Section 6

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The Spill Response and Notification Plan (SRNP) define the District's plans, procedures and requirements for responding**,** remediating and reporting spills from sanitary sewers and lift stations.

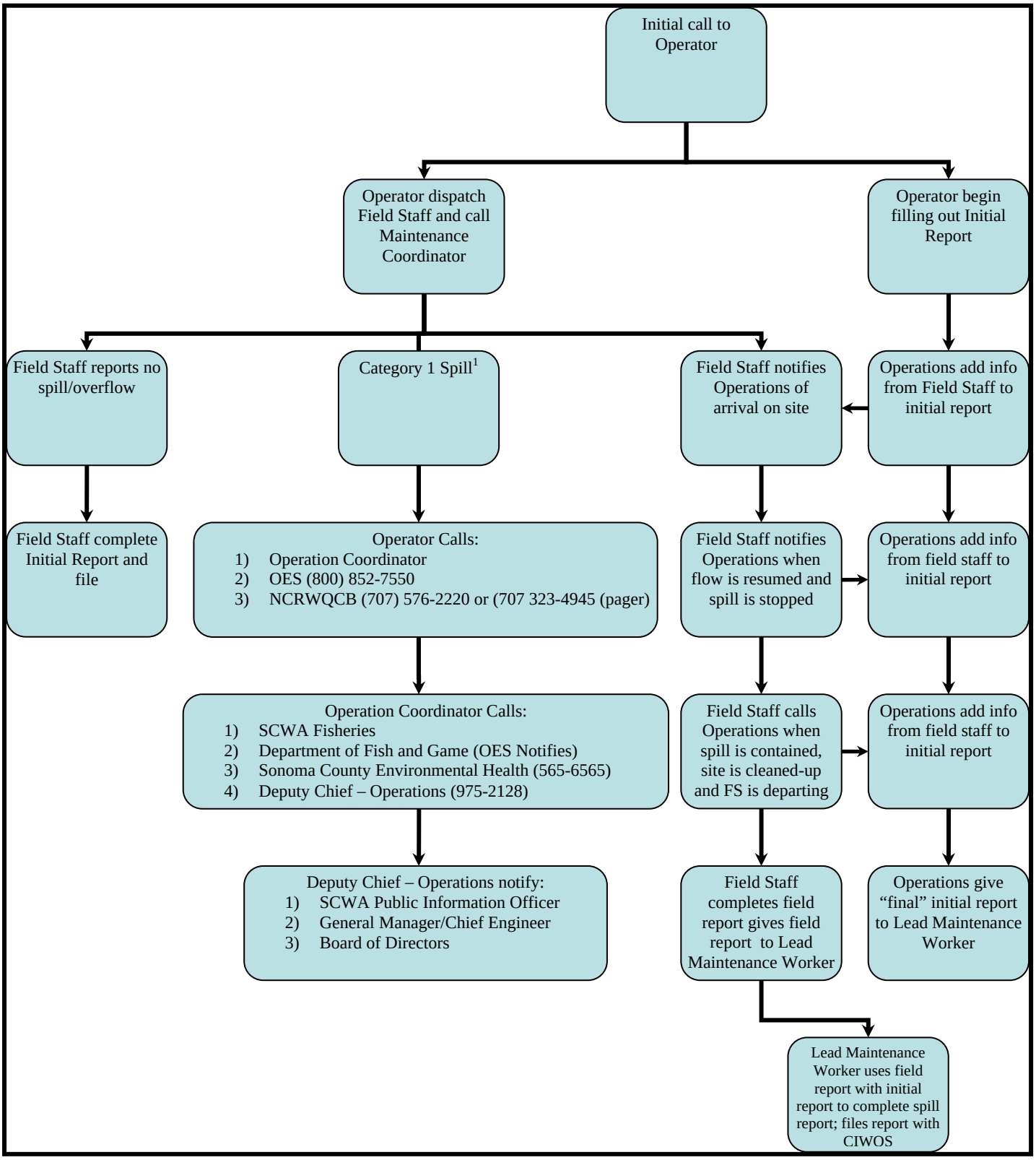
The purpose of the SRNP is to assure a prompt and appropriate level of response is made to every reported sewage spill received by District so that adverse effects to public health, water quality, the environment, and public and private property can be minimized. The SRNP further includes provisions to ensure notifications and reports are made to the appropriate local, state and federal authorities, and that response actions taken are properly documented. By responding promptly with adequate resources to sewage spills, and providing regulatory agencies with required spill notification and spill reports, the risk of enforcement actions against District can be minimized.

The core elements of the SRNP are the spill response procedures, and the regulatory agency spill notification and reporting requirements. The SRNP provides continuity between core elements, from the initial receipt of a spill notification through completion of the regulatory spill report. In addition to these core elements, the SRNP also addresses public notification procedures, public education, public outreach, resource sharing, mutual aid agreements, training and SRNP updating. These additional elements are essential to the maintenance and development of the SRNP.

The SRNP was developed in cooperation with Water Agency, the North Coast and San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Boards, the Sonoma County Department of Health Services, the California Department of Fish and Game, and the cities of Santa Rosa, Ukiah, Healdsburg, and Rohnert Park. Development of the SRNP was completed through interviews with the staffs from the Water Agency and regulatory agencies, and cooperative meetings attended by regulatory agencies and participating cities. Additional spill response information was collected through telephone interviews with state, federal and local agencies, as well as from other cities and sanitation agencies with written spill response plans.

A copy of the SRNP is attached.

Spill Response Protocol



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