

M I N U T E S

Sewer Authority Mid-coastside

Special Meeting of August 2, 1978

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Leger at 7:45 P.M.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Leger, Heaslet, Damer, Adreveno, Cardoni, and Scott arrived at 8:35 P.M.

ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Manager Mortensen and Attorney Copeland who arrived at 8:45 P.M.

Others present included Armen Anosian and Kamil Azoury (Engineering Consultants) and Felix Karpain (Half Moon Bay City Engineer).

The purpose of this special meeting was to receive an oral staff report on the meeting held with the Coastal Commission staff in Santa Cruz on July 28, 1978, by the SAM General Manager and the SAM Attorney. Also in attendance was Don Dalke of the Regional Water Quality Control Board. The Manager reported that it was the feeling of the Coastal Commission staff (Miller, Landry and Hansch) that any application to "amend" the previously granted coastal permit for Plan F at 1.3 m.g.d. capacity, to Plan A in any form would be considered invalid due to the significant differences in the two plans. The only way the existing Plan F permit could be "amended" would be if the amendment proposed was still for some version of Plan F, such as the "Phased" project, but this would first require official acceptance of the Plan F permit granted by the Coastal Commission on August 15, 1977, before one year had elapsed.

The Manager further reported that if the new Plan A, as recently perceived at 2.3 m.g.d. capacity (with .8 m.g.d. going to G.S.D.) were to be applied for it would require not only a new application but also a revised Project Report, EIR, and probably a revised Financial Plan. This was felt necessary due to the significant change in capacity particularly for the G.S.D. which would be impacted by a 167% increase.

On the other hand, if the original Plan A were to be applied for the new application could probably be processed without modification of the above referenced documents because this was the plan most closely analyzed in those documents and the one which emerged as the "Best Apparant Alternative" therein. It was pointed out by the Coastal Commission staff, however, that these documents had only been reviewed in light of Plan F, which was originally proposed and which was subsequently approved, and therefore they could not yet state conclusively that no modifications of these documents would be necessary for original Plan A.

A general discussion of the Board followed wherein each of the various application alternatives were debated. Although it was recommended by both the Manager and the Attorney that the option for amending the existing permit for a possible "Phased" project be kept open, by conditionally accepting the permit granted on August 15, 1977, the Board felt that to do so might prejudice the SAM position on capacity requirements.

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It was the general concensus that it would be impractical to pursue the new 2.3 m.g.d. capacity Plan A at this time due to the costs and delays inherent with necessary modifications to the supporting documents. It therefore appeared that the only viable alternative remaining that had not yet been attempted was to pursue the original Plan A as set forth in the 1975 Project Report and EIR.

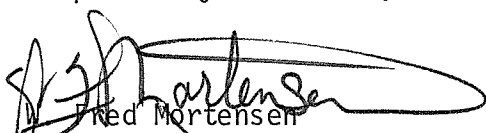
Damer pointed out that once a permit for Plan A was granted, an application to amend the Plan A capacity could and would be made on behalf of G.S.D. through SAM. In the meantime, however, the transmission, outfall and reclamation lines could be proceeding under the new permit without further delay, assuming approvals would also be forthcoming from the other involved agencies.

It was then moved by Damer, seconded by Heaslet, that staff be directed to submit a new application for a Coastal Commission permit on the original Plan A as identified in the 1975 Project Report and EIR, with such application to be made within 10 days hence. In the ensuing discussion it was again stated that G.S.D., through SAM, would subsequently apply for an amendment in capacity commensurate with the needs of their service area. The Attorney also pointed out that should a permit for Plan A be ultimately granted, and approved by all other involved agencies, it may necessitate obtaining new bond authorizations from the people for both M.S.D. and H.M.B. After noting these points, the Board then voted unanimously to approve the motion.


It was then moved by Damer and seconded by Adreveno, that the SAM staff request of the Coastal Commission staff a confirmation in writing of the reported position of the Coastal Commission pertaining to the acceptability of a permit application for the original Plan A without a requirement to amend either the 1975 Project Report or the EIR. The motion was passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT: Upon motion duly made and seconded, the August 2, 1978 special meeting of the Sewer Authority Mid-coastside was adjourned at 9:40 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,


Ned Mortensen
General Manager

APPROVED:


Nick Damer
Secretary