

**MINUTES
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
JANUARY 7, 1997**

CALL TO ORDER: Chairperson Okonek called the meeting to order at 10:05 P.M. in the Authority Administration Building located at 1000 N. Cabrillo Highway in Half Moon Bay.

ROLL CALL: Present: Prosser, Okonek, Coleman, Ruddock (arrived at 10:09 PM.) Ptacek, and Thollaug (arrived at 10:09 P.M.)

Absent: None.

Alternate: None.

STAFF PRESENT: Manager Dickson, Operations Supervisor Pullin, Legal Counsel Copeland, Recording Secretary Tracy.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Discussion and possible action with respect to reallocation of sewer capacity by Sewer Authority Mid-Coastside Member Agencies.

Chairperson Okonek addressed the Board and public present with an opening statement regarding her background and education, and stated that on behalf of herself and members of Granada Sanitary District she wanted everyone to know that if she or the members of the Granada Board thought the reallocation of sewer permits in anyway threatened the public's health, or the environment, they would not allow the reallocation of sewer capacity to go on. She explained that the reallocation of sewer permits is looked at very carefully, and has been documented by Granada Sanitary District for years.

Manager Dickson suggested that Director Coleman clarify to the Board and public exactly what has been proposed regarding possible action with respect to reallocation of sewer capacity.

Director Coleman explained that the reason for a Special Meeting on such short notice was due to the San Mateo County Planning Commission meeting scheduled for tomorrow morning, whereby they will consider approving a group of permits reallocated from priority use to non-priority use. He advised that the County Planning Administrator has indicated that it is within SAM's purview to resolve the question of whether reallocation of priority capacity to non-priority uses is appropriate to SAM's current environmental and legal situation. After summarizing the justifications listed in his letter dated January 6, 1997, he presented the draft of a Resolution on Reallocation of Sewer Capacity, wherein it recommends that the SAM Board agendize consideration of its role in allowing sewer capacity reallocations and what, if any, policy position or action it should take, and also proposes that the County and SAM Member Agencies suspend further reallocations, pending the outcome of SAM's consideration.

Director Thollaug proposed another draft Resolution wherein it requests that Granada Sanitary District (GSD) exercise discretion and restraint in the reallocation of priority sewer capacity to non-priority use; that GSD consider implementation of a voluntary restriction on said reallocations; that GSD communicate semi-annually to the SAM Board on its reallocation program; that GSD prepare a listing for the City of Half Moon Bay of past sewer capacity allocations affecting properties within the city limits of Half Moon Bay; and that GSD give future notification of any application for the reallocation of priority capacity to non-priority use within the city boundaries of Half Moon Bay.

Board Members and Staff discussed the proposed resolutions and several issues pertaining to the subject of reallocation of priority capacity to non-priority use with the members of the public. Manager Dickson stated that GSD does have remaining capacity, that the SAM Plant can handle this additional capacity, that the Cease and Desist Order does not prohibit making additional sewer connections, and that the United Anglers lawsuit does not request that no further connections be made. Board members and Staff also discussed Article 8 A of the Joint Powers Agreement; member agency capacity limits; the issue of new permits relative to the sewer treatment dry weather flows and wet weather flows and bypasses; the voting on the deletion of Aeration Basin No. 4; the liability to Board members and constituents; and whether or not this item was appropriate for SAM to discuss and act upon.

PUBLIC COMMENTS/ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Several members of the audience addressed the Board with their concerns and opinions and recommendations regarding the process of reallocation through the Granada Sanitary District and the possibility of suspension of the reallocation of sewer permits.

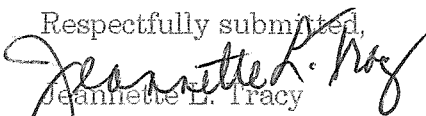
Bill Esselstein, Attorney for Granada Sanitary District advised that the SAM Board's concerns regarding reallocation are those of Granada Sanitary District and that the process has been going on since 1989. He recommended to the SAM Board that input be made by the Member Agencies before any Resolution be adopted.

Following further discussion, a motion was made to have Director Thollaug's draft Resolution placed on the agenda of the Member Agencies for their comment and communications to be brought back to the SAM Board at its next meeting. Thollaug/Ruddock/7 AYES, 0 NOES, 1 ABSTAIN. The motion passed.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 11:29 P.M. Prosser/Coleman/8 AYES, 0 NOES. The motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,


Jeannette L. Tracy
Recording Secretary

APPROVED BY:


BOARD SECRETARY