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To: OPUD Commercial/Industrial Sewer Customers

From: John Tillotson, P.E.

RE: Future Regulatory Conditions Affecting OPUD Service Area

Dear Customer,

Due to current regulations mandated by the State of California with regards to maintaining the OPUD sanitary sewer infrastructure, OPUD is implementing a commercial/industrial sewer inspection program over the next few months. OPUD anticipates full implementation of a permitting system by which some commercial customer must apply for and receive a permit for each sewer collection system connection. The permits will allow OPUD to track and inspect these connections to help avoid sanitary sewer overflows (SSO's) and the fines associated with the SSO's. There will be a yearly permit fee associated with each permit exclusively to cover the cost of the inspection program. Additional information will be sent out about the inspection program, along with workshop dates where customers will be invited to join in and help OPUD shape the program.

Some issues that cause sewer system overflows are related to what you discharge into the sewer like: paint, grease, fats, oils sand etc. For example; when you dump hot bacon grease into the sink drain, it flows into the sewer collection pipes and cools within minutes. The grease can become a large plug in the sewer main, especially over time as you continue to dump the grease. The grease will keep building up to a clog and eventually could cause sewer system overflows. Clogged sewer collection pipes and sewer system overflows affect all OPUD customers, not just the customer at the source of the clog.

Over the next few weeks we will be conducting inspections of each commercial sewer connection to develop a baseline of information on the extent of existing commercial/industrial sewer collection connections within the OPUD service area. The inspection will also determine if your connection will require a permit. Some connections, such as some office buildings, will not require permits. This first inspection will be free of charge and is mandatory for each commercial/industrial connection per the authority in the OPUD Sewer

Use Ordinance, #209 sections 802 - 807. Each customer will be given a report of the inspection that will outline any necessary cleaning, repairs or additions to your connection as well as if your connection will require a permit. The report will also provide a time and date for which all the cleaning, repairs or additions to your connection must be complete. A couple examples of what we will be looking for are: recycle type car washes are utilizing recycle features and grease/oil separators; restaurants have grease interceptors installed and they are being cleaned and properly maintained. We will contact each customer with a commercial/industrial connection to make an appointment for the inspections. If you have any further questions, please give us a call at 530 743-8132.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John C. Tillotson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

John C. Tillotson, P.E.  
Director of Public Works/District Engineer