



## BOARD OF DIRECTORS POSITION PAPER

**MEETING DATE:** MARCH 27, 2025

**SUBJECT:** ADOPT THE SEWER SYSTEM MANAGEMENT PLAN UPDATE AS MANDATED BY THE CALIFORNIA STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD

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**ISSUE**

The Board of Directors (Board) approval is required for the California State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) mandated update of the Sewer System Management Plan (SSMP).

**BACKGROUND**

The SWRCB first introduced a waste discharge requirement (WDR) permit (SWRCB Order No. 2006-0003) on May 2, 2006, to regulate sanitary sewer systems. Central San has continuously maintained compliance with this order and its subsequent revisions. This SSMP update continues that compliance continuity and adheres to the latest regulatory required Statewide General WDR for Sanitary Sewer Systems: Water Quality Order No. 2022-0103 DWQ, adopted by the SWRCB on December 6, 2022, and effective date of June 5, 2023.

The WDR stipulates that all collection systems over 500 miles must update their SSMP by June 2025. In addition, the new WDR requires the SSMP to be updated every six years. Therefore, the next update will be in June 2031.

**ALTERNATIVES/CONSIDERATIONS**

None.

**FINANCIAL IMPACTS**

None.

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

The Engineering and Operations Committee reviewed this matter at its March 5, 2025 meeting and recommended Board approval.

**RECOMMENDED BOARD ACTION**

Adopt the Sewer System Management Plan update as mandated by the California State Water Resources Control Board.

Strategic Plan Tie-In

**GOAL ONE: Customer and Community**

*Strategy 1 – Deliver high-quality customer service*

**GOAL TWO: Environmental Stewardship**

*Strategy 1 - Achieve compliance in all regulations*

**GOAL FOUR: Governance and Fiscal Responsibility**

*Strategy 1 - Promote and uphold ethical behavior, openness, and accessibility*

**GOAL SIX: Infrastructure Reliability**

*Strategy 1 - Manage assets optimally, Strategy 2 - Execute long-term capital renewal and replacement program*

**GOAL SEVEN: Innovation and Agility**

*Strategy 1 - Leverage data analytics to become a more efficient utility*

**ATTACHMENTS:**

[1. Proposed 2025 SSMP Update](#)

[2. 2025 SSMP Presentation](#)