

## **South Placer Municipal Utility District Code**

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## **CHAPTER 3 FATS, OILS & GREASE**

### **CHAPTER 3 .00 GENERAL**

#### **3.00.001 Purpose**

- A. This Chapter in whole or in part is based on excerpts from Ordinance 09-01 adopted by the Board of Directors on March 5, 2009, and shall govern the use of public and private sewers and establish the rules and regulations for the prevention of blockages of the sewer lines resulting from discharges of fats, oils, and grease (FOG) into the public sewer, and to specify appropriate FOG discharge requirements for food service establishments (FSEs).
- B. The requirements of this Code shall supplement and be in addition to the requirements of the Districts Ordinance 01-01, and amendments updates, and/or replacements thereto, establishing rules and regulations for services rendered by South Placer Municipal Utility District, and the District's Ordinance 88-3, an ordinance adopting Chapter 14.26 of the Roseville Municipal Code related to Industrial Wastewater, and amendments thereto.
  - 1. This Code shall apply to both direct and indirect discharge of wastewater containing FOG carried to the public sewer.
  - 2. The provisions set forth in this Code are designed to ensure compliance with federal, state, and local laws and regulations, and to allow the District to meet applicable standards.
  - 3. This Code also establishes quantity and quality standards on all discharges containing FOG, which may alone or collectively cause or contribute to FOG accumulation in the sewer facilities causing or potentially causing or contributing to the occurrence of sanitary sewer overflows (SSOs).

### **CHAPTER 3 .01 DEFINITIONS**

Unless otherwise defined herein, terms related to water quality shall be as adopted in the latest edition of Standard Methods for Examination of Water and Wastewater, published by the American Public Health Association, the American Water Works

Association, and the Water Environment Federation. Testing procedures for waste constituents and characteristics shall be as provided in 40 Code of Federal Regulations 136. Subject to the foregoing, the meaning of the terms used in this Code shall be as follows:

### **3.01.005 Automatic Grease removal device (GRD)**

A hydromechanical grease interceptor that automatically, mechanically removes non-petroleum fats, oils, and grease (FOG) from the interceptor, the control of which are automatically initiated. GRDs shall be certified to ASME A112.14.4 and/or CSA B481.5.

### **3.01.010 Best Management Practices (BMPs)**

Best Management Practices are activities, prohibitions, maintenance procedures, and other management practices to prevent or reduce the direct or indirect introduction of FOG into the public sewer.

### **3.01.015 Board**

Board of Directors of the South Placer Municipal Utility District (District).

### **3.01.020 Change in operations**

Any change in the ownership, food types, or operational procedures that have the potential to change the amount of FOG discharged by FSEs in an amount that alone or collectively causes or creates a potential for SSOs to occur.

### **3.01.025 Collection system**

Portions of the public sewer consisting of all pipes, sewers, and conveyance systems conveying wastewater to the publicly owned treatment works excluding privately owned sewer lateral line connections.

### **3.01.030 Compliance schedule**

A time schedule, enforceable under the provisions of this Code that contains increments of progress (e.g. milestones, in the form of dates). These milestones shall be for the commencement and/or completion of major events leading to the construction and operation of additional pretreatment facilities or the implementation of policies, procedures, or operational management techniques required for permittees to comply

with all applicable federal, state, or local environmental regulations which may directly or indirectly affect the quality of the permittee's wastewater.

#### **3.01.040 Discharger**

Any person who discharges or causes a discharge of wastewater directly or indirectly to the public sewer.

#### **3.01.045 District**

The South Placer Municipal Utility District, a statutorily created district, operating under the authority of and pursuant to the provisions of the California Municipal Utility District Act (Public Utility Code commencing at Section 11501 et seq).

#### **3.01.050 District General Manager**

The General Manager as appointed by the Board of Directors of the South Placer Municipal Utility District in accordance with the California Municipal Utility District Act (Public Utility Code commencing at Section 11501 et seq) or any District employee or agent of the District authorized by the General Manager to act on their behalf to enforce the provisions of this code.

#### **3.01.055 District Specifications**

The District's Standard Specifications and Improvement Standards for Sanitary Sewers prepared and ordered effective by the General Manager pursuant to the provisions of Section 11937(e) of the Municipal Utility District Act, Division 6, of the Public Utilities Code, State of California and as delineated in Chapter 5 of this Code. All work associated with wastewater systems shall be performed pursuant to and in compliance with this Code and the District Specifications.

#### **3.01.060 Equivalent Dwelling Unit (EDU)**

The unit of measurement used to determine design and fee requirements based on the typical average flow and strength of wastewater from a single-family residential occupancy.

#### **3.01.065 Fats, Oils, and Grease (FOG)**

Non-petroleum organic polar compounds derived from animal or plant sources such as fats, non-hydrocarbons, fatty acids, soaps, waxes, and oils that contain multiple carbon

chain triglyceride molecules. These substances are detectable and measurable using analytical procedures established in the 40 CFR Part 136.

### **3.01.070 FOG control program**

The program developed by the District, as required by, and pursuant to State Water Resources Control Board Order No. 2006-0003, and any subsequent modifications.

### **3.01.075 FOG Wastewater Discharge Permit (WDP)**

FOG Wastewater Discharge Permit, a permit issued by the District, subject to the requirements and conditions established by the General Manager, authorizing a Permittee to discharge wastewater from an FSE into the public sewer.

### **3.01.080 Food Service Establishment (FSE)**

Food Service Establishment, any facility, including but not limited to, any commercial entity within the boundaries of the District, operating in a permanently constructed structure such as a room, building or place, or portion thereof, maintained, used, or operated for the purpose of storing, preparing, serving or manufacturing, packaging or otherwise handling food for sale to other entities, or for consumption by the public, its members or employees, and which has any process or device that uses or produces FOG, or grease vapors, steam, fumes, smoke or odors that are required to be removed by an exhaust hood pursuant to California Health and Safety Code section 114149.1 or in accordance with the California Uniform Retail Food Facilities Law (CURFFL) (California Health and Safety Code sections 113700, et seq.). A limited food preparation establishment may be considered a non-FOG producing FSE when engaged only in reheating, hot holding, or assembly of ready to eat food products, provided that there is no wastewater discharge containing a significant amount of FOG. Mobile food trucks are considered an FSE and subject to the requirements of this Code.

