

MEETING REPORT  
WASTEWATER COMMITTEE  
TUESDAY, MARCH 3, 2009  
9:00 A.M.

Directors: Delbert Rotelli  
Joseph Day

Staff: Pete Kampa  
Erik Johnson  
David Boatright  
Casey Prunchak

**Review the Fats, Oils, and Grease (FOG) Control Program**

Erik Johnson reported that wastewater discharges containing high concentrations of fats, oils, and grease (FOG) are a principal cause of blockages and sanitary sewer overflows (SSOs) in the wastewater collection system. The District spends significant time and resources cleaning pipelines that are subject to FOG. When a SSO occurs it can result in serious property damage and regulatory fines. In addition, wastewater laden with FOG complicates the treatment process. Many commercial facilities such as restaurants, hospitals, schools, service stations, car washes, etc. produce wastewater that contains FOG. Discharge to the sanitary sewer of wastewater containing fats, oils, and grease in excess of 300 mg/l of animal or vegetable origin or 100 mg/l of mineral or petroleum origin is prohibited by the District's Wastewater Ordinance. However, there continues to be an on-going problem with these wastes being found in the sewer collection system and reaching the Wastewater Treatment Plant. The Statewide Waste Discharge Requirements adopted on May 2, 2006 require all public sewer collection agencies with 1 or more miles of sewer pipeline to prepare a Sanitary Sewer Management Plan. One component of the plan is the development and adoption of a FOG Control Program.

District staff and Committee members reviewed the FOG Control Program in detail, several suggestions were recommended.

***Committee Recommendation: For District staff to move forward with the proposed concept for the FOG Control Program and place on the Board meeting agenda for March 10 for Board review and consideration.***

**Review Sewer Lateral Ordinance**

Erik Johnson reported that the District's sanitary sewer system has a recurring problem of receiving excessive inflows during the wet seasons. As a result of infiltration and inflows in broken, cracked, and poorly maintained private sewer facilities, including private sewer laterals, flows occasionally overload the conveyance and treatment capacity of the District's Regional Sewer System. The plugging and blockage of private sanitary sewer pipelines can result in overflows, difficulties in operation, contamination of surface waters, and nuisances and endangerment to the public health, safety, and welfare. Therefore, it is hereby found and determined that the District must adopt an aggressive policy of inspection of such private sewer facilities that discharge wastewater into the District's sanitary sewer system and require property owners to repair or replace such facilities when such conditions are found to occur.

District staff and Committee members reviewed the draft sewer lateral ordinance in detail, several suggested revisions were made. Erik Johnson indicated that he would include a recital at the beginning of the ordinance and add language to clarify that the property owner is responsible for any permits (i.e. building, encroachment, etc.)

***Committee Recommendation: For District staff to move forward with the proposed sewer lateral concept for inclusion in the Wastewater Ordinance for Board review and consideration at a later date.***