Board of Directors  
December 7, 2016

SUBJECT:

Adopt Eastern Municipal Water District's 2016 Sanitary Sewer Management Plan

BACKGROUND:

Attached for your consideration and approval is the Eastern Municipal Water District’s updated 2016 Sanitary Sewer Management Plan (SSMP), prepared by staff, as required by the Statewide General Waste Discharge Requirement for Sanitary Sewer Systems (WDR SSS), Order No. 2006-0003-DWQ. EMWD is currently enrolled under the WDR SSS through the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB). The purpose of the WDR SSS is to provide a consistent, statewide regulatory approach to address sanitary sewer overflows (SSOs). This approach is aimed at preventing SSOs, and ensuring agencies are properly prepared to respond to any SSOs that do occur. The WDR SSS requires EMWD to develop, implement and maintain an updated Sanitary Sewer Management Plan (SSMP); all SSOs must be reported to the SWRCB’s online California Integrated Water Quality System database.

The purpose of the SSMP is to document the proper operation and maintenance of EMWD’s sanitary sewer system. Every two years, District staff conducts the required internal audits of the SSMP and documents the effectiveness of the SSMP. EMWD has been in compliance with the WDR SSS, having made any necessary updates to the SSMP.

The WDR SSS, Order No. 2006-0003-DWQ, requires agencies to evaluate and make any necessary subsequent revisions to its SSMP every five years; the SSMP must be presented to the enrollee’s Governing Board for approval at a public meeting.

As the previous SSMP was approved in 2011 and a necessary five-year update is required, staff has undertaken and completed the 2016 update to the Plan. Approval of the 2016 updated SSMP is needed to keep EMWD in compliance with the WDR SSS.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

None

STRATEGIC PLANNING GOAL/OBJECTIVE:

Protect the health and safety of the community and the environment and meet all regulatory requirements.
ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT:

This item is not a project as defined in the California Environment Quality Act Code of Regulations, Title 14, Chapter 3, Section 15378.

RECOMMENDATION:


SUBMITTED BY:

[Signatures]

Paul D. Jones II, P.E., General Manager 11/18/2016
Charles Bachmann, Assistant General Manager 11/14/2016

Attachment(s):
Exhibit A - 2016 Sanitary Sewer Management Plan
Exhibit B - Presentation

History:
11/23/16 Board Operations and Engineering Committee RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL
12/07/16 Board Meeting

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