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Re: San Bernardino County Septic to Sewer Project

Dear Resident:

The San Bernardino County Department of Public Works has teamed up with the City of San Bernardino Municipal Water Department ("SBMWD") to undertake a project that will connect your property to an existing sewer line and abandon your septic system ("Septic to Sewer Project"). Mail and in-person outreach was recently conducted in your neighborhood to introduce the proposed project. The purpose of this follow-up is to provide additional project information and to obtain confirmation of your commitment to participate.

SBMWD is working with the State Water Resources Control Board (State) to secure grant funding for this project. If grant funding is secured, connecting to SBMWD's public sewer line may be done at no cost to owners and occupants if it is done in conjunction with the proposed Septic to Sewer Project. As part of the grant program funding requirements, the State has requested signatures of property owners and occupants who wish to participate in this project. As such, we are asking you to confirm your commitment to participate by signing and submitting the attached Opt-In Form and Right of Entry Agreement.

By switching to municipal sewer services through the proposed Septic to Sewer Project, you can benefit from a free connection to the public sewer system, avoiding upwards of \$35,000 of construction costs and connection fees, increasing your property value, and reducing or eliminating your cost to maintain, repair and/or abandon existing septic systems. Septic to sewer conversions also carry an important benefit to public health. Septic tanks, particularly aging units, are a major contributing factor to pollution. Failing septic tanks can cause contaminants and pathogens such as nitrates, phosphorous and fecal coliform to seep into the soil and potentially spill onto your property, into the public right of way, or into groundwater. Conversion projects such as this one eliminate the chance for these hazardous spills and associated remediation costs.

Participant Requirements and Considerations:

Participating property owners must also sign an Irrevocable Agreement to Annex to the City of San Bernardino before the conversion from septic to public sewer is executed. Additionally, those that choose

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to connect to the public sewer system must also agree to assume monthly sewer service charges as outlined in SBMWD's Rule and Regulation No. 21 Rates and Charges. As of July 1, 2024, Single Family Residential Wastewater Service Charges are set as a flat monthly rate of \$48.98. A full schedule of all SBMWD Water and Wastewater Rates and Charges can be viewed at www.sbmwd.org/rates.

Signing the attached Opt-in Form and Right of Entry Agreement does not guarantee that the project will be completed. Completion of the Septic to Sewer Project is contingent upon receiving the required funding, and the Property Owner's and Occupant's cooperation in any project requests and requirements as needed.

We are pleased to be able to apply for grant funding for this project for your property and hope you will work with us to access this funding. The County's outreach consultant, Maria Elena Kennedy, is available to speak with you in person, by phone, or via e-mail. Please contact her on her cell at (626) 374-8910 or via e-mail at sewerinfo@sdd.sbcounty.gov

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David R. Doublet". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "David" being the most prominent.

David Doublet
Assistant Director

OPT-IN FORM FOR SEWER SERVICE CONNECTION
San Bernardino County Septic to Sewer Project

Name: _____ Status: Property Owner: ☐ Occupant: ☐

Street Address: _____ ("Property")

Mailing Address: _____

Email Address: _____ Project: Septic to Sewer Project

Owner must check one of the boxes and sign to acknowledge and accept the following conditions described. All Owners must consent to the Project for the Property to be connected at no cost.

☐ I **would** like my Property, described above, to be connected to the SBMWD public sewer system as a part of the Septic to Sewer Project. I understand that this no cost connection helps protect the community against septic system contamination. I agree to coordinate with SBMWD to take all steps needed to abandon the septic system and connect the Property to the public sewer system. I agree to allow SBMWD representatives to come onto the Property to perform this work. I agree to allow construction on my Property, limited to the work necessary to connect the structure(s) on my Property to the public sewer and abandon the existing septic system. I understand that SBMWD will provide notice to Owner and Occupant before the Septic to Sewer Project will commence on my Property.

☐ I **would not** like my Property, described above, to be connected to the SBMWD public sewer system as a part of the Project. I understand that if I would like to connect to the SBMWD sewer system in the future, I will have to pay all costs and fees related to construction of the sewer connection.

Occupants must check one of the boxes and sign to acknowledge and accept the following conditions described.

☐ I agree that if the Owner of the Property, described above, authorizes SBMWD to connect the Property to the public sewer, SBMWD is authorized to enter the Property to abandon the septic system and connect the Property to the public sewer system. I agree to allow construction on the Property, limited to the work necessary to connect the structure(s) on the Property to the public sewer. I understand that SBMWD will provide notice before the Project will commence on the Property.

I warrant that I have the authority to sign this agreement as the party indicated above.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Printed Name: _____