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**Goal:** The goal of the SSMP is to provide a plan and schedule to properly manage, operate, and maintain all parts of the sanitary sewer system. This will help reduce and prevent SSOs, as well as mitigate any SSOs that do occur.

The City's vision is "to be the model by which all wastewater collection systems will be measured." The mission of the City as owner and operator of one of the largest sanitary sewer systems in the world is consistent with the overall WDR objective of protecting public health and safety. The City's policy as affirmed by the City Council on December 7, 1956 is as follows:

*"It is the policy of the City of Los Angeles to provide and maintain facilities for the treatment and disposal of sewage which shall be, at all times, adequate in capacity and adequate for protection of the public health and public interest in this and neighboring communities including maintenance of the beaches and coastal waters in an attractive condition suitable for recreational and other beneficial uses equal to or better than the conditions specified by the State agencies having control over the subject water."*

The mission of the Bureau of Sanitation is *to protect public health and the environment*. The mission of the Bureau's Wastewater Collection System Division, which has the primary responsibility for operating and maintaining the City's sanitary sewer system, is:

*"To operate the wastewater collection systems in a safe, efficient, and cost effective manner, with an emphasis on protecting the environment and public health, recognizing the public as our primary customer deserving of courteous and expeditious service, and recognizing our employees as our most valuable asset."*

Consistent with the City policy, the City has adopted and is dedicated to achieving the following seven overall program goals for its sanitary sewer systems:

- Repair, rehabilitate, and/or replace the system components as needed.
- Provide sufficient sewage capacity.
- Eliminate all preventable dry-weather overflows.
- Eliminate all preventable wet-weather overflows from all but the most severe storm events.

- Maintain an effective SSO response plan to mitigate, in a timely manner, any SSOs that do occur.
- Control corrosion and minimize odor releases.
- Improve operational reliability & flexibility.

These goals are consistent with the WDR/SSMP provisions that require proper management, operation, and maintenance of all parts of the sanitary sewer systems that are owned and controlled by the City and that require adequate capacity to convey base and peak flows. This SSMP documents the City's plans and practices for meeting of these program goals.

***References:***

City Charter, City of Los Angeles, City Council Resolution of December 7, 1956

Bureau of Sanitation's Mission Statement, Five-Year Strategic Plan, Fiscal Years 2007/08 – 2011-12, June 2007

Wastewater Collection Systems Division's Mission Statement, June 1991