

The District employs seven maintenance workers, which includes a Supervisor, whose sole responsibility is maintaining the District's approximately 501 miles of sewer lines. The District owns and operates six jetter/vacuum combination sewer cleaning trucks, a truck mounted 'Mini-Jetter' for hard to reach maintenance areas, and one video inspection truck. The District has set a goal to clean or inspect the entire residential collections system every 12 months. The larger main arterial lines are cleaned or inspected at a minimum every 5 years. Arterial lines are cleaned or inspected at a minimum every 5 years. Trunk sewer lines (Oso-Trabuco and 2A Interceptor) are inspected annually and cleaned as needed, based on inspections. Some areas are visited more frequently depending on maintenance requirements.

Daily work is assigned by the Collection System Supervisor through the use of Nexgen CMMS. All gravity sewer lines have been organized into 84 'cleaning routes'. Maintenance personnel using a combination jetter truck, or the 'mini jetter' accomplish an average of 6,000 feet of normal residential sewer line cleaning each work day. As teams work through their daily line cleaning and inspections, all manholes and pipe segments are marked within the software. As a line is cleaned or a manhole is inspected, the software is updated to denote that a particular asset has been maintained. At the end of the workday, laptops are synchronized with the network. This information includes, daily cleaning footages, manhole inspection information, notes made by the operators and any other comments pertaining to concerns with the collections system.

Inspection of the sewer system is accomplished using the District's video inspection equipment (CCTV) or through visual manhole assessments. The District has set a goal to video inspect the entire system every 8 years. Any problems discovered during video inspection are immediately acted upon.

Customer Service – Odor Complaints

The District has a 24 hour/7 days a week answering service that relays all sewer incident calls to the on-call standby employee. All calls are documented using a service order system and are investigated immediately. Odor and sewage related calls are the highest priority. The customer service standby person involves the collection system standby person in all sewer related calls.

Sewage Lift Stations – Operations & Maintenance

The District operates and maintains 17 active sewage lift stations. These stations are operated and maintained by the Facilities Maintenance Crew. This crew uses the District's CMMS (Computerized Maintenance Management System) program to track and monitor all scheduled and unscheduled maintenance. Preventative maintenance, corrective maintenance, and scheduling of the lift stations activities are documented within the CMMS.

All active lift stations are visited daily M-F, and on a modified schedule during weekends and holidays. Lift stations are monitored 24 hours a day through use of the District's telemetry system, which includes critical alarms at each station, such as high wet well level, high-high wet well level, low wet well level, normal power, and stand-by generator running. All alarms are immediately forwarded to the on-call operator to deal with the problem. After hours communication is directed to more than one person for critical alarms.

Larger lift stations have been engineered and built with one extra pump above wet weather peak flows. Pump and motor parts are stored on site or at the District's warehouse facility for emergency situations.

Each station has a Standard Operating Procedure (Attachment 6) manual describing key functions of the station. These SOP's are reviewed and updated by Supervisors as operational changes occur. SOP's are used for training purposes as well as an emergency information resource. Each station has an individual overflow response plan on site.

Refurbishment and Replacement Plan

The District was established in 1960, and the majority of the Collection System is 40-50 years old. During the video inspection of the Collection System, each section of sewer line is inspected for abnormalities including cracks, roots, low spots, lateral problems, etc. Defects are noted, coded, and prioritized using industry standard

CCTV inspection methods.

During the first video inspection of the District's entire sewer system in 2000, pipe abnormalities were coded and prioritized. From this information the District added preventative maintenance work orders to increase cleaning frequency as needed. Other maintenance needs such as roots, are placed on an increased cleaning frequency until a permanent repair can be completed.

The District includes sewer line rehabilitation and replacement projects in the 10-year Capital Improvement Program (CIP) on an annual basis. Sewer lift stations have planned equipment replacement at intervals designated in the District's 10-year Capital Improvement Program.

Inflow & Infiltration (I&I) Management

The District has identified several strategies to evaluate inflow and infiltration (I&I) issues identified within the MNWD collections system over a three-year I&I study. The intent behind these elements is to take a focused and strategic approach to identify locations prone to I&I, review and determine the cause of I&I, and implement improvements to mitigate or eliminate identified I&I from the collection system. These strategies include:

1. Utilize the flow data for the identified wastewater sub-basins within the District's service area to determine areas that are experiencing higher peaking factors during rain events;
2. Identify areas within the collection system that may be subject to I&I, such as sewer mains that run parallel to or cross existing creeks;
3. Perform video inspection of higher risk sewer mains, including inspections of sewer siphons;
4. Revise procedure for annual manhole condition assessments to incorporate location of manholes relative to street drainage systems, i.e. ribbon gutters or curb & gutter;
5. Rehabilitate sewer pipe and manholes using lining or injection at joints where evidence of infiltration was found;
6. Coordinate with the responsible city within the identified sub-basin to identify designated pool constructions that were connected to the sewer system.

4.3 Training

Staff on the Collection Crew are trained by a Competent Person experienced with the system, typically a supervisor or superintendent. Staff are trained on spill response at least annually. Response drills are conducted on a regular basis. Every staff member has a training checklist which is used to document each employee's training. Annual training and response drills are documented. Staff certifications include but are not limited to: CWEA collection system maintenance certificates, SWRCB water distribution certificates, PACP certification, NASSCO certification, and a State Commercial Driver's License. Monthly safety meetings and weekly tailgate safety meetings are also part of the crew's training. Random alcohol and drug testing of all commercial drivers is mandatory for California commercial drivers per the Department of Transportation.

4.4 Equipment Inventory

Necessary equipment for repair of facilities and the collection system is maintained in the District's warehouse, located at the District headquarters. Additionally, repair materials and sandbags are strategically placed at critical lift stations throughout the District. The equipment inventory is maintained by warehouse staff members and is replenished as it is used. Equipment such as mobile generators and bypass pumps are located at the District headquarters and are maintained by District staff according to the preventive maintenance schedule in the CMMS system.

ELEMENT 5 – DESIGN AND PERFORMANCE PROVISIONS

The District's Standard Specifications for the construction of sewer facilities is available online at www.mnwd.com or in person at the Engineering Department. These Standard Specifications are required for all rehabilitation and repair of sewer facilities. The District's Standard Specifications and Plans are divided into four parts, as described below:

- Part I: Criteria
- Part II: Specifications
- Part III: Drawings
- Part IV: Approved Materials List

The Standard Specifications and Plans are reviewed and updated, with the last update completed in 2024. District standards require inspection and testing of all new domestic water, sewer, or recycled water infrastructure during construction and prior to being accepted by the District. This includes repair and rehabilitation of existing facilities. For smaller projects and repairs, District staff provides inspection. For larger projects, inspection services may be provided by District staff, engineering consultants, or other persons appointed by the District. Testing is conducted by the contractors with the inspector observing to verify all requirements are met.

Additionally, flow monitoring is conducted prior to development to support hydraulic modeling efforts during capacity evaluation. See Element 8 for additional information.

ELEMENT 6 – SPILL EMERGENCY RESPONSE PLAN

The District's sewage collection system is an engineered network of trunk sewers, laterals, and pumping facilities. A failure anywhere in this system has the potential to threaten public health, cause property damage, and contaminate the environment.

By recognizing that a disruption of service could occur and being prepared for a problem through proper planning and training, the efforts of the District's personnel can be focused on an efficient and thorough response. Logistical and coordination problems must be solved quickly to protect the public and minimize environmental impact.

The purpose of the Sanitary Sewer Overflow Response Plan is to direct District response efforts on any type of Spill by identifying the responsibilities of individuals, notification procedures, field activities, spill monitoring, record keeping, and training.

Understanding procedures, along with training for Spill events, will allow District personnel to efficiently and safely respond to any type of Spill emergency.

Spill Categories

The CIWQS Spill Report is used to collect detailed information on a specific overflow event. The District is required to report all Spills that result from a failure in any portion of a sanitary sewer system under its management. For purposes of reporting, Spills fall into one of five categories: Category 1 – Spill of any volume to reach surface water/storm drains, Category 2 – More than 1,000 gals that **did not** reach surface water, Category 3 – Greater than 50 gallons but less than 1,000 gals that **did not** reach surface water, Category 4 – Less than 50 gallons that **did not** reach surface water, and Private Lateral Sewage Discharge (PLSD).

Through the use of the National Incident Management System (NIMS) training received by the District's personnel, each Spill incident will be coordinated efficiently using the Incident Command System. This system is used by all emergency agencies in the County including police and fire.

The following steps will be followed at each incident:

1. Immediate response to any and all suspected public or private sewer overflows calls.
2. Spill containment using vacuum trucks or one or more of the methods listed below to contain Spill.

Other mitigation methods may include:

- Using one or more earth or sandbag dams along curb & gutter
 - Diverting flow using small berms to change direction of flow back to sewer
 - Diverting Spill by pumping around overflow and returning to sewer
 - Containing Spill by letting it collect in a naturally low area and then returning it to sewer
 - Recovering spill from drainage conveyance
3. Spill breakthrough stoppage using high pressure jetter or similar device to remove stoppage.
 4. Spill cleanup of all streets, storm drains, streams, and public/private property using all equipment and personnel necessary to return area to previous condition.

5. Control incident (logistics), including personnel, equipment, people, contractors, traffic control, etc.
6. Immediate notification of Spill incident to Orange County Health Department, San Diego Water Quality Control Board (Region 9), and any affected stakeholders.

I. RESPONDING STAFF RESPONSIBILITIES

First responders to a reported Spill must have a clear understanding of their individual responsibilities in order to maximize their efforts. Attached to this plan are guidelines for the responders to use in the event of a Spill.

The following attachments contain specific information and procedures for all Spill:

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The following duties have been isolated and defined to include, but not be limited to, the specific tasks listed:

A. First Responder

The first responder is responsible for safely investigating the potential overflow immediately. All sewer overflow calls will be treated as the highest priority. For all calls regarding possible Spills, the first responder shall notify the Collection System standby person or Collection System Supervisor as soon as possible. The Superintendent of Operations and/or the Director of Operations must also be notified immediately.

Once at the site, the first responder will diagnose the situation and make the overflow area as safe as possible for the public by the use of cones, barricades, and other safety equipment. The first responder will next initiate immediate containment procedures. The containment procedures include any means by which the overflow can be contained, such as sand-bagging the catch basin and/or manhole, diverting the flow to another manhole, or otherwise stopping flow to any storm drain or creek.

First responders have the authority to call in extra personnel, as well as make any decisions relating to the safety of the job site or spill containment.

B. Collection System Standby Personnel

The Collection System Standby Person will immediately respond to the spill incident area with the proper equipment. All efforts will be made to contain and control the spill. The Collection System Standby Person also has the authority to call in any needed resources, including personnel and equipment. Communication between staff is essential for an efficient response.

C. Superintendent of Operations

The Superintendent will organize and manage any on-site or off-site field activities and make an initial assessment of the extent of the spill. Their duties include, but are not limited to communicating with the Director of Operations, supervising clean-up, and documenting all activities.

D. Regulatory Compliance Manager

The Regulatory Compliance Manager is responsible for communicating with the Orange County Health Care Agency, the San Diego Regional Water Quality Control Board, CalOES, and other stakeholders as necessary. They will conduct all reporting in CIWQS and arrange any sampling and analysis as needed. The Regulatory Compliance Manager will work collaboratively with all staff to gather and communicate information.

E. Director of Operations

The Director of Operations is responsible for communicating all activities to the Deputy General Manager, Assistant General Manager and General Manager. The General Manager or his/her designee will be the District's spokesperson and is responsible for all communication with the Board of Directors and other stakeholders. They are responsible for performing the functions of the Superintendent of Operations in their absence.

F. Director of Engineering

The Director of Engineering or his/her designee is responsible for providing as-built drawings, assisting in assessing the damage to facilities, and providing input on appropriate emergency repairs and use of outside contractors. They maintain

communication with the Superintendent and Director of Operations.

II. MANDATORY NOTIFICATION PROCEDURES

The Regulatory Compliance Manager or their designee is responsible for notifying the regulatory agencies listed in Attachment 4 – Regulatory Agencies Notification List. In the absence of the Regulatory Compliance Manager, the Director of Operations or their designee will be the contact person.

The following agencies need immediate notification of a spill:

1. The Orange County Health Department will be notified as soon as safely possible.
2. If the spill is greater than 1,000 gallons and reaches surface waters notify CalOES within 2 hours.
3. Online reporting of any public or private lateral sewer discharge will be certified through the California Integrated Water Quality System (CIWQS).

III. RECORD KEEPING

The Regulatory Compliance Manager or their designee will follow all record keeping guidelines that have been established by the State Water Resources Control Board Order No.2022-0103-DWQ. This includes records of each spill event and records documenting changes made to the SSMP. All agencies will be notified in accordance with the notification checklist. A file with all reports will be kept in the office of the Regulatory Compliance Manager. The District will work with the County of Orange on water quality sampling and potential beach closures that may result from a spill that has reached surface waters. The District will submit a technical report within 45 calendar days after the end date of any Category 1 spill in which 50,000 gallons or greater are spilled to surface waters. A work order number shall be assigned to each incident. All work pertaining to the incident shall be tracked using the assigned work order.

All information and reports shall be turned over to the Collection System Supervisor, Superintendent of Operations, Regulatory Compliance Manager, and/or the Director of Operations upon completion of the spill. It will be the responsibility of the Regulatory Compliance Manager or their designee to incorporate all written information and attach this information to the final spill report for easy reference.

IV. TRAINING

The Superintendent of Operations and the Collection System Supervisor will ensure that all affected personnel are properly trained for emergency spill situations. After a spill occurrence, a group discussion with all responding staff will be held. Copies of the report shall be used in post discussions and training.

V. PRIVATE SEWER SPILL RESPONSE

The initial sewer spill response for a Private Lateral Sewage Discharge (PLSD) will be the same as for public sewer spills. The District will contact the County of Orange Health Care Agency and inform them that a PLSD has occurred, and will respond to PLSDs in order to protect public health until the responsible party can take primacy of the incident. The on-site supervisor shall document all associated efforts in a manner similar to what is required for a public sewer spill. District Staff will report the PLSD within the California Integrated Water Quality System (CIWQS) online database within a reasonable amount of time.

VI. CONCLUSION

The primary objective of responders to a sewer spill is to protect public health, maintain a safe work environment, and restore the area to preexisting conditions. This goal is best achieved through the coordinated efforts of District staff as well as any other affected stakeholders. A clear understanding of the methods and procedures outlined in this Sanitary Sewer Overflow Response Plan, will effectively allow staff to react to any spill incident that they may encounter.

ELEMENT 7 – SEWER PIPE BLOCKAGE CONTROL
PROGRAM - FATS, OIL, AND GREASE (FOG)

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APPLICABILITY

Applicable to sewer service to Food Service Establishments

BACKGROUND / PURPOSE

The purpose of these regulations is to facilitate the maximum beneficial public use of the District's sewer services and facilities while preventing blockages of sewer lines resulting from discharges of fats, oils, and grease ("FOG") to the sewer facilities, and to specify appropriate FOG discharge requirements for Food Service Establishments.

Pursuant to California Water District Law – Section 34000 et seq. of the California Water Code, the Moulton Niguel Water District ("District") has the authority to adopt regulations relating to the provision of sewer services and facilities.

In 1996 the Regional Water Quality Control Board ("RWQCB") for the San Diego Region adopted Order 96-04, which prescribes general waste discharge requirements prohibiting sanitary sewer overflows ("spills") by sewer collection agencies. In Order 96-04, the RWQCB found that one of the leading causes of spills within the San Diego Region is grease blockages.

Spills, which are often caused by discharges of wastewater containing high levels of FOG, suspended solids, pathogenic organisms, and other pollutants, may cause temporary exceedances of applicable water quality objectives, pose a threat to the public health, adversely affect aquatic life, and impair the public recreational use and aesthetic enjoyment of surface waters.

In 2000-2001 the Orange County Grand Jury ("Grand Jury") conducted a survey among 35 wastewater collection and treatment agencies in Orange County and concluded that one of the leading causes of spills is sewer lines clogged from the accumulation of FOG discharged from Food Service Establishments. The Grand Jury further concluded that more effective methods of minimizing grease discharges into the sewer system must be developed and implemented to reduce the discharge of FOG to the sewer system in order to prevent sewer blockages and spills.

Section 1014 of the California Plumbing Code, applicable to all occupancies in the State pursuant to the California Building Standards Law, requires the installation of grease interceptors when in the opinion of the Building Official waste pretreatment is required.

The foregoing findings indicate that a FOG Control Program is required for Food Service Establishments within the District's jurisdiction to comply with waste discharge regulations and prevent the harmful effects of spills. These regulations, along with the FOG Control Plan, shall serve to document the policies and practices of the District's existing program as well as provide further detail and specific enforcement provisions to govern discharges of wastewater to the District's system by Food Service Establishments. These provisions shall be in accordance with the State Water Resources Control Board Order No. 2022-0103-DWQ state-wide General WDR for Wastewater Collection Agencies.

Per the State Water Resource Control Board (SWRCB) requirements, the Enrollee shall develop and implement a written Sewer System Management Plan (SSMP) and make it available to the State and/or Regional Water Board upon request. A copy of this document must be publicly available at the Enrollee's office and/or available on the Internet. This SSMP must be approved by the Enrollee's governing board at a public meeting.

Element 7 of the SSMP is a Sewer Pipe Blockage Control Program, or a **FOG Control Program**: Each Enrollee shall evaluate its service area to determine whether a FOG control program is needed. If an Enrollee determines that a FOG program is not needed, the Enrollee must provide justification for why it is not needed. If FOG is found to be a problem, the Enrollee must prepare and implement a FOG source control program to reduce the amount of these substances discharged to the sanitary sewer system. This plan shall include the following as appropriate:

- (a) An implementation plan and schedule for a public education outreach program that promotes proper disposal of FOG
- (b) A plan and schedule for the disposal of FOG 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 FOG generated within a sanitary sewer system service area
- (c) The legal authority to prohibit discharges to the system and identify measures to prevent spills and blockages caused by FOG
- (d) Requirements to install grease removal devices, design standards for the removal devices, maintenance requirements, BMP requirements, record keeping, and reporting requirements

- (e) Authority to inspect grease producing facilities, enforcement authorities, and whether the Enrollee has sufficient staff to inspect and enforce the FOG ordinance
- (f) An identification of sanitary sewer system sections subject to FOG blockages and establishment of a cleaning maintenance schedule for each section
- (g) Development and implementation of source control measures for all sources of FOG discharged to the sanitary sewer system for each section identified in (f) above.

