

ITEM: 8

SUBJECT: City of Folsom, *Update on Sanitary Sewer System Complaints*

BOARD ACTION: None: Informational Item only

BACKGROUND: Beginning in September 2012, staff has received over 20 complaints from a Folsom resident regarding the City's sanitary sewer collection system. The complaints allege that there are ongoing capacity issues, a lack of proper management, and the potential for raw sewage spills to the American River. At the December 2012 Board meeting, two residents of Folsom and a representative of the Save the American River Association addressed the Board regarding their concerns about the collection system and the potential for sewage spills into the American River.

Staff has thoroughly reviewed the complaints, reviewed engineering documents, and provided responses to the citizens. In addition, staff from the Central Valley Regional Board and the State Water Board conducted a multi-day audit to determine whether Folsom is complying with the *Statewide General Waste Discharge Requirements for Sanitary Sewer Systems*. Although minor issues were found with the Folsom collection system, staff found that in general the system is well operated and maintained, and that the City has reported significantly fewer spills than either the regional or statewide average number of spills. It is noted that Office of Enforcement engineers have conducted over 50 collection system audits state-wide, and they concluded that the City of Folsom's sewer collection system is well managed; quality training is provided to staff; and the reporting protocol and procedures are amongst the top in the State that have been reviewed.

The purpose of this Information Item is to provide the Board with an overview of the Folsom collection system and a formal written response to the complaints, as well as to allow the City of Folsom an opportunity to respond to the complaints in a public forum.

RECOMMENDATION: Unless directed otherwise by the Board, staff is not proposing to take any enforcement actions against the City of Folsom as a result of the complaints received to date.

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31 January/1 February 2013 Board Meeting  
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