



# NORTHERN CALIFORNIA SEWER LATERAL REQUIREMENTS

## WHAT IS A SEWER LATERAL?

*Simply put, a private sewer lateral (sewer lateral) is a pipe that connects the plumbing system of a building or residence to the public sewer (sewer main) typically located in the street, alley, or easement. Sewer laterals are privately owned and are, therefore, required to be maintained by the property owner. Maintenance of the sewer main is generally the responsibility of the public service department such as "Public Works" or local sanitation district.*

## AVOID DELAYS TO YOUR CLOSING

Numerous California cities have an ordinance in place that requires some form of compliance certification upon the sale of the property. Be sure to identify your local requirements and act swiftly to ensure that your escrow is not delayed by required permits, inspections, or repairs.

**The following cities in Northern California have put in place some form of compliance requirement:**

ALAMEDA  
ALBANY  
BELMONT  
BELVEDERE  
BERKELEY  
BETHEL ISLAND  
BRISBANE  
BURLINGAME  
CASTRO VALLEY  
CORTE MADERA  
CROCKETT  
CUPERTINO

EL CERRITO  
EL SOBRANTE  
EMERYVILLE  
EUREKA  
FAIRFAX  
HEALDSBURG  
HERCULES  
HILLSBOROUGH  
KENSINGTON  
LARKSPUR  
MILL VALLEY  
MILLBRAE  
MONTEREY

MORGAN HILL  
OAKLAND  
OAKLEY  
PACIFIC GROVE  
PACIFICA  
PIEDMONT  
PINOLE  
PLACERVILLE  
RICHMOND  
RODEO  
ROSS  
SAN ANSELMO  
SAN BRUNO

SAN CARLOS\*  
SAN MATEO  
SAN PABLO  
SAN RAFAEL  
SANTA CRUZ COUNTY  
SAUSALITO  
SONOMA  
SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO  
TARA HILLS  
TIBURON  
TORMEY  
WATSONVILLE  
*\*Unincorporated*

## IMPORTANT NOTES REGARDING YOUR CLOSING:

Please be sure to keep your escrow team informed regarding any applicable sewer lateral requirements and certification progress to ensure your successful closing timeline. Regulations continue to change and cities continue to be added to the list. Contact your local public works department or sanitation district for current, local requirements and complete details.