These regulations shall be interpreted in accordance with the following definitions. The provisions of these regulations shall apply to the direct or indirect discharge of all wastewater or waste containing FOG carried to the sewer facilities of the District.

These regulations establish quantity and quality standards on all wastewater and/or waste discharges containing FOG, which may alone or collectively cause or contribute to FOG accumulation in the sewer facilities causing or potentially causing or contributing to the occurrence of spills.

DEFINITIONS

A. Unless otherwise defined herein, terms related to water quality shall be as adopted in the latest edition of Standard Methods for Examination of Water and Wastewater, published by the American Public Health Association, the American Water Works Association, and the Water Environment Federation. The testing procedures for waste constituents and characteristics shall be as provided in 40 CFR 136 (Code of Federal Regulations).

B. Other terms not herein defined are defined as being the same as set forth in the latest adopted applicable editions of the California Codes applicable to building construction adopted pursuant to the California Building Standards Law.

C. Subject to the foregoing provisions, the following definitions shall apply in these Regulations:

Best Management Practices - Schedules of activities, prohibitions of practices, maintenance procedures, and other management practices to prevent or reduce the introduction of FOG to the sewer facilities as set forth in Section 3.5 of these Regulations. Also known as Kitchen Best Management Practices.

Board - The Board of Directors of the Moulton Niguel Water District.

Change in Operations - Any change in the ownership, food types, or operational procedures that have the potential to increase the amount of FOG generated and/or discharged by Food Service Establishments in an amount that alone or collectively causes or creates a potential for Spills to occur.

Composite Sample - A collection of individual samples obtained at selected intervals based on an increment of either flow or time. The resulting mixture (composite sample) forms a representative sample of the waste stream discharged during the sample period. Samples will be collected when a wastewater discharge occurs.

Discharger - Any person who discharges or causes a discharge of wastewater directly or indirectly to a public sewer. Discharger shall mean the same as User.

District – The Moulton Niguel Water District

Effluent - Any liquid outflow from a Food Service Establishment that is discharged to the sewer.

Fats, Oils, and Grease (“FOG”) - Any substance such as a vegetable or animal product that is used in, or is a byproduct of, the cooking or food preparation process, and that turns or may turn viscous or solidifies with a change in temperature or other conditions.

FOG Control Program - The MNWD FOG Control Program required by and developed pursuant to RWQCB Order R9-2007-005 and SWRCB WDR 2022-0103.

FOG Control Program Manager - The individual designated by the District to administer the FOG Control Program. The FOG Control Program Manager is responsible for all determinations of compliance with the program, including approval of conditional variances and waivers.

FOG Wastewater Discharge Permit - A permit issued by the District subject to the requirements and conditions established by the District authorizing the permittee or discharger to discharge wastewater into the District’s facilities or into sewer facilities which ultimately discharge into a District facility.

Food Service Establishment (FSE) - Food Service Establishment means any room, building, or place or portion thereof, located within the boundaries of the District,

which is maintained, used or operated by any profit or non-profit entity for the purpose of storing, preparing, serving, manufacturing, packaging, transporting, salvaging or otherwise handling and distributing food and beverages (including prepackaged items), which have any process or device that uses or produces FOG, for the following purposes:

- (a) In the case of a profit entity, for the commercial sale of food on a retail or wholesale basis; and
- (b) In the case of a non-profit entity, for providing food, free of charge or otherwise, to the public, its members or guests.

By example, Food Service Establishments shall include, but not be limited to, facilities and activities as defined above which are operated and maintained by restaurants, lunch counters, test/demonstration kitchens, refreshment stands, bars, schools, hospitals, convalescent/health care homes, community centers, private or public community clubhouses, and fire stations.

Food Grinder/ Garbage Disposals - Any device installed in the plumbing or sewage system for the purpose of grinding food waste or food preparation byproducts for the purpose of disposing it in the sewer system.

Grease Disposal Mitigation Charge - A charge assessed to an Owner/Operator of a Food Service Establishment when there are physical limitations to the property that make impossible the installation of the usual and customary grease interceptor for the Food Service Establishment under consideration. The Grease Disposal Mitigation Charge is intended to cover the costs of increased maintenance of the sewer system for inspection and cleaning of FOG and other viscous or solidifying agents that a properly employed grease interceptor would otherwise prevent from entering the sewer system.

Gravity Grease Interceptor - A multi-compartment device that is constructed in different sizes and is generally required to be located, according to the California Plumbing Code, underground between a Food Service Establishment and the connection to the sewer system. These devices primarily use gravity to separate FOG from the wastewater as it moves from one compartment to the next. These devices must be cleaned, maintained, and have the FOG removed and disposed of in a proper manner on regular intervals to be effective.

General Manager - The individual duly designated by the Board of Directors of the District to administer these Regulations.

Grab Sample - A sample taken from a waste stream on a one-time basis without regard to the flow in the waste stream and without consideration of time.

Hot Spots - Areas in sewer lines that have experienced sanitary sewer overflows or that must be cleaned or maintained frequently to avoid blockages of sewer system.

Inflow - Water entering a sewer system through a direct storm water/runoff connection to the sanitary sewer, which may cause an almost immediate increase in wastewater flows.

Infiltration - Water entering a sewer system, including sewer service connections, from the ground through such means as defective pipes, pipe joints, connections, or manhole walls.

Inspector - A person authorized by the District to inspect any existing or proposed wastewater generation, conveyance, processing, and disposal facilities.

Interceptor - A grease interceptor.

Interference - Any discharge which, alone or in conjunction with discharges from other sources, inhibits or disrupts the District's sewer system, treatment processes or operations; or is a cause of violation of the District's NPDES or Waste Discharge Requirements or prevents lawful sludge use or disposal.

Kitchen Best Management Practices - Schedules of activities, prohibitions of practices, maintenance procedures, and other management practices to prevent or reduce the introduction of FOG to the sewer facilities as set forth in Section 3.5 of these Regulations.

Local Sewering Agency - Any public agency or private entity responsible for the collection and disposal of wastewater to the District's sewer facilities duly authorized under the laws of the State of California to construct and/or maintain public sewers.

MNWD – Moulton Niguel Water District or District.

Manifest - That receipt which is retained by the generator of wastes for disposing recyclable wastes or liquid wastes as required by the District.

NPDES - The National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System; the permit issued to control the discharge of liquids or other substances or solids to surface waters of the

United States as detailed in Public Law 92-500, Section 402.

New Construction - Any structure planned or under construction for which a sewer connection permit has not been issued.

Permittee - A person who has received a permit to discharge wastewater into the District's sewer facilities subject to the requirements and conditions established by the District.

Person - Any individual, partnership, firm, association, corporation, or public agency, including the State of California and the United States of America.

Public Agency - The State of California and/or any city, county, special district, other local governmental authority, or public body of or within this State.

Public Sewer - A sewer owned and operated by the District, or other local Public Agency, which is tributary to the District's sewer facilities.

Regulatory Agencies - Regulatory Agencies shall mean those agencies having regulatory jurisdiction over the operations of the District, including, but not limited to:

- a) United States Environmental Protection Agency, Region IX, San Francisco and Washington, DC (EPA).
- b) California State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB).
- c) California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Santa Ana Region (RWQCB).
- d) South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD).
- e) California Department of Health Services (DOHS).

Remodeling - A physical change, change in ownership, name change, or operational change causing generation of an amount of FOG that may exceed the current amount of FOG discharged to the sewer system by the Food Service Establishment in an amount that alone or collectively causes or creates a potential for Spills to occur; or a Food Service Establishment that requires a building permit.

Sample Point - A location approved by the District, from which wastewater can be collected that is representative in content and consistency of the entire flow of wastewater being sampled.

Sampling Facilities - Structure(s) provided at the user's expense for the District or

user to measure and record wastewater constituent mass and concentrations, collect a representative sample, or provide access to plug or terminate the discharge.

Sanitary Sewer Overflow (“Spill”) - The unauthorized discharge of wastewater from the District’s designated sewer collection and conveyance facilities.

Sewage - Wastewater.

Sewer Facilities or System - Any and all facilities used by the District for collecting, conveying, pumping, treating, recycling, reuse, transportation, and/or disposing of wastewater or sludge.

Sewer Lateral - A building sewer as defined in the latest edition of the California Plumbing Code. It is the wastewater piping connection between the building’s wastewater facilities and a public sewer system.

Sludge - Any solid, semi-solid or liquid decant, supernate or supernate from a manufacturing process, utility service, or pretreatment facility.

Twenty-five percent (25%) Rule - Requirement for grease interceptors to be maintained such that the combined FOG and solids accumulation does not exceed 25% of the design hydraulic depth of the grease interceptor. This is to ensure that the minimum hydraulic retention time and required available hydraulic volume is maintained to effectively intercept and retain FOG discharged to the sewer system.

User - Any person who discharges or causes a discharge of wastewater directly or indirectly to a public sewer system. User shall mean the same as Discharger.

Waste - Sewage and any and all other waste substances, liquid, solid, gaseous, or radioactive, associated with human habitation or of human or animal nature, including such wastes placed within containers of whatever nature prior to and for the purpose of disposal.

Waste Minimization Practices - Plans or programs intended to reduce or eliminate discharges to the sewer system or to conserve water, including, but not limited to, product substitutions, housekeeping practices, inventory control, employee education, and other steps as necessary to minimize wastewater produced.

Waste Hauler - Any person licensed to carry on or engage in vehicular transport of

waste as part of, or incidental to, any business for that purpose.

Wastewater - The liquid and water-carried wastes of the community and all constituents thereof, whether treated or untreated, discharged into or permitted to enter a public sewer.

Wastewater Constituents and Characteristics - The individual chemical, physical, bacteriological, and other parameters, including volume and flow rate and such other parameters that serve to define, classify or measure the quality and quantity of wastewater.

D. Words used in these Regulations in the singular may include the plural and the plural the singular. Use of masculine shall mean feminine and use of feminine shall mean masculine. Shall is mandatory; may is permissive or discretionary.

SPECIAL PROVISIONS

ARTICLE 1 - GENERAL LIMITATIONS, PROHIBITIONS, AND REQUIREMENTS ON FATS, OILS, AND GREASE ("FOG ") DISCHARGES

1.1 FOG DISCHARGE REQUIREMENT

No food service establishment shall discharge or cause to be discharged into the sewer system FOG that may accumulate and/or cause or contribute to blockages in the sewer system or at the sewer system lateral which connects the Food Service Establishment to the sewer system.

1.2 PROHIBITIONS

The following prohibitions shall apply to all Food Service Establishments:

A. Installation of food grinders in the plumbing system of new constructions of Food Service Establishments shall be prohibited. Furthermore, all food grinders/garbage disposals shall be removed from all existing Food Service Establishments within 180 days of the effective date of these Regulations, except when expressly allowed by the FOG Control Program Manager.

B. Introduction of any additives into a Food Service Establishment's wastewater system for the purpose of emulsifying FOG or biologically/chemically treating FOG for grease remediation or as a supplement to interceptor maintenance, unless a specific written authorization from the FOG Control Program Manager is obtained.

C. Disposal of waste cooking oil into drainage pipes is prohibited. All waste cooking oils shall be collected and stored properly in receptacles such as barrels or drums for recycling or other acceptable methods of disposal.

D. Discharge of wastewater from dishwashers to any grease trap or grease interceptor is prohibited.

E. Discharge of wastewater with temperatures in excess of 140°F to any gravity grease interceptors is prohibited.

F. Discharge of wastes from toilets, urinals, wash basins, and other fixtures containing fecal materials to sewer lines intended for grease interceptor service, or vice versa, is

prohibited.

G. Discharge of any waste including FOG and solid materials removed from the gravity grease interceptor or any other device to the sewer system is prohibited. Grease removed from grease interceptors shall be waste-hauled periodically as part of the operation and maintenance requirements for grease interceptors.

H. Operation of grease interceptors with FOG and solids accumulation exceeding 25% of the total operating depth of the grease interceptor (25% Rule).

I. Discharge of any waste including FOG and solid materials removed from floor mats and/or kitchen appliances directly to the sewer system is prohibited.

1.3 FOG WASTEWATER DISCHARGE PERMIT REQUIRED

No person shall discharge, or cause to be discharged any wastewater from Food Service Establishments directly or indirectly into the sewer system without first obtaining a FOG Wastewater Discharge Permit pursuant to these Regulations. See Attachment 7 for a sample of the permit.

1.4 KITCHEN BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES REQUIRED

All Food Services Establishments shall implement Kitchen Best Management Practices in its operation to minimize the discharge of FOG to the sewer system. Detailed requirements for Kitchen Best Management Practices shall be specified in the permit. This may include kitchen practices and employee training that is essential in minimizing FOG discharge.

1.5 FOG PRETREATMENT REQUIRED

Food Service Establishments are required to install, operate and maintain an approved type and adequately sized grease interceptor necessary to maintain compliance with the objectives of these Regulations, subject to the conditional variance and waiver provisions of Section 1.6. The grease interceptor shall be adequate to separate and remove FOG contained in wastewater discharges from Food Service Establishments prior to discharge to the sewer system. Fixtures, equipment, and drain lines located in the food preparation and clean up areas of food Service Establishments that are sources of FOG discharges shall be connected to the grease interceptor. Compliance shall be established as follows:

A. New Construction of Food Service Establishments

New construction of Food Service Establishments, including remodels or tenant improvements that change the classification of an establishment to a Food Service Establishment, shall include and install grease interceptors prior to commencing discharges of wastewater to the sewer system.

B. Existing Food Service Establishments

1. For existing Food Service Establishments, the requirement to install and to properly operate and maintain a grease interceptor was conditionally stayed, that is, delayed in its implementation by the FOG Control Program Manager for a maximum period of three years from the original adoption of these Regulations in 2003. Terms and conditions for application of a stay to a Food Service Establishment shall be set forth in the permit.

2. Existing Food Service Establishments, which have caused or contributed to a grease-related blockage in the sewer system, or which have been determined to contribute significant FOG to the sewer system by the FOG Control Program Manager based on inspection or sampling, shall be deemed to have reasonable potential to adversely impact the sewer system, and shall install a gravity grease interceptors within 180 days upon notification by the District.

3. Existing Food Service Establishments or Food Service Establishments that change ownership, that undergo remodeling or a change in operations as defined in the definitions section of these Regulations, shall be required to install a gravity grease interceptor.

1.6 CONDITIONAL VARIANCE AND WAIVER OF GREASE INTERCEPTOR REQUIREMENTS

A. Conditional Variance from Grease Interceptor Requirements

An existing Food Service Establishment may obtain a conditional variance from the gravity grease interceptor requirement to allow alternative pretreatment technology that is at least equally effective in controlling the FOG discharge in lieu of a gravity grease interceptor, if the Food Service Establishment demonstrates that it is impossible to install, operate, or maintain a grease interceptor. The FOG Control Program Manager's determination to grant a conditional variance will be based upon,

but not limited to, evaluation of the following conditions:

1. There is no adequate space for installation and/or maintenance of a grease interceptor.
2. There is no adequate slope for gravity flow between kitchen plumbing fixtures and the grease interceptor and/or between the grease interceptor and the private collection lines or the public sewer.

B. Conditional Waiver from Installation of Grease Interceptor

An existing Food Service Establishment may obtain a conditional waiver from installation of a gravity grease interceptor if the Food Service Establishment demonstrates that it has negligible FOG discharge and insignificant impact to the sewer system. Although a conditional waiver from installation of a grease interceptor may be granted, the Food Service Establishment may be required to provide space and plumbing segregation for future installation of grease interceptor. The FOG Control Program Manager's determination to grant or revoke a conditional waiver shall be based upon, but not limited to, evaluation of the following conditions:

1. Quantity of FOG discharge as measured or as indicated by the size of Food Service Establishment based on seating capacity, number of meals served, menu, water usage, amount of on-site consumption of prepared food, and other conditions that may reasonably be shown to contribute to FOG discharges.
2. Adequacy of implementation of Kitchen Best Management Practices and compliance history.
3. Sewer size, grade, condition based on visual information, FOG deposition in the sewer by the Food Service Establishment, and history of maintenance and sewage spills in the receiving sewer system.
4. Changes in operations that significantly affect FOG discharge.
5. Performance based alternative method of preventing FOG discharge to the public wastewater system. If proposed and accepted by the FOG Control Program Manager, the Food Service Establishment must be able to demonstrate, after installation of the proposed alternative pretreatment, its effectiveness to control FOG discharge through downstream visual monitoring of the sewer system for at least three months, at its own expense. District reserves the right to perform CCTV of the public wastewater main to

confirm results, as part of the FSE's expense, in order to confirm effectiveness. A conditional variance may be granted if the results show no visible accumulation of FOG in its lateral and/or tributary downstream sewer lines.

6. Any other condition deemed reasonably related to the generation of FOG discharges by the FOG Control Program Manager.

C. Conditional Waiver from Grease Interceptor Installation with a Grease Disposal Mitigation Charge

For Food Service Establishments where the installation of a grease interceptor is not feasible, a conditional waiver from the grease interceptor requirement may be granted with the imposition of a Grease Disposal Mitigation Charge as described in Section 1.8. Additional requirements may be imposed to mitigate the discharge of FOG into the sewer system. The FOG Control Program Manager's determination to grant the conditional waiver with a Grease Disposal Mitigation Charge will be based upon, but not limited to, evaluation of the following conditions:

1. There is no adequate space for installation and/or maintenance of a grease interceptor.
2. There is no adequate slope for gravity flow between kitchen plumbing fixtures and the grease interceptor and/or between the grease interceptor and the private collection lines or the public sewer.

