

## EXHIBIT B

# **Niland Sanitation District**

## **SERVICE AREA PLAN FOR WASTEWATER FACILITIES**

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## SECTION 1 - WASTEWATER FACILITIES

The Town of Niland is located in the County of Imperial along Highway 111 about seven (7) miles north of the city of Calipatria and four (4) miles east of the Salton Sea. Wastewater collection and treatment facilities for the town are operated and maintained by the Niland Sanitation District (NSD or District). Information for this section of the Service Area Plan was obtained from recent rate and collection system studies prepared by the local engineering company NOLTE, miscellaneous maps and plans collected from the District office, and interviews of District staff. This section of the Service Area Plan is not for detailed engineering but rather as a means to summarize for LAFCO the District's plans to both fund and build new wastewater facilities within the proposed expanded sphere of influence expansion area (Exhibit A) to meet the needs of future growth. For additional details relating to existing and proposed wastewater facilities, the District should be consulted.

### I. PERFORMANCE STANDARDS

To ensure adequate wastewater treatment and conveyance, design criteria were established. As no record of a Wastewater Master Plan or a District Standards Manual exist, the following design criteria was established from an evaluation of other local desert community's adopted design criteria. The following design criteria have been presented to and accepted by NSD for the preparation of this section of the service area plan: (Note: A more in-depth study utilizing metering instruments is beyond the scope of this work but should be conducted before future engineering design of wastewater facilities is conducted.)

- Infiltration and Inflow (I/I) = 100 gpd/acre
- Manning's roughness coefficient "n" = 0.013
- Flow velocities shall be between 2- 15 feet per second (fps)

**Table 1-1 – Summary of Wastewater Generation Factors**

Land Use <sup>1</sup>	Wastewater Average Daily Flow (ADF) Generation Factor
Residential Wastewater	280 gpd/edu
R-1	1 edu/parcel
R-2	1.5 edu/parcel
R-4	Case Specific <sup>2</sup>
Commercial/Industrial C-1, C-2, & M-1	2,000 gpd/acre
Government/Special G/S	1,000 gpd/acre
Open Space S-1 & S-2	N/A

<sup>1</sup> Refer to Appendix A Zoning Map for land use boundaries.

<sup>2</sup> For land use boundaries classified as R-4, the edu count from District billing records was utilized. For parcels with no District billing record an assumed 2 edu/parcel was used.

intersection of Highway 111 and Alcott Road the interceptor traverses approximately 2,100 feet west along Alcott Road to the WWTP. Wastewater in the conveyance system drains from the north to the WWTP in the south-west.

## B. Adequacy of Existing Facilities

As previously mentioned, the WWTP currently receives an ADF of 0.23 MGD. The current ADF capacity of the WWTP is 0.50 MGD and peak daily flow (PDF) capacity is 1.0 MGD, which leaves an excess capacity of approximately 0.27 MGD during ADF conditions and 0.48 MGD during PDF Conditions.

A hydraulic analysis of the future sewer system within the proposed Sphere of Influence (Exhibit B) was performed using SewerCAD<sup>®</sup> software, Version 5.5, developed by Haestad Methods, Inc. Using this model, the hydraulic capacity of the existing and future system was evaluated under worst case conditions known as peak wet weather flow (PWWF) conditions. PWWF were calculated by multiplying the ADF by the wastewater peaking factor (interpolated from Table 1-2) then adding infiltration and inflow (I/I). Based on current population projections, the results of the modeling indicated that the collection system provides adequate capacity during PWWF conditions for the existing conditions and will provide adequate capacity through 2030 with the improvements listed in Phase I and II as discussed in the Phasing section of this report. Phase III improvements will insure that the wastewater collection system will provide adequate capacity up to build-out (year 2050±).

## C. Future Flows for Facilities

The Town of Niland's Zoning Map (Appendix A) was utilized as the basis for projecting future flows. Table 1-5 was developed for the purpose of phasing proposed improvements. Population projections were based on the assumption that there would be a sudden population increase within the next five years because of the construction of a proposed development provided in Appendix C. This development represents the entire new portion of the expanded sphere of influence shown in Exhibit A. From the year 2010 on, a constant growth rate of 1% per year was assumed based on the past growth patterns within the District's boundaries.

**Table 1-5 – Flow Projections**

Year	EDU	ADF (MGD)	PWWF (MGD)	WWTP ADF CAPACITY (MGD)	WWTP PDF CAPACITY (MGD)
2005	817	0.23	0.52	0.5	1.0
2010	1104	0.31	0.66	0.5	1.0
2015	1160	0.33	0.69	0.5	1.0
2020	1220	0.34	0.72	0.5	1.0
2025	1282	0.36	0.74	0.5	1.0
2050± (Buildout)	1610	0.45	0.89	-	-

No major improvements are needed for the WWTP because the existing design or ADF capacity of the plant is 0.50 MGD and the projected averaged daily flow at build-out of the Sphere of Influence is 0.45 MGD. However, the District should be financially prepared to replace individual plant components when they reach the end of their life span.

Note: Before improvements within Phases II & III are implemented, flow monitoring should be conducted as average daily flows may change due to irregular population growth patterns, pipeline rehabilitation projects reducing I/I, and costumer flat fee monthly water charges changing to metered fees.

### **III. MITIGATION**

The District should continue to pursue various means by which to obtain funding for and to provide adequate wastewater conveyance facilities for the existing and future residents. Conveyance methods required for future developments should be determined on an individual basis depending on geographical location and capacity of existing facilities. The following are recommendations to achieve adequacy for wastewater facilities:

- A. The District should adopt design standards to assist in the sizing of future wastewater facilities.
- B. Prior to the recordation of a final map within any of the annexation areas, a “will serve” agreement shall be in place to ensure that adequate wastewater facilities will be provided during the PWWF conditions for the wastewater conveyance system being utilized by said development.
- C. All system improvements shall be designed and constructed in accordance with Federal, State, and Local regulations and standards.
- D. The City should reevaluate their development impact fees (at least every five years).

### **IV. FINANCING**

The primary sources of revenue for wastewater treatment and conveyance facilities are sewer service charges, sewer capacity fees, sewer connection fees, and USDA grants. The sewer service charges function to subsidize off-site facilities such as sewer interceptors and sewer treatment plants. The sewer capacity fee is based on the equivalent dwelling unit (EDU) impact created and will fund the future upgrades and expansion of the District’s WWTP. The District will continue to utilize these funding sources in addition to searching for other sources to improve the existing system to meet future flows.

#### **A. Per Capita Costs**

The current annual cost for the continued maintenance and operation of the wastewater system in the District is approximately \$254.03 per EDU. Operating expenses for 2005 FY were budgeted

The combined short term and ultimate improvement project cost are summarized in Table 1-8 and total approximately \$1,930,000.

