



City of Santa Barbara  
Public Works Department

## Interoffice Memorandum

**DATE:** August 29, 2011

**TO:** Water Commissioners

**VIA:** Rebecca Bjork, Water Resources Manager 

**FROM:** Chris Toth, Wastewater System Manager

**SUBJECT:** INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE TO AMEND MUNICIPAL CODE TITLE 16, LIQUID AND INDUSTRIAL WASTE

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Attached please find a draft Ordinance Committee Agenda Report regarding proposed revisions to Santa Barbara Municipal Code Title 16, Liquid and Industrial Waste Disposal. The matter is to be reviewed by the Ordinance Committee at a date to be determined. The following supporting documents are available on-line:

1. A draft of the revised City of Santa Barbara Municipal Code Title 16, Liquid and Industrial Waste Disposal;
2. A draft of the City of Santa Barbara Pretreatment Program Enforcement Response Plan; and
3. A draft of the City of Santa Barbara Wastewater Discharge Permit Standard Conditions.

The on-line documents can be accessed under the "News" section on the City's Water Home Page at: [www.SantaBarbaraCA.gov/Water](http://www.SantaBarbaraCA.gov/Water)

Revisions to the documents 1-3 listed above are necessary in order to comply with current federal regulations as directed by the California Regional Water Quality Control Board during a 2009 inspection of the City's Industrial Waste Pretreatment Program.

Staff is requesting that you review and recommend to the Ordinance Committee and City Council their approval of the revised documents. Sarah Knecht, Assistant City Attorney, is in the process of determining the date that this item will appear before the Ordinance Committee.

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Attachment



# CITY OF SANTA BARBARA

## ORDINANCE COMMITTEE AGENDA REPORT (DRAFT)

**AGENDA DATE:** (Council Meeting Date )  
**TO:** Ordinance Committee  
**FROM:** Water Resources, Public Works Department  
**SUBJECT:** Introduction of Ordinance to Amend Municipal Code Title 16,  
Liquid and Industrial Waste Disposal

### RECOMMENDATION:

That the Ordinance Committee recommend that Council:

1. Introduce and subsequently adopt, by reading of title only, An Ordinance of the Council of the City of Santa Barbara Amending All Chapters of Municipal Code Title 16, Liquid and Industrial Waste Disposal;
2. Approve the City of Santa Barbara Pretreatment Program Enforcement Response Plan and authorize the Public Works Director to make future changes as needed; and
3. Approve the City of Santa Barbara Wastewater Discharge Permit Standard Conditions and authorize the Public Works Director to make minor modifications to these standard conditions as needed.

### DISCUSSION:

The City's wastewater system operates under a National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit issued by the California Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB) which contains Clean Water Act requirements administered by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). A requirement of the Clean Water Act and the NPDES permit is that the City must implement an industrial Pretreatment Program governing the quality and quantity of wastewater discharged to the collection system by industrial dischargers. Municipal Code Title 16 (Title 16) provides the standards and the legal authority for enforcement of the Pretreatment Program. Since the last revision to Title 16, the EPA has made changes to the requirements for the Pretreatment Program which need to be incorporated into the City's municipal code.

RWQCB inspections of local municipalities are conducted periodically to ensure Pretreatment Programs are administered according to federal requirements. An inspection of the City's Pretreatment Program was conducted in December of 2009 and resulted in a list of requirements and changes that need to be made to the City's Program in order to comply with current federal regulations. In January 2010, the City contracted with Larry Walker & Associates (LWA) to assist in the preparation of revisions to documents as required by RWQCB. During 2010 and early 2011, LWA worked with City pretreatment and wastewater staff to revise Title 16, the Enforcement Response Plan (ERP), and Industrial Wastewater Discharge Permit Standard Conditions. These three documents are closely interrelated and together, provide a legal framework which the City can use to enforce the requirements of the pretreatment program and help protect the treatment plant operations and water quality. Recommended changes to these documents are attached.

Summary of Required Changes:

- Title 16 Liquid and Industrial Waste Disposal -

Changes are made throughout the document to reflect current federal and state regulations and to add strength and clarity to the City's legal authority. In addition, changes have been made to the Program's administrative structure to allow a more streamlined implementation of the program.

- Enforcement Response Plan-

The revised ERP reflects changes made to Title 16. In addition, the changes will provide an improved framework to ensure consistent enforcement actions by the City while maintaining sufficient flexibility for the needs of the collection system and treatment plant.

- Wastewater Discharge Permit Standard Conditions -

As in Title 16, changes are made throughout the document to reflect current federal and state regulations and add language that strengthens the legal authority held by the City. The document further clarifies the responsibilities of the permittees and consequences for non-compliance.

**ATTACHMENT(S):**

*(1) Municipal Code Title 16, Liquid and Industrial Waste Disposal*

*(2) Santa Barbara Pretreatment Program Enforcement Response Plan*

*(3) Santa Barbara Wastewater Discharge Permit Standard Conditions*

**PREPARED BY:** *(Christopher Toth/CR/cr)*

**SUBMITTED BY:** Christine F. Andersen, Public Works Director

**APPROVED BY:** City Administrator's Office