### **3.01.085 Food grinder**

Any device installed in the plumbing or sewage system for the purpose of grinding food or food waste, also commercially called a garbage disposal.

### **3.01.090 Grab sample**

A sample taken from a waste stream on a one-time basis without regard to the flow in the waste stream and without consideration of time.

### **3.01.095 Grease control device (GCD)**

Any hydromechanical grease interceptor, grease removal device, gravity grease interceptor, mechanism, device, or process which attaches to, or is applied to, wastewater plumbing fixtures and lines, the purpose of which is to trap, collect or treat FOG prior to it being discharged into the public sewer. A grease control device may also include any other proven method to reduce FOG subject to the approval of the General Manager. GCDs shall be certified to ASME A112.14.4 and/or CSA B481.5.

### **3.01.100 Gravity grease interceptor (GGI)**

A plumbing appurtenance or appliance that is installed in a sanitary drainage system to intercept non-petroleum fats, oils, and grease (FOG) from a wastewater discharge and is identified by volume, baffle(s), not less than two compartments, and gravity separation. Gravity grease interceptors are installed outside. Approved designs shall be certified to IAPMO / ANSI Z1001.

### **3.01.105 Hot spots**

Areas in the collection system of sewer lines that must be cleaned or maintained frequently to avoid blockages of the public sewer caused by FOG.

### **3.01.110 Hydromechanical grease interceptor (HGI)**

A plumbing appurtenance or appliance that is installed in a sanitary drainage system to intercept nonpetroleum fats, oil, and greases (FOG) from a wastewater discharge and is identified by flow rate, separation, and retention efficiency. The design incorporates air entrainment, hydromechanical separation, interior baffling, and/or barriers in combination or separately, and one of the following:

- A. External flow control, with air intake (vent): directly connected.
- B. External flow control, without air intake (vent): directly connected.
- C. Without external flow control, directly connected.
- D. Without external flow control, indirectly connected.

Hydromechanical grease interceptors shall be certified to ASME A112.14.3, CSA B481.1, and/or PDI G101.

### **3.01.115 Inspector**

Any person authorized by the General Manager to inspect any existing or proposed wastewater generation, conveyance, processing, and/or disposal facilities.



### **3.01.120 Manifest**

The receipt which is retained by a permittee for the disposal of FOG, recyclable wastes, and/or liquid wastes.

### **3.01.126 Mobile Food Truck**

A food service establishment that is readily moveable from place to place at all times during operation and shall include but not limited to pushcarts, trailers, trucks, vans, or boats.

### **3.01.125 New Construction**

Any structure planned or under construction where the sewer facilities have not been approved by the District.

### **3.01.130 Obstruction**

Any discharge which, alone or in combination with discharges from other sources, inhibits or disrupts the public sewer, operations, or is otherwise a violation of any District Ordinance, Code, or State discharge requirements.

### **3.01.135 Permittee**

The holder or holders of a FOG Wastewater Disposal Permit (WDP) issued for a Food Service Establishment (FSE) and is subject to the requirements and conditions established in this Code or as otherwise established by the General Manager.

### **3.01.140 Person**

Any individual, partnership, co-partnership, firm, company, association, society, corporation, joint stock company, trust, estate, governmental entity or any other legal entity, or their legal representatives, agents, or assigns. The masculine gender shall include the feminine and the singular shall include the plural where indicated by context.

### **3.01.145 Property Owner**

The record owner of the real property upon which is located a Food Service Establishment (FSE) being served or to be served by the District's wastewater system, or his duly authorized agent.

### **3.01.150 Publicly Owned Treatment Works (POTW)**

A wastewater treatment plant as defined by Section 212 of the Clean Water Act (33 United States Code 1291). The District's public sewer is a satellite wastewater collection system to the regional POTW located in the City of Roseville.

### **3.01.155 Public sewer**

A sewer in which all owners of abutting property have equal rights and is controlled by a public authority.

### **3.01.160 Remodeling**

Any physical alteration and/or operational change to a Food Service Establishment (FSE).

### **3.01.165 Sanitary sewer**

A sewer that carries wastewater or sewage and to which storm, surface, and groundwaters are not intentionally admitted.

### **3.01.166 Sanitary Sewer Overflow (SSO)**

Any overflow, spill, release, discharge, or diversion of untreated or partially treated wastewater from a sanitary sewer system.

### **3.01.170 Sewer facilities (or system)**

Any and all facilities used for collecting, conveying, pumping, treating, and disposing of wastewater.

### **3.01.175 Sewer lateral**

A Building Sewer as defined in the latest edition of the Uniform Plumbing Code (UPC). It is the wastewater connection between the building's wastewater drain facilities and a public sewer.

### **3.01.180 Shall – May.**

The term “shall” is mandatory and the term “may” is permissive.

### **3.01.185 User**

Any person who contributes, causes, or permits the contribution of wastewater into the public sewer and the Publicly Owned Treatment Works (POTW).

### **3.01.190 Wastewater**

The liquid and water carrying industrial or domestic wastes from dwellings, commercial buildings, industrial facilities, FSEs, and institutions, whether treated or untreated, which is discharged into or permitted to enter the public sewer and the Publicly Owned Treatment Works (POTW).

### **3.01.195 Wastewater Collection system**

The pipe system and appurtenances for collecting and carrying water and water-carried wastes from domestic, non-residential, and industrial sources to a wastewater treatment plant.

### **3.01.200 Wastewater system**

All facilities for collecting, pumping, treating, and disposing of wastewater.

### **3.01.205 Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP)**

An arrangement of pipes, equipment, devices, tanks, and structures for treating wastewater and industrial wastes.

## **CHAPTER 3 .02 REGULATIONS**

### **3.02.001 FOG Wastewater Discharge Permit (FOG WDP) required**

No person shall discharge, or cause to be discharged, any wastewater from Food Service Establishments (FSEs) directly or indirectly into the public sewer without first obtaining a FOG WDP pursuant to this Code.

