

M I N U T E S

Sewer Authority Mid-Coastside

February 27, 1978

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

BOARD OF DIRECTORS ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Leger, Alleman, Heaslet, Damer, Scott, Cardoni (arrived at 8:25 pm)

ABSENT: None

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

Others present included John Morrall (Granada SD), Armen Anooshian (Engineering Consultant), and Felix Karpain (HMB City Engineer).

MINUTES APPROVED: Heaslet moved, and it was seconded by Scott, that the minutes of the Special Meeting of February 6, 1978 be approved as submitted. The affirmative vote was unanimous.

Manager Mortensen noted that the representatives present at the personnel session of February 8, 1978 were Leger and Volken for Montara SD, Cardoni and Mello for HMB, and Damer and Morrall for Granada SD.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

A. For Information:

1. SWRCB Bulletin (2/2/78) - Fundability of Start-Up Services Programs
2. SAM (2/15/78) - Re: Staged Construction Project
3. CCZCC (2/14/78) - Re: Staged Construction Project
4. SAM (2/21/78) - Commendation of Frank Burton

Alleman requested that item A.3. be removed from the Consent Calendar, and he moved, and it was seconded by Heaslet, that the Consent Calendar for Information be adopted with the exception of item A.3. The affirmative vote was unanimous.

Concerning item A.3., Anooshian stated he had heard of no SWRCB decision as yet, but in his opinion the letter, especially in the last sentence of the third paragraph, seemed to be positive in regard to the staged construction concept. The Manager agreed with this, but noted also that the RWQCB might, upon closer examination, have some reservations about staged construction as the pipeline could solve the immediate problems and mitigate against SAM's immediate need for a consolidated treatment plant. After further discussion of the letter, Manager Mortensen noted the state would probably want some assurance that a plant would be built, and spoke concerning time frames for replies to SAM's inquiries on approval of the staged construction project, the engineering work required for the addendum to the project report, and funding. The Board considered the possible grant condition of having HMB treat GSD's sewage for a short time, and Damer expressed concern about possible funding loss because of HMB's imminent achievement of reliable secondary treatment at the 1.0 mgd level, and hoped this would be looked into.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:

A. HMB (2/8/78) - Organizational Changes in SAM - (This was submitted to the Board at the personnel session of 2/8/78). Cardoni felt that

maintaining the present management arrangement (alternative 1) was best. Alleman agreed, stating that a change had looked good at first, but looked less so after reflection. He also noted that the image problem it was meant to address might be regional rather than just HMB's. Scott noted the majority of the GSD Board was in favor of the change, but was unhappy with the final provision of Mayor Marmont's second alternative, as it committed a future board to a specific action.

Chairman Leger felt that if immediate advantages for a change could be demonstrated, MSD would favor it, but suggested that perhaps this matter was not the most pressing one facing SAM. Treasurer Volken noted the phased project seemed to be SAM's highest priority.

Annoshian discussed the costs without HMB's participation of the phased project (\$2.8 million total less 10% contingency, with \$1.1 million to GSD and \$1.7 million to MSD), noting that MSD paid a "penalty" for being at the end of the line. In reply to Leger's question concerning allocation of plant costs when it is built, no answer was available.

Damer asked why HMB was involved in SAM if its plant was slated to be adequate for 20 years. After some discussion, Leger felt Mortara and HMB were in SAM to build a modern plant they could not afford individually. Manager Mortensen stated that while the consolidated plant was not in HMB's best short term interests, it was the acknowledged long term solution to the broader sewer problems of the entire coastside and as such required HMB's involvement. A modern plant could also be added onto more easily if necessary to accommodate future capacity requirements. Damer felt that the last point might have been part of the cause for SAM's problems with the CCZCC and others.

Heaslet noted that sewage capacity was not a good control for growth, as limiting the size of the plant meant poor quality effluent during times of heavy rain. The Manager noted the CCZCC staff had attempted to bring out this point. Damer felt that separate treatment plants might be more easily accepted by the CCZCC because of greater difficulty for future expansion of capacity.

