

MINUTES

SEWER AUTHORITY MID-COASTSIDE

Meeting of September 27, 1976

The meeting was called to order at 8:15 p.m. by the Chairman, Mr. Heaslet.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Heaslet, Pollard, Leger, Alleman, Sawrey
ALTERNATE: Adreveno for Cardoni
ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Manager Mortensen, Treasurer Volken, Attorney Copeland.

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

MINUTES APPROVED: Pollard moved, and it was duly seconded, that the minutes of the August 23, 1976 meeting be approved as presented. The affirmative vote was unanimous.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

- A. For Information:
 - 1. SWRCB - Predesign work authorization
 - 2. RWQCB - Re: Negative Declaration
 - 3. SWRCB - Requirements for reclamation facilities
 - 4. SWRCB - Revenue Program
 - 5. MAC - Financial Plan
- B. For Approval:
 - 1. HMB - Statement for Services and Partial Detail of Administrative Expenses for month of August 1976

Pollard asked what was being done to meet the recommendations of SWRCB per item A.4. The Manager stated that they had been answered in Mike Donovan's letter, item A.5., with Max Burchett noting that the minutes of April 28, 1976 had been referenced to answer their questions. Burchett noted further that at this stage, the Revenue Program is approved, and modifications requested will be added at the next appropriate time. In answer to Pollard's question, Burchett stated that the differences in District flows would probably not be rectified, but rather justified. The Manager indicated that the meeting requested by SWRCB would not be necessary. Pollard moved, and it was duly seconded, that the Consent Calendar for Information be adopted. The affirmative vote was unanimous.

Following a review of the City's Statement for Services, Pollard moved, it was duly seconded, that the Consent Calendar for Approval be adopted. The affirmative vote was unanimous.

STAFF REPORTS:

- A. Alternative Power Sources and Multiple Use of Administrative Building - Max Burchett reported that he had found two sources of information about solar and wind power, and passed out a memorandum he had prepared on the subject. In essence, it was not feasible from an economic standpoint to use alternative power sources, and nothing was required to prepare for future changes to use such sources should they become more reasonable in cost, as equipment being presently planned would be compatible. He was aware of no grant programs which would apply to the project for alternative power sources. He noted that space heating and cooling from solar and wind power and electricity from gases generated at the plant are probably the most likely alternate power uses in the future. Pollard stated that he was glad these considerations would be in the record to forestall future criticism of SAM for not being aware of and investigating these concerns. Max Burchett reported that the changes in the Administrative Building for multiple use had been incorporated into the Preliminary Design Report.
- B. Reimbursement Request #3 - Step I Grant - The Manager noted that the expenditures reimbursed here were made after the date the member agencies' contributions were changed to the $\frac{1}{2}-\frac{1}{4}-\frac{1}{4}$ formula, and

the disbursement checks reflected this. He stated that a previous attempt to get reimbursement on some of these same items had failed, as he had been informed it was too early. Since these have been reimbursed, he will resubmit the earlier request. He noted that figuring the future disbursement shares might be difficult because of the change in the contribution formula in the middle of the bill's dates.

- C. Wastewater Reclamation Program - The Manager had little new to report; only that the Water District is watching the City's program closely. He reported that the water was even clearer than the fresh water the golf course had originally been using. In answer to Pollard's query, the Manager stated that it would take a while to find out if any savings on fertilizer were being realized. He stated that the flower growers were watching the program also. Phil Karpain stated that the water had been subjected to three separate analyses (Half Moon Bay, Hank Sciaroni, and the Golf Course people) to show the reclaimed water was good.
- D. Negative Declaration - The Manager stated we have still not received it; it is, according to the EPA staff, "in the signature chain." In answer to Pollard, Max Burchett stated that this is a delaying factor; the Preliminary Design Report cannot be submitted until SAM gets the Step II Grant, which must wait for issuance of the Negative Declaration. In view of this, a general discussion followed, detailing letters to be sent concerning this delay, and rationale for statements to be made. A letter was to be written to EPA, citing Mr. Martini's (RWQCB) letter with copies to HMB, MSD, GSD and RWQCB. The copy to RWQCB should have a cover letter to Mr. Martini thanking him for his assistance, and requesting any more he can give to overcome the EPA-caused delay. It should also point out that the Negative Declaration is an additional delay putting the project in a critical status, stating that SAM is at present on time, but will soon fall behind through no fault of its own.

The Manager reported that at a conference at U.C. at Davis, he had stated that because of delays and increased costs, the City might be of a mind to drop out of the project, and Larry Walker had indicated his sympathy with the problems. Heaslet suggested that this concern should be emphasized in the above letter to EPA.