### **3.02.002 FOG discharge limitation**

No FSE/Permittee/Property Owner shall discharge FOG, or cause FOG to be discharged into the public sewer that causes an SSO, exceeds a concentration level of

100 parts per million by weight of fats, oil, or grease, or that may accumulate and/or cause or contribute to blockages in the public sewer. The property owner is responsible for the effectiveness of the Grease Control Device (GCD) to comply with the FOG discharge limitations of this code. The property owner shall provide means for the District to access the discharge from the FSE to inspect, sample, and confirm the FSE/Permittee/Property Owner is not exceeding the maximum concentration level of FOG.

### **3.02.003 Public sewer overflows; public nuisance; abatement orders and cleanup costs**

Any FSE/Permittee/Property Owner determined by the General Manager to have contributed to a sewer blockage, SSO, or any public sewer obstruction resulting from the discharge of wastewater or waste containing FOG, shall subject the property owner to an order to install and maintain a GCD, in accordance with the District's Specifications, and may be subject to a plan to abate the nuisance created by sewer line failures and blockages, SSOs, or any other public sewer obstruction. SSOs may cause threat and injury to public health, safety, and welfare of life and property and are hereby declared public nuisances. Furthermore, SSOs caused by FSEs, alone or collectively, are the responsibility of the FSE/Permittee/Property Owner, and individuals who are responsible officers or owners of the FSE. If the General Manager determines that the public's health and safety require the District to act immediately to contain and clean up any SSO caused by blockage of a private or public sewer lateral or system serving an FSE, or if the District so acts at the request of the property owner and/or the operator of the FSE, or because of the failure of the property owner or FSE to abate the condition causing immediate threat of injury to the health, safety, welfare, or property of the public, the District's costs for such abatement shall be entirely borne jointly and severally by the FSE/Permittee/Property Owner, and individuals who are responsible officers or owners of the FSE and may constitute a debt to the District, due and payable upon the District's demand for reimbursement of such costs.

### **3.02.004 Best Management Practices (BMPs) required**

Every FSE/Permittee/Property Owner shall implement BMPs in its operations in accordance with the requirements and guidelines established by the District, to minimize the discharge of FOG to the GCD and/or the public sewer. Detailed requirements for BMPs shall be specified in the FOG WDP and all FSE/Permittee/Property Owner as required, at a minimum, to comply with the BMPs set forth therein as well as any additional BMPs established by the General Manager. BMPs may include but are not limited to, kitchen practices and employee training procedures that are essential in minimizing FOG discharge to the public sewer. BMPs shall include but are not limited to the following:

- A. Dry-wipe pots, pans, and work areas prior to washing
- B. Do not pour cooking residue directly into building drains or fixtures
- C. Dispose of food waste directly into the trash
- D. Do not dispose of food waste in the garbage disposal
- E. Collect waste oil and store it for recycling
- F. Do not pour waste oil into building drains or fixtures
- G. Clean floor mats inside the building over a utility sink
- H. Do not wash floor mats where water can run off directly into the storm drain

### **3.02.005 Prohibitions**

FSEs/Permittees/Property Owners are prohibited from doing any of the following:

- A. Installing food grinders or garbage disposals in the plumbing system or new construction. All FSEs that undergo a change in operations or remodeling shall remove any existing food grinders concurrent with such change or remodeling, except as otherwise expressly allowed by the General Manager.
- B. Introducing any additives into an FSE's plumbing system and/or grease control devices for the purpose of emulsifying FOG, and/or chemically treating FOG for grease remediation, or as a supplement to grease control device maintenance, unless a specific written authorization from the District is first obtained.
- C. Disposing of waste cooking oil into the public sewer.
- D. Discharging wastewater with temperatures in excess of 140°F to the public sewer.
- E. Connecting or discharging dishwashers directly to the sanitary sewer unless otherwise approved by the District.
- F. Connecting or discharging food waste disposal units directly to the sanitary sewer. Any food waste disposal units allowed by the District must connect to a solids interceptor prior to discharging to a GCD.

- G. Discharging wastes containing fecal materials from toilets, urinals, washbasins, or other fixtures to waste lines directed to grease interceptors and/or other grease control devices, or vice versa.
- H. Discharging FOG and solid materials removed from a grease control device to the public sewer.
- I. Operating a GCD(s) with FOG and solids accumulation exceeding its rated capacity as documented by the manufacturer through third-party test reports, or in the absence of that, twenty-five percent (25%) of the design hydraulic depth of the grease control device.
- J. Discharging FOG and other pollutants above the local discharge limits set forth in the Roseville Municipal Code, Chapter 14.26 and amendments thereto, as adopted under District Ordinance 88-3.

### **3.02.006 FOG pretreatment required**

Every FSE/Permittee/Property Owner shall, at the time of construction, remodel, and/or change in operations, install, operate, and maintain an approved type and adequately sized GCD in accordance with the District's Specifications, necessary to maintain compliance with the objectives of this Code, subject to the variance and waiver provisions of 3.02.011. The GCD shall separate and remove FOG contained in wastewater from FSEs prior to discharge to the public sewer. Fixtures, equipment, and drain lines located in the food preparation and clean-up areas of any FSEs shall be connected to the GCD. Compliance shall be established as follows:

#### **A. New construction of FSEs**

Unless otherwise approved by the District, New construction of any FSE shall include complete installation of an adequately sized GCD, in accordance with the District's Specifications, exterior to the FSE, prior to commencing discharges of wastewater to the public sewer. The property owner shall be responsible for the design, ownership, operation, maintenance, and effectiveness of GCD(s).

## **B. Existing FSEs**

1. Any existing FSE, which, in the General Manager's determination, has caused or contributed to grease-related blockage in the public sewer, has one or more sewer laterals connected to hot spots, and/or has contributed significant FOG to the public sewer, shall be deemed to have reasonable potential to adversely impact the public sewer and shall be required to install GCD(s), in accordance with the District's Specifications, within Ninety (90) days upon issuance of written notification by the General Manager.
2. Any existing FSE or FSE that changes ownership or that undergoes remodeling and/or a change in operations, as defined in this Code, shall be required to install GCD(s), in accordance with the District's Specifications, or to obtain a variance or waiver in accordance with Chapter 3.02.010.

