

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-05

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SPALDING COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT ADOPTING THE DISTRICT'S SEWER SYSTEM MANAGEMENT PLAN PURSUANT TO STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD ORDER NO. WQ 2022-0103-DWQ

WHEREAS, the Spalding Community Services District (“District”) is a community services district duly organized and existing under the Community Services District Law, California Government Code Section 61000 *et seq.*, and possesses the powers set forth in Government Code Section 61060, including the power to adopt and enforce rules, regulations, and plans necessary for the administration, operation, and maintenance of its facilities and services; and

WHEREAS, the District owns and/or operates a sanitary sewer collection system within its service area for the collection and conveyance of wastewater; and

WHEREAS, on May 2, 2006, the State Water Resources Control Board (“State Water Board”) adopted Statewide General Waste Discharge Requirements for Sanitary Sewer Systems, Order No. 2006-0003-DWQ, which was subsequently repealed and replaced by Order No. WQ 2022-0103-DWQ, adopted December 6, 2022 (collectively, the “General Order”), requiring all public agencies that own or operate sanitary sewer systems to develop, implement, and maintain a Sewer System Management Plan (“SSMP”); and

WHEREAS, the General Order requires that the SSMP address eleven (11) specified elements, including goals, organization, legal authority, an operation and maintenance program, design and construction standards, an overflow emergency response plan, a fats, oils, and grease control program, a system evaluation and capacity assurance plan, monitoring and program modification procedures, periodic internal audits, and a communication program; and

WHEREAS, the General Order further requires that the SSMP be approved by the Enrollee’s governing board at a public meeting, and thereafter be audited at intervals of not more than two (2) years and comprehensively updated at intervals of not more than six (6) years, or at such other interval as the General Order may then require; and

WHEREAS, District staff have prepared an initial Sewer System Management Plan, dated September 10, 2026 (the “SSMP”), attached hereto as *Exhibit A* and incorporated herein by reference, reflecting the District’s current understanding of its sanitary sewer collection system and the policies, procedures, and practices developed to date for its management, operation, and maintenance; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors recognizes that the SSMP represents the District’s good-faith effort, based on currently available information, staff knowledge, and resources, to document its sanitary sewer collection system management program as a starting point, and that the SSMP is intended to function as a living document that will be reviewed, refined, audited, and updated over time as the District gains additional information, experience, and resources, consistent with the ongoing and iterative nature of the General Order’s requirements; and

WHEREAS, this meeting of the Board of Directors was noticed and conducted in compliance with the Ralph M. Brown Act, Government Code Section 54950 *et seq.*; and

WHEREAS, adoption of the SSMP is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA”), Public Resources Code Section 21000 *et seq.*, pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3) (general rule that CEQA applies only to projects with the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment), Section 15301 (existing facilities), and Section 15308 (actions taken by regulatory agencies for protection of the environment), in that the SSMP addresses the operation, maintenance, and management of the District’s existing sanitary sewer collection

system, does not authorize any new construction, and does not commit the District to any specific project that would require independent environmental review under CEQA;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the Spalding Community Services District as follows:

SECTION 1. CEQA Finding.

The Board of Directors finds that adoption of the SSMP is exempt from CEQA for the reasons set forth above, pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Sections 15061(b)(3), 15301, and 15308.

SECTION 2. Adoption of the Sewer System Management Plan.

The Board of Directors hereby adopts the Sewer System Management Plan dated September 10, 2026, attached hereto as Exhibit A, as the District's official Sewer System Management Plan in compliance with the General Order.

SECTION 3. Living Document; Periodic Review, Audit, and Amendment.

The Board of Directors acknowledges that the SSMP reflects the District's current, good-faith documentation of its sanitary sewer system management practices as of the date of this Resolution, represents work completed to date, and is not a final or static document. The Board directs that the SSMP:

- (a) be treated as a living document, subject to ongoing refinement, correction, and expansion as the District's operational knowledge, resources, and practices develop over time;
- (b) be internally audited at intervals of not more than two (2) years, and comprehensively updated at intervals of not more than six (6) years, or at such other interval as may be required by the General Order then in effect;
- (c) be revised administratively by the General Manager and Sewer Technician to correct factual errors, update contact information, incorporate completed system mapping or data, or make other non-substantive changes, without further Board action; provided that any substantive change to the District's legal authority, funding mechanisms, level-of-service commitments, or overall program structure as described in the SSMP shall be brought before the Board for consideration and approval by subsequent resolution or amendment to this Resolution.

SECTION 4. Authorization to Certify and Submit.

The General Manager is hereby authorized and directed to certify the SSMP and to submit it, and any subsequent updates, audits, or recertifications, to the State Water Resources Control Board and/or the applicable Regional Water Quality Control Board through the California Integrated Water Quality System (CIWQS) or any successor reporting system, and to make the SSMP available for public review at the District office and/or on the District's website as required by the General Order.

SECTION 5. Filing of Resolution.

The General Manager is directed to file a certified copy of this Resolution, together with the adopted SSMP, in the District's official records, and to transmit copies as may be required to the State Water Resources Control Board, the applicable Regional Water Quality Control Board, or Lassen County, as applicable.

SECTION 6. Effective Date; Severability.

This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, or phrase of this Resolution is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Resolution, and the Board hereby declares it would have adopted this Resolution and each section, subsection, sentence, clause, and phrase thereof irrespective of the invalidity of any other section, subsection, sentence, clause, or phrase.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED this 10th day of September, 2026, by the following vote:

AYES: _____ ABSENT: _____

NOES: _____ ABSTAIN: _____

APPROVED:

Kathy Claytor, Chair
Spalding Community Services District

ATTEST:

Mike Garcia, General Manager
Spalding Community Services District

EXHIBIT A
SEWER SYSTEM MANAGEMENT PLAN

[Attach the District's Sewer System Management Plan, dated September 10, 2026, here.]