**Table 1-8 – Cost Estimate For Future Wastewater Facilities**

Improvement Phase	Cost
Phase I	\$830,000
Phase II	\$57,500
Phase III	\$491,500
<u>Construction Cost</u>	<u>\$1,379,000</u>
<b>Project Cost<sup>6</sup></b>	<b>\$1,930,000</b>

There are a number of financing mechanisms available to assist in the funding for capital facilities related to the treatment and conveyance of wastewater. Special assessment districts, community facilities districts, local bond issuance, developer contributions and development impact fees can be used to fund construction of wastewater treatment and collection facilities. Also, there are a number of State and Federal grant and loan programs available such as *USDA Water and Waste Disposal Loans and Grants for Public Works and Infrastructure Development*.

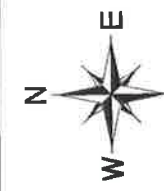
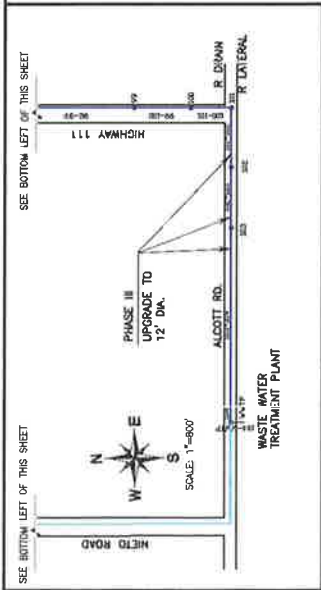
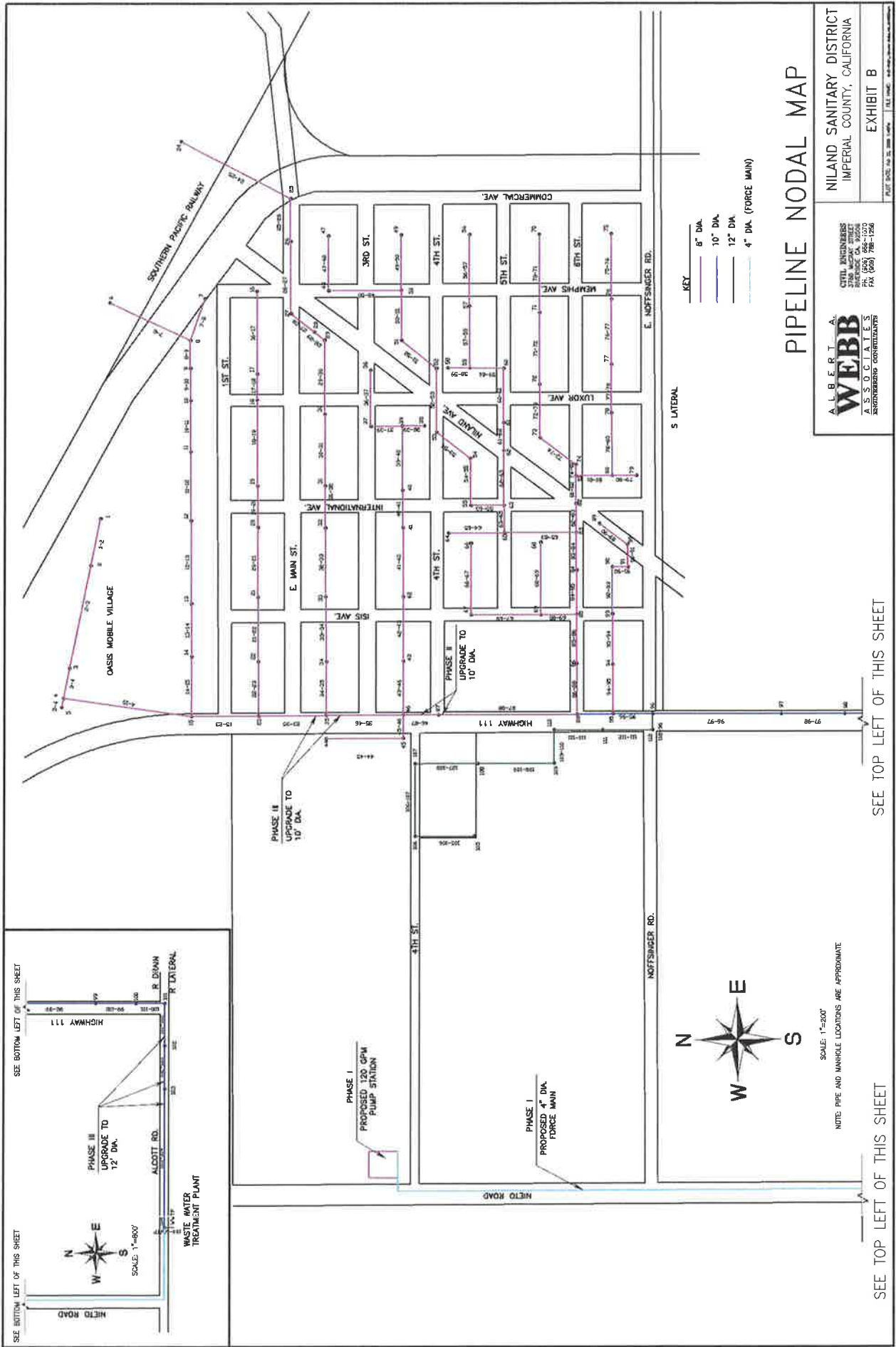
Because the sewer pump station and 4" diameter force main benefit only the proposed annexation area, these improvements will be financed entirely by the developer. The I/I collection system improvements will be funded by a USDA grant, which has already been secured by the District. All other improvements will be funded by one of these other means aforementioned. For further description of the District's funding plans, hookup rates, capacity fees, etc, refer to the District's most recent Wastewater Rate Study (Appendix E) or consult the District.

Pursuant to the request of LAFCo, additional information related to the wastewater facilities, specifically the sewer rates for the past three years and a list of current board members have been provided in Appendix F.

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<sup>6</sup> Project cost is 1.4 times construction cost rounded to nearest \$10,000. Project cost includes: construction costs, construction contingencies, design engineering including plans and specifications; design and construction surveying and mapping; geotechnical evaluation and report; engineering contract administration; field inspection and basic environmental documentation. Costs are based on LA Engineering News Record August, 2005 (8,277.95).

(ENR) Escalation, financing, interest during construction, legal, land, R-O-W agent, and environmental impact report costs are not included



SCALE: 1"=300'  
NOTE: PIPE AND MANHOLE LOCATIONS ARE APPROXIMATE

# PIPELINE NODAL MAP

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NOTE: THIS IS THE TOWNSITE ENLARGED FROM MAP 11.

NOTE: Efforts have been made to insure zoning accuracy; however, this map may be revised at any time. Therefore this map is generally accurate, for zoning information only! Neither the County of Imperial nor the Planning/Building Department are responsible for erroneous information or improper use of this map. Adopted by M. O. # 15 (d) on Feb. 10, 1998 effective July 1, 1998.