D. Application for Conditional Waiver or Variance of Requirement for Grease Interceptor

A Food Service Establishment may submit an application for a conditional waiver or variance from the grease interceptor requirement to the FOG Control Program Manager. The Food Service Establishment bears the burden of demonstrating to the FOG Control Program Manager's reasonable satisfaction that the installation of a grease interceptor is not feasible or applicable. Upon determination by the FOG Control Program Manager that reasons are sufficient to justify a conditional variance or waiver, the variance or waiver will be issued and will relieve the Food Service Establishment from the requirement to install a grease interceptor.

E. Terms and Conditions

At a minimum, a conditional variance or waiver shall contain terms and conditions that

serve as basis for its issuance, a menu, list of Kitchen Equipment, and quantity to be served, shall be included. A conditional waiver or variance may be revoked at any time when any of the terms and conditions for its issuance are not satisfied or if the conditions upon which the conditional waiver was based change so that the justification for the conditional waiver no longer exists. The conditional waiver or variance shall be valid so long as the Food Service Establishment remains in compliance with its terms and conditions or until the expiration date specified in the conditional variance or waiver.

1.7 COMMERCIAL PROPERTIES

Property owners of commercial properties containing multiple tenants on a single parcel, and their tenants, shall be responsible for the installation and maintenance of the grease interceptor serving multiple or individual tenants. Property owners of commercial properties and their tenants shall be responsible for all aspects of compliance with these Regulations.

Permits issued to FSE's that do not have an individual water meter shall also be issued to the property owner and property management company as co-permittees. Any subsequent enforcement actions that may be necessary to ensure compliance with these Regulations will be prosecuted jointly against the FSE and the property owner.

1.8 GREASE DISPOSAL MITIGATION CHARGE

Food Service Establishments that operate without a gravity grease interceptor, who have a conditional waiver as described in Section 1.6C, may be required to pay a Grease Disposal Mitigation Charge to equitably cover the costs of increased maintenance of the sewer system as a result of the Food Service Establishment's inability to adequately remove FOG from its wastewater discharge. This Section shall not be interpreted to allow the new construction of, or existing Food Service Establishments undergoing remodeling, change in ownership, change in name, or change in operations to operate without an approved grease interceptor unless the District has determined that it is impossible to install or operate a grease control interceptor for the subject facility under the provisions of Section 1.6 of these Regulations.

A. The Grease Disposal Mitigation Charge may be waived or reduced when the discharger demonstrates to the reasonable satisfaction of the FOG Control Program Manager that it has used best management and waste minimization practices on a

regular basis that has significantly and adequately reduced the introduction of FOG into the sewer system.

B. The Grease Disposal Mitigation Charge may not be waived or reduced when the Food Service Establishment does not comply with the minimum requirements of these Regulations and/or its discharge into the sewer system in the preceding 12 months has caused or created a potential to cause, alone or collectively, a sewer blockage or Spill in the sewer downstream or surrounding the Food Service Establishment prior to the conditional waiver request.

1.9 SEWER SYSTEM OVERFLOWS, PUBLIC NUISANCE, ABATEMENT ORDERS AND CLEANUP COSTS

Food Service establishments found to have contributed to a sewer blockage, Spills, or any sewer system interferences resulting from the discharge of wastewater or waste containing FOG shall be ordered to install and maintain a grease interceptor, and may be subject to a requirement to abate the nuisance and prevent any future health hazards created by sewer line failures and blockages, Spills, or any other sewer system interferences. Spills may cause threat and injury to public health, safety, and welfare of life and property, and are hereby declared public nuisances. Furthermore, sewer lateral failures and Spills caused by Food Service Establishments alone or collectively are the responsibility of the private property owner and/or Food Service Establishment and individual(s) as a responsible officer or owner of the Food Service Establishment.

If the District must act immediately to contain and clean up a Spill caused by blockage of a private or public sewer lateral or system serving a Food Service Establishment, or at the request of the property owner or operator of the Food Service Establishment, or because of the failure of the property owner or Food Service Establishment to abate the condition causing immediate threat or injury to the health, safety, welfare, or property of the public, the District's costs for such abatement may be entirely borne by the property owner or operator of the Food Service Establishment and individual(s) as a responsible officer or owner of the Food Service Establishment(s), and may constitute a debt to the District and become due and payable upon the District's request for reimbursement of such costs.

ARTICLE 2 - FOG WASTEWATER DISCHARGE PERMITS FOR FOOD SERVICE ESTABLISHMENTS

2.1 FOG WASTEWATER DISCHARGE PERMIT REQUIRED

A. Food Service Establishments proposing to discharge or currently discharging wastewater into the District's sewer system shall obtain a FOG Wastewater Discharge Permit from the District.

B. FOG Wastewater Discharge Permits shall be expressly subject to all provisions of these Regulations and all other regulations, charges for use, and fees established by the District. The conditions of FOG Wastewater Discharge Permits shall be enforced by the District in accordance with these Regulations and applicable State and Federal Regulations.

2.2 FOG WASTEWATER DISCHARGE PERMIT APPLICATION

A. Any FSE required to obtain a FOG Wastewater Discharge Permit shall complete and file with the District prior to commencing or continuing discharges an application in a form prescribed by the District. The applicable fees shall accompany this application. The applicant shall submit, in units and terms appropriate for evaluation, the following information at a minimum:

1. Name, address, telephone number, assessor's parcel number(s), description of the Food Service Establishment, operation, cuisine, service activities, or clients using the applicant's services.
2. (Whichever is applicable) Name, address, and telephone number of any and all principals/owners/major shareholders of the Food Service Establishment, Articles of Incorporation, most recent Report of the Secretary of State, Business License.
3. Name, address, and telephone number of property owner or lessor and the property manager where the Food Service Establishment is located.
4. Any other information as specified in the application form.

B. Applicants may be required to submit site plans, floor plans, mechanical and plumbing plans, and details to show all sewer lines, grease interceptors, and appurtenances by size, location, and elevation for evaluation.

C. Other information related to the applicant's business operations and potential discharge may be requested to properly evaluate the permit application.

D. After evaluation of the data furnished, the District may issue a FOG Wastewater Discharge Permit, subject to terms and conditions set forth in these Regulations and as otherwise determined by the FOG Control Program Manager to be appropriate to protect the District's sewer system.

2.3 FOG WASTEWATER DISCHARGE PERMIT CONDITIONS

The issuance of a FOG Wastewater Discharge Permit may contain any of the following conditions or limits:

A. Limits on discharge of FOG and other priority pollutants.

B. Requirements for proper operation and maintenance of grease interceptors and other grease control devices.

C. Grease interceptor maintenance frequency and schedule.

D. Requirements for implementation of Kitchen Best Management Practices and installation of an adequate gravity grease interceptor.

E. Requirements for maintaining and reporting status of Kitchen Best Management Practices.

F. Requirements for maintaining and submitting logs and records, including waste hauling records and waste manifests.

G. Requirements to self-monitor.

H. Requirements for the Food Service Establishment to construct, operate, and maintain, at its own expense, a gravity grease interceptor and sampling facilities.

I. Additional requirements as otherwise determined to be reasonably appropriate by the FOG Control Program Manager to protect the District's system or as specified by other Regulatory Agencies.

J. Other terms and conditions which may be reasonably applicable to ensure compliance with these Regulations.

2.4 FOG WASTEWATER DISCHARGE PERMIT FEE

A FOG Wastewater Discharge Permit Fee may be assessed. The FOG Wastewater Discharge Permit fee shall be paid by the applicant in an amount adopted by resolution of the Board of Directors of the District. Payment of the permit fee must be received by the District prior to issuance of the permit. A permittee shall also pay any delinquent invoices in full prior to permit renewal.

2.5 FOG WASTEWATER DISCHARGE PERMIT MODIFICATION OF TERMS AND CONDITIONS

A. The terms and conditions of an issued permit may be subject to modification and change by the sole determination of the FOG Control Program Manager during the life of the permit based on:

1. The discharger's current or anticipated operating data;
2. The District's current or anticipated operating data;
3. Changes in the requirements of Regulatory Agencies which affect the District; or
4. A determination by the FOG Control Program Manager that such modification is appropriate to further the objectives of these Regulations.

B. The Permittee may request a modification to the terms and conditions of an issued permit. The request shall be in writing stating the requested change and the reasons for the change. The FOG Control Program Manager shall review the request, make a determination on the request, and respond in writing.

C. The Permittee shall be informed of any change in the permit limits, conditions, or requirements at least forty-five (45) days prior to the effective date of change. Any changes or new conditions in the permit shall include a reasonable time schedule for compliance.

2.6 NON-TRANSFERABILITY OF PERMITS

FOG Wastewater Discharge Permits issued under these Regulations are for a specific Food Service Establishment, for a specific operation, and create no vested rights.

A. No permit holder shall assign, transfer, or sell any FOG Wastewater Discharge Permit issued under these Regulations nor use any such permit for or on any premises or for facilities or operations or discharges not expressly encompassed within the underlying permit.

B. Any permit that is transferred to a new owner or operator or to a new facility is void.

ARTICLE 3 - FACILITIES REQUIREMENTS

3.1 DRAWING SUBMITTAL REQUIREMENTS

Upon request by the District:

A. Food Service Establishments may be required to submit a minimum of two copies of facility site plans, mechanical and plumbing plans, and details to show all sewer locations and connections. The submittal shall be in a form and content acceptable to the District for review of an existing or proposed gravity grease interceptor, monitoring facilities, metering facilities, and operating procedures. The review of the plans and procedures shall in no way relieve the Food Service Establishments of the responsibility of modifying the facilities or procedures in the future as necessary to produce an acceptable discharge, and to meet the requirements of these Regulations or any requirements of other Regulatory Agencies.

B. Applicants may be required to submit site plans, floor plans, mechanical and plumbing plans, and details to show all sewers, grease interceptors, and appurtenances by size, location, and elevation for evaluation.

C. Food Service Establishments may be required to submit a schematic drawing of the grease interceptor, piping and instrumentation diagram, and wastewater characterization report.

D. The District may require that the drawings be prepared by a California Registered Civil, Chemical, Mechanical, or Electrical Engineer.

3.2 GREASE INTERCEPTOR REQUIREMENTS

A. All Food Service Establishments shall provide wastewater acceptable to the District under the requirements and standards established herein before discharging to any public sewer. Any Food Service Establishment required to provide FOG pre-treatment shall install, operate, and maintain an approved type and adequately sized grease interceptor necessary to maintain compliance with the objectives of these Regulations.

B. Grease interceptor sizing and installation shall conform to the current edition of the California Plumbing Code. Grease interceptors shall be constructed in accordance with the design approved by the FOG Control Program Manager and shall have a

minimum of two compartments with fittings designed for grease retention.

C. The grease interceptor shall be installed at a location where it shall be at all times easily accessible for inspection, cleaning, and removal of accumulated grease.

D. Access manholes, with a minimum diameter of 24 inches, shall be provided over each grease interceptor chamber and sanitary tee. The access manholes shall extend at least to finished grade and be designed and maintained to prevent water inflow or infiltration. The manholes shall also have readily removable covers to facilitate inspection, grease removal, and wastewater sampling activities.

E. Site Standard Specifications for requirements.

F. Dishwashers and food waste disposal units shall not discharge or be connected to any grease interceptor.

3.3 MONITORING FACILITIES REQUIREMENTS

A. The District may require Food Service Establishments to construct and maintain in proper operating condition at the Food Service Establishment's sole expense flow monitoring, constituent monitoring, and/or sampling facilities.

B. The location of the monitoring or metering facilities shall be subject to approval by the FOG Control Program Manager.

C. Food Service Establishments may be required to provide to the FOG Control Program Manager or inspectors immediate, clear, safe, and uninterrupted access to the Food Service Establishment's monitoring and metering facilities.

D. Food Service Establishments may also be required by the FOG Control Program Manager to submit waste analysis and contingency plans, and meet other necessary requirements to ensure proper operation and maintenance of the gravity grease interceptor and compliance with these Regulations.

E. No Food Service Establishment shall increase the use of water or in any other manner attempt to dilute a discharge as a partial or complete substitute for treatment to achieve compliance with these Regulations and the FOG Wastewater Discharge Permit.

F. Food Service Establishments may also be required to demonstrate its

effectiveness to control FOG discharge through downstream visual monitoring of the sewer system, at its own expense. This may include District CCTV activity of the public wastewater main in order to confirm effectiveness.

3.4 REQUIREMENTS FOR KITCHEN BEST MANAGEMENT

A. All Food Service Establishments shall implement Kitchen Best Management Practices in accordance with the requirements and guidelines established by the District under its FOG Control Program in an effort to minimize the discharge of FOG to the sewer system.

B. All Food Service Establishments shall be required, at a minimum, to comply with the following Kitchen Best Management Practices, when applicable:

1. Installation of drain screens. Drain screens shall be installed on all drainage pipes in food preparation areas.

2. Segregation and collection of waste cooking oil. All waste cooking oil shall be collected and stored properly in recycling receptacles such as barrels or drums. Such recycling receptacles shall be maintained properly to ensure that they do not leak. Licensed waste haulers or an approved recycling facility must be used to dispose of waste cooking oil.

3. Disposal of food waste. All food waste shall be disposed of directly into the trash or garbage, and not in sinks.

4. Employee training. Employees of the food service establishment shall be trained by ownership/management periodically as specified in the permit on the following subjects:

a) How to “dry wipe” pots, pans, dishware, and work areas before washing to remove grease.

b) How to properly dispose of food waste and solids in enclosed plastic bags prior to disposal in trash bins or containers to prevent leaking and odors.

c) The location and use of absorption products to clean under fryer baskets and other locations where grease may be spilled or dripped.

d) How to properly dispose of grease or oils from cooking equipment into a grease

receptacle such as a barrel or drum without spilling.

Training shall be documented and employee signatures retained indicating each employee's attendance and understanding of the practices reviewed. Training records shall be available for review at any reasonable time by the FOG Control Program Manager or a designated District inspector. Training records shall be retained for a minimum of three (3) years.

5. Maintenance of kitchen exhaust filters. Filters shall be cleaned as frequently as necessary to be maintained in good operating condition. The wastewater generated from cleaning the exhaust filter shall be disposed of properly.

6. Kitchen signage. Best management and waste minimization practices shall be posted conspicuously in the food preparation and dishwashing areas at all times.

7. Maintenance of floor mats and kitchen appliances. The wastewater generated from floor mat or kitchen appliance washing operations must be disposed of properly in compliance with these Regulations.

3.5 GREASE INTERCEPTOR MAINTENANCE REQUIREMENTS

A. Grease Interceptors shall be maintained in efficient operating condition by periodic removal of the full content of the interceptor, which includes wastewater, accumulated FOG, floating materials, sludge, and solids.

B. All existing and newly installed grease interceptors shall be maintained in a manner consistent with a maintenance frequency approved by the FOG Control Program Manager pursuant to this section.

C. No FOG that has accumulated in a grease interceptor shall be allowed to pass into any sewer lateral, sewer system, storm drain, or public right of way during maintenance activities.

D. Food Service Establishments with grease interceptors may be required to submit data and information necessary to establish the maintenance frequency of grease interceptors.

E. The maintenance frequency for all Food Service Establishments with a grease interceptor shall be determined by one of the following methods:

1. Grease interceptors shall be fully pumped out and cleaned at a frequency such that the combined FOG and solids accumulation does not exceed 25% of the total design hydraulic depth of the grease interceptor. This is to ensure that the minimum hydraulic retention time and required available hydraulic volume is maintained to effectively intercept and retain FOG discharged to the sewer system.

2. All Food Service Establishments with a Grease Interceptor shall maintain their grease interceptor not less than every 6 months.

3. Grease interceptors shall be fully pumped out and cleaned quarterly when the frequency described in (1) has not been established. The maintenance frequency shall be adjusted when sufficient data has been obtained to establish an average frequency based on the requirements described in (1) and guidelines adopted pursuant to the FOG Control Program. The FOG Control Program Manager may change the maintenance frequency at any time to reflect changes in actual operating conditions in accordance with the FOG Control Program. Based on the actual generation of FOG from the Food Service Establishment, the maintenance frequency may increase or decrease.

4. The owner/operator of a Food Service Establishment may submit a request to the FOG Control Program Manager requesting a change in the maintenance frequency at any time. The Food Service Establishment has the burden of responsibility to demonstrate that the requested change in frequency reflects actual operating conditions based on the average FOG accumulation over time and meets the requirements described in (1), and that it is in full compliance with the conditions of its permit and these Regulations. Upon determination by the FOG Control Program Manager that the requested revision is justified, the permit shall be revised accordingly to reflect the change in maintenance frequency.

5. If the grease interceptor at any time contains FOG and solids accumulation that do not meet the requirements described in (1), the Food Service Establishment shall be required to have the grease interceptor serviced immediately such that all fats, oils, grease, sludge, and other materials are completely removed from the grease interceptor. If deemed necessary, the FOG Control Program Manager may also increase the maintenance frequency of the grease interceptor from the current frequency.

F. Wastewater, accumulated FOG, floating materials, sludge/solids, and other materials removed from the grease interceptor shall be properly disposed of offsite by waste haulers in accordance with federal, state, and/or local laws. FSEs are required

to obtain and maintain a copy of the waste hauler's documentation which must include:

- Name of Hauling Company
- Name and Signature of Operator performing the pump-out
- Documentation of full pump-out with volume of water and FOG removed (e.g. 1,500 gallons)
- Documentation of the level of floating FOG and Settable Solids (to determine if volume exceeds 25% capacity of grease removal equipment)
- Documentation if repairs to the Grease Interceptor are required
- Identification of the facility where the waste hauler is planning to dispose of the waste

ARTICLE 4 - MONITORING, REPORTING, NOTIFICATION, AND INSPECTION REQUIREMENTS

4.1 MONITORING AND REPORTING CONDITIONS

A. Monitoring for Compliance with Permit Conditions and Reporting Requirements

1. The FOG Control Program Manager may require periodic reporting of the status of implementation of Kitchen Best Management Practices, in accordance with the FOG Control Program.