### **3.02.007 Commercial properties**

Any FSE/Permittee/Property Owner, or duly authorized designee, of a commercial property where multiple FSEs are located shall be responsible for the installation and maintenance of GCD(s) serving the FSEs that are located on a single parcel.

### **3.02.008 Grease control device requirements**

- A. Any FSE/Permittee/Property Owner required by this Code to provide FOG pretreatment shall install, operate, and maintain an approved type and adequately sized GCD(s), in accordance with the District's Specifications, necessary to maintain compliance with the objectives of this Code.
- B. Sizing of the grease control device shall conform to the District's Specifications. GCDs shall be constructed in accordance with the District's Specifications. GCDs shall be designed, maintained, and operated to meet the FOG discharge limitation defined in 3.02.002.
- C. The GCD(s) shall be installed at a location where it shall be at all times readily accessible for inspection, cleaning, and removal of accumulated grease.

### **3.02.009 Grease control device maintenance requirements**

- A. FSE's/Permittees/Property Owners shall maintain GCD(s) in efficient operating condition by periodic removal of the full content of the interceptor conducted by a

liquid waste hauler licensed through the California Department of Food and Agriculture, which includes, but is not limited to, wastewater, accumulated FOG, floating materials, and solids.

B. The District may require any FSE with a GCD to submit data and information necessary to establish the required maintenance frequency of the GCD.

C. The required maintenance frequency for every FSE with a GCD shall be determined in one of the following methods:

1. GCDs shall be fully pumped out and cleaned at a frequency such that the combined FOG and solids accumulation in the GCD does not exceed its rated capacity as documented by the manufacturer through third-party test reports, or in the absence of that, twenty-five percent (25%) of the total designed hydraulic depth of the grease interceptor. This is to ensure that the minimum hydraulic retention time and required available hydraulic volume are maintained to effectively intercept and retain FOG from being discharged to the public sewer.

2. GCDs shall be fully pumped out and cleaned quarterly when the frequency described in 3.02.009C.1. has not been established. The maintenance frequency shall be adjusted when sufficient data has been obtained to establish an average frequency based on the requirements described in 3.02.009C.1. and guidelines adopted by the District pursuant to the FOG control program. The District may change the required maintenance frequency at any time to reflect changes in actual operating conditions in accordance with the FOG control program. Based on the actual generation of FOG from the FSE, the required maintenance frequency may increase or decrease. The following maintenance requirements shall apply:

- A. Remove cover(s)
- B. Document condition of GCD with digital pictures of the interior through each manhole/cover
- C. Remove all fats, oils, and grease (FOG), solids, food debris, and wastewater
- D. Clean all internal surfaces from the build-up of FOG or other residual materials (chemicals and/or degreasers are prohibited)
- E. Inspect all internal components, replace anything missing or broken and, when required by the manufacturer, ensure the flow control device is installed
- F. Document condition of GCD when empty and cleaned with digital pictures of the interior through each manhole/cover
- G. Refill with fresh water



H. Replace cover(s)

I. Record and report all necessary information as described in 3.04.009.

3. Every FSE with a grease interceptor shall fully pump out and clean its grease interceptor not less than once every three (3) months.
  4. The FSE/Permittee/Property Owner of an FSE may submit a request to the District for a change in the required maintenance frequency at any time. The FSE has the burden of responsibility to demonstrate that the requested change in frequency reflects actual operating conditions based on the average FOG accumulation over time and meets the requirements described in 3.02.009C.1 and that it is in full compliance with the conditions of its FOG WDP and this chapter. Upon determination by the District that the requested revision is justified, the required maintenance frequency shall be revised accordingly.
  5. If the GCD, at any time, contains FOG and solids accumulation exceeding the requirements described in 3.02.009C.1 the FSE shall be required to have the GCD serviced immediately such that all FOG and other materials are completely removed from the GCD as described in 3.02.009C.2. If deemed necessary, the District may also increase the required maintenance frequency of the GCD.
- D. All GCDs are required to have fittings and appurtenances as designed by the manufacturer for proper function. Any GCD that does not have the required fittings and appurtenances shall be repaired and/or retro-fitted with appropriate fittings and appurtenances, or if unable to be repaired or retrofitted, the GCD shall be replaced with a new GCD in accordance with the District's Specifications.
- E. No FOG that has accumulated in a GCD shall be allowed to pass into any sewer lateral or public sewer.
- F. Wastewater, accumulated FOG, floating materials, solids, and other materials removed from the GCD shall be disposed of by liquid waste haulers at an approved disposal site in accordance with all applicable federal, state, and/or local laws.
- G. The General Manager may direct District staff to service an FSE's GCD if, in the

determination of the General Manager, the FSE/Permittee/Property Owner has failed to comply with the terms of the FOG WDP or with this Code. The FSE shall be responsible for any and all expenses of the District in undertaking such work, in addition to being subject to any enforcement action taken by the District as provided for in this Code.

### **3.02.010 Variance and waiver of requirement for grease control device**

#### **A. Variance from the requirement to install GCD(s).**

An FSE may request that the District grant a variance from the requirement to install GCD(s) to allow alternative pretreatment technology in lieu of a GCD if the FSE demonstrates that the alternative equals or exceeds the effectiveness of a GCD and that it is impossible or impracticable to install, operate, and maintain a GCD. The District's determination to grant a variance will be based upon, but not limited to, an evaluation of the following conditions:

1. There is inadequate space for installation and maintenance of a GCD; or
2. There is inadequate slope for gravity flow between kitchen plumbing fixtures and the GCD and/or between the GCD and the sewer lateral or the public sewer; and
3. The FSE can prove that the alternative pretreatment technology is equally or more effective than a GCD in controlling its FOG discharge. The FSE must be able to demonstrate, after installation of the proposed alternative pretreatment, its effectiveness to control FOG discharge through visual monitoring and water quality sampling of private sewer piping downstream from the FSE, for at least three (3) months, at its own expense. A variance may be granted if the results show no visible accumulation of FOG in the downstream sewer lines and the FOG discharge limitation per 3.02.002 is not exceeded. Any variance issued pursuant to this section may be revoked at any time at the discretion of the General Manager.