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# TOWNSITE OF NILAND

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October 7, 2002 - Map Correction

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**REGIONAL BOARD MEETING**

State of California  
California Regional Water Quality Control Board  
Colorado River Basin Region

EXECUTIVE OFFICER SUMMARY REPORT  
June 25, 2003, Wednesday 10:00 a.m.  
City Council Chambers  
City of La Quinta  
78-495 Calle Tampico  
La Quinta, CA 92253

ITEM: 3

SUBJECT: National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit and Waste Discharge Requirements for Niland Sanitary District - Niland Wastewater Treatment Facility, Owner/Operator - Niland, Imperial County (Updated)

**DISCUSSION:**

Niland Sanitary District owns and operates a wastewater collection, treatment and disposal system (hereinafter referred to as facility) and provides sewerage service to the City of Niland. The wastewater treatment plant, has a treatment capacity of 0.50 million gallons-per-day (MGD) and is located at 125 West Alcott Street, Niland, California 92257.

The treatment system consists of a manual bar screen, three, lined, partial-mix, aerated, stabilization ponds connected in series, and a chlorination/dechlorination system.

The final effluent is discharged to Imperial Irrigation District's "R" Drain, flows four miles and then discharges to the Salton Sea.

The discharger currently operates under Board Order No. 98-017 (NPDES No. CA 0104451), which allows discharge of effluent into Imperial Irrigation Districts "R" Drain. This permit will replace Board Order No. 98-017 with Order No. R7-2003-0014.

This updated Board Order has incorporated up-to-date requirements of the Federal and State laws, including U.S. EPA's California Toxics Rule, as well as the State's Policy for implementation of Toxics Standards for Inland Surface Waters, Enclosed Bays, and Estuaries of California.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

The attached Order No. R7-2003-0049 be adopted.

9. The NPDES monitoring reports described the proposed discharge as follows:

Annual Average Effluent Flow - 0.23 MGD  
 Lowest Monthly Average Effluent Flow - 0.21 MGD  
 Highest Monthly Average Effluent Flow - 0.27 MGD

10. The NPDES Permit Application described the influent flow characteristics as follows:

BOD annual average value - 171 mg/L (milligrams per Liter)  
 Total suspended solids annual average value - 218 mg/L

11. The previously submitted NPDES monitoring reports described the effluent characteristics as follows:

pH Lowest Monthly Average	7.5 pH Units
pH Highest Monthly Average	8.3 pH Units
BOD Annual Average Value	19.0 mg/L
BOD Lowest Monthly Average Value	9.0 mg/L
Total Suspended Solids Annual Average Value	21 mg/L
Total Suspended Solids Highest Monthly Average Value	40 mg/L

12. The discharger has been subject to an NPDES Permit and WDRs adopted May 14, 1998 in Board Order No. 98-017 (NPDES No. CA0104451), which allows for discharge to Imperial Irrigation District's "R" Drain.

13. Discharges of less than 1.0 MGD are classified as Minor by the United States Environmental Protection Agency. Accordingly, Regional Board staff has classified this discharge as a Minor Discharge.

14. The discharger reports that there are no known industrial wastes subject to regulation under the NPDES Pretreatment Program being discharged to the WWTP.

15. This Board Order updates the WDRs to comply with the current laws and regulations as set forth in the California Water Code, the California Code of Regulations, and the Code of Federal Regulations.

16. The Water Quality Control Plan for the Colorado River Basin Region of California (Basin Plan), as amended to date, designates the beneficial uses of ground and surface waters in this Region.

17. The designated beneficial uses of waters in the Imperial Valley Drains are:

- Fresh Water Replenishment of Salton Sea (FRSH)
- Water Contact Recreation (REC I)<sup>1, 2</sup>
- Non-Contact Water Recreation (REC II)<sup>1</sup>
- Warm Water Habitat (WARM)
- Wildlife Habitat (WILD)
- Preservation of Rare, Threatened or Endangered Species (RARE)<sup>3</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Unauthorized Use.

<sup>2</sup> The only Rec I usage that is known to occur is from infrequent fishing.

<sup>3</sup> Rare, endangered, or threatened wildlife exists in or utilizes some of these waterways. If the RARE beneficial use may be affected by a water quality control decision, responsibility for substantiation of the existence of rare, endangered, or threatened species on a case-by-case basis is upon the California Department of Fish and Game on its own initiative and/or at the request of the Regional Board; and such substantiation must be provided within a reasonable time frame as approved by the Regional Board.

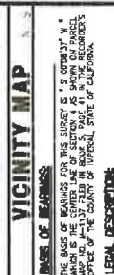
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# **Niland Sanitary District**

## **Collection System Investigation**

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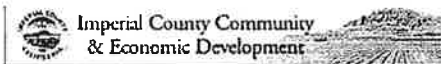


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## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This Preliminary Engineering Report Supplement analyzes, identifies deficiencies in, and recommends improvements to the Niland Sanitary District's (NSD) existing wastewater collection system based on a television investigation of Niland's wastewater collection system. The wastewater treatment facility and pump station are not evaluated in this Supplement. The principal Preliminary Engineering Report for Niland Sanitary District was prepared by Camp, Dresser, and McKee (CDM) in 2004. The CDM report evaluates the wastewater treatment facility.

District personnel report that the per capita average daily flow to the wastewater treatment facility is significantly higher than what a typical desert community would discharge. In recent years, the District has not met some of the parameters of its NPDES permit. It is believed that groundwater infiltration has contributed to not meeting three of these discharge parameters: BOD % removal, e. Coli concentrations, and metals concentrations. To District personnel's knowledge, the wastewater collection system has never been cleaned before Spring 2005. In 1982 approximately 5,000 LF of the southwest portion of the collection system was televised. Numerous deficiencies in the collection system were identified. Due to lack of funds, no action has been taken to address those deficiencies.

### Condition of Existing Wastewater Collection System Infrastructure

Nolte engineers used the results of the 2005 cleaning and televising efforts, laboratory analysis, and visual inspection to analyze the wastewater collection system. The following are observations on the condition of the wastewater collection system:

- From the televising of the pipelines and visual inspection, infiltration is very high near the IID's S Lateral. Manholes near E. Noffsinger Road and Sixth Street had high flow, with clear wastewater during mid morning hours, when flows from domestic generation are normally lower.
- By visual inspection, the flow along Highway 111 was very high and clear, indicating that areas upstream of Highway 111 and Sixth Street are subject to significant infiltration. No other manhole along Highway 111 could be opened to pinpoint the sources of infiltration. This area could not be televised due to the high flows.
- Although not verifiable, it is believed that infiltration is significant along the gravity pipeline on Alcott Road. The manholes along this pipeline either could not be opened or located, eliminating the possibility for pipeline inspection. The conditions in this area are very similar to those along E. Noffsinger Road. IID irrigation and drainage facilities are adjacent and parallel to the pipeline, creating a locally high groundwater table.
- Numerous manholes in County rights-of-way have been paved over by several inches of asphalt. This has made locating, opening, and maintaining manholes challenging. Numerous manholes in paved areas could not be located, even with the assistance of a metal detector.
- The grout in numerous brick manholes has deteriorated, enabling significant infiltration. These manholes appear to be in good structural condition, however they are in need of rehabilitation to reduce infiltration and extend their useful lives.
- Sedimentation was significant in the majority of the gravity pipelines. In some locations, the depth of the sediment has filled the bottom two inches (25% d/D) of the pipeline. Much of this sediment was removed during the cleaning progress.
- Small cracks in the vitrified clay pipe (VCP) were visible throughout much of the collection system. It is believed that the pipelines remain in good structural condition, but the cracks are susceptible to infiltration.

