

M I N U T E S

SEWER AUTHORITY MID-COASTSIDE

Adjourned Meeting of November 8, 1976

The meeting was called to order at the Eureka Federal Savings Community Room at 8:00 p.m., and for lack of a quorum, was adjourned to the Half Moon Bay City Hall. \*

The meeting was called to order at 8:05 p.m. by Chairman Leger

BOARD OF DIRECTORS ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Leger, Cardoni, Pollard, Alleman, Sawrey, Muth

ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Manager Mortensen, Treasurer Volken, Attorney Copeland

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

RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION: The Manager presented a resolution of appreciation for the service of ex-Chairman Heaslet. Pollard moved that the resolution be adopted and presented to Mr. Heaslet that evening, and it was seconded by Sawrey. The affirmative vote was unanimous. The directors then signed the resolution.

GRAVITY INTERCEPTOR SUBALTERNATIVES:

Pollard first requested, in view of the constant reference to HMB's possible pullout from the project, an unqualified affirmation of support for the project from HMB. Alleman stated that HMB could give it when it knew the final cost, with Cardoni noting HMB's concern with serving the northern portion of the City. In light of the doubt still existing, Pollard moved that SAM notify ABAG and the RWQCB that SAM cannot proceed as does not have total unanimity among the member agencies to proceed without qualification with the implementation of this wastewater program, and that SAM ask ABAG or RWQCB to step in and implement the program for SAM. The motion was seconded by Sawrey. Alleman expressed belief that this action was too drastic for the degree of doubt existent. Cardoni agreed, stating that, if passed, this action could indeed precipitate a pullout by HMB, where HMB would prefer not to. Pollard reiterated the concerns of himself and GSD that the project proceed as quickly as possible. After further discussion of the concerns of all the member agencies, the vote was taken. The motion failed by the following vote: AYES, and in favor thereof: pollard, Sawrey. NOES: Cardoni, Alleman, Muth, Leger.

Pollard next brought up the Portola Pump Station facilities, noting that as all of GSD's present office, storage and other facilities would be leveled in the project, they should be relocated to the Portola Pump Station at the center of the District. He indicated that the total costs would be on the order of \$38,000, and that if this item were seen as a holdup on the project, he would attempt to get GSD to bear the extra costs. Cardoni stated that the Manager had brought this up at the last meeting in response to Pollard's concerns over the extra costs of the gravity line in northern HMB. In response to a question from Alleman, Burchett stated belief that all elements in the Preliminary Design Report were grant fundable except for the incremental costs for the subject pump station and for piping larger than that required to carry eligible flows. Cardoni suggested that his stated concern about the pump station was made in the interests of a compromise to allow the northern area of HMB to be served by gravity, noting the City needs this service to justify its participation in the project. As the Manager commenced to clarify his position on the pump station, Chairman Leger stated that the Manager should be free to express his own opinions. The Manager stated that SAM should attempt to make the project as useful to the individual member agencies as possible, procuring funding for as much as possible. Multiple uses should be

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sought wherever possible; he had brought up the pump station facilities as an example of this. He noted that the cost share formula had originally been agreed to, with HMB anticipating a dual use of the transport line as also a gravity collector to serve the northern area of the City; if this was not to be possible, perhaps the cost sharing formula should be reassessed. He suggested that the Board consider the information of the engineers before further discussion, noting that if it was not possible, HMB might wish to reconsider its position.

At this point, the Board ceased discussion in order to present Mr. Heaslet with the Board's resolution of appreciation. Chairman Leger read the resolution and presented it to Mr. Heaslet with the Board's thanks. Mr. Heaslet thanked the Board, and Chairman Leger invited Mr. Heaslet to feel free to assist the Board whenever he wished.

Anooshian showed slides of the old bridge over Frenchman's Creek, reviewing the past concerns of the Board that use of the bridge might cut costs. After the engineers consideration, they had come up with another and more practical alternative, subalternative "A1c." After a technical discussion of this subalternative, touching on use of the CalTrans right of way, height of the proposed berm, depth of cuts required, and the area's topography, the Manager requested some clarification of the relative cost of this subalternative, noting that it appeared to be the second most expensive. Burchett evaluated that this subalternative and its weighted total (3.35), although second, was still below alternative "A." In response to Pollard's concern that this deep pipe could be a delaying factor, Burchett stated that the worst case would involve funding for only the basic line project, but not a delay, unless this decision were to be fought. In response to a question by the Manager, Burchett stated that this subalternative was risky from a "grantsmanship" standpoint, and after discussion of this point, stated that SAM should design the best project now and haggle over incremental costs at a later date. A discussion of extras for MSD followed; it was noted that even if not fundable, economies of scale would make possible elimination of a MSD pump station an appropriate addition to the contract.

