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CONSTRUCTION BEGINS AT THE WATER RESOURCE RECOVERY FACILITY

The City of San Luis Obispo is excited to announce that construction to upgrade the Water Resource Recovery Facility (SLO WRRF) began September 16. The SLO WRRF is entering a new era of sustainable water solutions and water quality protection. The upgrade represents a decade-long effort by the City, partnering agencies, and residents to advance a sustainable clean water supply for the community.

SLO WRRF treats wastewater from the City, Cal Poly, and SLO County Regional Airport. Most of the treated water is then discharged to San Luis Obispo Creek sustaining the endangered steelhead trout habitat. The balance of the treated water is delivered as recycled water for irrigation of City parks, Laguna Lake Golf Course, medians, and other landscaped areas throughout the City.

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The SLO WRRF project will enable the City to meet higher water treatment standards, increase onsite energy production, improve creek environmental conditions, provide operational efficiencies, and create a foundation for a future potable water source. The design integrates sustainable solutions, world-class technologies, and a continued commitment to community education.

The SLO WRRF Project Upgrade cost is more than \$110 million and construction is expected to last into 2023. The City's contractor for the SLO WRRF project, PCL Construction, is operating under a community workforce agreement, which favors local labor. The current facility will remain in operation throughout construction. The first visible aspects of construction will be equipment stationed along the facility's frontage at 35 Prado Road throughout the Fall of 2019. To learn more, sign up for SLO WRRF project alerts, schedule a facility tour, or take a digital tour by visiting the project website at www.slowrrfproject.org.



SLO WRRF provides significant long-term environmental, quality, safety, and community benefit by producing a cleaner water supply to improve the health of our waterways, groundwater, and habitat.

THE POWER OF BEING PREPARED

To protect communities from wildfire, Pacific Gas & Electric (PG&E) notified customers of its plans to implement precautionary measures during fire season. If extreme fire danger conditions threaten a portion of the PG&E electrical system, high-risk transmission lines may be turned off. This will result in potentially widespread power outages to San Luis Obispo County. PG&E

refers to this as a Public Safety Power Shutoff, or PSPS event. According to PG&E, a PSPS event may be needed if conditions include strong winds, low humidity levels, and critically dry vegetation. PG&E advises these outages will not be localized; and regional solutions will be limited because resources are likely going to be scarce on a local, regional and possibly a statewide scale. Nearby communities, most recently the Goleta area in early September, have already experienced a similar PSPS event from their power supplier, Southern California Edison.

Since being informed by PG&E of the potential for PSPS events, the City's Utilities Department has worked to prepare for power outages lasting up to seven days or more. In the past, the City has been able to continue to provide uninterrupted water and wastewater service during short-duration power outages and when limited areas were affected by utilizing the existing storage with limited emergency power generation. Some of the City's water and wastewater facilities have permanent emergency generators in place. With the PSPS notification from PG&E and the changing climate, our staff identified additional emergency power resources for the City's water and wastewater systems to meet this increased duration.



Rental Generator at the City's Stenner Canyon Water Treatment Plant.

NOW IS THE TIME TO REPLACE YOUR SEWER LATERAL

The City's Utilities Department has a new Private Sewer Lateral Program! The Program supports the City's goals to reduce stormwater, also referred to as Inflow and Infiltration (I/I), from entering the sewer system and causing wastewater overflows. The program includes:

PRIVATE SEWER LATERAL REBATES

Rebates, varying from \$2,000 to \$3,000, are offered for single-family residential properties in the City to help with the cost associated with replacing sewer laterals. Rebates are available following permitted replacement of the entire lateral. Retroactive rebates of \$1,000 are offered for homeowners who replaced their private sewer laterals between July 1, 2017 and August 20, 2019. Retroactive rebates are available until June 30, 2020.

