

**Vandenberg Village  
Community Services District**

**Standards for  
CONSTRUCTION OF SEWER MAINS**



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## I. GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

### A. Work to Be Done Within the Vandenberg Village Community Services District

All labor, equipment, appliances and material, and performance of all operations in connection with the construction of sewer mains, including all pipe, fittings, manholes, cleanouts, and service connections to each lot and all other necessary appurtenances, within the District shall be in strict accordance with these Standards.

### B. Plans and Specifications

Projects shall be constructed as shown on the Plans and shall conform to these Standard Requirements and the "Greenbook" as defined below. The "Greenbook" shall not govern the Plans and these Standard Requirements.

### C. Definitions and Terms

In these Specifications or the "Greenbook" the intent and meaning of the terms that are used shall be as defined in Part 1 of the "Greenbook" except as herein below specifically noted, revised, or added.

**Agency** - The Vandenberg Village Community Services District, State of California

**District** - The District is the entity identified as such in the Agreement between the District and the Developer or Contractor and is referred to throughout the Contract Documents as if singular in number and masculine in gender. The term District means the Vandenberg Village Community Services District or its authorized representative.

**Engineer** - The District Manager or designated engineer for the Vandenberg Village Community Services District, State of California, acting either directly or through properly authorized agents, such agents acting within the scope of the particular duties entrusted to them.

**"Greenbook"** - The latest edition of the Standard Specifications for Public Works Construction, including all supplementary pamphlets, published by Building News, Inc.

The Standard Specifications control the general provisions, construction materials, and construction methods for this contract except as amended by the Plans, Special Provisions, or other Contract Documents.

**Laboratory** - Shall mean any testing agency or testing firm, which has been licensed by the State of California to act in such capacity, and meet the requirements of the Engineer.

**Specifications** - The directions, guidelines, provisions, and requirements herein pertaining to the materials to be furnished and to the method and manner of performing the work, including addenda and approved revisions by the District. Whenever the terms "Specifications" or "these Specifications" are used herein it means the provisions set forth in these District Standards.

## **D. Alterations**

The District reserves the right to make updates, amendments, and modifications from time to time following the adoption of this document.

Changes or modifications to approved plans and/or specifications shall be by mutual agreement in writing and signed by the parties involved, then, and only then may alterations or deviations, increases additions, or omissions in the approved plans or Standards be made.

It shall be the responsibility of the Contractor to locate any and all utility lines prior to excavation. The Contractor shall be held responsible for any damage to utility lines during the progress of construction, and if damage should occur, he shall repair the same at his own expense.

The Contractor shall notify the District and the appropriate regional notification center for operations of subsurface installations at least two working days prior to performing any excavation or other work close to any underground pipeline, conduit, duct, wire, or other structure. Regional notification centers include, but are not limited to, the following:

Underground Service Alert, Southern California (USA DigAlert)  
Telephone: 1-800-422-4133

California Department of Transportation (Caltrans)  
Telephone: (805) 549-3111

No excavation shall commence unless the Contractor has obtained the Inquiry Identification Number and so notified the District.

## **E. Modifications to the Standard Specifications**

The following are adjustments to the Standard Specification ("Greenbook"):

### **Record Drawings**

Contractor shall maintain a complete and accurate record of all changes of construction from that shown in the approved plans and specifications for the purpose of providing a basis for construction record drawings. No changes shall be made without prior written approval of the District.

### **Monuments**

Existing survey monuments shall be protected from damage. All survey monuments damaged or displaced by the Contractor shall be replaced in accordance with the provisions of the Land Surveyor's Act, Code of the State of California, at the Contractor's expense.

### **Accuracy of Utilities Information**

The locations of existing major utilities, whether above ground or underground, may be represented in District documents. The District does not guarantee the accuracy or completeness of this information and it is to be understood that other above-ground and underground facilities may be encountered during the course of the work.

During construction, in advance of any work performed by the pipe installation crew, the Contractor shall excavate and pothole existing utility facilities to verify locations and allow alignment and grade revisions if necessary. Such revisions in alignment and grade shall be approved by the District.

## II. MATERIALS

### A. General

All materials shall be new and of the type described in these Standards or shown on District approved plans. The Contractor shall furnish all materials. Whenever the following Standards specify by name or number any material or article or the maker or distributor thereof, this is done so only for the purpose of more clearly defining the kind and quality desired, and it is to be understood that the written approval of the District will permit an equivalent which will be equally acceptable.

