

**WEST VALLEY SANITATION DISTRICT  
SEWER SYSTEM MANAGEMENT PLAN**

**SECTION III – LEGAL AUTHORITY**

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**Legal Authority of the District**

Portions of the District Ordinance Code provide specific legal authority for the District to manage its wastewater collection system. The general areas of concern related to this SSMP are summarized below followed by the specific authority citations that address these areas.

- Prevent illicit discharges into its wastewater collection system
- Require that sewers and connectors be properly designed and constructed
- Ensure access for maintenance, inspection, or repairs for portions of the system owned or maintained by the District
- Limit the discharge of fats, oils, and grease (FOG) and other debris that may cause blockages
- Enforce any violation of its sewer ordinances

**Authority to Prevent Illicit Discharges into District’s Wastewater Collection System**

Chapter 7 of the District’s Ordinance Code, *Use of Public Sewers*, regulates the disposal of sanitary sewage into the sanitary sewer system of the District to protect the proper functioning of the collection system as well as the treatment plant. Chapter 7 includes, but is not limited to the following key provisions:

- 7.023            Pretreatment by Owner
- 7.024            Discharge Into Sanitary Sewer System Prohibited (without permit)
- 7.030 to        Discharge Prohibitions and/or Limits (prohibition for storm water,  
7.150            surface/subsurface water, cooling water, obstructing substances,  
                     flammable substances, hot substances, FOG, solid matter, corrosive  
                     matter, toxic gases or fumes, interfering substances, diluting waters,  
                     copper-based compounds, suspended solids, noxious matter,  
                     radioactive matter, and colored matter)

**Authority to Require Proper Design and Construction of Sewers and Connections**

Chapter 6 of the District’s Ordinance Code, *Design and Construction of Public Sewers*, establishes the standards and criteria to which sewers are to be constructed and

connected to the District's wastewater collection system. Chapter 6 includes, but is not limited to the following key provisions:

- 6.010        Design of Public Sewers (by a state licensed civil engineer and conformity to District's Design Standards and Specifications)
  
- 6.040 to     Backflow Protective Device (cites requirement, criteria, and  
6.070        standards for installation)

**Authority to Ensure Access for Maintenance, Inspection and Repair of System**

District Ordinance Code Section 6.090, *Building Sewer Maintenance*, outlines the obligations of the District and property owners with regard to maintenance of the wastewater collection system and to ensure that the District can maintain laterals from the property line cleanout to the sewer main in the street.

**Authority to Limit Discharge of Fats, Oils and Grease and Other Debris**

District Ordinance Code Section 7.080, *Grease, Oils and Fats*, provides a limit on the concentration of Fats, Oils and Grease (FOG) that can be discharged to the District's sanitary sewer system. District Ordinance Code Section 7.152, *Grease and Grease Control Devices*, requires the installation, operation, and maintenance of FOG removal devices and maintaining operation and maintenance records. District Ordinance Code Section 7.160, *Garbage*, prohibits the discharge of garbage (fruit, vegetable, animal, other solid waste) from food-processing plants, or industrial plants, grocery store, food service facility, or dwelling into the wastewater collection system.

**Authority to Enforce Ordinance Code Violations**

Two areas of the District Ordinance Code address enforcement actions with regard to Ordinance Code violations; Chapter 7, *Use of Public Sewers* and Chapter 13, *Prohibitions and Penalties*. Section 7.260, *Enforcement*, provides the District Manager and Engineer, or his designated agents, the primary responsibility for enforcing the provisions of Chapter 7. Sections 13.010 through 13.060 provide the enforcement provisions for violation of any section of the District's Ordinance Code. These provisions include:

- 7.180        Suspension of Service (for preservation of public health or safety)
  
- 7.260 to     Enforcement, Termination of Service, Penalties (enforcement  
7.300        authority, termination of service and permit, reimbursement of  
             violation correction costs, and assessment of civil penalties)
  
- 13.010 to   Inspection, Violation, Disconnection (right of entry for Inspection,  
13.060       violation a misdemeanor, abatement of violation, disconnection)