Damer cited his reasons for wanting the management change, including increased access to the Manager, decreased possibility of conflicts of interest, and decreased cost for management. Heaslet stated he was no longer in full agreement with the memorandum he had signed with Damer, feeling that the phased project was SAM's first priority, and that if this were to go ahead, a change might then be made due to HMB's temporary non-involvement in the project. An exhaustive discussion of Damer's reasons followed. Heaslet reiterated his feeling that the phased project had priority over any management change, and Cardoni agreed.

In discussion of a proposal to have Gehre (proposed Manager) just present the staged project to the CCZCC, Manager Mortensen noted that Gehre had expressed disinterest in any such "trial." It was suggested that this item be placed on a future agenda, especially in light of HMB's imminent change in representation due to its Council election.

The Board next considered who should speak to Supervisor Lyon and in what capacity. Damer suggested he speak as an individual, and the

Manager suggested Damer speak for GSD and Heaslet speak for MSD. The Board agreed generally that in the end, a 2.0 mgd plant was non-negotiable, as were any alternatives that greatly increased costs to SAM's member agencies. A general discussion of past statements by Larry Pollard and Supervisor Lyon followed.

- B. Larry Pollard (2/21/78) - Re: Organizational Changes in SAM and SAM's Position in Regard to Supervisor Lyon - The Board noted this item presented for information.

STAFF REPORTS:

- A. Coastside Coordinating Council (Staff) - The Manager explained the reason for the formation of this organization, and felt that MSD's and GSD's mere attendance would be sufficient for membership. Leger asked that they be invited to attend. In answer to Damer's question, it was noted that the Council had no powers, but was intended for coordination and sharing of information and ideas of the member agencies.
- B. Corps of Engineers Permit (MAC) - In regard to Fish & Game's objections to the outfall, Anooshian noted that those in attendance at the meeting of February 7, 1978 had, with the exception of Fish & Game, been in favor of SAM, and the questions asked had been answered. Both Anooshian and Manager Mortensen felt the outfall's chances were good.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

- A. Management Change - Karpain spoke at length concerning Damer's first two reasons for wanting the change, disagreeing with their applicability.
- B. Commendation of Manager - Heaslet read the letter he had been asked to draft at the last regular meeting commending the Manager. Staff was directed to provide copies for the Board members.

NEW BUSINESS:

Damer suggested that possible SAM involvement in subregional garbage pickup be investigated, and suggested also that SAM's name be changed to Sanitation Authority Mid-Coastside as more in keeping with its actual role.

ALLOWANCE FOR CLAIMS:

The Treasurer presented billings from MAC and Wilson, Jones, Morton & Lynch in the amount of \$6,005.56, requiring an additional assessment of the member agencies as follows: HMB \$2,310; GSD \$1,848; and MSD \$1,848. He also presented billings for Additional Services from MAC in the amount of \$1,549.35, which it was decided would be re-agendaed after Anooshian had had a chance to look at this item. Heaslet moved that payment be authorized and assessments as above be authorized, and it was seconded by Scott. The affirmative vote was unanimous.

The Treasurer presented vouchers for payment in the amount of \$1,448.65. Alleman moved, and it was seconded by Cardoni, that the vouchers be approved for payment. The affirmative vote was unanimous.

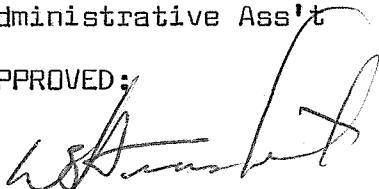
ADJOURNMENT: Upon motion made and duly seconded, the February 27, 1978 meeting of the Sewer Authority Mid-Coastside was adjourned at 11:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Robert W. Terkelson
Administrative Ass't

APPROVED:



William Heaslet
Secretary Pro-Tem