#### **B. Conditional waiver of requirement to install GCD(s).**

A conditional waiver of the requirement to install a GCD may be granted for FSEs that the District determines to have negligible FOG discharge and insignificant impact on the public sewer. Although a conditional waiver from the installation of a GCD may be granted, the FSE may be required to provide space and plumbing segregation for future installation of a GCD. The General Manager's

determination to grant or revoke a conditional waiver shall be based upon, but not limited to, an evaluation of the following conditions:

1. Quantity of FOG discharge as measured or indicated by the size of the FSE based on water usage, menu, seating capacity, number of meals served, amount of on-site consumption of prepared food, number of plumbing fixtures, and other conditions that may reasonably be shown to contribute to FOG discharges; and
2. Adequacy of implementation of BMPs and compliance history; and
3. Sewer size, grade, and condition based on visual and other information, FOG deposition in the sewer by the FSE, and history of maintenance and SSOs caused by FOG from the FSE; and
4. Changes in operations that significantly affect FOG discharge; and
5. Any other condition that the District deems reasonably related to the generation of FOG discharges.

C. Waiver of GCD installation requirement with a grease disposal mitigation fee.

Where the installation of a GCD is not feasible, and no equivalent alternative pretreatment can be installed, an FSE may be granted a waiver of the GCD requirement upon the payment of a grease disposal mitigation fee as described in 3.03.003. Additional requirements may also be imposed to mitigate the discharge of FOG into the public sewer. The General Manager's determination to grant the waiver upon the payment of a grease disposal mitigation fee will be based upon, but not limited to, an evaluation of the following conditions:

1. There is inadequate space for installation and/or maintenance of a GCD; or
2. There is inadequate slope for gravity flow between kitchen plumbing fixtures and the GCD and/or between the GCD and the sewer lateral or the public sewer; and
3. A variance from GCD installation to allow alternative pretreatment technology cannot be granted.

D. Application for variance or waiver of requirement for GCD.

An FSE may submit to the District a request in writing for a waiver or variance from the GCD requirement. The FSE bears the burden of demonstrating that the installation of a GCD is not feasible or otherwise required. Upon determination by the General Manager that reasons are sufficient to justify a variance or waiver, the FOG WDP will be issued or revised to include the variance or waiver and relieve the FSE from the requirement to install a GCD.

E. Terms and conditions of variance or waiver.

A variance or waiver shall contain the terms and conditions that serve as the basis for its issuance. A variance or waiver may be revoked by the General Manager at any time upon the determination that any of the terms or conditions for its issuance is not satisfied or if the conditions upon which the variance or waiver was based have changed so that the justification for the variance or waiver no longer exists. The variance or waiver shall be valid so long as the FSE remains in compliance with the terms and conditions until the expiration date specified in the variance or waiver.

## **CHAPTER 3 .03 FEES**

### **3.03.001 Purpose**

It is the purpose of this section to provide for the recovery of costs from users of the public sewer for the implementation of the program established in this Code.

### **3.03.002 Charges and fees**

The District may adopt charges and fees by resolution which may include, but are not limited to:

- A. Fees for reimbursement of costs or setting up and operating the District's FOG program.
- B. Fees for consistent removal by the District of pollutants otherwise subject to Federal Pretreatment Standards;
- C. Other fees as the District may deem necessary to carry out the requirements contained in this Code.

Costs incurred by the District as a result of required on-site sampling and analysis shall

be reimbursed to the District by the FSE/Property Owner/Permittee.

### **3.03.003 Grease disposal mitigation fee**

Any FSE that operates under a District-approved waiver, as provided in 3.02.011 C, without a GCD may be required to pay an annual grease disposal mitigation fee. The grease disposal mitigation fee is intended to cover the costs of increased maintenance of the public sewer, for inspection and cleaning of FOG that a usual and customary, and properly maintained, GCD would otherwise prevent from entering the public sewer. This section shall not be interpreted to allow new construction or an existing FSE undergoing remodeling and/or a change in operations to operate without an approved grease interceptor or a grease trap unless the General Manager has determined that it is impossible or impracticable to install and/or operate a GCD for the subject facility under the provisions of 3.02.011 of this Code.

The grease disposal mitigation fee shall be adjusted periodically by the General Manager based on the estimated annual increased cost of maintaining the public sewer for inspection and removal of FOG and other viscous or solidifying agents attributable to the FSE resulting from the lack of a GCD.

### **3.03.004 Collection of Fees**

A. Pursuant to the provisions of Section 12811 of the Public Utilities Code, all fees, tolls, rates, rentals, or other charges established under provisions of this Code may be collected by any lawful means including an action of law and all remedies for the collection and enforcement thereof are cumulative and may be pursued alternatively or consecutively.

B. Pursuant to the provisions of Section 12811.1 of the Public Utilities Code, the owner of record of real property within the District is required to pay fees, tolls, rates, rentals, and other charges that have become delinquent together with interest and penalties thereon, for services rendered to a lessee, tenant; or another occupant of the property and those fees, tolls, rates, rentals, and other charges will constitute a lien on the property when a certificate is filed in the Office of the County Recorder and such lien has the force, effect, and property judgment lien.

C. Any fees, rates, or charges established by any of the provisions of this Code shall not exceed the reasonable cost to the District of the rendition of the service for which the fee or charge is imposed.

## **CHAPTER 3 .04 ADMINISTRATION**

### **3.04.001 FOG WDP application**

- A. Any person required to obtain a FOG WDP for an FSE shall, jointly with the property owner, complete and file with the District, prior to commencing or continuing discharges, an application in a form prescribed by the General Manager.
- B. Site plans, floor plans, mechanical and plumbing plans, and details to show all sewers, GCD, or other pretreatment equipment and appurtenances with sizes, locations, and elevations, and a completed Grease Control Device Sizing and Selection Worksheet as provided in the District's Specifications, with product specifications for the proposed GCD, and manufacturer's third-party certified test report with incremental test data shall be submitted with the application.
- C. Other information related to the business operations and potential discharge may be requested to properly evaluate the FOG WDP application.
- D. After evaluation of the data furnished, the FOG WDP may be issued, subject to terms and conditions set forth in this Code and as otherwise determined by the General Manager.

