City of FRESNO

REPORT TO THE CITY COUNCIL

AGENDA ITEM NO.	9:30am A
COUNCIL MEETING	4/7/09
APPROVED BY	
DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR	
CITY MANAGER	

April 7, 2009

FROM: RENE A. RAMIREZ, Director
Department of Public Utilities

BY: STEPHEN A. HOGG, Assistant Director
Department of Public Utilities, Wastewater Management Division

SUBJECT: ADOPT THE SEWER SYSTEM MANAGEMENT PLAN (SSMP) AS REQUIRED BY THE STATEWIDE GENERAL WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS FOR SANITARY SEWER COLLECTION SYSTEMS

KEY RESULT AREA

Public Safety

RECOMMENDATION

Staff introduces and recommends adoption of the attached Sewer System Management Plan to prevent and/or reduce sanitary sewer overflows.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

On May 2, 2006, the State Water Resources Control Board adopted Order 2006-0003 DWQ, a state-wide general Waste Discharge Requirements for Sewer Collection Systems (General WDR). The purpose of the General WDR is to establish system-wide operation, maintenance and management plans to reduce sanitary sewer overflows. A sanitary sewer overflow (SSO) is a release of untreated sanitary sewer resulting in public exposure. It also refers to sewer backups into buildings and onto private property caused by blockages in the City's portion of the sanitary sewer system. Under the General WDR, the City is required to develop and maintain a Sewer System Management Plan (SSMP) that provides a mechanism to properly manage, operate and maintain all parts of the sanitary sewer system with the ultimate goal to reduce and prevent SSOs occurrences. The SSMP has eleven components that need to be addressed. Those components have been met with programs, policies and/or ordinances already in place: Fresno Municipal Code, Wastewater Collection System Master Plan, Fats, Oils and Grease (FOG) Control Program, Sanitary System Overflow Prevention and Response Plan, Performance Measures and Public Information opportunities.

The SSMP is mandated by the State of California and essentially describes the current status of the sewer collection system in terms of operation and maintenance and outlines strategic measures for improvements and enhancements. The SSMP is exempt under Section 15308 (Class 8/Actions by Regulatory Agencies for Protection of the Environment) of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines (Categorical Exemption Environmental Assessment No. EA-09-04).

Presented to City Council
Date 4/7/09
Disposition
Approved

In November 2006, the City submitted a Notice of Intent (NOI) or application for permit coverage under the General WDR. In July 2007, the City Council approved a proposed SSMP Development Plan and Schedule which listed development and implementation deadlines for each of the eleven above mentioned elements. The State requires that cities with population over 100,000 complete and adopt a final SSMP by May 2, 2009.

FISCAL IMPACT

All elements of the SSMP are programs, policies or ordinances currently in place. Any fiscal impact as a result of the mandated SSMP will be addressed in the Sewer Enterprise Operating and Capital Improvement budgets.

Attachment:

City of Fresno Sewer System Management Plan - 2009

CITY OF FRESNO
CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION
ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT NO. EA-09-04

THE PROJECT DESCRIBED HEREIN IS DETERMINED TO BE CATEGORICALLY EXEMPT FROM THE PREPARATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTS PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 19 OF THE STATE CEQA GUIDELINES.

APPLICANT: City of Fresno
Department of Public Utilities/Wastewater Management Division
5607 West Jensen Avenue
Fresno, California 93706
Representative: Rosa Staggs

PROJECT LOCATION: Citywide

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: City of Fresno's Sewer System Management Plan (SSMP). The SSMP is a mandate by the RWQCB and essentially describes the current status of the sewer collection system in terms of operation and maintenance and outlines strategic measures for improvements and enhancements.

This project is exempt under Section 15308 (Class 8/Actions by Regulatory Agencies for Protection of the Environment) of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines.

EXPLANATION: Section 15308/Class 8 exempts from the provisions of CEQA, actions taken by regulatory agencies, as authorized by the state or local ordinance, to assure the maintenance, restoration, enhancement, or protection of the environment where the regulatory process involves procedures for the protection of the environment. Construction activities and relaxation of standards allowing environmental degradation are not included in this exemption. The SSMP is a mandate by the RWQCB and essentially describes the current status of the sewer collection system in terms of operation and maintenance and outlines strategic measures for improvements and enhancements.

Date: **March 24, 2009**

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Submitted by:

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City of FRESNO

DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT
Planning Division

Application for Environmental Assessment of City-Initiated Projects

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Contact Person ROSA LAU-STAGGS

*PS Acct. No. 59112
*PS Fund No. 40501
*PS Org. No. 413001
*Project ID No. RM000001
*Activity ID No. OVH
*Business Unit ID No

* Note: Review and processing of this environmental assessment application will not commence unless ALL PeopleSoft accounting/billing information is provided.

1. PROJECT DESCRIPTION (Detail Exact Nature of Project-Attach Related Project Documents and Information):
CEQA Review for the City's Sewer System MANAGEMENT PLAN (SSMP) AS PROPOSED

2. PROJECT LOCATION (Attach Vicinity Map):
N/A

3. SOURCE OF FUNDING FOR PROJECT (Detail Exact Type of Funds):
- ☐ Private Funding
- ☐ City General Fund or other City Fund _____
- ☐ Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)
- ☐ Federal Highway Administration (FHWA)
- ☐ Federal Aviation Administration (FAA)
- ☒ Other ENTERPRISE FUND

4. INDICATE POSSIBLE RELATED DEVELOPMENT ENTITLEMENTS TO BE REQUESTED NOW OR LATER
- ☐ Rezone
- ☐ Plan Amendment
- ☐ Tentative Tract Map
- ☐ Ordinance Amendment
- ☐ Conditional Use Permit
- ☐ Site Plan
- ☐ Variance
- ☐ Parcel Map
- ☐ Other (Identify)

PLEASE NOTE: IT IS MANDATORY THAT THIS AFFIDAVIT BE COMPLETED PRIOR TO ACCEPTANCE OF THIS ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT APPLICATION.

I, ROSA LAU-STAGGS, applicant/authorized representative for the above-requested environmental assessment, hereby authorize the Development Department Administration Division Accounting Section to automatically transfer funds from the PeopleSoft Account noted above to the Development Department PeopleSoft Account that is appropriate for the particular Environmental Assessment category without further authorization from the city department I am a part of, or representative for:

Authorized Signature

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P.Z. No. _____ E.A. No. _____ Fee Paid $640 Date _____ Received By _____