



## **All Clear Following Sewer Overflow Event**

**SEASIDE, Ore. – Feb. 2, 2024** – The City of Seaside, in collaboration with the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (ODEQ), issued an all-clear notice today following sanitary sewer overflows resulting from sustained and heavy precipitation in the region. Excess water caused the wastewater treatment system to begin overflowing into points of the Necanicum River and Neawanna Creek on Jan. 22 and, as a result, the city asked residents to avoid direct contact with waterways. In total, approximately 14.7 million gallons of diluted sewage overflowed the system and entered the waterways during this event.

Testing of the two waterways indicate levels have now returned to normal. Regular monitoring of bacteria levels began on Jan. 22. The City works closely with ODEQ to monitor the river and creek following any release of sewage.

### **Going Forward – Help Us Protect Waterways**

Any heavy rainfall event with overland flooding limits the sewer system's ability to convey water to the treatment plant. There are many ways to make a difference during periods of excessive rainfall or flooding. Less water added to the system equals less pollution.

Here are a few ways you can reduce water use during weather events:

- Choose a shower over a bath, and opt for a quick shower.
- Delay washing clothes until the situation improves.
- Only flush the toilet when necessary during storms.

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