

**Montecito Sanitary District**  
**Policy For**  
**Private Sewer Lateral Investigation and Rehabilitation Program**

**Program Overview**

The Montecito Sanitary District's Private Sewer Lateral Investigation and Rehabilitation Program ("Program") is a voluntary program established in an effort to address the District's inflow and infiltration problems experienced during times of rain. During rainstorms, sewer flows have increased from the typical daily average of 0.90 million gallons per day to over 6 million gallons per day entering the District's treatment plant. This is not including the thousands of gallons that spill from collection system manholes due to the over burdening of the collection system piping. The Program provides a substantial benefit to the District by reducing the amount of rain water that enters the sanitary sewer system from underground cracked laterals and from illegal connections such as roof drains and yard drains which should not be plumbed to the sanitary sewer system.

**Who Can Participate**

To participate in the Program, an application on a District approved form must be completed by the property owner or an authorized agent, and the property must meet the following criteria:

- The property must be a single family residence which is owner or renter occupied
- There must be access to the sewer lateral so that a video inspection can be performed

Commercial or institutional properties are not eligible to participate in the Program.

**Requirements**

Participation in the Program is limited to one time per property. The following guidelines have been established to confirm eligibility for reimbursement:

- All work performed must have the appropriate permits from the District and the County of Santa Barbara
- All work must be performed by a qualified licensed contractor
- The applicant must show proof of material costs and contract labor expenses
- Property owners are required to have their sewer lateral cleaned prior to the lateral being video inspected
- Property owners have the option to make only the District recommended repairs or perform a complete replacement/rehabilitation of their sewer lateral
- All Orangeburg pipe must be removed
- Property owners must agree to inspection of their property to locate any storm water connections to the sanitary sewer system
- Property owners must agree to appropriately abandon any connection which allows storm water to enter the sanitary sewer system

**Reimbursement**

Property owners will be reimbursed 50% of the cost, up to a maximum of \$2000, to correct defects in their sewer lateral.

Costs incurred for the correction of illegal connections (rain water draining to the sanitary sewer system) will not be reimbursed under this Program.

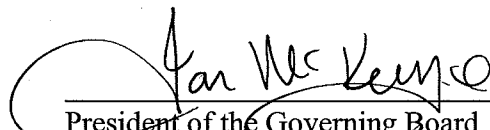
Reimbursements to property owners are on a "first come, first served basis", and are limited to the District approved funding for the Program.

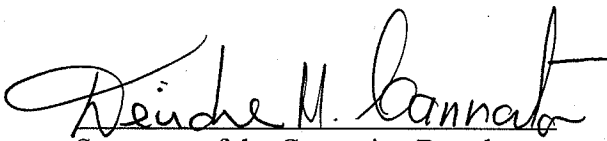
**How the Program works**

- 1) The property owner arranges for cleaning and video inspection of their private sewer lateral by a qualified plumber/contractor. A copy of the video tape must be submitted by the property owner to the District for review. The property owner shall also complete and submit an Application for Participation in the Private Sewer Lateral Investigation and Rehabilitation Program. District staff will review the video and the application and provide the property owner with a report detailing the needed repair or replacement of the sewer lateral.
- 2) Using the information in the report, the property owner shall contract with a licensed, experienced contractor to make the necessary repairs. The property owner or the contractor must obtain all applicable permits from the District and the County of Santa Barbara prior to commencement of the work. The repairs will be inspected by District personnel. Prior to the final inspection, the property will be inspected for any storm drainage connections to the sanitary sewer.
- 3) When the sewer lateral repair/rehabilitation is complete, having met all District requirements, the property owner shall submit the following to the District:
  - o A copy of all receipts and an itemized bill from the contractor who performed the work. These items must be submitted in order to receive reimbursement from the District. Reimbursement rates are 50% of the cost, up to a maximum of \$2,000.
- 4) The District will reimburse the property owner the appropriate amount in accordance with the Program guidelines within 30 days of the receipt of the itemized costs.

Approved and adopted by the Governing Board of the Montecito Sanitary District this 26<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2005, by the following vote, to wit:

Ayes: Arnold, Begley, McKenzie and Tmur  
 Nays: None  
 Abstain: None  
 Absent: Cannata

  
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 President of the Governing Board  
 Montecito Sanitary District

  
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 Secretary of the Governing Board  
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