2. The FOG Control Program Manager may require visual monitoring at the sole expense of the Permittee to observe the actual conditions of the Food Service Establishment's sewer lateral and/or downstream sewer lines.

3. The FOG Control Program Manager may require reports for self-monitoring of wastewater constituents and FOG characteristics of the Permittee needed for determining compliance with any conditions or requirements as specified in the FOG Wastewater Discharge Permit or these Regulations. Monitoring reports of the analyses of wastewater constituents and FOG characteristics shall be in a manner and form approved by the FOG Control Program Manager and shall be submitted upon request of the FOG Control Program Manager. Failure by the Permittee to perform any required monitoring or to submit monitoring reports required by the FOG Control Program Manager constitutes a violation of these regulations and may be cause for the District to initiate all necessary tasks and analyses to determine the wastewater constituents and FOG characteristics for compliance with any conditions and requirements specified in the FOG Wastewater Discharge Permit or in these Regulations. The Permittee shall be responsible for any and all expenses of the District in undertaking such monitoring analyses and preparation of reports.

4. Other reports may be required, such as compliance schedule progress reports, FOG control monitoring reports, and any other reports deemed reasonably appropriate by the FOG Control Program Manager to ensure compliance with these Regulations.

B. Record Keeping Requirements. The Permittee shall be required to keep all manifests, receipts, and invoices of all cleaning, maintenance, grease removal of/from the gravity grease interceptor, disposal carrier, and disposal site location for no less than three (3) years. The Permittee shall, upon request, make the manifests, receipts,

and invoices available to any District representative, or inspector.

These records may include:

1. A logbook of grease interceptor cleaning and maintenance practices.
2. A record of Kitchen Best Management Practices being implemented including employee training.
3. Copies of records and manifests of waste hauling interceptor contents.
4. Records of sampling data and sludge height monitoring for FOG and solids accumulation in the grease interceptors.
5. Records of any spills and/or cleaning of the lateral or sewer system.
6. Any other information deemed appropriate by the FOG Control Program Manager to ensure compliance with these Regulations.

C. Falsifying Information or Tampering with Process

It shall be unlawful to make any false statement, representation, record, report, plan, or other document that is filed with the District, or to tamper with or knowingly render inoperable any grease interceptor, monitoring device, or method or access point required under these Regulations.

4.2 INSPECTION AND SAMPLING CONDITIONS

A. The FOG Control Program Manager may inspect or order the inspection and sample the wastewater discharges of any Food Service Establishment to ascertain whether the intent of these Regulations is being met and the Permittee is complying with all requirements. The Permittee shall allow the District access to the Food Service Establishment premises during normal business hours for purposes of inspecting the Food Service Establishment's grease control devices, reviewing the manifests, receipts and invoices relating to the cleaning, maintenance and inspection of the grease control devices.

B. The FOG Control Program Manager shall have the right to place or order the placement on the Food Service Establishment's property or other locations as

determined by the FOG Control Program Manager such devices as are necessary to conduct sampling or metering operations. Where a Food Service Establishment has security measures in force, the Permittee shall make necessary arrangements so that representatives of the District shall be permitted to enter without delay for the purpose of performing their specific responsibilities.

C. In order for the FOG Control Program Manager to determine the wastewater characteristics of the discharger for purposes of determining the permit fee and for compliance with permit requirements, the Permittee shall make available for inspection and copying by the District all notices, monitoring reports, waste manifests, and records including, but not limited to, those related to wastewater generation and wastewater disposal without restriction, but subject to the confidentiality provision set forth in these Regulations. All such records shall be kept by the Permittee a minimum of three (3) years.

All user information and data on file shall be available to the public and governmental agencies without restriction, unless the user specifically requests and is able to demonstrate to the satisfaction of the District that the release of such information would divulge information, processes, or methods which would be detrimental to the user's competitive position. The demonstration of the need for confidentiality made by the user must meet the burden necessary for withholding such information from the general public under applicable state and federal law. Any such claim must be made at the time of submittal of the information by marking "Confidential Business Information" on each page containing such information within the submittal. Information which is demonstrated to be confidential shall not be transmitted to any governmental agency without prior notification to the user. Information concerning wastewater quality and quantity shall not be deemed confidential.

4.3 RIGHT OF ENTRY

Persons or occupants of premises where wastewater is created or discharged shall allow the FOG Control Program Manager or District representatives reasonable access to all parts of the wastewater generating and disposal facilities for the purposes of inspection and sampling during all times the discharger's facility is open, operating, or any other reasonable time. No person shall interfere with, delay, resist, or refuse entrance to District representatives attempting to inspect any facility involved directly or indirectly with a discharge of wastewater to the District's sewer system. In the event of an emergency involving actual or imminent sanitary sewer overflow, District's representatives may access adjoining businesses or properties that share a sewer system with a Food Service Establishment in order to prevent or

remediate an actual or imminent sanitary overflow.

4.4 NOTIFICATION OF SPILL

A. In the event a permittee is unable to comply with any permit condition due to a breakdown of equipment, accidents, or human error, or the Permittee has reasonable opportunity to know that its discharge will exceed the discharge provisions of the FOG Wastewater Discharge Permit or these Regulations, the discharger shall immediately notify the District by telephone at the number specified in the Permit. If the material discharged to the sewer has the potential to cause or result in sewer blockages or Spills, the discharger shall immediately notify the local Health Department, City or County, and the District.

B. Confirmation of this notification shall be made in writing to the FOG Control Program Manager at the address specified in the Permit no later than five (5) working days from the date of the incident. The written notification shall state the date of the incident, the reasons for the discharge or spill, what steps were taken to immediately correct the problem, and what steps are being taken to prevent the problem from recurring.

C. Such notification shall not relieve the Permittee of any expense, loss, damage, or other liability which may be incurred as a result of damage or loss to the District or any other damage or loss to person or property; nor shall such notification relieve the Permittee of any fees or other liability which may be imposed by these Regulations or other applicable law.

4.5 NOTIFICATION OF PLANNED CHANGES

Permittee shall notify the District at least 60 days in advance prior to any facility expansion/remodeling, or process modifications that may result in new or substantially increased FOG discharges or a change in the nature of the discharge. Permittee shall notify the District in writing of the proposed expansion or remodeling and shall submit any information requested by the District for evaluation of the effect of such expansion on Permittee's FOG discharge to the sewer system.

ARTICLE 5 - ENFORCEMENT

5.1 PURPOSES AND SCOPE

A. The Board of Directors finds that in order for the District to comply with the laws, regulations, and rules imposed upon it by Regulatory Agencies and to ensure that the District's sewer facilities are protected and are able to operate with the highest degree of efficiency, and to protect the public health and environment, specific enforcement provisions must be adopted to govern the discharges to the District's system by Food Service Establishments.

B. The District is willing to cooperate with all users on improvements in wastewater quality, yet must be in a position to ensure that uncooperative users shall comply with these Regulations and any conditions set forth in a wastewater discharge permit.

C. To ensure that all interested parties are afforded due process of law and that violations are resolved as soon as possible, the general policy of the District is that:

1. Any determination relating to a notice of violation or a Compliance Schedule Agreement (CSA) will be made by the FOG Control Program Manager, with a right of appeal by the permittee to the General Manager pursuant to the procedures set forth in Section 5.12.

2. A permittee or applicant for a permit may request the Board of Directors of the District to hear an appeal of the General Manager's decision pursuant to Section 5.13. Such request may be granted or denied by the Board of Directors.

3. Any permit suspension or revocation recommended by the FOG Control Program Manager will be heard and a recommendation made to the General Manager or other person designated by the General Manager with a right of appeal of the General Manager's order by the Permittee to the Board of Directors pursuant to the provisions of Section 5.13.

D. The District, at its discretion, may utilize any one, combination, or all enforcement remedies provided in Article 5 in response to any noncompliance with a permit condition or any violation of these Regulations.

E. Each non-compliance or violation per day and each day of noncompliance or violation shall be taken as a separate noncompliance or violation for determining the

amount of fees, charges, fines, or penalties and/or which enforcement actions may be taken.

F. The issuance or exercise of any type of an enforcement action provided for under these Regulations shall not be a bar against, or a prerequisite for, taking any other or additional enforcement action against a user under these Regulations or any other local, state, or federal law.

G. All users have a right of appeal pursuant to the procedures set forth in these Regulations.

5.2 DETERMINATION OF NONCOMPLIANCE WITH FOG WASTEWATER DISCHARGE PERMIT CONDITIONS

A. Inspection Procedures

1. Inspection of Food Service Establishments shall be conducted in the time, place, manner, and frequency determined at the sole discretion of the FOG Control Program Manager.

2. Noncompliance with Kitchen Best Management Practices, 25% Rule for grease interceptors, maintenance frequency requirements for grease interceptors, permit discharge conditions, or any discharge provisions of these Regulations may be determined by an inspection of the Food Service Establishment.

B. Sampling Procedures

1. Sampling of Food Service Establishments shall be conducted in the time, place, manner, and frequency determined at the sole discretion of the District.

2. Permit discharge conditions, or any discharge provision of these Regulations may be determined by an analysis of a grab or composite sample of the effluent of a user. Non-compliance shall be determined by an analysis of a composite sample of the user's effluent, except that a grab sample may be used to determine compliance when the discharge is from a closed (batch) treatment system in which there is no wastewater flow into the system when the discharge is occurring, the volume of wastewater contained in the batch system is known, the time interval of discharge is known, and the grab sample is homogeneous and representative of the discharge.

3. Any sample taken from a sample point is considered to be representative of the discharge to the public sewer.

C. Notice of Noncompliance (NON)

1. In the event that it is determined that a user is in noncompliance with any provision of these Regulations, or the terms, conditions, and limitations of its FOG Wastewater Discharge Permit, the District may issue a NON, whereby the user shall comply with all directives, conditions, and requirements therein within the time prescribed.

2. The issuance of a NON may contain terms and conditions including, but not limited to, installation of a gravity grease interceptor, submittal of drawings or technical reports, payment of fees or administrative fines, limits on rate and time of discharge, or any other provisions to ensure compliance with these Regulations and the user's FOG Wastewater Discharge Permit.

D. Noncompliance Charges

Any Permittee determined to be in noncompliance with the terms and conditions specified in its permit or with any provision of these Regulations may pay a noncompliance charge. The purpose of the noncompliance charge is to compensate the District for estimated or actual costs of additional inspection and follow-up, sampling, monitoring, laboratory analysis, treatment, disposal, and administrative processing incurred as a result of the noncompliance, and shall be in addition to and not in lieu of any penalties as may be assessed pursuant to Sections 5.10 and 5.11. Noncompliance charges shall be determined by the General Manager on a case-by-case basis.

5.3 NOTICE OF VIOLATION (NOV)

A. In the event that it is determined that a user has not responded to a NON that was previously issued to it or that noncompliance of any FOG standards requires its immediate attention, the District may issue a NOV, whereby the user shall comply with all directives, conditions, and requirements therein within the time prescribed.

B. The issuance of a NOV may contain terms and conditions including, but not limited to, installation of a gravity grease interceptor, submittal of drawings or technical reports, payment of fees, administrative fines, limits on rate, and time of discharge, or any other provisions to ensure compliance with these Regulations.

5.4 COMPLIANCE SCHEDULE AGREEMENT (CSA)

A. Upon determination that a Permittee is in noncompliance with the terms and conditions specified in its permit or any provision of these Regulations, or needs to construct and/or acquire and install a gravity grease interceptor, the FOG Control Program Manager may require the permittee to enter into a CSA.

B. The issuance of a CSA may contain terms and conditions including, but not limited to, requirements for installation of a gravity grease interceptor and facilities, submittal of drawings or reports, audit of waste hauling records, best management and waste minimization practices, payment of fees, or other provisions to ensure compliance with these Regulations.

C. The FOG Control Program Manager shall not enter into a CSA until such time as all amounts owed to the District, including user fees, noncompliance charges, or other amounts due are paid in full, or an agreement for deferred payment secured by collateral or a third party, is approved by the FOG Control Program Manager.

D. If compliance is not achieved in accordance with the terms and conditions of a CSA during its term, the FOG Control Program Manager may issue an order suspending or revoking the discharge permit pursuant to Section 5.5 of these Regulations.

5.5 PERMIT REVOCATION

A. Grounds

The General Manager may revoke any permit when it is determined that a permittee:

1. Knowingly provides a false statement, representation, record, report, or other document to the District.
2. Refuses to provide records, reports, plans, or other documents required by the District to determine permit terms, conditions, discharge compliance, or compliance with these Regulations.
3. Falsifies, tampers with, or knowingly renders inaccurate, any monitoring device or sample collection method.
4. Fails to comply with the terms and conditions of a CSA.

5. Discharges effluent to the District's sewer system while its permit is suspended.
6. Refuses reasonable access to the permittee's premises for the purpose of inspection and monitoring.
7. Does not make timely payment of all amounts owed to the District for user charges, permit fees, or any other fees imposed pursuant to these Regulations.
8. Causes interference, sewer blockages, or Spills with the District collection, treatment, or disposal system.
9. Violates grease interceptor maintenance requirements, any condition or limit of its discharge permit, or any provision of the District's Regulations.
10. Fails to report significant changes in operations or wastewater constituents.
11. Fails to comply with the terms and conditions of any enforcement action.

B. Notice

When the FOG Control Program Manager has reason to believe that grounds exist for the revocation of a permit, he/she shall give written notice by certified mail thereof to the Permittee setting forth a statement of the facts and grounds deemed to exist together with the time and place where the charges shall be heard by the General Manager or his/her designee. The hearing date shall be not less than fifteen (15) calendar days or more than forty-five (45) calendar days after the mailing of such notice.

C. Hearing

1. At the hearing, the Permittee shall have an opportunity to respond to the allegations set forth in the notice by presenting written or oral evidence. The revocation hearing shall be conducted in accordance with the procedures established by the General Manager and approved by the District's General Counsel.
2. If the General Manager designates a hearing officer, after the conclusion of the hearing the hearing officer shall submit a written report to the General Manager setting forth a brief statement of facts found to be true, a determination of the issues presented, conclusions, and a recommendation.

3. Upon receipt of the written report by the hearing officer, or conclusion of the hearing, if the General Manager conducted the hearing, the General Manager shall make his/her determination and should he/she find that grounds exist for revocation of the permit, he/she shall issue his/her decision and order in writing within thirty (30) calendar days after the conclusion of the hearing. The written decision and order of the General Manager shall be sent by certified mail to the Permittee or its legal counsel/representative at the Permittee's business address.

In the event the General Manager determines not to revoke the permit, he/she may order other enforcement actions under terms and conditions that he/she deems appropriate.

D. Effect

1. Upon an order of revocation by the General Manager becoming final, the Permittee shall permanently lose all rights to discharge any wastewater directly or indirectly to the District's system. All costs for physical termination shall be paid by the permittee.

2. Any owner or responsible management employee or assignee of the Permittee shall be bound by the order of revocation.

3. Any future application for a permit at any location within the District by any person associated with an order of revocation will be considered by the District after fully reviewing the records of the revoked permit, which records may be the basis for denial of a new permit.

4. An order of permit revocation issued by the General Manager shall be final in all respects on the sixteenth (16th) day after it is mailed to the Permittee unless a request for hearing is filed with the Board of Directors pursuant to Section 5.13 no later than 5:00 p.m. on the fifteenth (15th) day following such mailing.

5.6 DAMAGE TO FACILITIES OR INTERRUPTION OF NORMAL OPERATIONS

A. Any person who discharges any waste which causes or contributes to any sewer blockage, Spills, obstruction, interference, damage, or any other impairment to the District's sewer facilities or to the operation of those facilities shall be liable for all costs required to clean or repair the facilities together with expenses incurred by the District to resume normal operations. A service charge of twenty-five percent (25%) of District's costs shall be added to the costs and charges to reimburse the District for miscellaneous overhead, including administrative personnel and record keeping. The

total amount shall be payable within forty five (45) days of invoicing by the District.

B. Any person who discharges waste which causes or contributes to the District violating its discharge requirements established by any regulatory agency, incurring additional expenses, or suffering losses or damage to the facilities, shall be liable for any costs or expenses incurred by the District, including regulatory fines, penalties, and assessments made by other agencies or a court.

5.7 PUBLIC NUISANCE

A. Discharge of wastewater in any manner in violation of these Regulations or of any order issued by the FOG Control Program Manager or General Manager, as authorized by these Regulations, is hereby declared a public nuisance and shall be corrected or abated as directed by the FOG Control Program Manager or General Manager.

B. Any person creating a public nuisance is guilty of a misdemeanor and is subject to the criminal penalties identified in Section 5.11 of these Regulations.

5.8 TERMINATION OF SERVICE

A. The District, by order of the General Manager, may physically terminate sewer service to any property as follows:

1. On an order of revocation of a permit; or
2. Upon the failure of a person not holding a valid FOG Wastewater Discharge Permit to immediately cease the discharge, whether direct or indirect, to the District's sewer facilities after the notice and process in Section 5.5 herein.

B. All costs for physical termination as well as all costs for reinstating service shall be paid by the owner or operator of the Food Service Establishment or permittee.

5.9 EMERGENCY SUSPENSION

A. The District may, by order of the General Manager, suspend sewer service when the General Manager determines that such suspension is necessary in order to stop an actual or impending discharge which presents or may present an imminent or substantial endangerment to the health and welfare of persons, or to the environment, or may cause Spills, sewer blockages, interference to the District's sewer facilities, or

may cause the District to violate any State or Federal Law or Regulation. Any discharger notified of and subject to an Emergency Suspension Order shall immediately cease and desist the discharge of all wastewater containing FOG to the sewer system.

