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**COUNCIL COMMITTEE ITEM SUMMARY REPORT**

**MEETING DATE:** July 17, 2014  
**TO:** Public Works & Facilities Committee  
**FROM:** John Smith, Operations Manager  
**AGENDA ITEM TITLE:** **Receive Update and Public Input Regarding Changes to Chapter 14.08 through 14.40 of Title 14 (Water and Sewer) of the Fort Bragg Municipal Code**

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**ISSUE:**

The Fort Bragg Municipal Improvement District (District) is working to implement a source control program as required by the District's National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit. In order to establish the necessary legal authorities to monitor and enforce source control standards, restrict discharges of toxic materials to the collection system, and inspect facilities connected to the system, changes need to be made to Fort Bragg Municipal Code Title 14 (Water and Sewers).

**SUMMARY:**

The District contracted with Freshwater Environmental Services to update the Sewer Use Ordinance and Enforcement Response Plan and provide NPDES compliance support to satisfy specific requirements of the Source Control Provisions required under the District's NPDES permit. Changes to Title 14 will also address industrial and commercial dischargers who release high strength waste and/or stored chemicals into the collection system. These discharges can be a threat to the operation of the wastewater facility, the public, employees, and to the beneficial reuse of the waterways.

The objectives of the Title 14 are:

1. To prevent the introduction of pollutants into the Wastewater Treatment Facility (WWTF) that will interfere with the operation of the WWTF, or which may pass through the WWTF inadequately treated, into receiving waters or otherwise be incompatible with the WWTF;
2. To ensure that the quality of the WWTF bio-solids is maintained at a level which allows use and disposal in compliance with applicable statutes and regulations;
3. To protect WWTF personnel who may be affected by wastewater and bio-solids in the course of their employment and to protect the general public;

4. To improve the opportunity to recycle and reclaim wastewater and bio-solids from the WWTF; and
5. To enable the District to comply pro-actively with its NPDES permit conditions, bio-solids use and disposal requirements, and any other federal or state laws to which the WWTF is subject.

Staff has been working with Freshwater Environmental Services on developing a Source Control Program and other amendments to Title 14 since May 2012 and a draft of the changes was presented to the Public Works and Facilities Committee on November 21, 2013. The Committee requested that a list of Frequently Asked Questions be prepared for presentation to the Council along with the proposed ordinance to clearly identify the substantive effects of the ordinance amendments on residential property owners and commercial and industrial users.

A second draft of changes was presented to the Public Works and Facilities Committee on April 17, 2014. Recommendations were made to look at completing lateral inspections after sewer main lines were improved instead of on transfer of property. There were also questions raised concerning exfiltration testing of laterals. A TV inspection option was added as an additional inspection method for testing.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Receive report and public input regarding changes to Chapters 14.08 through 14.40 of Title 14 (Water and Sewer) of the Fort Bragg Municipal Code. Staff would appreciate any direction on potential amendments to the proposed changes. These will be included in a revised Ordinance that will go to the full Council for introduction.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

1. Redlined version of changes
2. Proposed Ordinance 911-2014
3. Frequently Asked Questions