

RESOLUTION NO. 2-6-24 1 BPU

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES OF
THE CITY OF NEEDLES, CALIFORNIA, RECINDING RESOLUTION NO. 3-23-21 BPU
RE-CERTIFYING THE CITY OF NEEDLES SEWER SYSTEM MANAGEMENT
PLAN ORIGINALLY ADOPTED ON DECEMBER 1, 2015 BY THE BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES
OF THE CITY OF NEEDLES, CA

WHEREAS, All federal and state agencies, municipalities, counties, districts, and other public entities that own or operate sanitary sewer systems greater than one mile in length that collect and/or convey untreated or partially treated wastewater to a publicly owned treatment facility in the State of California are required to comply with the terms of this Order. Such entities are hereinafter referred to as "Enrollees";

WHEREAS, Sanitary sewer overflows (SSOs) are overflows from sanitary sewer systems of domestic wastewater, as well as industrial and commercial wastewater, depending on the pattern of land uses in the area served by the sanitary sewer system. SSOs often contain high levels of suspended solids, pathogenic organisms, toxic pollutants, nutrients, oxygen-demanding organic compounds, oil and grease and other pollutants. SSOs may cause a public nuisance, particularly when raw untreated wastewater is discharged to areas with high public exposure, such as streets or surface waters used for drinking, fishing, or body contact recreation. SSOs may pollute surface or ground waters, threaten public health, adversely affect aquatic life, and impair the recreational use and aesthetic enjoyment of surface waters;

WHEREAS, Sanitary sewer systems experience periodic failures resulting in discharges that may affect waters of the state. There are many factors (including factors related to geology, design, construction methods and materials, age of the system, population growth, and system operation and maintenance), which affect the likelihood of an SSO. A proactive approach that requires Enrollees to ensure a system-wide operation, maintenance, and management plan is in place will reduce the number and frequency of SSOs within the state. This approach will in turn decrease the risk to human health and the environment caused by SSOs;

WHEREAS, Major causes of SSOs include: grease blockages, root blockages, sewer line flood damage, manhole structure failures, vandalism, pump station mechanical failures, power outages, excessive storm or ground water inflow/infiltration, debris blockages, sanitary sewer system age and construction material failures, lack of proper operation and maintenance, insufficient capacity and contractor-caused damages. Many SSOs are preventable with adequate and appropriate facilities, source control measures and operation and maintenance of the sanitary sewer system;

WHEREAS, To facilitate proper funding and management of sanitary sewer systems, each Enrollee must develop and implement a system-specific **Sewer System Management Plan (SSMP)**. To be effective, SSMPs must include provisions to provide proper and efficient management, operation, and maintenance of sanitary sewer systems, while taking into consideration risk management and cost benefit analysis. Additionally, an SSMP must contain a spill response plan that establishes standard procedures for immediate response to an SSO in a manner designed to minimize water quality impacts and potential nuisance conditions;

WHEREAS, Many local public agencies in California have already developed SSMPs and implemented measures to reduce SSOs. These entities can build upon their existing efforts to establish a comprehensive SSMP consistent with this Order. Others, however, still require technical assistance and, in some cases, funding to improve sanitary sewer system operation and maintenance in order to reduce SSOs;

WHEREAS, Both uniform SSO reporting and a centralized statewide electronic database are needed to collect information to allow the State Water Board and Regional Water Quality Control Boards (Regional Water Boards) to effectively analyze the extent of SSOs statewide and their potential impacts on beneficial uses and public health. The monitoring and reporting program required by this Order and the attached Monitoring and Reporting Program No. 2006-0003-DWQ, are necessary to assure compliance with these waste discharge requirements (WDRs);

WHEREAS, An SSMP revision is a major change to the SSMP or an Element of the SSMP. In addition, every five (5) years from the original governing board adoption, the Enrollee must completely evaluate the entire SSMP for

changes that would further the implementation of the goals of the Enrollee and enhance compliance and effectiveness of the Enrollee’s operation, maintenance and emergency response with the elements of the SSS WDR.

WHEREAS, the last SSMP re-certification was completed by the Board of Public Utilities on December 1, 2015 and then November 23, 2021;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Public Utilities of the City of Needles, California, hereby rescinds Resolution 3-23-21 BPU and adopts Resolution 2-6-24 1 BPU re-certifying the Sewer System Management Plan

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the Board of Public Utilities of the City of Needles, California, held on the 6th day of February 2024, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:
ABSENT:

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Chairman	Secretary