### **Phased Improvements**

The main focus of the improvements is to reduce infiltration into the collection system. This is done by making improvements to the known deficiencies and identifying deficiencies in areas that have not been analyzed. The secondary focus of the improvements is to improve the manholes to create a safer environment for community, facilitate system operations and maintenance, and extend the service life of the manholes. The proposed improvements are broken down into three phases below.

#### **Phase 1**

- Replace 160 feet of 8" pipe with 8" PVC pipe - \$12,000
- Rehabilitate 5,200 feet of 8" pipe with cured in place pipe - \$338,000
- Locate and open 24 manholes - \$6,000
- Raise 6 manhole rims - \$9,000
- Coat 14 manholes - \$105,000
- Repair 2 manhole rings/covers - \$2,400
- Plug and abandon lines at 2 manholes - \$2,000

#### **Phase 2**

- Locate and open 16 manholes - \$4,000
- Raise 14 manhole rims - \$21,000
- Repair 4 manhole rings/covers - \$4,800
- Clean, televise, and analyze 8,000 feet of collection system - \$24,000

#### **Phase 3**

- Locate and open 5 manholes - \$1,000
- Raise 4 manhole rims - \$6,000
- Clean, televise, and analyze 8,000 feet of collection system - \$24,000

According to District personnel, the wastewater collection system had never been cleaned before Spring 2005. In 1982 approximately 5,000 LF of the southwest portion of the collection system was televised. Numerous deficiencies in the collection system were identified. Due to lack of funds, no action was taken to address those deficiencies.

## **SECTION 2 – EXISTING WASTEWATER COLLECTION SYSTEM FACILITIES**

### **Collection System Orientation**

The general orientation of the wastewater collection system is shown in Exhibit 1. Wastewater flows via gravity sewers in a westerly direction with the sloping topography connecting to a north-south oriented gravity sewer that parallels Highway 111. In the northern portion of the community, the gravity sewer pipelines are generally located in alleys. In the southern portion of the community, the gravity sewers are more frequently located in paved streets maintained by the Imperial County Public Works Department. South of the Township, the wastewater flows by gravity for approximately one mile along Highway 111 and Alcott Road to the treatment facility.

### **Condition of Existing Wastewater Collection System Infrastructure**

#### **Television Investigation**

Cleaning, televising, and visual inspection by Nolte were sources of information used to analyze the wastewater collection system. The conditions of the collection system are shown in Exhibit 1. The following are observations on the physical condition and characteristics of the wastewater collection system:

- The depths of the sewer lines are not excessive.
- The majority of cracks in the vitrified clay pipe (VCP) are located near the pipe bells and are circumferential, not longitudinal.
- Numerous manholes in County right of way have been paved over with several inches of asphalt. This has made locating, opening, and maintaining manholes challenging. Numerous manholes in paved areas could not be located, even with the assistance of a metal detector.
- Numerous manholes shown on the District system atlas could not be located. Of these, the manholes that should have been in the unpaved alleys either do not exist or are covered with rock, dirt, debris, or dense vegetation.
- Some manholes are inaccessible by conventional means due to the concrete placed above the manhole cover to create a driving surface flush with the street.
- Grout in numerous brick manholes has deteriorated, enabling significant infiltration. These manholes appear to be in good structural condition, however they are in need of rehabilitation to reduce infiltration and extend their useful lives.
- Many service laterals extend several inches into the gravity sewers, stopping television inspection progress and possibly encouraging blockages.
- Sediment buildup was significant in the majority of the sewers. In some locations, the depth of the sediment has filled the bottom two inches (25% d/D) of the sewer. Much of this sediment was removed during the cleaning process.
- Small cracks in the VCP were visible throughout the collection system. It is believed that the sewers remain in good structural condition, but cracks are susceptible to infiltration.

**Table 1 - Collection System BOD and Metals Sample Concentrations**

MH #	Location	Sample Date	BOD <sub>5</sub> (mg/l)	Cu (µg/l)	Th (µg/l)	Se (µg/l)
14	Highway 111 and First St.	5/25/05	33	24	ND	ND
22	Highway 111 and E. Main St.	5/25/05	158	23	ND	ND
34	Highway 111 and Third St.	5/25/05	230	11	ND	ND
43	Highway 111 and Fourth St.	5/25/05	120	40	ND	ND
81	Niland Ave. and Sixth St.	5/25/05	132	13	ND	ND
95	Highway 111 and E. Noffsinger	5/25/05	102	12	ND	ND
Discharge Limit (NPDES No. CA0104451)				17	17	12
Discharge Limit (June 2008 updated permit)				2.39	6.3	4.09

ND: Nondetectable

Source: ATS Laboratories, Brawley, CA; CA Regional Water Quality Control Board

Typical BOD concentrations for domestic wastewater range from 150 to 200 mg/l. Low BOD measurements are an indicator of high infiltration, as infiltration dilutes the BOD of wastewater that is discharged into the collection system by customers. The majority of the collection system samples had BOD concentrations typically low for domestic wastewater, indicating that much of the system is subject to infiltration. These areas include:

- Gravity sewers north of First Street
- Gravity sewers north of Fourth Street
- Gravity sewers north and south of Sixth Street

It is believed that a primary source of metals at the wastewater treatment facility is the infiltration of groundwater. High metals concentration, specifically copper, thallium, and selenium, can be a potential indicator of infiltration. Areas in the collection system with high metals concentrations are a priority for improving to reduce infiltration. The areas with the highest sampled copper concentrations include:

- Gravity sewers north of First Street
- Gravity sewers north of Fourth Street

No Selenium or Thallium were detected

## **Manholes**

### **Alternative 1 - Locate and Open Manholes**

There are approximately 44 manholes in the collection system that either cannot be located or cannot be opened. The sewers connecting to these manholes cannot be located. This impedes the District's ability to maintain the manholes and the pipelines, and also inhibits the ability to evaluate the collection system or implement improvements. District and consultant forces attempted to locate and open the District's manholes with some success. However the remaining manholes need to be located and opened.

Estimated Cost per Manhole = \$200

### **Alternative 2 - Replace Manhole**

Significantly deteriorated manholes would be replaced with a 5' pre-cast reinforced concrete manhole. The existing manhole would be removed and the new manhole placed in the same location at the same depth. It is likely that groundwater would be encountered at a very shallow depth, especially in the southern areas of the system. The collection system would need to remain in place during the replacement process, requiring bypass pumping.

Estimated Cost per Manhole (7-10 feet deep, 5' diameter) = \$9,000

### **Alternative 3 - Coat Manhole**

The grout in numerous brick sewers has deteriorated significantly. Although the manhole appears to remain in sound structural condition, grout deterioration has created voids through which groundwater enters the manhole and collection system. Coating the manhole will reduce infiltration through the manhole and extend its useful life. This application is best in areas with a high groundwater table, as the cost for removing and replacing a manhole in high groundwater areas is high. In addition, when coating the manhole, flows may not need to be bypassed. Impacts to the community during construction would be less under this alternative than when removing and replacing a manhole.