Materials shall conform to the applicable provisions of the Standard Specifications, as hereinafter specified and approved, and shall never be less than those as approved by ASTM as last revised.

### B. Material Certification and Tests

When required by the District, the Contractor shall, at his own expense, furnish documentary evidence, or when specifically requested, certified test results which indicate that the pipe furnished meets all of the requirements of these Standards. Documentary evidence will be considered sufficient when the pipe manufacturer furnishes a notarized certificate indicating that the pipe has been sampled, tested, and inspected in accordance with the provisions of these standard requirements and all ASTM specifications.

### C. PVC Sewer Pipe (Polyvinyl Chloride)

#### Pipe

Polyvinyl chloride plastic sewer pipe and fittings shall conform to the requirements of ASTM Standard Specifications D 3034 SDR 35, as amended to date, except as modified herein. The pipe shall be furnished in 12.5' or 20' lengths with integral wall-belled ends and elastomeric joints. All pipe and fittings shall be free of imperfection and shall be clearly marked with the name of the manufacturer.

The minimum wall thickness shall be as follows providing a minimum SDR ratio of 35:

Diameter	4"	6"	8"	10"	12"	15"
Wall Thickness	.125"	.180"	.240"	.300"	.360"	.440"

#### PVC Pipe Joints

All pipe fittings shall have rubber ring bell and spigot joints providing a water-tight seal and allowing for contraction and expansion. The bell shall consist of an integral wall section stiffened with two PVC retainer rings which securely lock the solid cross-section rubber ring into position.

Joint tightness shall be measured by assembling two sections of pipe in accordance with the manufacturer's recommendations. Subject the joint to an internal hydrostatic pressure of 25 psi for one hour. Consider any leakage a failure of the test requirements.

#### **PVC Pipe Stiffness**

Minimum "pipe stiffness" (F/y) at five (5) percent deflection shall be 46 psi for all sizes when calculated in accordance with ASTM Designation D 2412.

#### **PVC Pipe Deflect**

All plastic sewer pipe when installed with all backfill in place and compacted shall not exceed five (5) percent of the internal pipe diameter.

### **D. Main Line Fittings and Accessories**

#### **General**

All fittings and accessories shall be manufactured by the pipe supplier and have a bell and/or spigot configurations compatible with that of the pipe.

#### **Banded Rubber Couplings**

The Contractor shall use banded rubber couplings when connecting replacement pipe to existing pipe. Where connections involve joining PVC pipe to vitrified clay pipe (VCP), the Contractor shall use "reducer" (as appropriate) banded rubber couplings such as Gladding-McBean's Band Seal Type Sewer Coupling or Joint, Calder Couplings, Fernco Flexible Couplings or equal. Installation shall be per the manufacturer's recommendations.

### **E. Cleanouts**

Cleanouts shall conform to the Districts Standards, as indicated on the Plans, and these Special Provisions.

Sewer cleanouts shall be installed on the customer's sewer lateral close to the connection with the main sewer line. Cleanouts shall be installed with easy access for cleaning and capped or plugged with approved materials. Sewer cleanouts shall be PVC pipe and shall be the same size as the line on which they are installed.

Cleanouts are not allowed on public sewer mains.

### **F. Precast Concrete Manholes**

Precast concrete manholes shall conform to the District Standard Details, and as indicated on the District approved plans. Precast concrete manholes shall be precast with Penetron and with Penetron BioMic antimicrobial admixture. Pour-in-place manhole bases shall be 4000 psi 1" gravel concrete with Penetron and Penetron BioMic antimicrobial admixture.

All internal manhole joints shall be primed and wrapped with Penetron Penebar Primer Preformed Sealant Bond Enhancer and Penebar SW-55 Concrete Joint Waterstop.

All exterior manhole joints shall be primed and wrapped with ConSeal CS-50 Liquid Butyl Primer and CS-212 Polyolefin Backed Exterior Joint Wrap or equivalent.

## **G. Bedding and Encasement Material**

Bedding and Encasement for all sanitary sewers shall be crushed rock  $\frac{3}{4}$  inch gradation conforming to Section 200-1.2, "Crushed Rock and Rock Dust," of the Standard Specifications.

## **H. Cross Connection Assemblies**

Ownership of the Backflow Assembly is that of the property owner that it serves. Only approved Backflow Assemblies shall be installed in the District.

On premises where system backflow protection is required, the backflow assembly shall be installed on the property owner's premises. On the service lateral there must be no tee, tap, or connection of any sort to the main.

