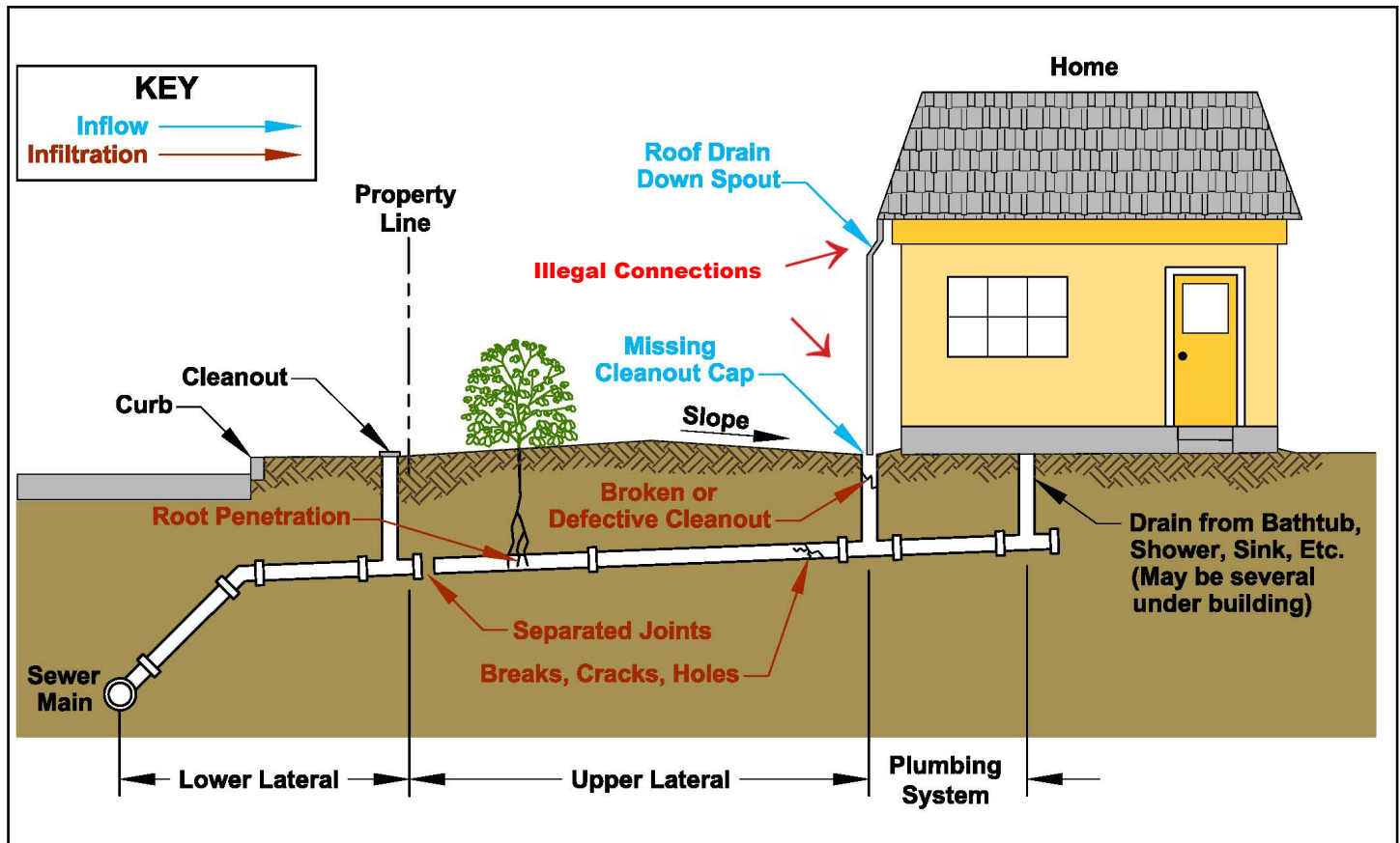


Proposed Sewer Lateral Ordinance

Airport/Larkfield/Wikiup; Geyserville, Occidental, Russian River and Sea Ranch



The Sonoma County Water Agency (Water Agency) will hold a series of community meetings to discuss a proposed sewer lateral ordinance aimed at preventing sewer overflows that occur during heavy rains. The ordinance would apply to the Russian River and Occidental County Sanitation Districts, and the Airport/Larkfield/Wikiup, Geyserville, and Sea Ranch Sanitation Zones, all of which are operated by the Water Agency.

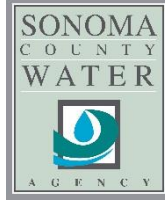
The ordinance would provide the Water Agency with the ability to inspect, and if necessary, require the repair of sewer laterals that are failing and contributing to pollution and sewer overflows. The proposed ordinance will **NOT** require any point-of-sale sewer lateral inspections or repairs. The proposed ordinance would not include a mandatory inspections program, but if faulty laterals are detected during routine inspections, the Water Agency could require repairs. An inspection could also be required if a main sewer line that is con-

nected to the lateral is being replaced or rehabilitated. The ordinance is proposed in five sanitation zones and districts the Water Agency manages in Sonoma County.

The proposed ordinance is intended to reduce “inflow and infiltration,” the process through which storm water enters the sewer collection system during storms. During a heavy rain, storm water from cracked or improperly connected private laterals can overwhelm the sanitary system, resulting in sewer overflows. These overflows pollute creeks, can damage private property, and result in fines to the zone or district. To gather input on the proposed ordinance, the Water Agency will host three community meetings to share additional information and discuss community concerns. (see back page).

For more information about sewer laterals, visit: www.sonomacountywater.org/lateral/ or contact Barry Dugan, 707-547-7430, email: barry.dugan@scwa.ca.gov





Sewer Lateral Ordinance Proposed for Sanitation Zones & Districts

Community Meetings

Geyserville & Airport-Larkfield-Wikiup Sanitation Zones

Tuesday, June 19, 6:30 – 8:00 pm
Sonoma County Water Agency
404 Aviation Blvd, Santa Rosa, CA

Russian River County Sanitation District & Occidental County Sanitation District

Tuesday, June 26, 6:30 – 8:00 pm
Monte Rio Community Center
20488 CA-116, Monte Rio, CA

Sea Ranch Sanitation Zone

Saturday, July 28, 11:00 am – 12:30 pm
Del Mar Rec Center
20600 Leeward Road, The Sea Ranch, CA