Manhole coating consists of applying an impervious and corrosion resistant grout to fill the voids between the bricks. The grout would be manually applied. The coated manhole will inhibit the groundwater infiltration, improve the manhole's structural condition, and extend its service life. The grout can also be coated with epoxy to further inhibit infiltration and future grout deterioration. This alternative can be used in conjunction with manhole rim replacement/raise alternative.

Estimated Cost per Manhole (7-10 feet deep, 5' diameter) = \$7,500

### **Alternative 4 - Raise Manhole Rim**

Several manholes in Niland's collection system could either not be located or opened. Some of these have been paved over, some manholes could not be located, and some could not be opened (no locking device). Of the manholes that could not be located, it is believed that they are buried under a foot or less of pavement or earth. With this alternative, the manholes will be exposed and their rims raised to be flush with the street surface or slightly higher than the unpaved surface. This alternative can be used in conjunction with the manhole coating and manhole locating alternatives.

Estimated Cost per Manhole = \$1,500

### **Alternative 5 - Replace Manhole Ring**

During the collection system investigation, attempts to open some of the manholes resulted in breaking some of the manhole rings and concrete support. These need to be replaced. This can be a hazard for vehicles and can contribute to debris entering the collection system.

Estimated Cost per Manhole = \$1,200

because it requires a shorter length of sewer improvements, although it has a higher cost per linear foot than cured in place pipe, resulting in a lower total project cost. The areas recommended for pipeline replacement include sewer segments north of First Street, north of E. Main Street, and north of Sixth Street. Refer to Exhibit 3.

The “Do Nothing” alternative was selected for areas of the collection system without cracks or with only minor cracks in the sewer, where infiltration was either not present or visible. The District, as part of its operations and maintenance plan, should inspect these areas periodically as described in the operations and maintenance section of this report.

**Table 3 - Summary Collection System Capital Improvements - Manholes**

<b>Open/Locate Manhole</b>				
Location	Unit	Cost Per Unit	No. of Units	Total Cost
See Figure 3	EA	\$ 250	44	\$ 11,000
Subtotal				\$ 11,000

<b>Raise Manhole to Street in Paved Area</b>				
Location	Unit	Cost Per Unit	No. of Units	Total Cost
See Figure 3	EA	\$ 1,500	19	\$ 28,500
Subtotal				\$ 28,500

<b>Coat Manhole</b>				
Location	Unit	Cost Per Unit	No. of Units	Total Cost
See Figure 3	EA	\$ 7,500	14	\$ 105,000
Subtotal				\$ 105,000

<b>Repair Manhole Ring/Cover</b>				
Location	Unit	Cost Per Unit	No. of Units	Total Cost
North of 1st Street - MH 12	EA	\$ 1,200	1	\$ 1,200
North of 3rd Street - MH 29, 30	EA	\$ 1,200	2	\$ 2,400
North of 5th Street - MH 59	EA	\$ 1,200	1	\$ 1,200
E. Noffsinger/Memphis - MH 76	EA	\$ 1,200	1	\$ 1,200
E. Noffsinger/Highway 111 - MH 96	EA	\$ 1,200	1	\$ 1,200
Subtotal				\$ 7,200

<b>Concrete Plug Manhole</b>				
Location	Unit	Cost Per Unit	No. of Units	Total Cost
North of 1st Street - MH 9	EA	\$ 1,000	1	\$ 1,000
Main Street - MH 25	EA	\$ 1,000	1	\$ 1,000
Subtotal				\$ 2,000

**Total Collection System Improvement Cost (Manholes and Pipelines)** \$ 551,700  
 Excludes improvements to pipelines that were not accessible during investigation

**Raise Manholes – Total Cost = \$9,000**

6 manholes should be raised so that their covers are flush with the pavement or dirt road. Refer to Exhibit 4 for a list.

**Coat Manholes – Total Cost = \$105,000**

14 brick manholes should be coated with to reduce infiltration and extend their service life.

**Repair Manhole Ring/Cover – Total Cost = \$2,400**

2 manholes need repairs to their manhole rings. These were broken as laborers attempted to open the manholes for inspection and cleaning.

**Plug and Abandon Manhole – Total Cost = \$2,000**

The pipelines upstream of two manholes near the railroad tracks (MHs #9 and #25) should be concrete plugged.

**Agency Review = \$7,000**

The plans and specifications for the proposed improvements will need to be reviewed by local agencies, principally the County of Imperial.

**Phase 2 Improvements**

The total preliminary cost opinion for the recommended Phase 2 improvements is \$59,800 (\$2005). A breakdown of these costs follows. During this phase, additional manholes will be opened to permit additional system inspection and maintenance. These sections are generally located between the Township and the wastewater treatment plant, and in the southern portion of the City. Infiltration is suspected of being significant because of the locally high groundwater table, especially near IID canals and drains. Following the opening of the manholes, those sections of the collection system should be cleaned, televised, and evaluated. The cost for this phase does not include design or construction of manhole or pipeline improvements in areas of the collection system that have not been investigated. Televising and inspection of the collection system should become a regular part of the District operations and maintenance program.

**Open and Locate Manholes - Total Cost = \$4,000**

16 manholes should be located and or opened to allow future inspection and cleaning of those manholes and their adjacent pipelines. Refer to Exhibit 4 for a list.

**Raise Manhole Rims – Total Cost = \$21,000**

14 manholes should be raised so that their covers are flush with the pavement or dirt road. Refer to Exhibit 4 for a list.

**Repair Manhole Ring/Cover – Total Cost = \$4,800**

4 manholes need repairs to their manhole rings. These were broken as laborers attempted to open the manholes for inspection and cleaning.

**Clean and Televis Collection System – Total Cost = \$24,000**

It is estimated that approximately 8,000 linear feet of pipeline could be inspected and analyzed following the opening of manholes in Phase 1. Refer to Exhibit 4 for a list.

## SECTION 8 - OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE COSTS FOR COLLECTION SYSTEM

Over the last few decades, the collection system has not been properly maintained. This has resulted in substantial infiltration, negatively impacting the treatment facility. The lack of maintenance has also inhibited the District's ability to identify needed capital improvements. Poor maintenance caused numerous manholes to be inaccessible, blocking access to pipelines for inspection or repair. The District has known that infiltration problems exist, but the system was not maintained sufficiently to enable those problems to be identified, let alone addressed. Unless steps are taken, infiltration problems will persist due to the high groundwater table. An operations and maintenance plan needs to be implemented to continually combat infiltration and maintain infrastructure in an operable condition. This analysis excludes the wastewater pump station at the treatment facility.

Following an operations and maintenance plan for the collection system will continually address infiltration, improve the performance of the wastewater treatment facility, keep the collection system accessible and functioning, and reduce the possibility for expensive emergency repairs. The operations and maintenance plan will require additional expenses on an annual basis. The District should undertake the following operations and maintenance activities and schedule shown in Table 3. An annual cost in \$2005 is shown for each improvement. Note that not all activities are needed annually. The District should incorporate these operations and maintenance costs into future budgets.