B. As soon as reasonably practicable following the issuance of an Emergency Suspension Order, but in no event more than five (5) business days following the issuance of such order, the General Manager shall hold a hearing to provide the Food Service Establishment or Permittee the opportunity to present information in opposition to the issuance of the Emergency Suspension Order. Such a hearing shall not stay the effect of the Emergency Suspension Order. The hearing shall be conducted in accordance with procedures established by the General Manager and approved by the District's General Counsel. The General Manager shall issue a written decision and order within two (2) business days following the hearing, which decision shall be sent by certified mail to the Food Service Establishment or its legal counsel/representative at that Food Service Establishment's business address. The decision of the General Manager following the hearing shall be final and not appealable to the Board, but may be subject to judicial review pursuant to Section 5.16.

5.10 CIVIL PENALTIES

A. Authority

All users of the District's system and facilities are subject to enforcement actions administratively or judicially by the District, U.S. EPA, State of California Regional Water Quality Control Board, or the County of Orange District Attorney. Said actions may be taken pursuant to the authority and provisions of several laws, including but not limited to: (1) Federal Water Pollution Control Act, commonly known as the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C.A. Section 1251 et seq.); (2) California Porter-Cologne Water Quality Control Act (California Water Code Section 13000 et seq.); (3) California Hazardous Waste Control Law (California Health & Safety Code Sections 25100 to 25250); (4) Resource Conservation and Recovery Act of 1976 (42 U.S.C.A Section 6901 et seq.); and (5) California Government Code, Sections 54739-54740.

B. Recovery of Fines or Penalties

In the event the District is subject to the payment of fines or penalties pursuant to the legal authority and actions of other regulatory or enforcement agencies based on a violation of law or regulation or its permits, and said violation can be established by

the District as caused by the discharge of any user of the District's system which is in violation of any provision of the District's Regulations or the user's permit, the District shall be entitled to recover from the user all costs and expenses, including, but not limited to, the full amount of said fines or penalties to which it has been subjected.

C. Civil Liability

1. Pursuant to the authority of California Government Code Sections 54739 - 54740, any person who violates any provision of these Regulations; any permit condition, prohibition or effluent limit; or any suspension or revocation order shall be liable civilly for a sum not to exceed \$25,000.00 per violation for each day in which such violation occurs.

2. Pursuant to the authority of the Clean Water Act, 33 U.S.C. Section 1251 et seq., any person who violates any provision of these Regulations, or any permit condition, prohibition, or effluent limit shall be liable civilly for a sum not to exceed \$25,000.00 per violation for each day in which such violation occurs.

3. The General Counsel of the District, upon request of the General Manager, shall petition the Superior Court to impose, assess, and recover such penalties, or such other penalties as the District may impose, assess, and recover pursuant to Federal and/or State legislative authorization.

4. Remedies under this section are in addition to and do not supersede or limit any and all other remedies, civil or criminal, but no liability shall be recovered under this section for any violation for which liability is recovered under Section 5.10 of these Regulations.

D. Administrative Civil Penalties

1. Pursuant to the authority of California Government Code Sections 54740.5 and 54740.6, the District may issue an administrative complaint to any Permittee, discharger or other person who violates:

- a) any provision of these Regulations;
- b) any permit condition, prohibition, or effluent limit; or
- c) any revocation or emergency suspension order.

2. The administrative complaint shall be served by personal delivery or certified mail on the person and shall inform the person that a hearing will be conducted, and shall specify a hearing date within sixty (60) days following service. The administrative

complaint will allege the act or failure to act that constitutes the violation of the District's regulations, the provisions of law authorizing civil liability to be imposed, and the proposed civil penalty. The matter shall be heard by the General Manager or his/her designee. The person to whom an administrative complaint has been issued may waive the right to a hearing, in which case a hearing will not be conducted.

3. At the hearing, the person shall have an opportunity to respond to the allegations set forth in the administrative complaint by presenting written or oral evidence. The hearing shall be conducted in accordance with the procedures established by the General Manager and approved by the District's General Counsel.

4. If the General Manager designated a hearing officer, after the conclusion of the hearing the hearing officer shall submit a written report to the General Manager setting forth a brief statement of the facts found to be true, a determination of the issues presented, conclusions, and a recommendation.

5. Upon receipt of the written report by the hearing officer, or conclusion of the hearing if the General Manager conducted the hearing, the General Manager shall make his/her determination and should he/she find that grounds exist for assessment of a civil penalty against the person, he/she shall issue his/her decision and order in writing within thirty (30) calendar days after the conclusion of the hearing.

6. If, after the hearing or appeal, if any, it is found that the person has violated reporting or discharge requirements, the General Manager or Board of Directors may assess a civil penalty against that person. In determining the amount of the civil penalty, the General Manager or Board of Directors may take into consideration all relevant circumstances, including but not limited to the extent of harm caused by the violation, the economic benefit derived through any non-compliance, the nature and persistence of the violation, the length of time over which the violation occurs, and corrective action, if any, attempted or taken by the person involved.

7. Civil penalties may be assessed as follows:

a) In an amount which shall not exceed two thousand dollars (\$2,000.00) for each day for failing or refusing to furnish required reports;

b) In an amount which shall not exceed three thousand dollars (\$3,000.00) for each day for failing or refusing to timely comply with any compliance schedules established by the District;

c) In an amount which shall not exceed five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) per violation for each day of discharge in violation of any waste discharge limit, permit condition, or requirement issued, reissued, or adopted by the District;

d) In any amount which does not exceed ten dollars (\$10.00) per gallon for discharges in violation of any suspension, revocation, cease and desist order or other orders, or prohibition issued, reissued, or adopted by the District

8. An order assessing administrative civil penalties issued by the General Manager shall be final in all respects on the thirty-first (31st) day after it is served on the person unless an appeal and request for hearing is filed with the Board of Directors pursuant to Section 5.13 no later than the thirtieth (30th) day following such mailing. An order assessing administrative civil penalties issued by the Board of Directors shall be final upon issuance.

9. Copies of the administrative order shall be served on the party served with the administrative complaint, either by personal service or by registered mail to the person at his/her/its business or residence address, and upon other persons who appeared at the hearing and requested a copy of the order.

10. Any person aggrieved by a final order issued by the Board of Directors, after granting review of the order of the General Manager, may obtain review of the order of the Board of Directors in the superior court, pursuant to Government Code Section 54740.6, by filing in the court a petition for writ of mandate within thirty (30) days following the service of a copy of the decision or order issued by the Board of Directors.

11. Payment of any order setting administrative civil penalties shall be made within thirty (30) days of the date the order becomes final. The amount of any administrative civil penalties imposed shall constitute a debt to the District.

12. No administrative civil penalties shall be recoverable for any violation for which the District has recovered civil penalties through a judicial proceeding filed pursuant to Government Code Section 54740.

5.11 CRIMINAL PENALTIES

A. Any person who violates any provision of these Regulations is guilty of a misdemeanor, which upon conviction is punishable by a fine not to exceed

\$1,000.00, or imprisonment for not more than 6 months, or both.

B. Each violation and each day in which a violation occurs may constitute a new and separate violation of these Regulations and shall be subject to the penalties contained herein.

5.12 APPEALS TO GENERAL MANAGER

A. General

1. Any Food Service Establishment, permit applicant or Permittee affected by any decision, action, or determination made by the FOG Control Program Manager or notice of violation issued by any District inspector may file with the General Manager or his/her designee a written request for an appeal hearing.

2. The request must be received by the District within fifteen (15) days of mailing of notice of the decision, action, or determination of the FOG Control Program Manager to the appellant.

3. The request for hearing shall set forth in detail all facts supporting the appellant's request.

B. Notice

1. The General Manager shall, within fifteen (15) days of receiving the request for appeal, designate a department head or other person to hear the appeal and provide written notice to the appellant of the hearing date, time, and place.

2. The hearing date shall not be more than thirty (30) days from the mailing of such notice by certified mail to the appellant unless a later date is agreed to by the appellant.

3. If the hearing is not held within said time due to actions or inactions of the appellant, then the staff decision shall be deemed final.

C. Hearing

1. At the hearing, the appellant shall have the opportunity to present information supporting its position concerning the FOG Control Program Manager's decision,

action or determination.

2. The hearing shall be conducted in accordance with procedures established by the General Manager and approved by the District's General Counsel.

D. Written Determination

1. After the conclusion of the hearing, the General Manager's designee shall submit a written report to the General Manager setting forth a brief statement of facts found to be true, a determination of the issues presented, conclusions, and a recommendation whether to uphold, modify or reverse the FOG Control Program Manager's original decision, action or determination.

2. Upon receipt of the written report, the General Manager shall make his/her determination and shall issue his/her decision and order within thirty (30) calendar days of the hearing by his/her designee.

3. The written decision and order of the General Manager shall be sent by certified mail to the appellant or its legal counsel/representative at the appellant's business address.

4. The order of the General Manager shall be final in all respects on the sixteenth (16th) day after it is mailed to the appellant unless a request for hearing is filed with the Board of Directors pursuant to Section 5.13, no later than 5:00 p.m. on the fifteenth day following such mailing.

5.13 APPEALS TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

A. General

1. Any Food Service Establishment, permit applicant, or Permittee adversely affected by a decision, action, or determination made by the General Manager may, prior to the date that the General Manager's order becomes final, file a written request for hearing before the Board of Directors accompanied by the appeal fee.

2. The request for hearing shall set forth in detail all the issues in dispute for which the appellant seeks determination and all facts supporting appellant's request.

3. The Board of Directors shall grant all requests for a hearing on appeals concerning permit suspension, revocation, or denial. Whether to grant or deny the request for a

hearing on appeals of other decisions of the General Manager shall be within the sole discretion of the Board of Directors.

4. A fee of one hundred dollars (\$100) shall accompany the written appeal, which shall be refunded if the Board of Directors denies a hearing or reverses or modifies the order of the General Manager in favor of the appellant. The fee shall not be refunded if the Board of Directors denies the appeal.

B. Notice

1. No later than sixty (60) days after receipt of the request for hearing, the Board of Directors shall either set the matter for a hearing or deny the request for a hearing.

2. A hearing shall be held by the Board of Directors within sixty-five (65) days from the date of determination granting a hearing, unless a later date is agreed to by the appellant and the Board of Directors.

3. If the matter is not heard within the required time, due to actions or inactions of the appellant, the General Manager's order shall be deemed final.

C. Hearing

1. The appellant shall have the opportunity to present information supporting its position concerning the General Manager's determination.

2. The hearing shall be conducted in accordance with procedures established by the Board and approved by the District's General Counsel.

D. Written Determination

1. After the hearing, the Board of Directors shall make a determination whether to uphold, modify, or reverse the decision, action, or determination made by the General Manager.

2. The decision of the Board of Directors shall be set forth in writing within sixty-five (65) days after the close of the hearing and shall contain a finding of the facts found to be true, the determination of issues presented, and the conclusions.

3. The written decision and order of the Board of Directors shall be sent by certified

mail to the appellant or its legal counsel/representative at the appellant's business address.

4. The order of the Board of Directors shall be final upon its adoption. In the event the Board of Directors fails to reverse or modify the General Manager's order, it shall be deemed affirmed.

5.14 PAYMENT OF CHARGES

A. Except as otherwise provided, all fees, charges, and penalties established by these Regulations are due and payable upon receipt of notice thereof. All such amounts are delinquent if unpaid forty-five (45) days after date of invoice.

B. Any charge that becomes delinquent shall have added to it a penalty in accordance with the following:

1. Forty-six (46) days after date of invoice, a basic penalty of ten percent (10%) of the base invoice amount, not to exceed a maximum of \$1,000.00; and

2. A penalty of one and one-half percent (1.5%) per month of the base invoice amount and basic penalty shall accrue from and after the forty-sixth (46th) day after date of invoice.

C. Any invoice outstanding and unpaid after ninety (90) days shall be cause for immediate initiation of permit revocation proceedings.

D. Penalties charged under this Section shall not accrue to those invoices successfully appealed, provided the District receives written notification of said appeal prior to the payment due date.

E. Payment of disputed charges is still required by the due date during District review of any appeal submitted by permittees.

F. Collection of delinquent accounts shall be in accordance with the District's policy resolution establishing procedures for collection of delinquent obligations owed to the District, as amended from time to time by the Board of Directors. Any such action for collection may include an application for an injunction to prevent repeated and recurring violations of these Regulations.

5.15 FINANCIAL SECURITY/AMENDMENTS TO PERMIT

A. Delinquent Accounts

The District may require an amendment to the permit of any Permittee who fails to make payment in full of all fees and charges assessed by the District, including reconciliation amounts, delinquency penalties, and other costs or fees incurred by the Permittee.

B. Bankruptcy

Every Permittee filing any legal action in any court of competent jurisdiction, including the United States Bankruptcy Court, for purposes of discharging its financial debts or obligations, or seeking court-ordered protection from its creditors, shall, within ten (10) days of filing such action, apply for and obtain the issuance of an amendment to its permit.

C. Security

An amendment to a waste discharge permit issued may be conditioned upon the Permittee depositing financial security in an amount equal to the average total fees and charges for two (2) calendar quarters during the preceding year. Said deposit shall be used to guarantee payment of all fees and charges incurred for future services and facilities furnished by District and shall not be used by the District to recover outstanding fees and charges incurred prior to the Permittee filing and receiving protection from creditors in the United States Bankruptcy Court.

D. Return of Security

In the event the Permittee makes payment in full within the time prescribed by these Regulations of all fees and charges incurred over a period of two (2) years following the issuance of an amendment to the permit, the District shall either return the security deposit posted by the Permittee or credit its account.

5.16 JUDICIAL REVIEW

A. Purpose and Effect

Pursuant to Section 1094.6 of the California Code of Civil Procedure, the District

hereby enacts this part to limit to ninety (90) days following final decisions in adjudicatory administrative hearings the time within which an action can be brought to review such decisions by means of administrative mandamus.

B. Definitions

As used in this Section, the following terms and words shall have the following meanings:

1. Decision shall mean and include adjudicatory administrative decisions that are made after hearing, or after revoking, suspending, or denying an application for a permit.
2. Complete Record shall mean and include the transcript, if any exists, of the proceedings, all pleadings, all notices and orders, any proposed decision by the District's officers, agents, or employees, the final decision, all admitted exhibits, all rejected exhibits in the possession of the District or its officers, agents or employees, all written evidence, and any other papers in the case.

C. Time Limit for Judicial Review

Judicial review of any decision of the District or its officer or agent may be made pursuant to Section 1094.5 of the Code of Civil Procedure only if the petition for writ of mandate is filed not later than the ninetieth (90th) day following the date on which the decision becomes final. If there is no provision for reconsideration in the procedures governing the proceedings or if the date is not otherwise specified, the decision is final on the date it is made. If there is provision for reconsideration, the decision is final upon the expiration of the period during which such reconsideration can be sought; provided that if reconsideration is sought pursuant to such provision the decision is final for the purposes of this Section on the date that reconsideration is rejected.

D. Preparation of Records

The complete record of the proceedings shall be prepared by the District officer or agent who made the decision and shall be delivered to the petitioner within ninety (90) days after he/she has filed written request therefore. The District may recover from the petitioner its actual costs for transcribing or otherwise preparing the record.

E. Extension

If the petitioner files a request for the record within ten (10) days after the date the decision becomes final, the time within which a petition, pursuant to Section 1094.5 of the Code of Civil Procedure, may be filed shall be extended to not later than the thirtieth (30th) day following the date on which the record is either personally delivered or mailed to the petitioner or the petitioner's attorney of record, if appropriate.

F. Notice

In making a final decision, the District shall provide notice to the party that Section 1094.6 of the Code of Civil Procedure governs the time within which judicial review must be sought.

G. Notwithstanding the foregoing in this Section 5.16, and pursuant to Government Code Section 54740.6, judicial review of an order of the Board of Directors imposing administrative civil penalties pursuant to Section 5.10.D may be made only if the petition for writ of mandate is filed not later than the thirtieth (30th) day following the day on which the order of the Board of Directors becomes final.

5.17 RECOVERY OF ENFORCEMENT COSTS

In the event a user fails to comply with any of the terms and conditions of this ordinance, wastewater discharge permit, administrative order, wastewater discharge permit suspension or revocation, or any other enforcement action, the District shall be entitled to reasonable attorney's fees and costs which may be incurred during enforcement of any terms and conditions with or without filing proceedings in court.

ARTICLE 6 - SEVERABILITY

If any section, subsection, subdivision, sentence, clause, or phrase of these Regulations is for any reason held to be unconstitutional or otherwise invalid, such invalidity shall not affect the validity of these entire Regulations or any of the remaining portions hereof. The Board of Directors hereby declares that it would have passed these Regulations, and each section, subsection, subdivision, sentence, clause, or phrase hereof, irrespective of the fact that any one or more sections, subsections, subdivisions, sees, clauses, or phrases be declared unconstitutional or otherwise invalid.

ARTICLE 7 - CALIFORNIA BUILDING STANDARDS LAW FINDINGS

Pursuant to the provisions of the California Building Standards Law, California Health and Safety Code §§ 18941.5, 17958, 17958.5 and 17958.7, the Board hereby finds that the amendments to the State Building Standards and Housing Laws, more particularly the California Plumbing Code, adopted herein are necessary because of climatic, geological or topographical conditions of property in the District's jurisdiction, and as more specifically described below.

A. Articles 2 and 4 modify the authority and discretion of the "Administrative Authority" of Section 1014.1 of the 2001 California Plumbing Code by requiring all Food Service Establishments to install and operate a gravity grease interceptor.

B. Article 4 modifies the general maintenance requirements for grease interceptors of Section 1014.6 of the 2001 California Plumbing Code and establishes more specific maintenance requirements.

FINDINGS FOR "A" AND "B": The District's topography and geography that has created the local watersheds and the District's proximity to the Pacific Ocean coupled with the general waste discharge requirements imposed by the RWQCB require the strict compliance with grease control device regulations to prevent sewer system overflows that threaten the health and safety of the public within the immediate vicinity of the overflow and downstream to the local beaches.

C. ADMINISTRATIVE-PROCEDURAL AMENDMENTS.

Additional amendments and deletions to the California Plumbing Code are found to be administrative or procedural and are found to be reasonable and necessary to safeguard life and property within the District.