## **I. Concrete Construction**

Concrete construction shall conform to the provisions of Section 303-1, "Concrete and Masonry Construction" of the "Greenbook." Concrete shall be of the appropriate class in accordance with table 201-1.1.2 (A) and shall conform to Section 201-1, "Portland Cement" of the "Greenbook ."

## **J. Asphalt Concrete Replacement**

Road compaction, base, asphalt concrete, and pavement markings shall be in accordance with the County of Santa Barbara transportation and engineering standard details and requirements.

# **III. CONSTRUCTION METHODS**

## **A. Paving**

Road compaction, base, asphalt concrete, and pavement markings shall be constructed in accordance with the County of Santa Barbara transportation and engineering standard details and requirements.

## **B. Construction Excavation**

### **Trenching**

Attention is directed to Section 306-1, "Open Trench Operations," of the "Greenbook."

Trenching for all pipes shall be in open cut to provide a minimum cover of 36" below finish pavement surface or as established by the approved plans.

Where excavation for trenching is in a paved street or alley, or it is necessary to excavate in a paved area, the Contractor will mark out and saw the pavement in a straight line along the trench route to ensure a good and clean joint for patching, with the limits of paving cut to be 6" greater in width on each side of the proposed trench than the trench excavation. If the paving is broken to a ragged edge, the Contractor will be required to re-cut the paving before the paving patch is placed.

**Disposal of Excess Material**

Where material is excavated in excess of that required for the site, such excess materials shall be removed and disposed of by the Contractor as directed by the District. All excess material shall be removed from the right-of-way and disposed of by the Contractor. The location of the disposal site shall be the responsibility of the Contractor and shall be subject to the approval of the District - written approval by the disposal site owner and a grading permit issued by the affected public agency must be provided. Removal of excess material shall be done immediately following backfilling operations. Any spoils piles, bedding gravel, base material, and the like shall be properly lighted and barricaded for traffic safety. In all cases, such piles shall be placed as far out of the traveled way as possible.

All material disposed of at the City or County's Sanitary Landfills is subject to payment of current fees.

**Removal of Water**

The Contractor shall remove and dispose of all water entering the excavation. Disposal of water shall be done in such a manner as to prevent damage or nuisance to adjacent property. Sufficient pumping equipment shall be provided to maintain the trench in a dry condition during the bedding and initial backfilling of the pipe. The Contractor shall maintain all natural drainage and restore it to its former condition as soon as possible after proceeding through any area.

**Pipe Bedding and Backfill**

Pipe bedding, backfill, and compaction shall be performed in accordance with the Standards Specifications. No backfilling shall be done until the installation to be covered has been inspected and approved for covering. Backfilling shall be carried out in an orderly fashion and, in general, shall be done as soon as approval has been given to cover the pipe. **COMPACTION OF BACKFILLING SHALL PROCEED SIMULTANEOUSLY WITH BACKFILLING OPERATIONS.**

Backfill material shall be in conformance with District Standards.

**Shoring, Bracing, and Sheeting**

The Contractor shall furnish, install, and maintain such shoring, bracing, and sheeting as required to conform to the rules and orders of the California Division of Industrial Safety to support sides of the trench and prevent movement that could cause injury to any person or structures. Any damage resulting from lack of adequate shoring, bracing, or sheeting shall be repaired at the Contractor's expense. The Contractor shall be fully responsible and liable for the safety of his operations at all times.

**C. Removal or Abandonment of Existing Sewer Mains**

Existing Sewer mains that are being replaced shall be removed where necessary, or abandoned as indicated on the Plans or contract documents and as specified herein. The main to be abandoned or replaced shall be removed when any of the following conditions exist:

- The alignment of the existing main falls within the trench excavation for the new main.



- The alignment of the existing main is not more than 1 foot outside of the standard trench width for the new main.
- When called out on the Plans or in the contract documents.

When the existing main is shown on the Plans as located outside of the limits of conditions one and two above, but actually falls within these limits, the Contractor shall remove the main as if it were shown correctly. However, the District may, but is not obligated to, change the new main alignment so that conditions one or two above do not exist.

Where portions of the old main and/or services are abandoned and left in place, either the exposed ends of the abandoned main and services shall be tightly plugged with concrete per Section 306-5, "Abandonment of Conduits and Structures," of the Standard Specifications. The District reserves the right to require that the entire length of the abandoned utility be removed.

