

RESOLUTION NO. 217843 MAR 2 1977 R. 77-1587

WHEREAS, the Federal Water Pollution Control Act Amendments of 1972 established a national goal to eliminate the discharge of pollutants into navigable waters by 1985; and

WHEREAS, the Act requires the incremental elimination of discharge of pollutants prior to 1985 through the establishment of interim goals for 1977 and 1983, which include a requirement that The City of San Diego construct a secondary waste water treatment system by July 1, 1977; and

WHEREAS, The City of San Diego will be unable to meet the July 1, 1977 deadline for secondary treatment, which may cause the imposition of a \$25,000 fine, per day thereafter, despite achievement of the 1977 and 1983 pollutant control goals with the primary treatment system now in operation; and

WHEREAS, secondary waste water treatment as required by the Act for 1977 may not become an integral part of the zero discharge system required by 1985; and

WHEREAS, the envisioned zero discharge of waste water into waterways by 1985 may reapportion those wastes to the land and air; and

WHEREAS, the administration of financing for the operation of a waste water treatment system as required by the Act will become excessively costly; and

WHEREAS, the federal funding provided by the Act for the achievement of the established goals is limited in duration and quantity; NOW, THEREFORE,

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BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of The City of San Diego,
as follows:

That the Washington office of the Department of Legislative Representation and the City Manager be and they are hereby authorized and directed to work closely with the National League of Cities, the United States Conference of Mayors, other appropriate agencies, and the United States Congress to aid in the revision of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act Amendments of 1972 and to seek changes including, but not limited to, the following:

1. The requirements for secondary treatment by July 1, 1977 should be waived for near-shore ocean discharges where there is minimal adverse environmental impact.

2. The Act should fund more extensively for the research of newer methods of treatment, and to identify threshold levels of toxicity for all wastes entering the sea, land or air.

3. The costs to construct sewage treatment plants should be evaluated with regard to future employment, food production, energy conservation, and recreation in addition to pollution control.

4. The 1983 goal for a sewage treatment program should be redefined to allow for a combined water and sewerage system using the least natural resources and producing the least wastes.

5. The 1985 goal of zero discharge should be redefined to allow for total resource recovery of wastes entering the sea, land and air.

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6. The requirements for financing the operation of a sewerage system should allow for local discretion in determining a method of revenue generation.

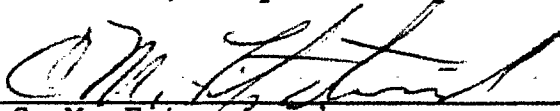
7. The requirements to recover costs associated with treating industrial wastes should be modified to exclude industries requiring minimal treatments.

8. The federal funding should continue at \$10 billion per year for at least 10 years to allow for a 75 percent federal share of construction costs to achieve the goals of the Act.

9. The level of funding authorized for pre-1972 construction of treatment facilities should be increased.

APPROVED: JOHN W. WITT, City Attorney

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Senior Chief Deputy

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Or. Dept.: Mayor Wilson, Rules Comm.

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AUTHENTICATED BY:

PETE WILSON

Mayor of The City of San Diego, California.

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