Overflow Emergency Response Plan

The District’s Overflow Emergency Response Plan (OERP) is a stand-alone document that contains all of the key elements necessary for an appropriate SSO response: notification, emergency incident response, reporting, and impact mitigation. The current plan titled Sanitary Sewer Overflow and Backup Response Plan (SSO Plan) was prepared by DKF Solutions Group LLC and is dated September 25, 2015 (ref. Appendix C.1)

This SSO Plan includes a Response Field Guide and is supplemented by Emergency Response Plans for the District’s three pump stations (ref. Appendix C.2). The purpose of these documents is to provide a standardized course of action for District staff to follow and to ensure that the District is adequately prepared to respond to an SSO event. In all SSO situations, the District’s goal is to quickly respond to the SSO event, secure the wastewater overflow area, relieve the cause of the overflow, notify and report to the appropriate regulatory agencies, and ensure that the affected area is cleaned as soon as possible to minimize health hazards to the public and protect the environment. The SSO Plan is incorporated into the body of this Section.

Two of the significant changes made to this SSO Plan, in accordance with SWRCB Order WQ 2013-0058-EXEC, are:

1. Changes to the SSO spill categories that redefine Category 1 and Category 2 spills and inclusion of a Category 3 spill and Private Lateral Sewage Discharge (PLSD) designations.
2. Incorporates the requirement to develop and implement a SSO Water Quality Monitoring Program to assess impacts from SSOs to surface waters in which 50,000 gallons of greater are spilled to surface waters.

The SSO spill classifications are incorporated into this SSO Plan and a SSO Water Quality Monitoring Plan was developed and completed by DKF Solutions Group, LLC in December 2014 (ref. Appendix C.3).