REBATES AVAILABLE!
\$1,000–\$3,000

UPDATED INSPECTION REQUIREMENTS

The City updated its sewer lateral inspection requirements, including inspection upon sale of a property. The effective date for inspection upon sale requirements is January 1, 2020. Inspections for common interest developments such as condominiums, apartments, planned developments etc., may be different.

MORE INFORMATION

Additional information on Inspection Upon Sale requirements and the Private Sewer Lateral Rebate Program are available on the City's Utilities Department website at: www.slocity.org/utilities

If you have questions on the Inspection Upon Sale requirements or the City's Rebate Program, please contact the City's Wastewater Collection Supervisor: Jeremy Gearhart, 805-781-7033.

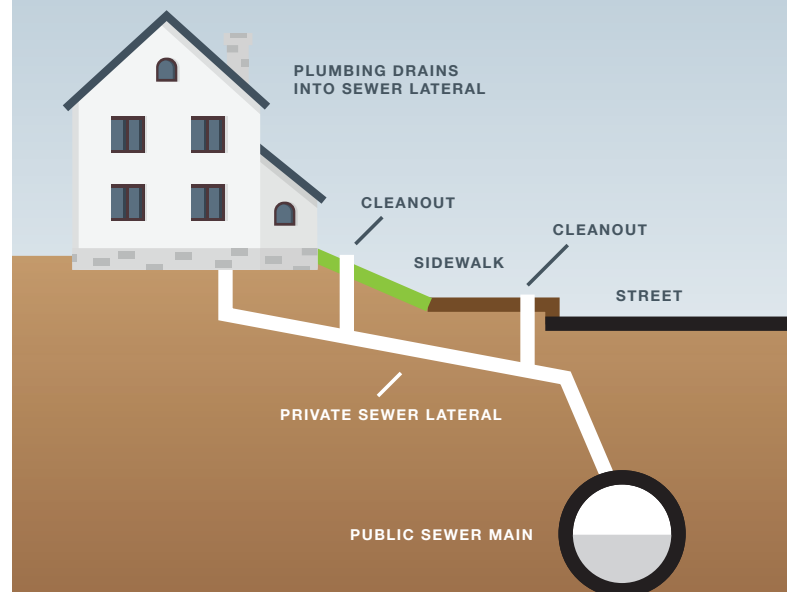
WHAT ARE PRIVATE SEWER LATERALS?

Many property owners are uncertain of their maintenance responsibility for their property's private sewer lateral.

A private sewer lateral is the pipe that connects a business or home's plumbing system to the City's wastewater collection pipeline.

The diagram included here illustrates how a typical sewer lateral runs underground. A common misconception is that a property owner is only responsible for the sewer line running under their actual property. In most cases, the private sewer lateral extends beyond the property line and underneath the "right of way" which may include the city sidewalk and the city roadway. The property owner is responsible for entire length of the lateral, including the point of connection to the City's mainline.

TYPICAL SEWER CONNECTION





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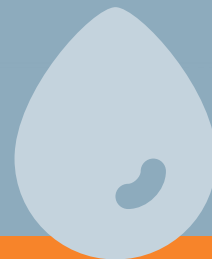
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FIRST FLUSH



The phrase **first flush** is used to describe the runoff that occurs at the beginning of each rainy season. The first flush carries with it concentrations of harmful pollutants that have accumulated during the period of dry weather between storms. This runoff is carried directly into local creeks and streams. Here are some tips to help you take precautions before the next rainy season begins:

- 1 Pick up after your pet
- 2 Pick up and dispose of trash and debris found in the gutter in front of your home
- 3 Recycle used motor oil and fix oil leaks in your vehicles
- 4 Select household cleaning products that are environmentally friendly and store them properly—better for your family **and** the environment!
- 5 Use your green waste container for grass, yard clippings and food waste
- 6 Do not apply pesticides or fertilizers to your lawn before it rains
- 7 Ensure that yard drains and rain gutters are not illegally connected to the City's wastewater collection system