ELEMENT 8 – SYSTEM EVALUATION, CAPACITY ASSURANCE, CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS

The District is largely built out with few future sites available for construction. Most construction in the District occurred after 1980, making the majority of the District less than 40 years old. The majority of the District's sewer lines are constructed with newer materials, which helps to reduce inflow and infiltration (I&I).

The District has a long history of maintaining its infrastructure. In 1998, the District contracted with an engineering consulting firm for a District-wide sewer capacity assessment and sewer modeling program. Detailed dry and wet weather sewer flows were assessed and a final report with sewer improvement suggestions was generated. Improvements to the wastewater system were completed in the years following the assessment.

During redevelopment or new construction, District staff evaluates the proposed and existing wastewater system capacity, through the use of hydraulic modeling software. The District also uses temporary flow monitoring equipment which can be placed in any size sewer for further study and 24 hour flow data. This data is reported to our consultants and incorporated into our sewer system hydraulic model. All sewage pump station facilities have flow meters, wetwell level telemetry, and equipment monitoring, with all information gathered in our SCADA system each minute and monitored 24 hours a day. A minimum of two years of history is stored in the system.

The system is continually being evaluated by internal staff and engineering consultants. During the past five years the District has completed several significant capital wastewater projects, several are highlighted below:

- Completed replacement of approximately 2-miles of sewer force main along major arterial roadway
- Commenced replacement of approximately 1.6-miles of District's largest sewer force main through regional park
- Completed refurbishment of lift station and associated diversion manholes
- Construction in progress for comprehensive rehabilitation/reconstruction of two sewer lift stations
- Design in progress for next comprehensive rehabilitation/reconstruction of a sewer lift station
- Completed backup generator replacement at three lift stations
- Completed installation of engine-driven emergency bypass pump at District's largest lift station

- Completed rehabilitation of influent gravity sewer to treatment plant
- Continued implementation of manhole rehabilitation program based on condition assessments
- Continued implementation of sewer lining program based on condition assessments

As stated in Element 4, O&M Plan, the District has set a goal to video inspect 65 miles of sewer line each year, covering its entire sewer system in an eight-year period. As the sewer system is video inspected all suspected pipe failures are reviewed and categorized by the collection crew based on findings. Video footage from inspection is stored and can be reviewed at any time. Findings from inspections are prioritized using a criteria list, which includes severity of defects, consequence of failure, and proximity to surface water. Rehabilitation projects are established and reviewed in-house and the best methods available are used to repair the sewer lines. This is a major part of system capacity assurance since sewer line inspection is accomplished during daytime peak and semi-peak conditions.

As part of the Orange County Multi-Jurisdiction Hazard Mitigation Plan (MJHMP), District facilities were evaluated for impacts from natural and man-made disaster, including but not limited to: flooding, sea level rise, coastal erosion, seismic activity and fire. Projects were identified, prioritized, and incorporated into the CIP budget. The MJHMP can be found <https://www.mnwd.com/hazard-mitigation-plan/>.

The District's Capital Improvement Projects (CIP) budgets include many sewer, sewer pump station, and related projects. As part of the [FY 24-25 Adopted Budget](#), the District has projected capital project expenditures of \$668.4 million in upgrades to our system infrastructure. The FY 24-25 Adopted Budget has allocated \$85.2 million to capital improvement projects. The District's Capital Improvement budget can be found at <https://www.mnwd.com/finance/>.

ELEMENT 9 – MONITORING, MEASUREMENT, AND PROGRAM MODIFICATIONS

The District will monitor the effectiveness of the SSMP elements and provide for their ongoing modifications and updating to keep them current, accurate, and available for audit. A number of performance indicators will be tracked by the District for purposes of evaluating the long-term effectiveness of the SSMP elements described in this plan, and for reporting to the Regional Board through the audit element of this program. Some of these indicators will relate directly to specific elements and/or O&M activities. Some indicators will show the effectiveness of the entire SSMP program.

The following list shows annual sewer performance indicators that will be collected and included in the annual audit report under Element 10 of the SSMP:

- Number of total Spills
- Wet season Spills
- Dry season Spills
- Spills volume
- Total volume of Spills
- Total volume reaching waters of the State
- Total volume recovered
- Spills per 100 miles of sewer
- Volume per 100 miles of sewer
- Spill cause
 - Roots, grease, debris, debris from lateral, pipe failure, other causes
- Average Response Time
 - Business hours
 - Off-hours
- Private Lateral Discharges – number, amount, and cause
- Annual Maintenance Activities
 - Lines cleaned
 - Video inspection
 - Hot-spot cleaning

It is the intent of the District that the SSMP be a working document, hence updates and modification reflecting program and organizational changes, new regulatory requirements, and changing conditions will take place immediately.

Methods to ensure that this objective is met include:

- The Regulatory Compliance Manager has the overall responsibility of maintaining and updating this SSMP
- A number of ongoing programs included in this SSMP have a long standing review and update process that is well established at the District. Examples of these programs include the O&M program, Overflow Response Plan, employee training, and an ongoing FOG program. The District also updates its Standard Operating Procedures and Contingency Plan as needed.
- Required triennial audits by the SSMP to the Regional Board and biannual reviews to be on file with the SSMP.

ELEMENT 10 – SSMP PROGRAM AUDITS

The WDR requires internal audits to identify deficiencies in the SSMP, the steps to correct any such deficiencies, and an evaluation of the effectiveness of the SSMP. The WDR and this SSMP require that the annual audit be on file with this SSMP. The District will conduct the audits at least once every three years.

The District conducts the internal audit in conjunction with the review and update of the SSMP in compliance with Section 5.4 of the WDR. In addition to identifying and correcting deficiencies (or a schedule for correction), the audit will review the effectiveness of implementing the SSMP elements using performance measurements listed in Element 9. Results of these measurements may vary from year-to-year, with a clearer picture over the long-term. Improvements to the collection system over the past year will be described and future proposed projects listed. This annual audit will describe all program and policy changes directly affecting this SSMP. The audit will be submitted online to the CIWQS portal annually by the required date. Portions of the SSMP, such as the FOG program and Spill Emergency Response Plan, are working documents being changed on an 'as needed' basis.

ELEMENT 11 – COMMUNICATION

It is the District's intent to communicate with its customers and the public through the use of systems already in place. These include monthly newsletters enclosed in the District's service bills, monthly public Board of Directors meetings, emailed newsletters, social media posts, the District's website (mnwd.com), and direct in-person contact with the customers. In the event of a spill that results in the closure of a public area, signs will be posted and the District's communication staff will facilitate public notification.

Information about water and sewer issues are delivered monthly to each billing customer. Monthly public meetings of the Board of Directors present topics and announcements about all critical issues including budgets, construction projects, new requirements. These monthly meetings also provide opportunities for the public to comment.

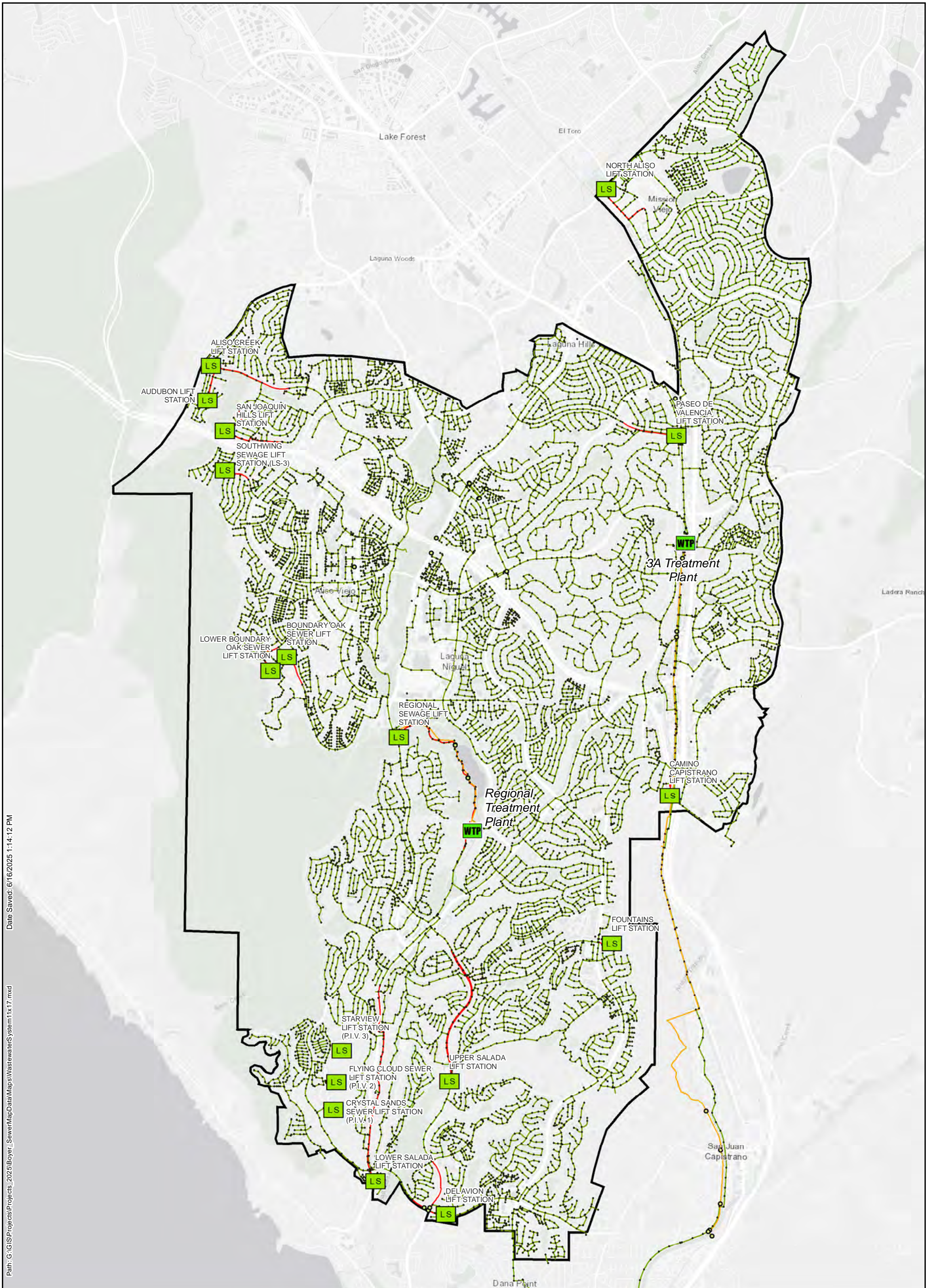
The District's FOG Program inspection is conducted by an outside contractor meeting face-to-face with each food service establishment in the District. Part of the annual inspection is to educate the District's customers by presenting new methods and requirements. Flyers, posters, hand-outs, and other forms of communication will be provided to each restaurant. The FOG Program is also available on the District's website, www.mnwd.com. The entire SSMP will be available upon request in the Regulatory Compliance Manager's office and online at the District's website named above.

ELEMENT 12- CHANGE LOG

<u>Change</u>	<u>Name and Date</u>

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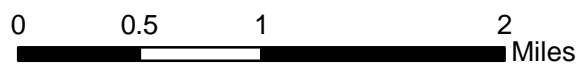
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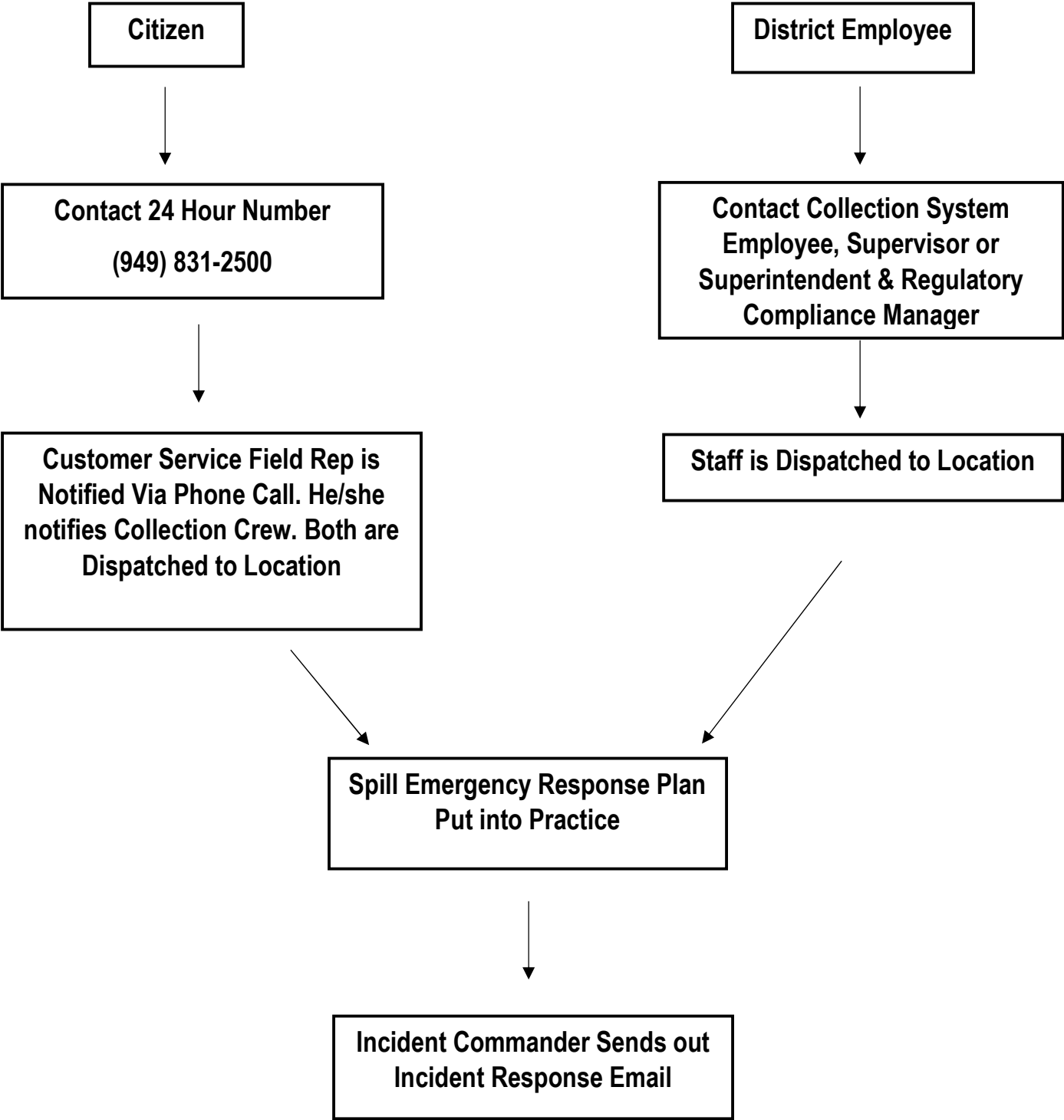


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- Wastewater Manhole
- Wastewater Mainlines**
- Gravity
- Effluent
- Force Main

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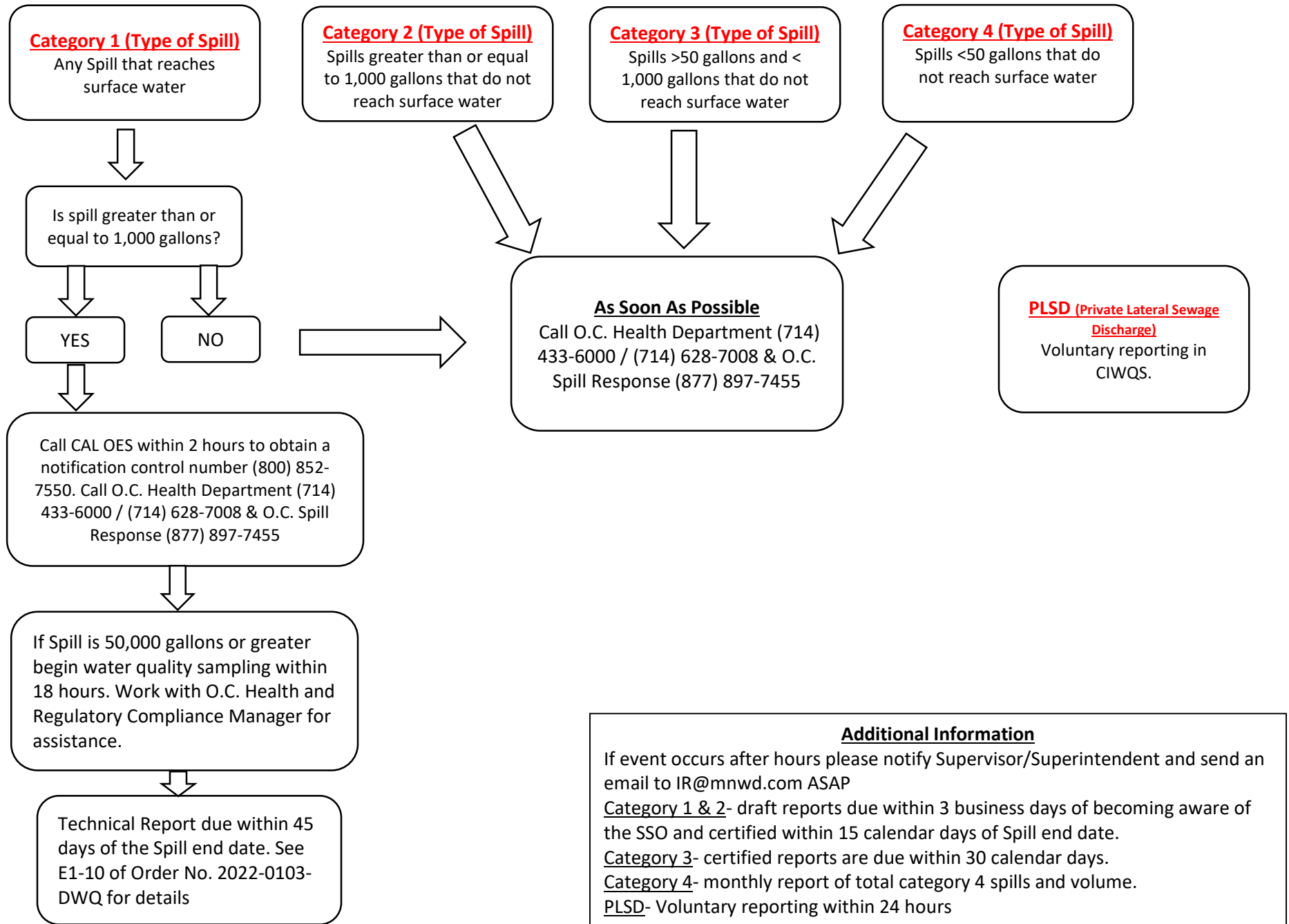
Spill Response Flow Chart



Attachment 4

Spill Notification Flow Chart

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Attachment 5

Regulatory Agencies Notification List

Agency	Phone Number	Criteria
Orange County Health Department	(714) 433-6000	Notify in the event of any Spill
Orange County Health Department After Hours (OC Control)	(714) 628-7008	After-hours dispatch for OC Health Department. Notify in the event of any after-hours Spill.
OC Public Works Water Pollution Prevention Response Unit	1 (877) 89-SPILL (77455)	ASAP – Creeks, channels. Spill containment and assistance if needed.
CAL OES (Office of Emergency Services)	1 (800) 852-7550	Within 2 hours of becoming aware of a Category 1 spill (greater than 1,000 gallons discharged to surface water).
Region 9 – San Diego Regional Water Quality Control Board	1 (619) 516-1990	CAL OES will notify the Regional Board. Use this number if CAL OES fails to inform region 9.
Neighboring Districts 24 Hour Phone Numbers		
El Toro Water District	(949) 837-0660	Mutual Aid (if necessary)
Santa Margarita Water District	(949) 361-6294	Mutual Aid (if necessary)
South Coast Water District	(949) 499-4555	Mutual Aid (if necessary)

Attachment 6

Aliso Creek Lift Station

Facility Operation and Emergency Protocol

This facility is equipped with two fully submersible pumps, capable of continuous operation even when completely underwater. In the event of a power outage, an auxiliary generator will automatically activate to maintain normal facility operations.

