

## Chapter 6.03

### Televising and Repair of Sewer Laterals

**6.03.010 Purpose.** The District is under an Order from the State Water Resources Control Board to enact laws to prevent Sanitary Sewer Overflows (SSOs) through the adoption of a comprehensive Sewer System Management Plan. It has been recognized that poorly maintained sewer laterals can cause SSOs, which may reach the storm water system and ultimately the Santa Ana River and the Pacific Ocean. Televising of the sewer laterals at appropriate times will reduce the amount of SSOs. The District finds that requiring such televising at the times described is reasonable and rationally related to the legal obligation of the District to help prevent sewer spills.

**6.03.020 Events Requiring Televising of Sewer Laterals.** Property owners shall be required to cause an inspection of their sewer lateral prepared by a licensed plumber and utilizing closed circuit television (CCTV) or other inspection determined by the District Engineer to be equivalent in the following circumstances:

- (a) Whenever a condominium conversion is proposed.
- (b) Whenever a major remodel costing in excess of \$50,000 or whenever an enlargement of 300 square feet or more is added to a dwelling.
- (c) Whenever two or more plumbing fixtures are added.
- (d) Whenever a sanitary sewer overflow occurs at the property.

**6.03.030 Requirements for a CCTV Inspection and Repairs.** When required under certain sections of the District's Operations Code, the following procedure shall be used by the property owner to obtain approval for the use of an existing sewer lateral:

1. The property owner shall have a closed circuit television (CCTV) inspection of the sewer lateral performed by a licensed plumber.
2. The CCTV video shall show the date of the inspection, identify the beginning point of the inspection, include an audio assessment of the proceedings by the licensed plumber, and include a footage counter to identify points along and the ending point of the inspection.
3. The licensed plumber shall mark on the ground surface directly above the lateral for the benefit of the property owner the location of problem areas including the incidence of roots, joint problems, pipe problems, infiltration, or other significant findings.
4. The property owner shall furnish the District with a copy of the CCTV inspection report within 14 days of the performance of the CCTV inspection. The District shall review the CCTV inspection and shall respond with its findings within 14 days.

5. District Staff, including the District Engineer, the Operations Manager, and Inspection staff shall review the CCTV inspection report and will assess whether the existing lateral is sufficient in its existing condition or whether rehabilitation is necessary.
6. If the CCTV inspection report discloses root intrusion that prevents the District from observing the structural condition of the private sewer lateral, the property owner may be required to have a licensed plumber remove the roots and perform a second CCTV of the sewer lateral.
7. Based on the CCTV inspection of the sewer lateral, the District will evaluate the condition of the sewer lateral and its ability to remain in adequate service for 30 additional years while preventing infiltration and the ability of any misaligned joints or roots to cause a sanitary sewer overflow (SSO).
8. The District may require the property owner to rehabilitate the sewer lateral to insure a life expectancy of an additional 30 years.

**6.03.040 Appeal.** Should any person be dissatisfied with any position of staff with regards to their compliance with this chapter, they are entitled to appeal the decision to the Board of Directors by filing such an appeal within 15 days of the decision, provided notice of the time limit is given by the District in writing. The person so appealing shall state in a written document the person whose decision is being appealed, the grounds for the appeal, and any back up data that supports the appeal. The Board shall hear the appeal within a reasonable time thereafter.  
(Ord. 62, 2007)