#### **D. PVC Pipe Installation**

All PVC pipe and fittings for underground gravity sewers shall be installed in accordance with the requirements of ASTM Standard D-2321, as amended to date. "Recommended Practice for Installation of Flexible Thermoplastic Sewer Pipe."

##### **Pipe Laying**

Each pipe of the diameter called for by the Plans is to be laid on a firm bed and have a true bearing of its entire length. The pipe shall be laid in perfect conformity to the prescribed lines and grades. All adjustments to line and grade must be made by scraping away or filling in the earth under the body of the pipe, and not by wedging or blocking up the hub. A shallow excavation shall be made underneath the pipe at the joint to accommodate the bell and facilitate the making of the joint.

All pipe shall be laid continuously uphill and with the bell end upgrade. The faces of the spigot ends and of all shoulder or sockets must be true and brought into fair contact and all lumps and excrescences of said faces shall be cut away before the pipe is lowered into the trench. When the work ceases for any reason, the unfinished end of the pipe shall be securely closed with a plug or cover.

The interior of the pipe shall be free from all dirt and foreign matter as the work progresses and left clean at its completion.

In general, the pipe shall be installed in accordance with the manufacturer's recommendations and these Standard Requirements.

#### **E. Crossing Lines**

In cases when crossing other utility lines, a 6" minimum clearance is required. Required separation between water mains and sanitary sewers shall be 10' horizontal and 3' vertical, or in conformance with guidelines as established by the State of California Department of Health. Any deviation must have the approval of the District.

## **F. Compaction**

### **Pipe Bedding**

In accordance with "Greenbook" Section 306-1.2.1, "Bedding"

### **Pipe Backfill**

In accordance with "Greenbook" Section 306-1.3, "Backfill and Densification"

### **Compaction Tests**

Compaction tests will be made in accordance with ASTM D2922/D3017 or D1557.

Compaction tests shall be furnished to the District by the Contractor and paid for by the Contractor. Such tests are to be made by a testing laboratory approved by the District. The Contractor will furnish one (1) compaction test per each linear 200 feet of compacted backfill with samples taken at depths determined by the District. In the case where trenching and backfilling are performed in a paved street or alley, one compaction test per two hundred (200) linear feet of the compacted subgrade and of the base material will also be furnished to the District by the Contractor, and any additional tests required by the District to ensure uniform and required compaction over the entire project.

## **G. Project Site Maintenance**

Project site maintenance shall conform to the provisions in Section 7-8, "Project Site Maintenance," of the "Greenbook" and these Standards.

Water needed during the construction phase can be made available through a hydrant meter or a house meter. The Contractor, developer, or individual owner will be responsible for meters being kept clear of all debris, to ensure access to meter readers, and for damage or replacement of meter boxes, meters, meter yokes, and service lines during construction. Dwelling units that have meter installations that do not conform to installation specifications will not be signed off.

Water provided by the District approved fire hydrants shall be metered and paid for by the Contractor. Hydrant meters may be obtained through the District. Monthly water service charges and water usage charges will commence upon installation. A service charge will apply for relocating the hydrant meter to another hydrant.

The Contractor shall provide for the application of water for the purpose of controlling dust caused by his operations or by public traffic.

## **H. Final Inspection and Tests**

### **Compaction Tests:**

Compaction tests shall be furnished to the District by the Contractor and paid for by the Contractor. Such tests are to be made by a testing laboratory approved by the District. The Contractor will furnish one (1) compaction test per each two hundred (200) linear feet of the compacted backfill with samples taken at depths determined by the District. In the case where trenching and backfilling are performed in a paved street or alley, one compaction test per two hundred (200) linear feet of the compacted subgrade and of the

base material will also be furnished to the District by the Contractor, and any additional tests required by the District to ensure uniform and required compaction over the entire project

**Deflection Test for All Plastic Sewer Pipe and Composite Sewer Pipe:**

Following the placement and densification of backfill and before the placement of any permanent pavement, all pipelines shall be cleaned and then mandrelled to measure for obstructions, deflections, joint offsets, and lateral pipe intrusions. The mandrel shall be rigid with a circular cross-section having a diameter at least ninety-six (96) percent of the specified average inside diameter of the pipe and shall be pulled through the pipe by hand. The minimum length of the cylindrical portion of the mandrel shall be equal to the nominal diameter of the pipe.

Should any section of the pipeline fail to pass this mandrel test, the Contractor shall open the pipe trench and repair the pipeline until it satisfactorily passes the mandrel test.

All material, equipment, and labor to perform the test shall be provided by the Contractor at no cost to the District.

