

The Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (WIFIA) program accelerates investment in our nation's water infrastructure by providing long-term, low-cost supplemental loans for regionally and nationally significant projects.

BASINS 2 AND 3 COLLECTION SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT

BORROWER: City of San Mateo

LOCATION: San Mateo, California

WIFIA LOAN AMOUNT: \$85 million

TOTAL WIFIA PROJECT COSTS: \$173 million

POPULATION SERVED BY SYSTEM: 113,600 people

NUMBER OF JOBS CREATED: 556 jobs



San Mateo Sanitary Sewer System

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PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Basins 2 and 3 Collection System Improvements Project will improve the City of San Mateo's sanitary sewer collection system by replacing aging lift stations, sewer mains, and manholes and constructing a new wastewater flow equalization facility. The project is designed to meet regulatory requirements, eliminate waste discharges, and correct conditions that cause sanitary sewer overflows. The project will increase the collection system's capacity to contain and manage higher flows during wet weather events and prevent the discharge of partially treated water into the San Francisco Bay and backups resulting in sanitary sewer overflows.

PROJECT AND FINANCING BENEFITS

- Repairs and rehabilitates the City's aging sanitary sewer collection system.
- Increases the storage and treatment capacity of the wastewater system.
- Reduces sewer overflows and unauthorized discharges resulting in compliance with the Regional Water Quality Board order.
- Loan closed in 2020 includes flexibilities, such as allowing a few years of interest-only payments, that will save the City of San Mateo an estimated \$15.4 million from financing with a WIFIA loan.
- Loan amendment in 2024 (plus amendments to two separate loans to San Mateo/Estero Improvement District) changed disbursement terms, saving an additional \$19 million over the life of the three loans.