### **3.04.002 FOG WDP application fee**

The FOG WDP application fee in accordance with the provisions of this Code shall accompany the submission of the FOG WDP application.

### **3.04.003 FOG WDP conditions**

The issuance of a FOG WDP may include, but is not limited to, any of the following conditions or limits:

- A. Limits on the discharge of FOG and other pollutants.
- B. Requirements for proper operation and maintenance of GCDs.
- C. GCD maintenance frequency and schedule.
- D. Requirements for implementation of BMPs.
- E. Requirements for maintaining and reporting status of BMPs.

- F. Requirements for maintaining and submitting logs and records, including waste hauling records and waste manifests including the ultimate disposition of the waste that contains FOG.
- G. Requirements to self-monitor.
- H. Requirements to self-report.
- I. Requirements for the FSE to construct, operate and maintain, at its own expense, GCD(s) and sampling facilities.
- J. Additional requirements as otherwise determined to be reasonably appropriate by the General Manager to protect the public sewer or as specified by other regulatory agencies.
- K. Other terms and conditions which may be reasonably applied to ensure compliance with this Code

#### **3.04.004 FOG WDP modification of terms and conditions**

- A. The terms and conditions of an issued FOG WDP may be subject to modification at the sole discretion of the General Manager during the life of the FOG WDP based on:
  - 1. The permittee's current or anticipated operating data;
  - 2. Changes in the requirements of state or federal regulatory agencies that oversee and monitor the District; or
  - 3. A determination by the General Manager that such modification is appropriate to further the objectives of this chapter and all applicable regulations.
- B. A Permittee may request modification of the terms and conditions of an issued FOG WDP. Any request shall be made in writing stating the requested change and the reasons for the change. The General Manager shall review the request, make a determination on the request, and respond in writing.
- C. A permittee shall be informed by the District of any change in the FOG WDP limits, conditions, and/or requirements at least forty-five (45) days prior to the effective date of the change. Any changes or new conditions in the FOG WDP shall include a reasonable time schedule for compliance.

### **3.04.005 FOG WDP Duration and Renewal**

FOG WDPs shall be issued and renewed according to the conditions set in the FOG WDP. At least thirty (30) days prior to the expiration (if one exists) of the FOG WDP, the Permittee shall apply for renewal and pay the applicable fees for the renewal of the WDP in accordance with the provision of this Code. A Permittee shall also pay any delinquent invoices in full prior to any FOG WDP renewal.

### **3.04.006 Exemption from FOG WDP**

- A. A limited food preparation establishment may be considered by the General Manager to be a low-FOG producing FSE and may be exempted from obtaining a FOG WDP. Exempt establishments shall be engaged only in reheating, hot holding, or assembly of ready to eat food products, provided that, in the District's determination the wastewater discharge does not contain a significant amount of FOG.
- B. An exemption from obtaining a FOG WDP shall be requested in writing. If the General Manager determines that the reasons for the request are valid, an exemption may be granted.
- C. A limited food preparation establishment may be required to follow the BMPs defined for all FSEs. A limited food preparation establishment that discharges FOG at any time in excess of the defined limits per 3.02.002 may be reclassified as an FSE and required to obtain a FOG WDP at the General Manager's discretion.

### **3.04.007 Non-transferability of a FOG WDP**

A FOG WDP issued pursuant to this Code is for a specific FSE and for a specific operation and creates no vested rights. No holder of a FOG WDP shall assign, transfer, and/or sell the FOG WDP and/or use the FOG WDP on any property or premises or for any facilities, operations, and/or discharges not expressly encompassed within the FOG WDP.

### **3.04.008 Facilities and drawing submittal requirements**

An FSE/Permittee/Property Owner shall submit facility site plans, mechanical and plumbing plans, and details to show all sewer locations and connections. The submittal shall be in a form and content acceptable to the General Manager for review of the existing or proposed GCD(s), monitoring facilities, metering facilities, and operating



procedures. The review of the plans and procedures shall in no way relieve the FSE of the responsibility of modifying the facilities or procedures in the future as necessary to produce an acceptable discharge per 3.02.002, and to meet the requirements of this Code or the requirements of any other regulatory agency.

The District may require the drawings to be prepared by a California registered architect, civil, mechanical, or electrical engineer. If allowed by the District General Manager, these drawings may be prepared by a qualified plumbing or mechanical contractor.

### **3.04.009 Monitoring and Reporting Requirements**

- A. The District may require periodic reporting of the status of implementation of BMPs, in accordance with the FOG control program.
- B. The District may require visual monitoring at the sole expense of the FSE/Permittee/Property Owner to observe the actual conditions of the FSE's sewer lateral and sewer lines downstream. The District may require reports for self-monitoring of wastewater constituents and FOG characteristics of the permittee needed for determining compliance with any conditions or requirements as specified in the FOG WDP or this Code. Monitoring reports of the analyses of wastewater constituents and FOG characteristics shall be in a manner and form approved by the District and shall be submitted upon request of the General Manager. Failure by the permittee to perform any required monitoring, or to submit monitoring reports required by the General Manager constitutes a violation of this Code and shall be cause for the District to initiate all necessary tasks and analyses to determine the wastewater constituents and FOG characteristics for compliance with any conditions and requirements specified in the FOG WDP or in this Code. The Permittee shall be responsible for any and all costs and expenses of the District in undertaking such monitoring analyses and preparation of reports.
- C. An FSE/Permittee/Property Owner shall self-report by electronically submitting, via email to the District, a copy of records (i.e., logbooks, manifests, receipts, invoices) provided at the time of each pump-out/cleaning/maintenance/repair of the GCD. Submitted records shall indicate, at a minimum, the date of service, a description of the services provided, and the volume of material removed from the GCD(s). Such information may also be submitted by the FSE/Permittee/Property Owner or their liquid waste hauler electronically as may be required by the District.
- D. Other reports may be required, such as compliance schedule progress reports, FOG control monitoring reports, and any other reports deemed reasonably

appropriate by the General Manager to ensure compliance with this Code.

