SECTION 3

LEGAL AUTHORITY

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Sonoma County Water Agency Sanitation Code Ordinance

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SONOMA COUNTY WATER AGENCY, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, CONTAINING UNIFORM PRACTICES GOVERNING (1) THE USE OF SANITATION FACILITIES OF THE SONOMA COUNTY WATER AGENCY, (2) THE CONSTRUCTION OF SANITATION FACILITIES, (3) A SOURCE CONTROL PROGRAM, (4) A GREASE, OIL, AND SAND INTERCEPTOR PROGRAM, (5) AN ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM, (6) VARIOUS ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES AND RELATED MATTERS, AND (7) REPEAL CERTAIN EXISTING RELATED ORDINANCES.

(Adoption by Ordinance 15 on 12/13/1994; amended by ordinance 21 on 05/07/1996; amended by Ordinance 23 on 02/10/1998; amended by Ordinance 28 on 12/14/1999; amended by Ordinance 43 on 12/26/2004; amended by Ordinance 53 on 03/17/2009; amended by Ordinance 57 on 3/2/2010).

This Ordinance sets forth uniform requirements for contributors to the wastewater collection and treatment system of the Agency, and enables the Agency to comply with all applicable State and Federal laws required by the Clean Water Act of 1977, as amended, and the General Pretreatment Regulations (40 CFR Part 403) which are on file at the Agency office.

The objectives of this Ordinance are to:

A. Comply with the laws of the State of California and of the United States relating to the protection of the environment, control of water pollution, disposal of hazardous wastes, and pretreatment of industrial discharges to Publicly Owned Treatment Works (POTW).

B. Prevent the introduction of wastes into the Agency's wastewater system which will interfere with the operations of the system or other Agency operations.

C. Prevent the introduction of wastes into the Agency's wastewater system which will pass through the system, inadequately treated, into receiving waters or the atmosphere or otherwise be incompatible with the system's overall operations.

D. Prevent introduction of toxic substances to the Agency's wastewater system which could impair treatment processes or reach the environment in toxic amounts.

E. Prevent the introduction of wastes into the system which may affect the Agency's ability to dispose of its ash, sludge, or other residuals.

F. Improve the opportunity to recycle and reclaim wastewater and sludge from the system.

G. Prevent the introduction of wastes that may be inadequately treated by Agency facilities and may adversely affect the environment, or may cause a violation of the Agency's National Pollution discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit(s), or may contribute to the need for modification of the Agency's NPDES Permit(s).

H. Protect Agency personnel while conducting activities related to the collection, treatment, and disposal of wastes through Agency facilities.

I. Prevent a public hazard or public nuisance arising from the collection, treatment, and disposal of wasted through Agency system.

J. Prevent the introduction of wastes to sewers connected to the Agency system that could result in the Agency being classified as a hazardous waste treatment, storage, or disposal facility under the laws of the State of California or the United States.

K. Provide for equitable distribution of the costs of the Agency's source control program.

This Ordinance sets forth terms and conditions for the addition of new contributors to the Agency's wastewater collection systems including design, construction, and inspections requirements, and guidelines for establishing connection fees and development review services.

This Ordinance provides for the regulation of contributors to the Agency's wastewater collection system through enforcement of general requirements for users and through the issuance of permits or permit contracts to certain users; authorizes monitoring and enforcement activities; require user reporting where applicable; establishes administrative review procedures; and establishes the guidelines for establishing fees to provide equitable distribution associated with maintaining a source control program.

This Ordinance shall apply to all discharges within jurisdiction of the Agency and to discharges from other governmental bodies or agencies who, by contract or agreement with the Agency, are users of the Agency's treatment plant. Except as otherwise provided herein, the General Manager of the Agency shall administer, implement, and enforce the provisions of this Ordinance.