

***APPENDIX J – Element 11 (Communication Program) Supporting Documents***

1. Copy of Public Notification Posted on City's Website

**Public Notification  
Sewer System Management Plan**

The State Water Resources Control Board has issued Order No. 2006-0003 known as “Statewide General WDR (*Waste Discharge Requirements*) For Wastewater Collection Agencies.

The order states that:

*“All federal and state agencies, municipalities, counties, districts, and other public entities that own or operate sanitary sewer systems greater than one mile in length that collect and/or convey untreated or partially treated wastewater to a publicly owned treatment facility in the State of California are required to comply with the terms of this Order.”*

To facilitate proper funding and management of sanitary sewer systems, each Enrollee must develop and implement a system-specific Sewer System Management Plan (SSMP). To be effective, SSMPs must include provisions to provide proper and efficient management, operation, and maintenance of sanitary sewer systems, while taking into consideration risk management and cost benefit analysis. Additionally, an SSMP must contain a spill response plan that establishes standard procedures for immediate response to an SSO in a manner designed to minimize water quality impacts and potential nuisance conditions. One of the requirements of the SSMP is that each Enrollee shall communicate on a regular basis with the public on the development, implementation, and performance of its SSMP. This communication system shall provide the public the opportunity to provide input to the collection system agency as the program is developed and implemented.

The City of Lathrop will complete its draft SSMP in May 2009, and plans to complete the final SSMP in July 2009. The draft SSMP is available for public review and comment on the City’s website at the following address:

<http://www.lathropgov.org/pwd/ssmp>

Please provide any questions or comments regarding you may have regarding the City’s SSMP to:

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