#### **3.04.010 Recordkeeping requirements**

The Permittee shall be required to keep all manifests, receipts, and invoices of all cleaning, maintenance, grease removal of/from the GCD, disposal carrier, and disposal site location for no less than three (3) years. The permittee shall, upon request, make the manifests, receipts, and invoices available to the District, any inspector, and/or any enforcement officer. These records may include but are not limited to:

- A. An on-site logbook of GCD cleaning and maintenance practices.
- B. A record of BMPs being implemented, including employee training.
- C. Copies of records and manifests of liquid waste hauling of GCD contents.
- D. Records of sampling data and sludge height monitoring for FOG and solids accumulation in the GCD(s).
- E. Records of any spills and/or cleaning of the sewer lateral.
- F. Any other information deemed appropriate by the General Manager to ensure compliance with this Code.

#### **3.04.011 Falsifying information or tampering with processes**

It shall be unlawful to make any false statement, representation, record, report, plan or other document that is filed with the District or to tamper with or knowingly render inoperable any GCD, monitoring device, or method or access point required under this Code.

#### **3.04.012 Inspections and sampling conditions.**

- A. The District may inspect or order the inspection and sample the wastewater discharges of any FSE/Permittee/Property Owner to ascertain that the requirements of this Code are being met and the Permittee is complying with all conditions of the FOG WDP. The Permittee shall allow access to the FSE/Permittee/Property Owner premises, during normal business hours, for purposes of inspecting the FSE's GCDs, reviewing the manifests, receipts, and invoices relating to the cleaning, maintenance, and inspection of the GCDs.
- B. The District shall have the right to place or order the placement on the property,

containing an FSE, or other locations as determined by the General Manager, such devices as are necessary to conduct sampling or metering operations. Where an FSE/Permittee/Property Owner has security measures in force, the permittee shall make necessary arrangements so that the District and/or an inspector shall be permitted to enter without delay for the purpose of performing their specific responsibilities.

- C. In order for the District to determine the wastewater characteristics of the discharger for purposes of determining compliance with FOG WDP requirements, the Permittee shall make available for inspection and copying by the General Manager, an inspector, an enforcement officer, and/or service personnel, all notices, monitoring reports, waste manifests, and records including, but not limited to, those related to wastewater generation and wastewater disposal.

#### **3.04.013 Right of entry**

Users or Permittees of properties where FSE wastewater is created or discharged shall allow the General Manager, an inspector, and/or an enforcement officer, reasonable access to all parts of the wastewater generating and disposal facilities for the purposes of inspection and sampling during all times the FSE is open, operating, or any other reasonable time. No persons or occupants of an FSE shall interfere with, delay, resist, or refuse entrance to the General Manager, an inspector, and/or an enforcement officer attempting to inspect any facility involved directly or indirectly with a discharge of wastewater to the public sewer. In the event of an emergency involving an actual or imminent SSO, the General Manager, an inspector, and/or an enforcement officer may immediately enter the property and may access adjoining businesses or properties that share a public sewer with an FSE in order to prevent or remediate the actual or imminent SSO.

#### **3.04.013 Notification of spill.**

- A. In the event a permittee is unable to comply with any FOG WDP condition due to a breakdown of equipment, accidents, or human error or the Permittee has reasonable opportunity to know that their discharge will exceed the discharge provisions of the FOG WDP or this Code, the User/Permittee shall immediately notify the District by telephone at the number specified in the FOG WDP. If the material discharged to the public sewer has the potential to cause or result in sewer blockages or SSOs, the user/permittee shall immediately notify the District.
- B. Confirmation of this notification shall be made in writing to the District at the

address specified in the FOG WDP postmarked no later than two (2) calendar days from the date of the incident. The written notification shall state the date of the incident, the reasons for the discharge or spill, what steps were taken to immediately correct the problem, and what steps are being taken to prevent the problem from recurring.

- C. Such notification shall not relieve the User/Permittee of any expense, loss, damage, or other liability which may be incurred as a result of damage or loss to the District or any other damage or loss to persons or property; nor shall such notification relieve the permittee of any fees or other liability which may be imposed by this Code.

#### **3.04.014 Notification of planned changes**

A Permittee shall notify the District in writing at least sixty (60) days prior to any facility expansion or remodeling, or process modifications that may result in new or substantially increased FOG discharges or a change in the nature of the discharge. A Permittee shall submit any information requested by the District for evaluation of the effect of such expansion or remodeling on the permittee's FOG discharge to the public sewer.

#### **3.04.015 Notification of FSE closure**

- A. In the event that an FSE closes or suspends business operations, notification shall be provided to the District in writing within thirty (30) days of closure. The FSE/Permittee/Property Owner shall be responsible to ensure that any existing GCDs are cleaned in accordance with section 3.02.009C.2.
- B. A GCD that has been abandoned in place or has been discontinued otherwise from further use, or to which no waste from a plumbing fixture is connected shall have the contents removed therefrom, the bottom perforated, and be completely filled with crushed rock, sand, controlled low strength material (CLSM), concrete, or other material as approved by the District.
- C. The General Manager may direct District staff to service GCD(s) if, in the determination of the General Manager, the FSE/Permittee/Property Owner has failed to comply with the requirements of this section after an FSE closure. The FSE/Permittee/Property Owner shall be responsible for any and all expenses of the District in undertaking such work, in addition to being subject to any enforcement action taken by the District as provided for in this Code.

