

RESOLUTION NO. 218891

R. 78-246

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

That pursuant to the provisions of Section 21081 of the California Public Resources Code (California Environmental Quality Act) the following findings of mitigation, feasibility and project alternatives are adopted in connection with Environmental Impact Report No. 77-01-14:

1. IMPACT: The major environmental impact of any of the project alternatives, is "growth inducement." To the extent that expansion of the sewerage system capacity would accommodate growth, the project would have significant environmental effects.

SPECIFIC MITIGATION: The significance of this impact is reduced because the ultimate design capacity of the Metropolitan Sewerage System is 234 million gallons per day. None of the alternatives exceed that volume. The project alternatives are concerned with treatment methods rather than capacity.

Only the "no project" alternative would avoid the consequences of growth. Adoption of this alternative would result in the continuation of primary effluent discharges to the ocean at existing volumes and incremental addition of more sewage from projects already approved and/or under construction in the service area. This continued discharge of primary effluent would be contrary to the provisions of P.L. 92-500. In addition, adoption of this "no project"

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alternative would probably result in sanctions imposed on the City by State and/or Federal agencies, possibly in the form of moratoria. These sanctions would probably result in severe social and economic dislocations in the local and regional economies, which are already under stress, with high levels of unemployment.

The location and timing of growth is managed by local community plans, general plans and the regional comprehensive plan. Availability of all public services including public safety, school, utilities, transportation, etc. are all requirements under existing and developing land use policies. Natural resource constraints such as water and air quality, energy and water conservation, biology, topography, geology, and relationship with existing improvements and impacts on human beings are other considerations which guide growth and development decisions and upon which individual projects are evaluated. Growth enducement as a separate factor is analyzed in the environmental impact reports on each project.

2. IMPACT: Implementation of any of the alternatives would have certain adverse impacts on the receiving ocean waters.

SPECIFIC MITIGATION: Selection of the alternative to continue only primary treatment would be the more adverse, inasmuch as greater pollutant loads would be discharged, and the ability of the ocean to absorb them without substantial degradation is problematic. The effects of secondary treated discharges are also somewhat problematic, but they are known to be less severe than those of primary effluent.

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The adoption of a plan for conversion to secondary treatment is in effect a mitigation measure by which the Metropolitan Sewerage System would gradually reduce the level of pollutants presently being discharged to the ocean. While degradation of the ocean waters by present discharges has not been absolutely established, there is evidence of changes in the sediments and benthic marine animal communities, and the upgrading to secondary treatment would ameliorate the existing conditions and prevent a worsening of conditions in the receiving ocean environment as discharges increase with population growth in the region.

3. IMPACT: Increased population growth brings with it the possibility of an increase in levels of air pollutants already exceeding State and Federal clean air standards.

SPECIFIC MITIGATION: Many strategies for reduction of pollutant emission have been preempted by State and Federal agencies so that mitigation measures for these factors are beyond the capability of the City to implement.

In these areas, mitigation efforts must remain in the hands of various regulatory agencies at higher levels of government. Land use controls are among available strategies for influencing growth patterns, but these are distributed among a large number of local agencies as cited in paragraph one above. Some mitigating measures have been adopted by the various jurisdictions in their adoption of the Regional Air Quality Strategies, an early step in the mandated Air Quality Maintenance Program. Also land use controls as a

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part of regional growth management strategy could be jointly exercised by some or all of the local jurisdictions within the service area, which could ameliorate the air quality impacts of continued population growth.

GENERAL MITIGATION: An integral part of the project is the continuing effort on the part of the City to work toward a water reclamation program which would utilize the water for beneficial uses, even to the ultimate introduction into the domestic water supply system. This future reclamation would result in reducing the tremendous energy requirements involved in importing water to San Diego from Northern California and the Colorado River. This would partially mitigate the increased energy consumption inherent in conversion to a secondary treatment method.

The project proposes to provide for facilities to treat the sewage generated in the City of Tijuana which is presently being discharged to the ocean untreated. This feature of the project is a mitigation of the discharge of pollutants to the receiving ocean environment as well as benefiting San Diego, which is subject to severe public health hazards in the event of failures in the Tijuana sewerage system.

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 by the following vote:

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Mayor of The City of San Diego, California.

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