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Dear Customer:

Bodega Bay Public Utility District (the District) is reaching out to inform the community of our upcoming **Sewer Rehabilitation Project** that is planned for construction in later 2021 or early 2022. The project entails the repair or replacement of approximately 21,000 feet of aging sewer pipelines throughout the District.

The District is responsible for the operation and maintenance of 15.6 miles of gravity sewer mains, most of which were constructed in the late 1970s. Many of these assets are beginning to reach the end of their 50-year design lifespan.

The permits associated with operating the wastewater plant that treats all wastewater in the District is regulated by the State Water Quality Control Board. Over the years, the District has noticed increasing levels of inflow and infiltration (I/I) of surface and groundwater into the sewer collection system. Because of high levels of I/I, the State has informed the District that it either needs to reduce the I/I in the collection system or expand emergency storage at the wastewater treatment plant, as the wastewater treatment plant capacity is very close to having insufficient emergency storage during heavy rainfall events (typically referred to as "100-year storms.") Repairing the sewer collection system to eliminate sources of I/I will be far less costly to the District and its customers in the long run (rather than expanding emergency storage) and also provides the added benefit of improving the long-term condition of the sewer collection system.

This fall and winter you may notice survey crews and District personnel conducting some of the background work in support of this project. Most of the sewer pipes to be repaired are located in the street and within the public right-of-way. Please drive slowly to protect the safety of our crews!

A small portion of the sewer repair work is located on private property. Affected property owners will be notified by phone at least 48 hours in advance when survey crews or District personnel will need to access their property for the purpose of conducting a survey or marking the location of utilities.

Thank you for your patience as we go about making these upgrades. We will send out additional information about this project in the coming year.

Thank you,

Janet Ames
General Manager