

# STAFF REPORT

## City of Lancaster

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Date: November 9, 2010

To: Mayor Parris and City Council Members

From: Robert C. Neal, Director of Public Works

Subject: **Approve Reciprocal Agreement Between City of Lancaster and County of Los Angeles for Joint Use of Sanitary Sewer System**

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**Recommendation:**

Approve Reciprocal Agreement between City of Lancaster and County of Los Angeles for Joint Use of Sanitary Sewer System and authorize the City Manager to execute and sign all documents.

**Fiscal Impact:**

None

**Background:**

The City's Sewer System Management Plan (SSMP) was prepared in compliance with the State Requirements and was approved by the City Council in April, 2009. The SSMP requires that in areas where sewage discharges from one jurisdiction to another, the agencies enter into an agreement(s) to define the relationship between the agencies of the sewer systems such that discharge from one jurisdiction to the other is not adversely impacted.

The City has reviewed the County's sewer pipelines that are tributary to the City sewer system and determined that a small number of connections discharge flows from properties located in Los Angeles County into lines owned by the City and vice versa. In a few cases the sewage from one jurisdiction's line discharges into the other jurisdiction's line and is later discharged into the first jurisdiction's line before the flow is finally released into a Sanitation District trunk line. There is no flow from the City of Palmdale directly into any City of Lancaster sewer line.

Staff met with Los Angeles County Department of Public Works, Consolidated Sewer Maintenance District staff to determine the best way to handle the flows passing through the other jurisdiction's lines. It was decided that a reciprocal joint use agreement would best serve the interests of each party.

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**Attachment:**

Reciprocal Agreement between City of Lancaster and County of Los Angeles for Joint Use of Sanitary Sewer System