Operating Parameters:

- Pump ON: 10 feet
- Pump OFF: 5 feet
- High Wet Well Alarm: 15 feet
- High-High Wet Well Alarm: 16.4 feet
- Overflow Level: 26 feet
- At 26 feet, the wet well overflows into a dedicated 35,000-gallon underground storage tank, providing up to 50 minutes of additional detention time.

Alarm and Notification System:

When an issue arises, the Programmable Logic Controller (PLC) triggers an alarm that is sent to both the facility's dialers and the District's SCADA (Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition) system. These systems will then notify Station Maintenance personnel via call or text. If the issue occurs after hours, the on-call technician will be alerted.

Examples of Alarm Conditions:

- Power failure
- High wet well level
- Variable Frequency Drive (VFD) failure
- Valve malfunction

In the event there is a "high, high wet well" alarm at Aliso Creek Lift Station, or an overflow into the underground back-up storage, the following procedures are to be implemented:

1. Physically confirm the valves to the back-up storage tanks are in the "open" position. If not, open them.
2. Contact Collections standby personnel to respond with a vac truck to the facility.
3. Inform Facility Maintenance Supervisor Arthur Fanning at (949) 795-6751.
4. Call for the crew to deliver and set up the 1,500 GPM emergency bypass pump.

5. Return the station back to normal operations as quickly and safely as possible. Make sure to notify the Facility Maintenance Supervisor when the station is back to normal operations.

Each lift station is equipped with an MNWD Wastewater Shed Basin Map. This map outlines the District boundaries, Wastewater Basins, pipelines, and Sub-Basins. It also identifies the locations of lift stations and the District's Wastewater Treatment Plants. This information helps you understand where wastewater is generated and how it is transported through the system.

Report any sewage spills to Arthur Fanning at 795-6751, Daniel West at 795-6785, Ronin Goodall at 795-6776 and Adrian Tasso at 795-6768.

Audubon Lift Station

Facility Pump Operation Overview

This facility is equipped with two pumps. The operational levels are as follows:

- Pump ON: 6.9 feet
- Pump OFF: 3.8 feet
- High Wet Well Alarm: 7.0 feet
- High-High Wet Well Alarm: 7.6 feet

There is no auxiliary backup power at this location. In the event of a commercial power outage, the wet well will overflow and discharge to the City of Laguna Beach's treatment plant.

When an issue arises, the Programmable Logic Controller (PLC) triggers an alarm, which is sent to both the facility's dialers and the District's SCADA system. These systems will then notify Station Maintenance personnel via call or text. If the issue occurs after hours, the on-call technician will be alerted.

Examples of alarm conditions include:

- Power failure
- High wet well level
- Variable Frequency Drive (VFD) failure
- Valve failure
- And other system malfunctions

In the event there is a "high, high wet well" alarm at the Audubon Lift Station, or an overflow to the 8-inch Laguna Beach sewer, the following procedures are to be implemented:

1. Physically confirm that the 8-inch overflow line is flowing.
2. Call the City of Laguna Beach, (949) 494-1041 and inform them that they may be receiving flow from the 8-inch overflow line sewer.
3. Contact Collections standby personnel to respond with a vac truck to the facility.
4. Inform Facility Maintenance Supervisor Arthur Fanning at (949) 795-6751.
5. Return the station back to normal operations as quickly and safely as possible. Make sure to notify the City of Laguna Beach's personnel when the station is back to normal operations.

Each lift station is equipped with an MNWD Wastewater Shed Basin Map. This map outlines the District boundaries, Wastewater Basins, pipelines, and Sub-Basins. It also identifies the locations of lift stations and the District's Wastewater Treatment Plants. This information helps you understand where wastewater is generated and how it is transported through the system.

Report any sewage spills to Arthur Fanning at 795-6751, Daniel West at 795-6785, Ronin Goodall at 795-6776 and Adrian Tasso at 795-6768.

Boundary Oak Lift Station

Facility Operation and Emergency Protocol

This facility is equipped with two pumps. In the event of a power outage, an auxiliary generator will automatically activate to maintain normal operations. During any loss of commercial power, the facility must be inspected to ensure it is functioning correctly.

Operating Parameters:

- Pump Activation Level: Pumps turn on at 8 feet and off at 4 feet.
- High Wet Well Alarm: Triggered at 9 feet.
- High-High Wet Well Alarm: Triggered at 16.4 feet.

Overflow Contingency: If the wet well reaches 24 feet, the system will overflow into a 40,000-gallon underground storage tank, providing an additional 35 to 45 minutes of detention time.

Alarm and Notification System:

If an issue arises, the programmable logic controller (PLC) will trigger an alarm, which is communicated to both the dialers and the District's SCADA system. These systems will then notify Station Maintenance personnel via call or text. If the issue occurs after hours, the on-call technician will be contacted.

Examples of alarm conditions Include:

- Power failure
- High wet well level
- Motor failure
- Valve failure

In the event there is a "high, high wet well" alarm at Boundary Oak Lift Station, or an overflow, the following procedures are to be implemented:

1. Physically confirm the valves to the back-up storage tanks are in the "open" position. If not, open them.
2. Contact Collections standby personnel to respond with a vac truck to the facility.
3. Inform Facility Maintenance Supervisor Arthur Fanning at (949) 795-6751.
4. Call for the crew to deliver and set up the 4-inch emergency bypass pump.
5. Return the station back to normal operations as quickly and safely as possible. Make sure to notify the Facility Maintenance Supervisor when the station is back to normal operations.

Each lift station is equipped with an MNWD Wastewater Shed Basin Map. This map outlines the District boundaries, Wastewater Basins, pipelines, and Sub-Basins. It also identifies the locations of lift stations and the District's Wastewater Treatment Plants. This information helps you understand where wastewater is generated and how it is transported through the system.

Report any sewage spills to Arthur Fanning at 795-6751, Daniel West at 795-6785, Ronin Goodall at 795-6776 and Adrian Tasso at 795-6768.

Capo Lift Station

Facility Operation and Emergency Protocol

This facility is equipped with a single pump and does not have an emergency backup generator. In the event of a suspected power outage, the facility must be inspected to confirm the loss of commercial power.

Once the power loss is verified, immediately notify the collection standby personnel and dispatch them to the site with a Jet/Vacuum truck.

Please note there is no wet well level indicator at this location. A visual inspection of the wet well is required to assess the current level.

The facility is monitored by a programmable logic controller (PLC), which will trigger an alarm in the event of an issue. These alarms are sent to the dialers, which will then call or text Station Maintenance personnel or, after hours, the designated on-call staff. Common alarm types include:

- Power failure
- High wet well level
- Motor failure
- Other critical system faults

In the event there is a “high, high wet well” alarm at Capo Lift Station, or an overflow, the following procedures are to be implemented:

1. Physically confirm there is an issue.
2. Contact Collections standby personnel to respond with a vac truck to the facility.
3. Inform the Facility Maintenance Supervisor Arthur Fanning at (949) 795-6751.
4. Return the station back to normal operations as quickly and safely as possible. Make sure to notify the Facility Maintenance crew chief when the station is back to normal operations.

Each lift station is equipped with an MNWD Wastewater Shed Basin Map. This map outlines the District boundaries, Wastewater Basins, pipelines, and Sub-Basins. It also identifies the locations of lift stations and the District’s Wastewater Treatment Plants. This information helps you understand where wastewater is generated and how it is transported through the system.

Report any sewage spills to Arthur Fanning at 795-6751, Daniel West at 795-6785, Ronin Goodall at 795-6776 and Adrian Tasso at 795-6768.

Crystal Sands Lift Station

Facility Operation and Emergency Protocol

This facility is equipped with two pumps. In the event of a power outage, an auxiliary generator will automatically activate to maintain normal operations. During any loss of commercial power, the facility must be inspected to ensure it is functioning correctly.

Operational Parameters:

- Pumps activate at a wet well level of 30%.
- Pumps shut off at 20%.
- A high wet well alarm is triggered at 50%.
- If the wet well level reaches approximately 80%, there is a risk of overflowing into the residential area located downhill from the facility.

Alarm and Notification System: The facility is monitored by a programmable logic controller (PLC), which will trigger alarm messages in the event of a malfunction. These alarms are sent to the dialer system, which will notify Station Maintenance personnel. If the issue occurs after hours, the on-call technician will be alerted.

Examples of Alarm Conditions:

- Power failure
- High wet well level
- Motor failure
- Valve failure

In the event there is a “high, high wet well” alarm at Crystal Sands Lift Station, or an overflow, the following procedures are to be implemented:

1. Physically confirm there is an issue.
2. Contact Collections standby personnel to respond with a vac truck to the facility.
3. Inform Facility Maintenance Supervisor Arthur Fanning at (949) 795-6751.
4. Return the station back to normal operations as quickly and safely as possible. Make sure to notify the Facility Maintenance Supervisor when the station is back to normal operations.

Each lift station is equipped with an MNWD Wastewater Shed Basin Map. This map outlines the District boundaries, Wastewater Basins, pipelines, and Sub-Basins. It also identifies the locations of lift stations and the District’s Wastewater Treatment Plants. This information helps you understand where wastewater is generated and how it is transported through the system.

Report any sewage spills to Arthur Fanning at 795-6751, Daniel West at 795-6785, Ronin Goodall at 795-6776 and Adrian Tasso at 795-6768.

Del Avion Lift Station

Facility Operation and Emergency Protocol

This facility is equipped with three pumps. In the event of a power outage, an auxiliary generator will automatically activate to maintain normal operations. During any loss of commercial power, the facility must be inspected to ensure it is functioning correctly.

Operating Levels:

- Pump Activation: Pumps turn on at 6 feet and off at 4 feet.
- High Wet Well Alarm: Triggers at 8 feet.
- High-High Alarm: Triggers at 9 feet.
- Overflow Risk: At 23.6 feet, sewage will overflow from the manhole located across the street in the plaza in front of the Medical Office.

Alarm and Notification System: When an issue arises, the Programmable Logic Controller (PLC) will send an alarm signal to both the dialers and the District's SCADA system. These systems will then notify Station Maintenance personnel via call or text. If the issue occurs after hours, the on-call technician will be contacted.

Examples of alarm conditions include:

- Power failure
- High wet well level
- Motor failure
- Valve failure

In the event there is a "high, high wet well" alarm at Del Avion Lift Station, or an overflow, the following procedures are to be implemented:

1. Physically confirm there is an issue.
2. Contact Collections standby personnel to respond with a vac truck to the facility.
3. Inform Facility Maintenance Supervisor Arthur Fanning at (949) 795-6751.
4. Call for the crew to deliver and set up the 4-inch emergency bypass pump.
5. Return the station back to normal operations as quickly and safely as possible. Make sure to notify the Facility Maintenance Supervisor when the station is back to normal operations.

Each lift station is equipped with an MNWD Wastewater Shed Basin Map. This map outlines the District boundaries, Wastewater Basins, pipelines, and Sub-Basins. It also identifies the locations of lift stations

and the District's Wastewater Treatment Plants. This information helps you understand where wastewater is generated and how it is transported through the system.

Report any sewage spills to Arthur Fanning at 795-6751, Daniel West at 795-6785, Ronin Goodall at 795-6776 and Adrian Tasso at 795-6768.

Flying Cloud Lift Station

Facility Operation and Emergency Protocol

This facility is equipped with two pumps. In the event of a power outage, an auxiliary generator will automatically activate to maintain normal operations. During any loss of commercial power, the facility must be inspected to ensure it is functioning correctly.

Operating Parameters:

- Pumps activate at 50% wet well level.
- Pumps shut off at 30% wet well level.
- A high wet well alarm is triggered at 60%.
- If the wet well level reaches 90–100%, there is a risk of overflow into the residential area located downhill from the station.

Alarm and Notification System:

The facility is monitored by a programmable logic controller (PLC), which will trigger an alarm in the event of a malfunction. When an alarm is activated, the system sends a message to the dialers, which will notify Station Maintenance personnel. If the issue occurs after hours, the on-call technician will be alerted.

Examples of alarm conditions include:

- Power failure
- High wet well level
- Pump or motor failure
- Valve malfunction

In the event there is a “high, high wet well” alarm at Flying Cloud Lift Station, or an overflow, the following procedures are to be implemented:

1. Physically confirm there is an issue.
2. Contact Collections standby personnel to respond with a vac truck to the facility.
3. Inform the Facility Maintenance Supervisor Arthur Fanning at (949) 795-6751.
4. Return the station back to normal operations as quickly and safely as possible. Make sure to notify the Facility Maintenance Supervisor when the station is back to normal operations.

Each lift station is equipped with an MNWD Wastewater Shed Basin Map. This map outlines the District boundaries, Wastewater Basins, pipelines, and Sub-Basins. It also identifies the locations of lift stations and the District’s Wastewater Treatment Plants. This information helps you understand where wastewater is generated and how it is transported through the system.

Report any sewage spills to Arthur Fanning at 795-6751, Daniel West at 795-6785, Ronin Goodall at 795-6776 and Adrian Tasso at 795-6768.

Fountain Glenn Lift Station

Facility Operation and Emergency Protocol

This facility is equipped with two pumps. In the event of a power outage, an auxiliary generator will automatically activate to maintain normal operations. During any loss of commercial power, the facility must be inspected to ensure it is functioning correctly.

Operational Parameters:

- Pump Activation Level: On at 6.2 feet
- Pump Deactivation Level: Off at 3.5 feet
- High Wet Well Alarm: Triggers at 8.0 feet
- Overflow Threshold: At 10.5 feet, the wet well will overflow into a 10,000-gallon underground storage tank, providing up to 45 minutes of additional detention time.

Alarm and Notification System:

If an issue arises, the Programmable Logic Controller (PLC) will trigger an alarm, which is sent to the dialers. These dialers will notify Station Maintenance personnel or, after hours, the designated on-call staff.

Examples of alarm conditions include:

- Power failure
- High wet well level
- Motor failure
- Valve failure

In the event there is a “high, high wet well” alarm at Fountain Glenn Lift Station, or an overflow, the following procedures are to be implemented:

1. Physically confirm there is an issue.
2. Contact Collection standby personnel to respond with a vac truck to the facility.
3. Inform Facility Maintenance Supervisor Arthur Fanning at (949) 795-6751.
4. Call for a crew to deliver and set up a 4-inch emergency bypass pump if necessary.
5. Return the station back to normal operations as quickly and safely as possible. Make sure to notify the Facility Maintenance Supervisor when the station is back to normal operations.

Each lift station is equipped with an MNWD Wastewater Shed Basin Map. This map outlines the District boundaries, Wastewater Basins, pipelines, and Sub-Basins. It also identifies the locations of lift stations

and the District's Wastewater Treatment Plants. This information helps you understand where wastewater is generated and how it is transported through the system.

Report any sewage spills to Arthur Fanning at 795-6751, Daniel West at 795-6785, Ronin Goodall at 795-6776 and Adrian Tasso at 795-6768.

Lower Boundary Oak Lift Station

Facility Operation and Emergency Protocol

This facility is equipped with two pumps. In the event of a power outage, an auxiliary generator will automatically activate to maintain normal operations. During any loss of commercial power, the facility must be inspected to ensure it is functioning correctly.

Operating Parameters:

- Pumps activate at 50% wet well capacity.
- Pumps shut off at 10% wet well capacity.
- A high wet well alarm is triggered at 60% capacity.
- There is no high-high wet well alarm configured for this facility.

Alarm and Notification System: If an issue arises, the Programmable Logic Controller (PLC) will trigger an alarm message, which is sent to the dialers. The dialers will then notify Station Maintenance via call or text. If the issue occurs after hours, the on-call personnel will be contacted.

