City Of Garden Grove

INTER-DEPARTMENT MEMORANDUM

To: Matthew J. Fertal From: Keith G. Jones

Dept: General Manager Dept: Public Works

Subject: PUBLIC HEARING TO ADOPT Date: January 22, 2008

PROPOSED PRIVATE SEWER

LATERAL ORDINANCE

OBJECTIVE

For the Board of Directors of the Garden Grove Sanitary District (District) to hold a public hearing and adopt the proposed private sewer lateral ordinance.

BACKGROUND

As part of the Orange County Coastkeeper settlement, GGSD is required to mandate property owners to have closed circuit television (CCTV) performed on their private sewer lateral whenever GGSD finds that a sewage overflow occurred and reached public property or private property of a third party. The CCTV will determine whether a repair or replacement is needed. A private sewer lateral replacement is needed if uncorrectable conditions have been identified.

DISCUSSION

To comply with the settlement, the City Attorney prepared an ordinance that establishes policies and procedures for the inspection, repair and/or replacement of private sewer laterals following a sewage overflow. The ordinance holds the property owner responsible for CCTV inspection and requires them to make repairs or replace their sewer lateral if necessary. The policies and procedures are essential to avoid future legal action from the Orange County Coastkeepers.

GGSD staff is responsible for protecting city property and alleviating sewage overflows originating from private sewer laterals. Since the leading cause for sewage overflows is related to damaged - private sewer laterals, the District should have legal authority through a sewer lateral ordinance that legally binds procedures for the inspection, repair and/or replacement of private sewer laterals to prevent future potential blockages in the sewer collection system.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

There is no financial impact to the General Fund.

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COMMUNITY VISION

To maintain and upgrade the sewer system to ensure maximum protection of public health and the environment by implementing programs and policies to prevent sewer system overflows, as outlined in the City's Strategic Plan.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Garden Grove Sanitary District Board:

- Hold a Public Hearing to hear public testimony and receive written protests from property owners.
- Adopt the attached private sewer lateral ordinance.

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Director of Public Works

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Attachment: Private Sewer Lateral Ordinance