**Table 4 - Collection System Operations and Maintenance Plan**

Activity	Frequency	Unit	Cost per Unit (\$2005)	Number of Units	Annual Cost (\$2005)
Annual System Flushing	1/7 of System Annually	LF	\$1	5,000	\$5,000
Televising Coll. System	1/7 of System Annually	LF	\$1	5,000	\$5,000
Raise Manholes for Paving	15 MHs Every 5 Years	EA	\$500	15	\$7,500
Locate/Expose Manholes	¼ of Unpaved System Annually	EA	\$100	15	\$1,500
Manhole Replacement (Emergency or Planned)	2 MHs Every 4 Years	EA	\$8,000	2	\$16,000
Pipeline Replacement (Emergency or Planned)	300 LF Every 4 Years	LF	\$85	300	\$25,500
Root Cutting, Grease Removal, Minor Repair	Annually	LS	\$1,500	1	\$1,500

Note: Excludes pump station at wastewater treatment facility

Table 4 shows the projected annual operations and maintenance costs for the collection system through FY2015. Note that some of these costs, specifically manhole and pipeline replacements, can be capitalized. This will reduce the frequency and magnitudes of spikes and dips in yearly operational expenses.

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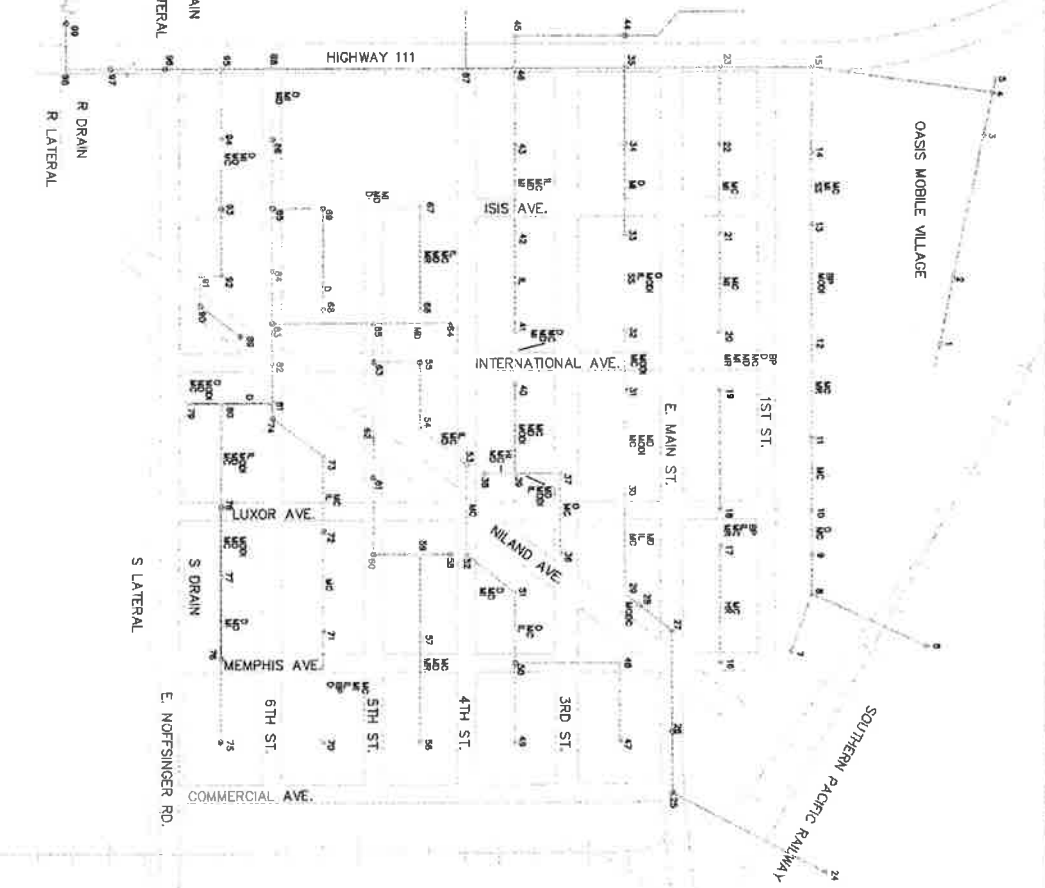
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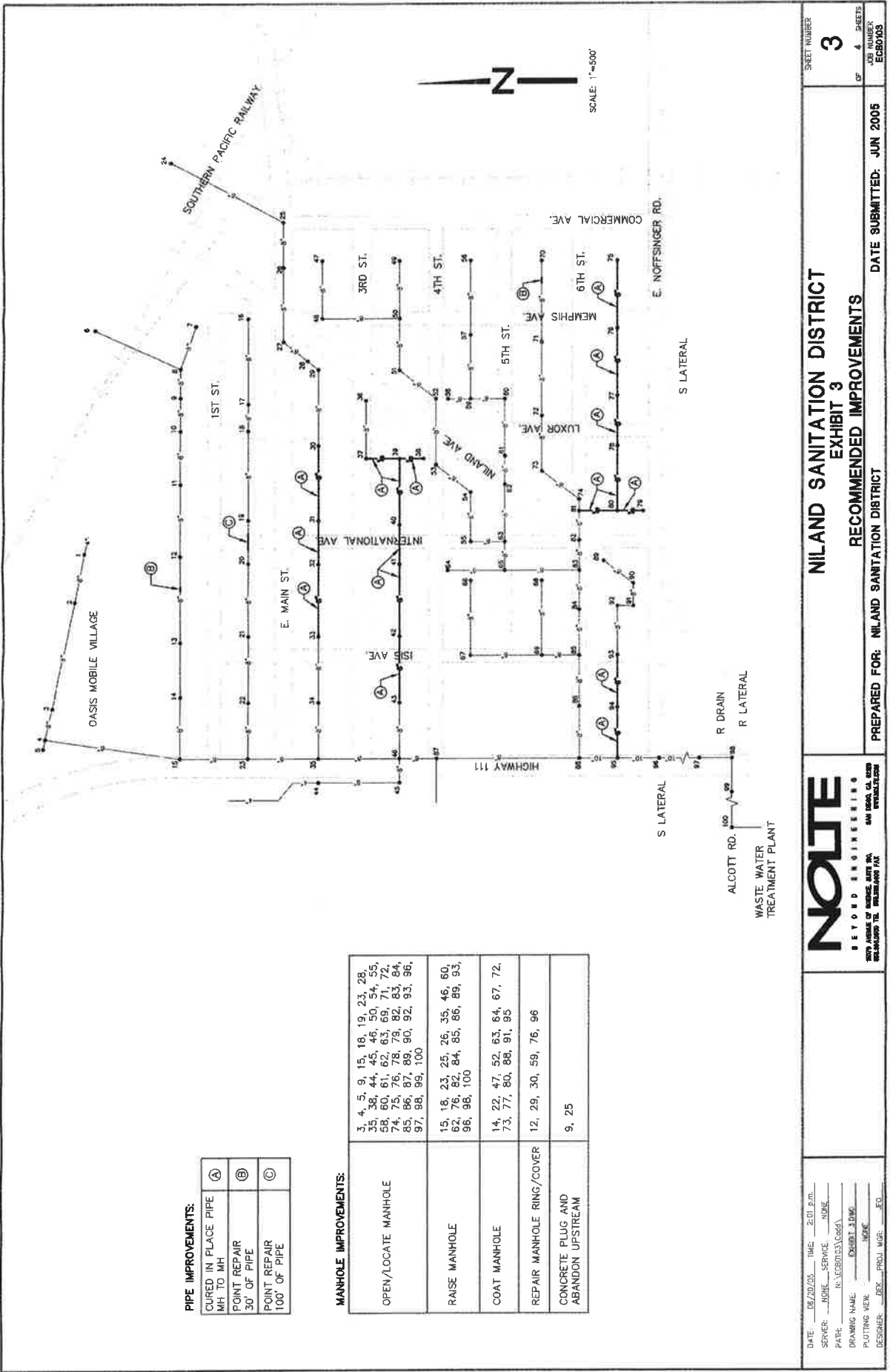