Examples of alarm conditions include:

- Power failure
- High wet well level
- Motor failure
- Valve failure

In the event there is a “high, high wet well” alarm at Lower Boundary Lift Station, or an overflow, the following procedures are to be implemented:

1. Physically confirm there is an issue.
2. Contact Collections standby personnel to respond with a vac truck to the facility.
3. Inform the Facility Maintenance Supervisor Arthur Fanning at (949) 795-6751.
4. Call for the crew to deliver and set up the 4-inch emergency bypass pump.
5. Return the station back to normal operations as quickly and safely as possible. Make sure to notify the Facility Maintenance Supervisor when the station is back to normal operations.

Each lift station is equipped with an MNWD Wastewater Shed Basin Map. This map outlines the District boundaries, Wastewater Basins, pipelines, and Sub-Basins. It also identifies the locations of lift stations and the District’s Wastewater Treatment Plants. This information helps you understand where wastewater is generated and how it is transported through the system.

Report any sewage spills to Arthur Fanning at 795-6751, Daniel West at 795-6785, Ronin Goodall at 795-6776 and Adrian Tasso at 795-6768.

Lower Salada Lift Station

Facility Operations and Emergency Protocol

This facility is equipped with three pumps. In the event of a power outage, an auxiliary generator will automatically activate to maintain normal operations. During any loss of commercial power, the facility must be inspected to ensure it is functioning correctly.

The facility operates at a standard wet well level of 8 feet. The pumps are programmed to shut off when the level drops to 5 feet. Alarm thresholds are set as follows:

- High Wet Well Alarm: Triggers at 10 feet
- High-High Wet Well Alarm: Triggers at 11 feet
- Overflow Point: Occurs at 21.5 feet, discharging into an overflow line that runs through a nearby apartment complex and golf course, reaching a South Coast Water District lift station.

If an issue arises, the Programmable Logic Controller (PLC) will send an alarm notification to both the dialers and the District's SCADA system. These systems will then notify Station Maintenance personnel via call or text. If the issue occurs after hours, the on-call technician will be alerted.

Examples of alarm conditions include:

- Power failure
- High wet well level
- Motor failure
- Valve failure

In the event there is a "high, high wet well" alarm at Lower Salada Lift Station, or an overflow, the following procedures are to be implemented:

1. Physically confirm there is an issue.
2. Contact Collections standby personnel to respond with a vac truck to the facility.
3. Inform the Facility Maintenance Supervisor Arthur Fanning at (949) 795-6751.
4. Divert flow from Del Avion Lift to Upper Salada Lift. Valves are located at the intersection of Del Avion and Niguel Rd.
5. Call for the crew to deliver and set up the 1,500 GPM emergency bypass pump (if necessary).
6. Inform South Coast Water District (949) 499-4555
7. Return the station back to normal operations as quickly and safely as possible. Make sure to notify the Facility Maintenance Supervisor when the station is back to normal operations.

Each lift station is equipped with an MNWD Wastewater Shed Basin Map. This map outlines the District boundaries, Wastewater Basins, pipelines, and Sub-Basins. It also identifies the locations of lift stations and the District's Wastewater Treatment Plants. This information helps you understand where wastewater is generated and how it is transported through the system.

Report any sewage spills to Arthur Fanning at 795-6751, Daniel West at 795-6785, Ronin Goodall at 795-6776 and Adrian Tasso at 795-6768.

North Aliso Lift Station

Facility Operation and Emergency Protocol

This facility is equipped with two pumps. In the event of a power outage, an auxiliary generator will automatically activate to maintain normal operations. During any loss of commercial power, the facility must be inspected to ensure it is functioning correctly.

Operating Parameters:

- Pump Activation: Pumps turn on at 4.0 feet and off at 3.0 feet.
- High Wet Well Alarm: Triggers at 5.5 feet.
- High-High Wet Well Alarm: Triggers at 6.5 feet.
- Overflow Point: At 10.0 feet, the system will overflow into the onsite storm drain, discharging across the street into the baseball fields.

Alarm and Notification System:

When an issue arises, the Programmable Logic Controller (PLC) will trigger an alarm, which is communicated to both the dialers and the District's SCADA system. These systems will then notify Station Maintenance personnel via call or text. If the issue occurs after hours, the on-call technician will be contacted.

Examples of alarm conditions Include:

- Power failure
- High wet well level
- Motor failure
- Valve failure

In the event there is a "high, high wet well" alarm at North Aliso Lift Station, or an overflow, the following procedures are to be implemented:

1. Physically confirm there is an issue.
2. Contact Collections standby personnel to respond with a vac truck to the facility.
3. Inform Facility Maintenance Supervisor Arthur Fanning at (949) 795-6751.
4. Call for crew to deliver and set up the 1,500 GPM emergency bypass pump.
5. Return the station back to normal operations as quickly and safely as possible. Make sure to notify the Facility Maintenance Supervisor when the station is back to normal operations.

Each lift station is equipped with an MNWD Wastewater Shed Basin Map. This map outlines the District boundaries, Wastewater Basins, pipelines, and Sub-Basins. It also identifies the locations of lift stations and the District's Wastewater Treatment Plants. This information helps you understand where wastewater is generated and how it is transported through the system.

Report any sewage spills to Arthur Fanning at 795-6751, Daniel West at 795-6785, Ronin Goodall at 795-6776 and Adrian Tasso at 795-6768.

Regional Lift Station

Facility Operation and Emergency Protocol

This facility is equipped with five pumps. Pumps 1 and 5 are designed to operate while fully submerged underwater. In the event of a power outage, an auxiliary generator will automatically activate to maintain normal facility operations.

Located in the exterior pit are two discharge lines, one 24-inch and one 20-inch—each fitted with a motor-operated valve (MOV) and a globe valve.

The wet well has a normal operating level of 9 feet. A high-level alarm is triggered at 14.6 feet, while a high-high level is reached at 15.8 feet. If the auxiliary generator fails, a stationary bypass pump will automatically engage when the wet well level rises to 12.5 feet. This pump will continue to operate until the level is reduced to 6 feet, at which point it will shut off. If the level rises again to 12.5 feet, the pump will restart, repeating this cycle until either commercial or generator power is restored.

Directly across from the wet well is the overflow containment area, which provides an additional 20 minutes of detention time in the event of an overflow.

The facility is monitored by a programmable logic controller (PLC), which sends alarm notifications to both the dialers and the District's SCADA system. These systems will notify Station Maintenance personnel via call or text or contact the on-call technician after hours. Common alarms include power failure, high wet well level, variable frequency drive (VFD) failure, and valve malfunctions.

When an issue occurs, the programmable logic controller (PLC) will trip an alarm message to the dialers and the District's SCADA system. The SCADA system and dialers will call or text Station Maintenance, or if after hours, the on-call person. Examples of alarms are power fail, high wet well, VFD fail, valve fail, etc.

In the event there is a "high, high wet well" alarm at the Regional Lift Station, the following procedures are to be implemented:

1. Physically confirm that there is an issue.
2. Contact Collections standby personnel to respond with a vac truck to the facility.
3. Inform Facility Maintenance Supervisor Arthur Fanning at (949) 795-6751.
4. Call for the crew to deliver and set up both 1,500 GPM emergency bypass pumps on the 24 & 20 inch discharge line.
5. Return the station back to normal operations as quickly and safely as possible. Make sure to notify the treatment plant personnel when the station is back to normal operations.

Each lift station is equipped with an MNWD Wastewater Shed Basin Map. This map outlines the District boundaries, Wastewater Basins, pipelines, and Sub-Basins. It also identifies the locations of lift stations and the District's Wastewater Treatment Plants. This information helps you understand where wastewater is generated and how it is transported through the system.

Report any sewage spills to Arthur Fanning at 795-6751, Daniel West at 795-6785, Ronin Goodall at 795-6776 and Adrian Tasso at 795-6768.

San Joaquin Lift Station

Facility Operation and Emergency Protocol

This facility is equipped with two pumps. In the event of a power outage, an auxiliary generator will automatically activate to maintain normal operations. During any loss of commercial power, the facility must be inspected to ensure it is functioning correctly.

Operating Parameters:

- Pump Activation Level: On at 9 feet, off at 5 feet
- High Wet Well Alarm: Triggers at 10.3 feet
- High-High Wet Well Alarm: Triggers at 10.5 feet
- Overflow Point: Occurs at 25.6 feet, discharging from the manhole in front of the station

Alarm and Notification System: If an issue arises, the Programmable Logic Controller (PLC) will trigger an alarm, which is communicated to both the dialers and the District's SCADA system. These systems will then notify Station Maintenance personnel via call or text. If the issue occurs after hours, the on-call technician will be alerted.

Examples of alarm conditions include:

- Power failure
- High wet well level
- Motor failure
- Valve failure

In the event there is a "high high wet well" alarm at San Joaquin Lift Station, or an overflow, the following procedures are to be implemented:

1. Physically confirm there is an issue.
2. Contact Collections standby personnel to respond with a vac truck to the facility.
3. Inform Facility Maintenance Supervisor Arthur Fanning at (949) 795-6751.
4. Call for crew to deliver and set up the 4-inch emergency bypass pump.
5. Return the station back to normal operations as quickly and safely as possible. Make sure to notify the Facility Maintenance Supervisor when the station is back to normal operations.

Each lift station is equipped with an MNWD Wastewater Shed Basin Map. This map outlines the District boundaries, Wastewater Basins, pipelines, and Sub-Basins. It also identifies the locations of lift stations and the District's Wastewater Treatment Plants. This information helps you understand where wastewater is generated and how it is transported through the system.

Report any sewage spills to Arthur Fanning at 795-6751, Daniel West at 795-6785, Ronin Goodall at 795-6776 and Adrian Tasso at 795-6768.

Southwing Lift Station

Facility Operation and Emergency Protocol

This facility is equipped with two pumps. In the event of a power outage, an auxiliary generator will automatically activate to maintain normal operations. During any loss of commercial power, the facility must be inspected to ensure it is functioning correctly.

Operating Parameters:

- Pump Activation Level: 3.4 feet
- Pump Shutoff Level: 1.7 feet
- High Wet Well Alarm Trigger: 4.5 feet
- Overflow Point: 19 feet (via the manhole located approximately 100 yards west of the facility on the access road)

Alarm and Notification:

If an issue arises, the Programmable Logic Controller (PLC) will trigger an alarm, which is sent to both the dialers and the District's SCADA system. These systems will then notify Station Maintenance personnel via call or text. If the issue occurs after hours, the on-call technician will be contacted.

Examples of alarm conditions include:

- Power failure
- High wet well level
- Motor failure
- Valve failure

In the event there is a "high high wet well" alarm at Southwing Lift Station, or an overflow, the following procedures are to be implemented:

1. Physically confirm there is an issue.
2. Contact Collection standby personnel to respond with a vac truck to the facility.
3. Inform Facility Maintenance Supervisor Arthur Fanning at (949) 795-6751.
4. Call for the crew to deliver and set up the 4-inch emergency bypass pump.
5. Return the station back to normal operations as quickly and safely as possible. Make sure to notify the Facility Maintenance Supervisor when the station is back to normal operations.

Each lift station is equipped with an MNWD Wastewater Shed Basin Map. This map outlines the District boundaries, Wastewater Basins, pipelines, and Sub-Basins. It also identifies the locations of lift stations

and the District's Wastewater Treatment Plants. This information helps you understand where wastewater is generated and how it is transported through the system.

Report any sewage spills to Arthur Fanning at 795-6751, Daniel West at 795-6785, Ronin Goodall at 795-6776 and Adrian Tasso at 795-6768.

Star View Lift Station

Facility Operation and Emergency Protocol

This facility is equipped with two pumps. In the event of a power outage, an auxiliary generator will automatically activate to maintain normal operations. During any loss of commercial power, the facility must be inspected to ensure it is functioning correctly.

Operating Parameters:

- Pumps activate at 30% wet well level.
- Pumps shut off at 20% wet well level.
- A high wet well alarm is triggered at 35%.
- At approximately 80%, sewage overflow may occur, potentially impacting nearby residential properties located downhill from the facility.

Alarm and Notification System:

The facility is monitored by a Programmable Logic Controller (PLC), which will trigger alarm messages when issues arise. These alarms are sent to the dialer system, which will notify Station Maintenance personnel. If the issue occurs after hours, the on-call technician will be alerted.

Example of alarm conditions include:

- Power failure
- High wet well level
- Motor failure
- Valve failure

In the event there is a “high, high wet well” alarm at Star View Lift Station, or an overflow, the following procedures are to be implemented:

1. Physically confirm there is an issue.
2. Contact Collection standby personnel to respond with a vac truck to the facility.
3. Inform Facility Maintenance Supervisor Arthur Fanning at (949) 795-6751.
4. Return the station back to normal operations as quickly and safely as possible. Make sure to notify the Facility Maintenance Supervisor when the station is back to normal operations.

Each lift station is equipped with an MNWD Wastewater Shed Basin Map. This map outlines the District boundaries, Wastewater Basins, pipelines, and Sub-Basins. It also identifies the locations of lift stations and the District’s Wastewater Treatment Plants. This information helps you understand where wastewater is generated and how it is transported through the system.

Report any sewage spills to Arthur Fanning at 795-6751, Daniel West at 795-6785, Ronin Goodall at 795-6776 and Adrian Tasso at 795-6768.

Upper Salada Lift Station

Facility Operation and Emergency Protocol

This facility is equipped with three pumps. In the event of a power outage, an auxiliary generator will automatically activate to maintain normal operations. During any loss of commercial power, the facility must be inspected to ensure it is functioning correctly.

Operating Parameters:

- Normal operating level: 7 feet
- Pump shutoff level: 5 feet
- High wet well alarm: 10 feet
- High-high wet well alarm: 11 feet
- Wet well overflow: 12 feet, which diverts flow into a 10,000-gallon underground storage tank, providing an additional 12 to 15 minutes of detention time.
- Critical overflow: 21.5 feet, at which point the facility will overflow through the manhole in front of the building and discharge into the storm drain located approximately 25 feet west of the facility.

Alarm and Notification System:

- The facility is monitored by a programmable logic controller (PLC), which triggers alarms in the event of operational issues. These alarms are communicated to both the District's SCADA system and designated dialers. Notifications are sent via call or text to Station Maintenance personnel, or to the on-call technician during after-hours.

Examples of alarm conditions include:

- Power failure
- High wet well level
- Motor failure
- Valve failure

In the event there is a "high high wet well" alarm at Upper Salada Lift Station, or an overflow, the following procedures are to be implemented:

1. Physically confirm there is an issue.
2. Contact Collections standby personnel to respond with a vac truck to the facility.
3. Inform Facility Maintenance Supervisor Arthur Fanning at (949) 795-6751.
4. Call for a crew to deliver and set up the 1,500 GPM emergency bypass pump if necessary.

5. Turn off and isolate the Oxygen Generation system.
6. Return the station back to normal operations as quickly and safely as possible. Make sure to notify the Facility Maintenance Supervisor when the station is back to normal operations.

Each lift station is equipped with an MNWD Wastewater Shed Basin Map. This map outlines the District boundaries, Wastewater Basins, pipelines, and Sub-Basins. It also identifies the locations of lift stations and the District's Wastewater Treatment Plants. This information helps you understand where wastewater is generated and how it is transported through the system.

Report any sewage spills to Arthur Fanning at 795-6751, Daniel West at 425-3566, Ronin Goodall at 795-6776 and Adrian Tasso at 795-6768.

Valencia Lift Station

Facility Operations and Emergency Procedures

This facility has two pumps and does not have an emergency backup generator. In the event of a suspected power outage, the facility must be inspected to confirm the loss of commercial power.

If the station is actively receiving wastewater, immediately notify Collections standby personnel to dispatch a vacuum truck to the site.

Important Notes:

- There is no wet well level indicator at this location. You must perform a visual inspection of the wet well.
- Ensure the valve on El Paseo is closed. This action will redirect the flow to Plant 3A, diverting it away from the facility.
- If the station is only receiving recycled water, shut off the ball valve on the recycled water line located outside the station.

Alarm System:

- The facility is equipped with a Programmable Logic Controller (PLC) that will trigger alarm messages in the event of an issue. These alarms are sent to the dialers, which will then call or text Station Maintenance personnel—or the on-call technician after hours.

Examples of alarm conditions include:

- Power failure
- High wet well level
- Motor failure
- Valve failure

In the event there is a “high, high wet well” alarm at Valencia Lift Station, or an overflow, the following procedures are to be implemented:

1. Physically confirm there is an issue.
2. Contact Collections standby personnel to respond with a vac truck to the facility.
3. Inform Facility Maintenance Supervisor Arthur Fanning at (949) 795-6751.
4. Return the station back to normal operations as quickly and safely as possible. Make sure to notify the Facility Maintenance Supervisor when the station is back to normal operations.

Each lift station is equipped with an MNWD Wastewater Shed Basin Map. This map outlines the District boundaries, Wastewater Basins, pipelines, and Sub-Basins. It also identifies the locations of lift stations and the District's Wastewater Treatment Plants. This information helps you understand where wastewater is generated and how it is transported through the system.

Report any sewage spills to Arthur Fanning at 795-6751, Daniel West at 795-6785, Ronin Goodall at 795-6776 and Adrian Tasso at 795-6768.

Attachment 7



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**MOULTON NIGUEL WATER DISTRICT
FATS, OILS, AND GREASE (FOG) CONTROL PROGRAM**

FOOD SERVICE ESTABLISHMENT

Sprouts

27271 LA PAZ ROAD, LAGUNA NIGUEL, CA 92677

Wastewater Discharge Permit No. *137736

In accordance with all terms and conditions of the Moulton Niguel Water District's (MNWD) Sewer System Management Plan, Element 7 – Fats, Oils and Grease Control Program, Article 2, Section 2.2, and also with any applicable provisions of federal and state law or regulations, the above named permit holder, is hereby authorized to discharge wastewater to the MNWD's sanitary sewer system, subject to permit holder's compliance with the FOG Wastewater Discharge Permit conditions. MNWD may amend this permit to include revisions during the term of the permit.

Effective Date: May 1, 2025

Expiration Date: April 30, 2026

Sara Boyer

Regulatory Compliance Manager

5/7/2025

Please Post in Prominent Place at Business Location