



# City of Santa Rosa

## Legislation Details

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| <b>Title:</b>        | REPORT - AUTHORIZATION FOR LIMITED ACCESS TO PROPERTIES DESTROYED IN THE TUBBS FIRE TO EVALUATE SEWER LATERALS AND, IF NECESSARY, SUSPEND DISCHARGE TO THE TREATMENT PLANT |                      |   |              |  |

**BACKGROUND:** The Tubbs fire damaged or destroyed approximately 3,000 residential and commercial structures that are connected to the City of Santa Rosa's sewer collection system. During recent storm events, these damaged sewer laterals allowed storm water runoff, ash, debris and potentially hazardous waste to enter the sewer collection system. Depending on the magnitude of the rain event, this excessive inflow and infiltration has the potential to cause sanitary sewer overflows throughout the collection system and could foul the filtration and biological treatment systems at the City's wastewater treatment plant. The exposed sewer laterals pose a threat to the health and safety of the general public and to the operations at the wastewater collection and treatment facility. Staff has made every effort to coordinate with the debris removal process underway through the direction of the Army Corps of Engineers, which includes plugging the open and damaged sewer laterals. City staff believe, however, given the uncertainties surrounding the cleanup schedule, both the Army Corps and private efforts, as well as the risks to the regional wastewater system and the Laguna Treatment Plant, that a three-pronged approach that will also include work contracted for by the City's Water Department will be the most effective in protecting public health and the environment.

Proposals are currently being solicited to plug open sewer laterals in a subset of the Fountaingrove area. The solicitation for proposals for the rest of Fountaingrove and Coffey Park may be released for advertisement in the near future, if necessary.

**RECOMMENDATION:** It is recommended by the Water Department that Council, by resolution, authorize the Director of Santa Rosa Water, his staff and his delegates, limited access to enter upon damaged or destroyed properties within the City located in the Tubbs fire area in order to evaluate and determine whether it is necessary, and where determined it is necessary, to immediately suspend the user's discharge into the City's Public Owned Treatment Works by the temporary plugging of the sewer lateral.

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