PIPE IMPROVEMENTS:

CURED IN PLACE PIPE MH TO MH	(A)
POINT REPAIR 30' OF PIPE	(B)
POINT REPAIR 100' OF PIPE	(C)

MANHOLE IMPROVEMENTS:

OPEN/LOCATE MANHOLE	3, 4, 5, 9, 15, 18, 19, 23, 28, 35, 38, 44, 45, 46, 50, 54, 55, 58, 60, 61, 62, 63, 69, 71, 72, 74, 75, 76, 78, 79, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 89, 90, 92, 93, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100
RAISE MANHOLE	15, 18, 23, 25, 26, 35, 46, 60, 62, 76, 82, 84, 85, 86, 89, 93, 96, 98, 100
COAT MANHOLE	14, 22, 47, 52, 63, 84, 67, 72, 73, 77, 80, 86, 91, 95
REPAIR MANHOLE RING/COVER	12, 29, 30, 59, 76, 96
CONCRETE PLUG AND ABANDON UPSTREAM	9, 25



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# APPENDIX E

## NOLTE 2006 WASTEWATER RATE STUDY

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4. Other operating expenditures will increase 8% annually, including personnel costs, supplies and services, equipment, vehicles, and general and administrative costs. Professional Services expenses were assumed to increase 6% annually.
5. Salaries, Employee Retirement/Benefit, and Payroll Taxes will have a one-time increase of \$5,000, \$1,000, and \$1,000, respectively in FY 2007.
6. USDA Loans were assumed at a 4.5% interest rate and 40-year term.
7. Capital Improvements for FY 2006 (collection system) were assumed to be financed 100% through a USDA grant.
8. Capital Improvements for the treatment facility and lift station improvements (FY 2007) were assumed to be 50% financed through USDA grant, and 50% USDA loan.
9. Payments for USDA loans were assumed to begin the year following the loan originating.

In reference to note 1 above, the District has received documentation from developers planning to construct a single family home development west of Highway 111. At the time this study was prepared, the timeline for when, if ever, this development will be constructed is unknown.

### **Background**

The Niland Sanitary District was formed in 1945 to provide wastewater services to the Township of Niland. The District is managed by a Board of Directors with five members who serve four year terms. The District prepares the annual budget for approval by the Board. The budget is then filed with the County's Board of Supervisors.

The District's funds are deposited with the County Treasurer. The District then collects funds from the County to pay for expenses. The County groups the funds with other Districts funds where it is maintained in a pool of investments and deposits. Interest paid on the grouped funds is then distributed proportionately to the Districts.

### **List of References**

The following documents were used as reference for preparing this study:

1. Preliminary Engineering Report, *Wastewater Collection and Treatment System*, Niland Sanitary District, CA, CDM.
2. Niland Sanitary District, *Financial Report*, June 30, 2004, Hutchinson and Bloodgood LLP.
3. Niland Sanitary District, *Collection System Investigation*, June 2005, Nolte Associates, Inc.

### **Operating Expenses**

Operating expenses for FY 2005 were budgeted at \$207,540, excluding debt payments<sup>2</sup>. Based on the FY 2005 budget, operating expenses were projected through FY 2010, as shown in Table 3. As described above, operating costs will increase 8% annually, except for utilities which will increase 10% annually. Additional expenses for professional services and replacement of short lived assets were included in FY 2006 through FY 2010.

### **Operating Revenue**

Projected operating revenues were determined assuming a 1% growth and the approved wastewater rates through FY 2007. Projections show that the District would maintain a positive Operating Income through FY 2008, without considering existing Debt Service or Small Capital Expenditures.

The fund balance declines slightly with the approved rate increases through FY 2007. However, from FY 2009 through FY 2010 it is projected that the District will have operating losses that will reduce the fund balance to a negative by FY 2009, assuming FY 2007 rates remain unchanged. In addition, the existing income/debt service ratio will be reduced to less than 1.2. These projections do not account for any new debt service required to fund improvements to the wastewater system in the next 5 years.

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<sup>2</sup> Niland Sanitary District, *Financial Report*, June 30, 2004, Hutchinson and Bloodgood LLP

### Personnel Additions

No personnel additions are anticipated in the near future. The budgeted capital improvements are to replace existing infrastructure and not to expand the wastewater system. Therefore, no additional personnel should be necessary.

### Existing Debt Service

The District issued \$545,100 in revenue bonds in 1993, with an interest rate of 5.25%. The bonds are to be paid off in 40 years, and were purchased by the Farmers Home Administration. The existing debt service schedule through 2033 is shown in Table 4.

**Table 4. Existing Debt Service Schedule**

<b>Fiscal Year</b>	<b>1993 Series</b>
2005	\$ 33,305
2006	\$ 32,885
2007	\$ 33,150
2008	\$ 32,993
2009	\$ 32,756
2010-2014	\$ 162,413
2015-2019	\$ 162,190
2020-2024	\$ 163,225
2025-2029	\$ 157,914
2030-2033	\$ 124,128

### Capital Improvements

The District has identified capital improvements required to maintain the wastewater system in good operating condition. Several improvements to the collection system and wastewater treatment facility are required in the next 4 years. The proposed improvements and the year of implementation are shown in Table 5. The estimated cost for each improvement was determined in 2006 dollars. The estimate was increased 10% annually to the year of implementation to account for inflation and recent trends in the price of construction materials and labor.

Table 5 also shows anticipated grants to be received by the District for improvements to the collection system and wastewater treatment facility. Grants are shown as a separate line item and the estimated engineering and construction costs were reduced to determine the net capital expenditure each year.

Projected improvements for FY 2007 total \$669,900 assuming the District receives 50% USDA grant funds for the Wastewater Treatment Facility and Lift Station improvements. USDA may finance the

### Capital Improvements Financing

As shown in Table 5, the District anticipates capital improvements for Fiscal Years 2007, 2008, and 2009. It is assumed that these improvements will be financed through USDA loans. Capital funding requirements for these three years total \$1,082,000. Table 6 presents the estimated annual debt service requirements through FY 2010 assuming a 4.5% interest rate and a 40 year term. Annual payments are assumed to begin the year following loan closing.

