



REPORT to the MAYOR and MEMBERS of the CITY COUNCIL  
From the CITY MANAGER

DATE: July 22, 2025

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION APPROVING A SEWER SYSTEM  
MANAGEMENT PLAN UPDATE PER STATE WATER  
RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD ORDER 2022-0103-  
DWQ

ISSUING DEPARTMENT: PUBLIC WORKS

SUMMARY:

Issues:

Should the City Council adopt a resolution approving the City of La Mesa Sewer System Management Plan update per State Water Resources Control Board Order 2022-0103-DWQ?

Recommendation:

Adopt a resolution approving the City of La Mesa Sewer System Management Plan update per State Water Resources Control Board Order 2022-0103-DWQ.

Fiscal Impact:

There is no fiscal impact with this action.

City's Strategic Goals:

- Invest in infrastructure to serve the needs of the community.

Environmental Review:

The proposed activity has been reviewed for compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and it has been determined that the activity is not a "Project" as defined under Section 15378 of the State CEQA Guidelines

because the action involves only the approval of the of the Sewer System Management Plan; therefore, pursuant to Section 15060 (c)(3) of the State CEQA Guidelines the activity is not subject to CEQA.

#### **BACKGROUND:**

On May 2, 2006, the State Water Resources Control Board adopted Order 2006-0003-DWQ, which required development of Sewer System Management Plans for municipalities and special districts operating over 1 mile of sewer length. The City of La Mesa's Sewer System Management Plan has been in effect since 2009.

On December 6, 2022, the State Water Resources Control Board (State Board) adopted Wastewater Discharge Requirements Order 2022-0103-DWQ. This order mandated all enrolled agencies to update system-specific Sewer System Management Plans to align with requirements in the new Order. The City of La Mesa's specific deadline to certify and upload the updated plan is August 2, 2025.

#### **DISCUSSION:**

The new Order 2022-0103-DWQ is an expanded and more detailed version of the old Order 2006-0003-DWQ. Sections of the old Order are now more specific and include expanded detail about what is required for components such as:

- Sewer Spill Response
- Capital Planning/Capacity Analysis
- Mapping
- Training
- Blockage Control/Fats Oils, and Grease

Additional requirements of Order 2022-0103-DWQ includes:

- Expanded detail of similar requirements within the 2006 Order
- New definitions, expanded detail of compliance deadlines

The Sewer System Management plan provides a description of the activities and procedures that City staff follows to effectively manage, operate, and maintain the sewer system and mitigate the risk of overflows. Sewer overflows can reach streets, storm drains, and waterways are a pollution risk to the environment and can negatively impact human health.

The Sewer System Management plan is a living document that requires audits and updates to reflect the actual conditions of the City's program in any given year. The City is free to update the document at any time.

In March 2025, the City of La Mesa hired Mikhail Ogawa Engineering to assist City staff in updating to the existing Sewer System Management Plan to meet requirements under 2022-0103-DWQ. Mikhail Ogawa Engineering is also assisting several other jurisdictions in the San Diego Region with their respective updates.

The updated Sewer System Management Plan is included as Attachment B.

**CONCLUSION:**

Staff recommends City Council adopt a resolution approving the City of La Mesa Sewer System Management Plan update per State Water Resources Control Board Order 2022-0103-DWQ.

Reviewed by:



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Respectfully submitted by:



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Attachments:    Attachment A - Resolution  
                         Attachment B - Updated Sewer System Management Plan per 2022-0102-DWQ