## **CHAPTER 3 .05 ENFORCEMENT**

### **3.05.001 Harmful discharge**

- A. The District may, upon order of the General Manager, suspend the wastewater service or revoke a FOG WDP when such suspension or revocation is necessary in order to stop an actual or threatened discharge that presents or may present an imminent or substantial endangerment to the health or welfare of persons, to the environment, or which causes obstruction to the collection system or causes the District to violate any condition of its permits or Federal and/or State regulations.
- B. Any FSE/Permittee/Property Owner notified of a suspension of the wastewater treatment service and/or revocation of a FOG WDP shall immediately stop or eliminate all nonconforming discharges to the public sewer. In the event of a failure of the FSE/Permittee/Property Owner to comply with the suspension order, the General Manager may take any and all such steps as he deems necessary, including immediate severance of the sewer connection, to prevent or minimize damage to the collection system. The District may reinstate the FOG WDP and/or the wastewater service upon proof of the elimination of the nonconforming discharge. A detailed written statement submitted by the FSE/Permittee/Property Owner describing the causes of the harmful discharge and the measures taken to prevent any future occurrence shall be submitted to the General Manager within fifteen (15) days of the date of occurrence of the discharge.

### **3.05.002 Determination of non-compliance with FOG WDP conditions**

- A. Sampling and inspection procedures
  - 1. Sampling and inspection of FSEs shall be conducted in the time, place, manner, and frequency determined at the discretion of the General Manager.
  - 2. Noncompliance with FOG WDP discharge conditions or any discharge provisions of this Code may be determined by an inspection of the GCD and associated manifest and documentation, or analysis of a grab sample of the effluent of an FSE.
  - 3. Any sample taken from a sample point, as determined representative by

the District, is considered representative of the discharge to the public sewer.

**B. Notice of Non-compliance/Notice of Violation**

1. Any Permittee found to be in violation of this Code and/or the FOG WDP terms and conditions may be issued a Warning of Non-Compliance in which there will be a specified time period to correct tile violation.
2. If the violation is not corrected within the specified time period the Permittee will be issued a Notice of Violation, within a specified time period to correct the violation.
3. If the violation is not corrected within the time period specified in the Notice of Violation, the Permittee shall be deemed to be in noncompliance.

**C. Noncompliance Fee**

1. Any Permittee deemed by the General Manager to be in noncompliance with the terms and conditions specified in the FOG WDP or with any provision of this Code may be required to pay a noncompliance fee. The purpose of the noncompliance fee is to compensate the District for costs of additional inspection and follow-up, sampling, monitoring, laboratory analysis, treatment, disposal, and administrative processing incurred as a result of the noncompliance and shall be in addition to and not in lieu of any penalties as may be assessed pursuant to 3.05.005. Noncompliance fees shall be in the amount determined by the General Manager.

**3.05.003 Compliance Schedule**

- A. Upon determination that a permittee is in noncompliance with the terms and conditions specified in the FOG WDP or any provision of this Code or needs to acquire and install a GCD, the District may require the permittee to enter a compliance schedule on terms and conditions specified by the General Manager.
- B. The compliance schedule may contain terms and conditions including but not limited to requirements for installation of a GCD and facilities, submittal of drawings or reports, audit of waste hauling records, BMPs and waste minimization practices, payment of fees, or other provisions to ensure

compliance with this Code.

- C. If compliance is not achieved in accordance with the terms and conditions of a compliance schedule during its term, the General Manager may issue an order suspending or revoking the FOG WDP pursuant to 3.05.004 of this Code.

#### **3.05.004 FOG WDP suspension and/or revocation**

- A. The General Manager may suspend and/or revoke any FOG WDP when the District determines that a Permittee:
1. Fails to comply with the terms and conditions of a compliance schedule order.
  2. Knowingly provides a false statement, representation, record, report, or other document to the General Manager.
  3. Refuses to provide records, reports, plans, or other documents required by the General Manager to determine FOG WDP terms or conditions, discharge compliance, or compliance with this Code.
  4. Falsifies, tampers with, or knowingly renders inaccurate any monitoring device or sample collection method.
  5. Refuses reasonable access to the FSE for the purpose of inspection and monitoring.
  6. Fails to make timely payment of all amounts owed to the District for all costs, charges, and fees required or imposed under this Code.
  7. Causes obstruction, sewer blockages, or SSOs in the public sewer.
  8. Violates GCD maintenance requirements, any condition or limit of its FOG WDP, or any provision of this Code.
  9. Fails to report significant changes in operations, or wastewater constituents, and characteristics.

#### **3.05.005 Violation- Penalty**

- A. Any violation of this Code or the orders, rules, regulations, and permits issued under this Code is unlawful.



- B. Any user, discharger, and/or permittee in violation of this Code, or the orders, rules, regulations, and permits issued under this Code, may be ordered by the General Manager to cease and desist operations until the violation is corrected. Continuance of operations after notice to cease and desist has been furnished to the User, Discharger, and/or Permittee shall be unlawful and may result in the severance of the sewer connection. Each day in which any such violation shall continue shall be deemed a separate offense.
- C. The violation of any of the provisions of this Code, or the orders, rules, regulations, and permits issued under this Code, or the doing of any act prohibited or the failure or omission to do any act required by this Code, or the orders, rules, and regulations, and permits issued under this Code is a public nuisance and may be enjoined by the District.
- D. If any violation of this Code, or the orders, rules, regulations, and permits issued under this Code, causes damage to the District's wastewater system, the District may seek to recover civil damages from the User, Discharger, Owner, and/or Permittee causing such damage.
- E. Civil Penalties. Pursuant to the authority of California Government Code Sections 54739 - 54740, any person who violates any provision of this Code shall be liable civilly for a sum not to exceed \$25,000 per violation, for each day in which such violations occur. Pursuant to the authority of the Clean Water Act, 33 U.S.C. Section 1251 et seq., any person who violates any provision of this Code shall be liable civilly for a sum not to exceed \$25,000 per violation, for each day in which such violations occur. Pursuant to California Government Code Sections 54740.5 and 54740.6, the District may impose administrative fines up to the greater of \$5,000 per day or \$10 per gallon for discharge violations. Each violation and each day in which a violation occurs may constitute a new and separate violation of this Code and shall be subject to the penalties contained within.
- F. Criminal Penalties. Any person who violates any provision of this Code is guilty of a misdemeanor, which upon conviction is punishable by a fine not to exceed \$1,000 or imprisonment for not more than thirty (30) days, or both. Each violation and each day in which a violation occurs may constitute a new and separate violation of this Code and shall be subject to the penalties contained herein.
- G. The remedies and provisions of this section are cumulative and are in addition to any other remedy or provision of law.