**Table 6. Proposed New Debt Schedule**

	Loan Amount	2007	2008	2009	2010
2007 USDA Loan	\$669,900	-	\$36,404	\$36,404	\$36,404
2007 USDA Loan	\$219,010	-	-	\$11,902	\$11,902
2007 USDA Loan	\$192,995	-	-	-	\$10,488
<b>Total</b>		-	\$36,404	\$48,306	\$58,794

### Development and Recommendation of Rate Changes

This section outlines recommendations for adjusting wastewater rates to meet projected expenses and debt requirements through the year 2010. Rates increases were minimized to reduce the impacts to customers.

Wastewater rate modifications have been approved through FY 2007 (see Table 1). Required rate modifications were determined for FY 2007 through FY 2010. Rates were increased to maintain the cash fund balance every year after 2006 and an income to debt service ratio of 1.15. Table 7 shows the proposed rates: FY 2007, a 3% increase above the approved rate; FY 2008 a 19 % increase is required to maintain the cash fund balance from FY 2007 approximately \$71,000. A rate increase of 9% and 10% is required for FY 2009 and 2010 respectively.

The proposed wastewater rates assume the capacity fees will remain at \$1,800 per connection. In the future, if significant growth is expected from a subdivision connecting to the sewer system requiring expansion of the collection lines or treatment facility, the capacity fee should be analyzed and possibly increased to cover those costs. Capacity fees were not analyzed as part of this study.

The proposed rate increases are anticipated to generate sufficient revenue to cover projected expenses and debt requirements. As mentioned above, projected improvements part of the CIP will be partly funded by USDA Loans and Grants. The loan portion will be covered by the District's revenue from user charges. If significant growth occurs within the District, the District should reexamine the

**Table 8. Wastewater User Rate Comparison**

<b>Community</b>	<b>Monthly Sewer Bill</b>
Yuma	\$ 17.36
San Bernardino Municipal WD	\$ 17.95
Vallecitos WD	\$ 18.65
Coachella Valley WD	\$ 19.40
Niland Sanitary District	\$ 24.45
Heber	\$ 27.85
Brawley**	\$ 27.94
Seeley Co. WD	\$ 28.00
Imperial	\$ 28.65
Westmorland*	\$ 31.85
Holtville	\$ 32.62
El Centro (Existing FY2005)	\$ 33.00

Values based on 20,000 gallon water usage for a single family home

\*Based on inside city limit rate

\*\*Based on front footage less than 50 feet

Information on wastewater capacity fees for nearby communities was also collected for informational purposes only. Capacity fees for 13 communities are presented in Table 9, and a comparison chart shown in Figure 2. Niland capacity fees are below the median of the surveyed communities.

**Table 9. Wastewater Capacity Fee Comparison**

<b>Community</b>	<b>Capacity Fee</b>
Seeley Co. WD	\$ 1,400
Westmorland*	\$ 1,500
Imperial	\$ 1,639
<b>Niland Sanitary District</b>	<b>\$ 1,800</b>
Yuma	\$ 2,594
Brawley**	\$ 2,794
Coachella	\$ 2,991
Heber	\$ 3,500
San Bernardino Municipal WD	\$ 3,500
El Centro	\$ 4,200
Holtville	\$ 5,007

\*Based on inside city limit rate

\*\*Based on front footage less than 50 feet

### **Projected Operation and Revenue Budget**

A projected Operation and Revenue budget was prepared for FY 2006 through FY 2010. This budget considers the approved and proposed wastewater rates, new debt service, and projected expenses and revenues. The results are shown on Table 10.

As mentioned above, wastewater rates were increased to maintain the cash fund balance at approximately \$71,000 through FY 2010 and an operating income to debt service ratio of 1.15. If significant customer growth should occur, the District should consider increasing its cash reserve.

## Depreciation

Depreciation expenses were calculated on the proposed improvements. Straight line depreciation was used based on the service life and estimated price the implementation year. Table 10 summarizes the depreciation expense for each of the improvements through FY 2010.

**Table 11. Depreciation Expense for Proposed Improvements**

Wastewater System Project	2006 Estimated Price	Service Life	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009
Collection System	\$880,000	50 years				
Depreciation			\$17,600	\$17,600	\$17,600	\$17,600
Disinfection System	\$44,000	20 years				
Depreciation				\$2,200	\$2,200	\$2,200
Lift Station	\$431,200	20 years				
Depreciation				\$21,560	\$21,560	\$21,560
Treatment Plant Improvements	\$624,800	20 years				
Depreciation				\$31,240	\$31,240	\$31,240
Bridge Replacement	\$183,013	50 years				
Depreciation						\$3,660
Potable Water Line	\$219,010	50 years				
Depreciation					\$4,380	\$4,380

# APPENDIX F

## SEWER RATES AND BOARD MEMBERS

NILAND SANITARY DISTRICT  
P.O. Box 40  
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**SEWER RATES**  
**Effective July 1, 2006**

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE NILAND SANITARY DISTRICT ORDAINS AS FOLLOWS. ORDINANCE NUMBER 100 SECTION 212 REVENUE SEWER RATES AMENDED AS FOLLOWS.

		Per Month	Per Year
212.1	HOUSE/MOBILE HOME	\$ 26.45	\$ 317.40
212.2	MOTEL PER UNIT	\$ 18.77	\$ 225.20
212.3	COURT PER DWELLING	\$ 21.90	\$ 262.80
212.4	TRAILER PARK PER SPACE	\$ 19.82	\$ 237.84
212.5	OFFICE/SMALL BUSINESS RECREATION BUILDING	\$ 25.26	\$ 303.20
212.6	BARS, CAFES, SERVICE STATIONS MARKETS, LARGE DAY CARES	\$ 45.84	\$ 550.15
212.7	SPECIFIED BUSINESS, PACKING SHED GARAGES, CHURCHES, SMALL DAY CARE	\$ 40.32	\$ 483.85
212.8	SCHOOL PER STUDENT & PERSONNEL EXAMPLE: 20.76 X 314 STUDENTS=\$7,046.16	\$ 1.87	\$ 22.44
212.9	<b>OUT OF DISTRICT</b>		
	<i><b>ALL FEES TRIPLE for sections 212.1 through 212.8</b></i>		
212.10	HOOK-UP FEES		
212.10.1	WITHIN THE DISTRICT		\$2,216.16
212.10.2	RV TRAILERS IN PARK LESS THAN 400 SQUARE FEET		\$ 240.00
212.10.3	NEW HOOK-UP OUTSIDE THE DISTRICT		\$6,648.50
	INSPECTION FEES PER INSPECTION		\$ 61.55

## Niland Sanitation Board Members

Robert Huxley	Term expires in 2007
Mike Alexsick	Term expires in 2009
Betty Raceles	Term expires in 2007
Tom Carumbas	Term expires in 2009
Julius Agulpos	Term expires in 2009

Niland Sanitation District is staffed with one Grade I Wastewater Treatment Plant operator and one Operator-in-Training. There are positions for two Grade two operators as they progress.