

UPDATE TO 2018 WATER AND SEWER STANDARDS AND SPECIFICATIONS

Board of Public Utilities

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Background

- Water and Sewer Standards and Specifications (Standards) provide for design policies and construction methods associated with additions and modifications to the public water and sewer systems
- In September 2017, the City Council, via Resolution Number RES-2017-177, delegated authority to the Board of Public Utilities to approve future Standards Updates.
- Santa Rosa Water's current Standards was last approved by the Board in October 2018.

Settlement

- Santa Rosa Water was a participant in U.S. et al., ex rel. Hendrix v. J M Manufacturing Co., Inc., et al., Case No. EDCV 06 0055 GW (C.D. of CA) (“Action”) and the Water Department’s current Standards include a restriction on the use of PVC pipe manufactured by J M Manufacturing or JM Eagle.
- In May 2025, the City entered into an agreement to settle the Action, which includes a 50-year warranty from the manufacturer, and requires the City to remove the restriction on the use of PVC pipe manufactured by J M Manufacturing or JM Eagle.

Proposed Changes to the Standards

- Remove restrictions on the use of PVC pipe manufactured by J M Manufacturing or JM Eagle from the Water Distribution System Design Standards, Water Distribution System Construction Standard Specifications, and Sanitary Sewer System Construction Standard Specifications.
- This update to the Standards will comply with the settlement agreement.

RECOMENDATION

It is recommended by Santa Rosa Water and the City Attorney's Office that the Board of Public Utilities, by resolution, approve updates to the Water Distribution System Design Standards, the Water Distribution System Construction Standard Specifications, and the Sanitary Sewer System Construction Standard Specifications, removing the restricted use of J M Manufacturing or JM Eagle pipe.

Questions