



City of Sebastopol

City of Sebastopol Annual Report

Annual Report Date: June 12, 2025

Settlement Agreement with California River Watch

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Settlement Agreement and Release with California River Watch

Effective Date of Agreement: June 12, 2020

Termination Date (paragraph 10): June 12, 2025

Introduction

As specified under paragraph 3.9, this Report will be made available to California River Watch upon written request. This is the final annual report as the term of the Agreement is terminated effective June 12, 2025. All activities as required under paragraph 3 of the Agreement have been completed. Noted updates and responses are described below.

Required Responses

Section 3.3 Condition Assessment Cycle.

The City shall reinspect all sewer lines, manholes, and segments at least every fifteen (15) years.

Response: The City is on a 15-year cycle/segment and this activity is ongoing.

Section 3.6 Lateral Inspection/Repair Program.

- b. If the City does not adopt an ordinance within the one (1) year time required by, and as described in Section 3.6.a above, then within two (2) years after the Effective Date, the City shall create a Revolving Loan Fund, in the amount of fifty thousand dollars, to assist property owners in the repair and replacement of private sewer laterals.

Response: The purpose of this response is to update the City's activity under the Revolving Loan Fund. As required under Section 3.6.a, the City Council held a public hearing on May 18, 2021 to consider adoption of an ordinance for a mandatory private sewer lateral inspection and repair program with the triggering events listed in Section 3.6.a of the Agreement. Upon hearing public comments at the public hearing and upon City Council deliberation and consideration, the Council chose not to move forward with adoption of the ordinance and directed staff to develop a revolving loan fund. On February 15, 2022, the City Council adopted Resolution 6402-2022 that established a Private Sewer Lateral Grant Fund Program and approved a budget of \$50,000 to fund the program.

The \$50,000 grant program was originally allocated as an expense in FY2020-22, and the corresponding amount is currently held in a liability account. To date, there have been no requests for reimbursements related to this program and therefore, the total shown in the liability account no. 510-00-00-2660 is \$50,000 that is available for the program. The grant program will end June 30, 2025.

Section 3.9 Annual Reporting to CRW.

At a date no later than one year after the Effective Date of this Agreement, the City shall provide CRW with a report confirming the completion of any task identified in Section 3 of this Agreement, and shall, upon written request, provide CRW with a report annually thereafter throughout the term of this Agreement identifying additional tasks completed.

Response: This Annual Report dated June 12, 2025 meets the requirements of this paragraph. A copy of this Report will be provided to CRW, upon written request.

Questions or Comments

Address questions or comments to this Annual Report, in writing, to:

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