**Air Testing for New Sewer Pipe:**

Reference the latest edition of the Standard Specifications for Public Works Construction (Green Book), including all supplementary pamphlets, published by Building News, Inc.

**Safety Provisions:**

The plugs must be firmly secured and care should be exercised in their removal. (The total force on a 12" plug at 4.0 psi is over 450 pounds). Care must be exercised in not loading the sewer line with the full pressure of the compressor. Keep personnel out of manholes until the pressure has been released. If water leaks into the line after the plugs are installed and floods the air inlet and the needle on the air pressure gauge indicates zero, then possibly the water column has balanced the air pressure in this instance and care is necessary in releasing the pressure. If testing below groundwater level, inject the air at the upper plug and/or turn the inlet up as with a water test apparatus.

**Televising of Sewer Line:**

Prior to acceptance of the sewer line, the District requires, at no cost to the District, televised inspection of the sewer line. A copy of the inspection video shall be provided to the District for their files. All deficiencies noted during the television will be repaired by the Contractor to the satisfaction of the District. Upon completion of the repairs, the District will re-televising the repaired line. The cost of televising the line shall be charged to the Contractor. It is recommended, but not required, that the Contractor televise the of sewer lines prior to street paving to minimize the cost of possible repairs.

**I. Clean-up**

After compaction is approved and prior to final acceptance, all pipe must be flushed and balled (with a Wayne-type Ball) progressively downstream to clean out any accumulated debris. Contractor shall install a screen or similar device at the downstream manhole to prevent contamination of downhill lines. This operation requires a witness by the Inspector.

Immediately after the pipe has been cleaned it shall be tested by the air test procedure described above.

The Contractor shall clean-up and dispose of all trash, broken pavement, debris and excess material and shall remove his equipment from the site of the work as soon as it is completed. Streets shall be swept and washed to remove dust and mud.

## **STANDARD DETAILS**

- 100 Utility Service Laterals, Symbols and Abbreviations
- 117 Separation Requirements for Sewer and Water Lines
- 200 Standard Sewer Lateral
- 201 Cleanout for Mainline Construction
- 202 Sewer Lateral and Utility Crossing
- 203 Wye Installation in Existing Pipe
- 204 Backflow Prevention Device
- 205 Pipe Anchors for Slopes
- 206 Backfill Stabilizers for Slopes
- 207 48" & 60" Manhole
- 208 Drop Manhole

**Checklist for New Developments/Construction**  
**CONSTRUCTION INSPECTION**  
**PART 1 OF 2**  
FOR DISTRICT USE

Construction of water and wastewater facilities by developers which are an extension to the District facilities.

Project Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Tract/APN: \_\_\_\_\_

- Before any inspections are made, it is essential that the District's Standard Specifications or adopted Standard Specifications for water and wastewater facilities are read and understood thoroughly.
- The construction/improvement plan should be studied and the construction site visited.
- Inspections/visits should be accomplished prior to and during each phase.
- Inspect the installation for workmanship and completeness in accordance with the plans and specifications.
- Special attention should be given to critical areas such as thrust blocks, manholes, and all required tests.
- Complete the inspection report and date of inspection of tests.
- Before acceptance of the development, all of the foregoing must be accomplished in a manner satisfactory to the District.

Additional Criteria:

- Service lines to be marked with L (= Lot) + # (number), i.e. L-1 or L-2
- Sewer extension stubs are to be marked at the curb by "S."

## Checklist for New Developments/Construction CONSTRUCTION INSPECTION PART 2 OF 2 FOR DISTRICT USE

Construction of water & wastewater improvements which are an extension to the District's facilities.

Project Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Tract/APN: \_\_\_\_\_

CWIP Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Construction Contractor: \_\_\_\_\_

	Quantity / verified	Date
Materials delivered to the job site		
Total lengths of pipe		
Pipe material and diameter		
Total number of valves		
Type and size of valves in accordance with project plans		
Workmanship of installation		
Service laterals installed and meter boxes installed set to grade.		
Thrust blocks installed per district specifications		
Manholes per district specifications		
Backfill of trenches and compaction tested (contractor's responsibility)		
Hydrostatic test of lines to district specifications		
Test psi		
Number of leaks detected		
Leaks repaired and re-tested		
Disinfection of lines to VVCSD 50-100 mg/l dosage observed?		
Daily residual during detention time		
Flushed lines		
Number of bacti samples taken		
Lab results		
Results sent to SDHS-ODW		
Cross connection		