

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-_____

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF
THE CITY OF MERCED, CALIFORNIA, RE-
CERTIFYING THE UPDATED CITY OF
MERCED'S SEWER SYSTEM MANAGEMENT
PLAN**

WHEREAS, the State of California, Water Resources Control Board (“State”) is authorized to prescribe statewide general Waste Discharge Requirements (“WDR”) for categories of discharges that involve the same or similar operations and the same or similar types of waste pursuant to Water Code section 13263; and

WHEREAS, Water Code section 13193 *et seq.* requires the Regional Water Quality Control Boards (“Boards”) and the State Water Board (collectively, the “Water Boards”) to gather Sanitary Sewer Overflow (“SSO”) information and make the information available to the public, including but not limited to, SSO cause, estimated volume, location, date, time, duration, whether or not the SSO reached or may have reached waters of the state, response and corrective action taken, and an enrollee’s contact information for each SSO event. An enrollee is defined as the public entity having legal authority over the operation and maintenance of, or capital improvements to, a sanitary sewer system greater than one mile in length; and

WHEREAS, Water Code section 13271 *et seq.* requires notification to the California Office of Emergency Services (“Cal OES”), formerly the California Emergency Management Agency, for certain unauthorized dischargers, including SSOs.; and

WHEREAS, the State adopted the Monitoring and Reporting (“MRP”) No. 2006-0003 Statewide General WDR’s for Sanitary Sewer Systems on May 2, 2006; and

WHEREAS, the WDR mandates the City of Merced to develop and implement a system specific Sewer System Management Plan (“SSMP”); upgrade monitoring, record keeping, sampling, and testing procedures to report electronically; and institute an annual internal audit program and provide regular public outreach and notification; and

WHEREAS, through implementation of the SSMP, the City of Merced can avoid prohibited discharges, reduce SSOs and reduce sanitary sewer backups; and

WHEREAS, as part of the SSMP, the Emergency Response Plan (“ERP”) was submitted and approved by City Council on March 16, 2015, the ERP references the Merced Municipal Code and describes the steps and actions to be taken during events and schedules related to the collections system; and

WHEREAS, the State requires the City to update the SSMP every five years; and,

WHEREAS, the City Council adopted Resolution 2015-17 on June 1, 2015 approving the original SSMP.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MERCED DOES HEREBY RESOLVE, DETERMINE, FIND, AND ORDER AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The City Council of the City of Merced hereby re-certifies the updated Sewer System Management Plan. The City Manager is hereby authorized to execute all documents related thereto, and staff is authorized to submit the plan to the State Water Resources Control Board via the California Integrated Water Quality System as the official plan for the City of Merced.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Merced at a regular meeting held on the ____ day of _____ 2020, by the following vote:

AYES: Council Members:

NOES: Council Members:

ABSENT: Council Members:

ABSTAIN: Council Members:

APPROVED:

Mayor

ATTEST:
STEVE CARRIGAN, CITY CLERK

BY: _____
Assistant/Deputy City Clerk

(SEAL)

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Prudha A nrm 6-9-2020
City Attorney Date