

Policy 3.3.1 Wastewater Management — Goals and Policies

Funding

Goal 3.3D. Maintain a financially-stable wastewater management fund through a user-based fee system.

Policy 3.3D.1. Assess connection fees to new system users to recoup the costs of excess system capacity constructed for their eventual use.

Policy 3.3D.2. Assess user fees based on quantity and quality of wastewater generated.

Policy 3.3D.3. Establish appropriate reserves to ensure reliable rates and to provide capital improvements and infrastructure replacement needs.

Policy 3.3D.4. Annually review the wastewater rate structure.

Policy 3.3D.5. Bi-annually review the 50-year plan for capital improvement and replacement needs.

Policy 3.3D.6. Continue to make landowners responsible for maintenance of sewer laterals, with the exception that the City will make repairs to laterals between property line and sewer mains caused by broken pipes and street tree roots.

Policy 3.3.D.7. Properties outside the City limit that are served by the Sunnyvale wastewater collection system shall pay the full cost of wastewater management service. In addition to a higher rate for such special service, outside customers should also pay all costs for special maintenance and necessary repairs. This includes the use of outside plumbers, delivery of service at call back times, any expenses to the City of Sunnyvale from other jurisdictions connected to the provision of service (i.e. franchise fees), and costs for improvements to the system.

Policy 3.3D.8. Explore agreements with neighboring cities where the Water Pollution Control Plant would treat interjurisdictional wastewater for a fee as long as these agreements: 1) create no capacity issues 2) do not hinder future development and 3) are economically advantageous.

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