

MINUTES

SEWER AUTHORITY MID-COASTSIDE

Meeting of July 26, 1976

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman, Mr. Heaslet.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Heaslet, Pollard, Alleman, Sawrey

ALTERNATE: Muth for Leger

ABSENT: Cardoni

STAFF PRESENT: Manager Mortensen, Treasurer Volken, Attorney Copeland

Others present included Max Burchett (Engineering Consultant), Phil Karpain (HMB City Engineer), and Al Ditman (HMB Chief Plant Operator).

MINUTES APPROVED: Alleman moved, and it was duly seconded, that the minutes of the June 28, 1976 meeting be approved as presented. The affirmative vote was unanimous with Cardoni absent.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

- A. For Information:
 - 1. Agreement Amending an Agreement Creating the Sewer Authority Mid-Coastside
 - 2. MAC - Final Design Conditions for SAM Pumping and Treatment Facilities
 - 3. SAM - Letter to ABAG Re: ABAG Bay View Newsletter
- B. For Approval:
 - 1. HMB - Statement for Services and Partial Detail of Administrative Expenses for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 1976

Max Burchett explained that item A.2. was an update of flows and strengths of the Project Report; since that time, more detailed and different data was available. The main purpose was to summarize results and set figures for future use in preliminary design.

Alleman moved, and it was duly seconded, that the Consent Calendar for Information be adopted. The affirmative vote was unanimous with Cardoni absent.

The Treasurer noted the difference between the Statement for Services from HMB and the last bill presented, and explained the payment procedure. Pollard asked if the costs of those meetings the Manager had attended that were also concerns of HMB had been shared by HMB, and the Manager replied that these costs were being shared as equitably as possible.

Sawrey moved, and it was duly seconded that the Consent Calendar for Approval be adopted. Pollard asked how often these statements would be presented to the Board. The Manager expressed a preference for a monthly accounting, one month in arrears. Chairman Heaslet and the Board agreed that this would be appropriate. The affirmative vote was unanimous with Cardoni absent.

STAFF REPORTS:

- A. EPA Negative Declaration - The Manager reported that no action had been taken yet; essentially it is ready for issuance except that the EPA is not willing to act until the SWRCB review is finished. He also reviewed the file of correspondence generated by Mr. Girard's challenge. Alleman felt that SWRCB Chairman Bryson should declare himself ineligible for further consideration of the issue because of conflict of interest. Discussion followed concerning what should be said in a letter requesting action, who it should be sent to, and who should be on the copy to list. Noted during this discussion were letters from the Soil Conservation Service concerning impact on agricultural lands (none noted) and Committee for Green Foothills to ABAG agreeing with its policies (dated October 1975), and the fact that the EPA and Mr. Bryson had reviewed the material provided by HMB in answer to Mr. Girard's concerns. At the end of the discussion, the Manager reviewed the decision of the Board. The feeling was

that the letter should be addressed to the EPA, should request immediate issuance of the negative declaration or reasons why it was not to be issued, that a decision was desirable so that money would not continue to be spent in a lost cause, should note the date of the state concept approval letter and the time schedule and the delay this inaction is causing through no fault of SAM, that indeed SAM is doing all in its power to keep the project on schedule, should note SAM's cognizance of the concerns that are apparently causing the delay, and the hope that the materials provided to answer these concerns are adequate to make a decision, and finally, it should ask if SAM should continue to spend money on the project. The letter should have a "copy to" list of political people such as Assemblymen and Congressmen. EPA should be apprised that the letter was being prepared in order to provide EPA time to make a decision before the letter was sent. This letter was to be reviewed by all Board members before sending, both so that the Board might be satisfied with the letter, and to allow EPA to act without being exposed to public view by the letter.

The Board also suggested that a separate letter should go to the RWQCB stating that SAM is at present on schedule, but noting that this delay in the negative declaration was not the fault of SAM and in the event this caused a later falling behind in schedule attributable to this delay, SAM should not be made to suffer the consequences inasmuch as SAM is presently awaiting and urging its submittal. Finished copies of this letter are to be sent to the Montara and Granada Sanitary Districts and to the City of Half Moon Bay. It should also note the ongoing expenditures for oceanographic work and suggest that in light of this delay, if this should be stopped. This letter did not require review prior to sending.

- B. Financing Alternatives - Both the staff report and the letter from Wells Fargo were reviewed by Chairman Heaslet. Max Burchett expressed concern that such a simple procedure could be illegal, but was assured by the Attorney that it was indeed legal within limitations. He further volunteered to provide Max with the legal requirements for this at his request. The Manager also noted that the proposed FY 1976-77 HMB Operating Budget included an increase in sewer service fees commensurate with Granada and Montara fees, and if adopted, HMB should be in the same position on the cash flow analysis as the others. Chairman Heaslet asked if any action should be taken this evening. Pollard felt that the Board should acknowledge the bank's letter, and state that the requested information would be forwarded as appropriate and available. The Attorney was directed to bring information on the limitations on borrowing against revenue to the next meeting. Max Burchett stated that the letter to RWQCB should contain the bank letter, the cash flow analysis, ordinances establishing revenues (sewer service charges and connection fees), and a statement that this will be the procedure. An offer of additional required information might be appropriate. The Manager was directed to draft these two letters.

Max Burchett made a progress report on the revenue program the engineers were directed to prepare at the last meeting. The overall program had been completed; the separate entity programs still needed to be completed. The date for completion and submittal is August 15. He hoped it would be available for the next meeting, but in the event it was not, asked that he be allowed to submit it to RWQCB prior to SAM approval. As this is only the preliminary revenue program, the Board assented.

- C. Oceanographic Work - Status Report - Max Burchett noted that no changes had occurred since the Manager's staff report. The specifications were still expected momentarily, but the work has already started anyway. He also explained the billings from OSI. The Board discussed outfall easements, and HMB's experiences. The main concern was with obligations to serve those who granted the easements, in this case the State Department of Beaches and Parks. The Manager stated that they still had to pay the usual sewer charges.

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