

OTAY WATER DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS POLICY

Subject	Policy Number	Date Adopted	Date Revised
CLEANING OF PRIVATE SEWER LATERALS	01	10/15/84	

Purpose.

To establish policy determining that sewer laterals are the responsibility of property owners and not the District.

Background.

The District operates and maintains District sewer mains which collect sewage from sewer laterals on privately-owned property. A sewer lateral is deemed to be the portion of the property owner's sewer line that connects to the District main, whether in an easement on the owner's property or in a public right-of-way. Frequently stoppage occurs within privately-owned sewer laterals due to property owner's use and requests are made to the District to clear the stoppage in the lateral.

Policy.

The District is responsible for operation and maintenance of District sewer mains, which includes cleaning of the mains. The District has no responsibility for cleaning any portion of a property owner's sewer line or sewer lateral. District personnel are prohibited from cleaning or servicing any such sewer line or lateral unless otherwise authorized to do so by the General Manager. The General Manager may grant such authorization when he deems it to be in the best interest of the District to do so. Charges may be made to the owner for such service at the discretion of the General Manager.