- E. Preliminary Design Report - September 1976 (with Preliminary Soil Investigation and January-August 1976 Predesign Oceanographic Monitoring Progress Reports) - Max passed out the second and third reports for information of the Board. After noting the volume and costs of oceanographic services to date, and still not having confirmed an outfall location satisfactory to the State, Alleman suggested that the Board merely request that the State substantiate any reason to move the outfall site from that consistently advocated by SAM (center of Bay) or to continue expenditures for gathering data. After further discussion, Heaslet proposed that a letter be sent to SWRCB, with a copy to EPA, identifying the expenses incurred for oceanographic services and the estimated total for the finished product. It should note the conclusions that cannot be drawn from the data, and state what SAM feels would be correct approach, as SAM will refuse to spend further toward efforts that appear to be misguided. It should further state that there is no evidence indicating that the outfall should be in any other location than in the Bay near the plant, that SAM sees no reason to spend more funds to prove anything else, and that SAM is requesting a response from SWRCB and EPA at Board level, not staff level. Max Burchett stated that he feels the information is useful, but has strong reservations about its cost effectiveness. He felt a letter stating intentions to cease work might produce adverse results; a Board to Board letter asking for a meeting with SWRCB to find out exactly what is required might be better, addressing especially cost effectiveness. He suggested that SAM allow the data collection runs presently in progress to finish, then get tough after all the data is in. Armen Ancooshian mentioned that the oceanographic work is being inspired in part by the Department of Fish and Game. It was noted that they should be

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sent a copy of the letter. Max Burchett stated that OSI would have concrete recommendations in November. Sawrey suggested that since six weeks would elapse before a critical point occurred, the Board should not attempt any action until then, and the Board agreed. Pollard felt the Board should still advise SWRCB of its concerns, and the Board agreed to a milder letter at this point, with more forthcoming when and if necessary.

Max Burchett stated that because of delays mentioned earlier, Board action or a detailed discussion of the Preliminary Design Report was not necessary at this meeting. He answered Pollard's concerns about archeological constraints, stating that only minor changes were still needed. Alleman requested information about different pipe sizes and gravity versus forced flows, as shown in the alternatives. After technical and other discussion, Max Burchett and Armen Ansooshian indicated that they could forward a sub-alternative utilizing a gravity line from the north City limits as desired by Half Moon Bay within two weeks. Burchett stated that this report was the basis for the final design, once approved by the Board and approved by the State and EPA. Until these approvals are forthcoming, and the Step II Grant is authorized following EPA's Negative Declaration, they must stop in order not to jeopardize the Grant. Alleman also asked if the HMB aerators and digester tank would be used; Burchett indicated they would.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Formal Meeting Place - The Attorney presented Resolution 11-76 for adoption. This resolution changed the previously agreed to staggered meeting place procedure to Eureka Federal Savings Community Room as the permanent and official meeting place.

Resolution 11-76 - Leger moved, and was seconded by Alleman, that Resolution 11-76 be adopted. The motion was passed by the following vote: AYES, and in favor thereof, Directors: Heaslet, Adreveno, Pollard, Leger, Alleman, Sawrey. NOES: None.

ALLOWANCE FOR CLAIMS:

The Treasurer presented vouchers in the amount of \$13,325.76 for payment, and presented billings from Oceanographic Services, Inc. totalling \$10,202.51, requiring an additional assessment of the member agencies as follows: Half Moon Bay \$5,100, Granada \$2,550 and Montara \$2,550. Leger moved, and it was seconded by Adreveno, that the vouchers be approved for payment. The affirmative vote was unanimous.

LATE AGENDA ITEMS:

- A. Heaslet - Letter of Resignation - Presented for information.
- B. MAC - Amendment to Engineering Contract - Presented for information.
- C. ABAG "Bay View" of 9/76 - EPA's 208 Program - The Manager detailed the significance of this new and comprehensive planning program, noting that ABAG has asked the Counties to be the lead agencies in their areas, and San Mateo County has in turn asked its cities to participate. He was presenting this to the Board because it involved wastewater, and since all future grants will be evaluated against the resulting plan, SAM might want to be involved. Adreveno stated a concern that the local input might still not become a part of the result. In reply to a concern of Pollard's the Manager stated a belief that the purpose of this was to assist all the various agencies so as to eliminate some of the conflicting goals and directives. He also noted that the City Managers Association, the Council of Mayors and the County Planning Department have indicated they will participate under conditions, the most important being that the final plan cannot be changed by ABAG or EPA without the approval of (essentially) 50% of the affected population. Adreveno expressed his concern that the coastside would still have no determining voice.

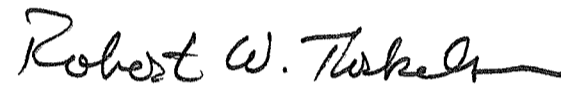
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- D. ABAG - 208 Environmental Task Force meeting - Noting that he had been invited to participate on the Municipal/Industrial Discharge Advisory Committee, the Manager expressed a dilemma as to whether he should be representing SAM or HMB. It was decided that he would attend initially on behalf of HMB, check on what special district representation there was, and decide accordingly.
- E. SWRCB - Clean Water Grant Bulletin of 9/20/76; Public Works Employment Act of 1976.- The Manager stated that HMB was currently planning to take advantage of this funding opportunity, and urged SAM to do the same for the local share of costs for the SAM project. After discussing SAM's eligibility, especially as to incremental costs, the Board assented to the Manager's request that staff be authorized to submit requests for grant funding under this new program at such time and in such manner as may become appropriate.
- F. SWRCB - Notice of Proposed Changes in Regulations of the SWRCB - Presented for information.

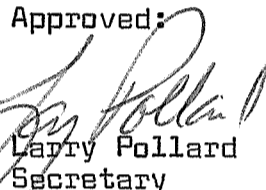
ADJOURNMENT - It was moved and duly seconded that the September 27, 1976 meeting of Sewer Authority Mid-Coastside be adjourned. The affirmative vote was unanimous, and the meeting was adjourned at 10:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved:



Robert W. Terkelson
Staff Assistant


Larry Pollard
Secretary