At this point, Burchett stated that the engineers would like to have at least conditional approval of the Preliminary Design Report tonight, noting that while no word was yet available concerning the outcome of the 15 day waiting period for the Negative Declaration, they didn't think there was a suit or other action, and forwarding of the Preliminary Design Report would be appropriate almost immediately. He also stated that SAM should consider making formal application for a change in the schedule because of delays caused by others. Anooshian noted that if the schedule could be revised, MSD could get out from under its cease and desist order, as its technical problems were solved and its only problem now was adherence to the schedule. Pollard suggested that the Board had been too nice about the delays, and should get firmer, noting that each delay should be documented by a letter to the delayer and the RWQCB; conversation with the staffs was inadequate to the task. Muth moved that a letter with appropriate documentation be sent to the RWQCB requesting a five month slip in the schedule, and it was seconded by Cardoni. The affirmative vote was unanimous.

In response to a statement by the Manager, Burchett stated that he could almost guarantee fundability of the gravity line to the vicinity of Young Ave. or slightly beyond. He noted also that the piping was calculated to carry only eligible flows. The Manager asked if this size was seen as appropriate by GSD and MSD. Pollard stated that GSD had approved alternate "A", and any significant change would probably not be acceptable. The Manager asked if the piping should be sized to be appropriate to the size of the plant; the plant is larger than fundable and should the piping also be larger to be compatible? It was noted in discussion that the pipeline would require improvement prior to plant improvements, predicated on 20 year E-O projections. The Engineers agreed that, depending on the method, it would cost from \$10,000 to \$40,000 to make the pipeline size compatible with the plant size.

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The Manager suggested that the engineers be directed to design the pipeline to be compatible with the plant size and run the gravity line to the Young Avenue/Nurseryman's Exchange area as a compromise acceptable by all members. Pollard asked for an estimate on the cost of the new subalternative and Anoooshian could see no substantial differences in cost. After discussion of this sub-alternative and service to Nurseryman's Exchange, with the benefits to HMB and GSD, Pollard asked if MSD had any objections to this. Chairman Leger stated that he, and hopefully MSD were in favor of all parties getting all benefit possible, as long as the cost to the others remained reasonable.

With reservations of his and Sawrey's ability to convince GSD to go along with any large incremental costs, Pollard moved that SAM recommend proposal alternative "A" with gravity system to the vicinity of Young Avenue (with reasonable engineering discretion on the exact point) and also adopt the Preliminary Design Report. The motion was seconded by Sawrey. The Attorney asked what action was to be taken concerning the resizing of the pipeline. The engineers explained that the Preliminary Design Report was to establish a baseline. After discussion, it was agreed that the new subalternative should be labelled "E" so as not to appear to be only a modification of "A" but rather a separate alternative. Further discussion resolved the Attorney's question; pipeline resizing would be discussed later, after the baseline was established. Pollard and Alleman mentioned that the Preliminary Design Report should be approved now so that SAM could maintain its spotless record of not being the cause of any delays; delay by SAM would blunt the impact of a letter detailing the delays of other agencies. The Attorney suggested that the motion should be in the form of a resolution, and SAM should also concurrently formalize environmental proceedings; the latter should technically precede the former. He had prepared a resolution for formalizing environmental proceedings. After discussion, it was decided to vote on the original motion, then proceed to the resolutions suggested by the Attorney. The affirmative vote was unanimous.

Resolution 14-76 - Certifying Final Environmental Impact Report, and Directing, Upon Project Approval, the Filing of a Notice of Determination - Pollard moved, and it was seconded by Cardoni, that Resolution 14-76 be adopted, waiving reading of said resolution. The motion was passed by the following vote: AYES, and in favor thereof: Leger, Cardoni, Pollard, Alleman, Sawrey, Muth. NOES: None.

Resolution 15-76 - Approving Preliminary Design Report for Proposed Project - Pollard moved, and it was seconded by Alleman, that Resolution 15-76 be adopted, waiving reading of said resolution. The motion was passed by the following vote: AYES, and in favor thereof: Leger, Cardoni, Pollard, Alleman, Sawrey, Muth. NOES: None.

OCEANOGRAPHIC REPORT - Burchett noted the deadline for submittal was November 15, the field work has been completed, the evaluation of data has been completed by the Oceanographic Studies people, and he would like authorization to go to Santa Barbara to go over the data with them before they write the report so that SAM can get some input into the report. Alleman moved, and it was seconded by Sawrey, that the engineer be authorized to go to Santa Barbara for one day to study the oceanographic report. The affirmative vote was unanimous.

ALLOWANCE FOR CLAIMS - The Treasurer presented vouchers in the amount of \$800.00 for payment. Cardoni moved, and it was seconded by Muth that the vouchers be approved for payment. The affirmative vote was unanimous.

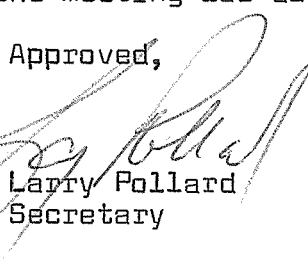
ADJOURNMENT - Alleman moved, and it was seconded by Muth that the adjourned meeting of November 8, 1976 of Sewer Authority Mid-Coastside be adjourned. The affirmative vote was unanimous and the meeting was adjourned at 11:39 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Robert W. Terkelson  
Staff Assiatant

Approved,

  
Larry Pollard  
Secretary

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