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METROPOLITAN
SEWER TASK FORCE
E. Miles Harvey, Chairman

#### **MEMORANDUM**

DATE:

August 16, 1988

TO:

Roger Frauenfelder, Deputy City Manager

FROM:

E. Miles Harvey, Chairman, Metropolitan Sewer Task Force

SUBJECT:

Progress Report

On June 27, 1988, in the absence of the Chair, Vice-Chairman Mike Leach presented the Metropolitan Sewer Task Force's (MSTF) first regular progress report to the City Council. This is the second of our bimonthly progress reports, which is to be presented to the City Council on September 6, 1988.

The Task Force meets from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. every second and fourth Tuesday of the month. Each of its members also serves on one or more of the Task Force's nine committees which were established to address in detail specific project-related issues such as financing, site analysis, public information, water reuse, and treatment processes. Since its inception, the Task Force has met on 28 occasions with an average attendance of 14 of its 18 voting members. Its various committees have met an average of one and one-half hours on 68 occasions. These meetings in aggregate represent an investment of over 6,700 volunteer hours in the City's efforts to modify the sewerage system.

The actions taken by the full Task Force and its committees are outlined below:

May 23: The Public Information Committee unanimously approved the Public Participation Work Plan developed by James M. Montgomery, Consulting Engineers, Inc., the Program Manager. The Committee approved the Work Plan subject to modifications which included the incorporation of monthly activities summaries, the utilization of news clippings to develop informational materials, and clarification on resource and cost allocations. The Program Manager made the requisite changes and the Work Plan was presented to the full Task Force.

May 24: Councilmember Bob Filner, District 8, attended the Task Force meeting on this date to express his gratitude for the Task Force's work in connection with the City's efforts to modify the sewerage system. During the course of this meeting, the full Task Force unanimously approved:

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- 1. The Engineering-Science agreement to provide engineering services required to achieve State Ocean Plan compliance at the Point Loma Wastewater Treatment Plant. The Task Force approved the scope of work, but noted these concerns of its committees:
  - a. The Treatment Processes Committee cautioned City staff to give a great deal of consideration to the method for transporting chlorine to the treatment plant during in-pipe chlorination pilot studies. The Committee also suggested that if the levels of chlorine are not detectable and there is no accumulation at the outlet, then the number of samplings should be reduced in order to save money.
  - b. The Program Management Committee cautioned City staff to protect the integrity of the environmental work by conducting a rigorous review of the environmental documents. The Committee also expressed concerns regarding the effect of chlorination and favored either extending the outfall or ozonation.
- 2. The Public Information Committee's recommendation to send the Public Participation Work Plan forward to the City Council and its Public Services and Safety Committee (PS&S).
- 3. A staff report recommending the limitation of utility bill inserts to items of general interest. The Task Force approved this recommendation after the Public Information Committee reported information it obtained indicating only 15 to 20% of utility customers read bill inserts. The Committee decided that it is premature to use billing inserts to alert customers to costs or other system modification issues until they are better clarified, and the Task Force agreed.
- 4. The Environmental Impact Report for the San Diego Total Resource Recovery Program (San Pasqual Aquaculture Project) and the concept of the project. The Task Force approved this report upon the recommendation of the Environmental Committee, which successfully conducted a public meeting on the subject at Rancho Bernardo. As a condition of approval, the Task Force requested an amendment to the report estimating the costs of mitigating factors.
- June 3: Representatives from the Environmental Committee participated in selection interviews for the Environmental Consultant for the Metropolitan Sewerage System EIR/EIS. This selection process required a week of activities, including reading proposals, listening to oral presentations, and conducting interviews.

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June 8: The Treatment Processes and Site Analysis Committees met jointly to discuss the Sludge Management Plan and a Request for Proposals for Deep-Well Oxidation of Sludge.

## June 14:

- 1. The Water Reuse Committee reviewed and approved a Request for Proposals for a Cost of Service and Rate Design Study but suggested changes in the language, including the encouragement of water conservation and reuse, and public participation.
- 2. The full Task Force approved the City of San Diego's Sludge Management Plan upon the recommendation of the Treatment Processes and Site Analysis Committees.

June 27: The Task Force's Vice-Chairman Mike Leach attended the City Council's meeting, making comments in support of the Public Participation Work Plan. Mr. Leach emphasized the need for an extensive public participation program beyond the Task Force, especially through alternative analysis and the environmental process. Expressing the Task Force's support for the Program Management team, Vice-Chairman Leach described the detailed, intensive process utilized to select the team best suited for San Diego's wastewater treatment project.

# June 28:

- 1. The Water Reuse Committee endorsed the concept of a joint feasibility study between Padre Dam Water District, City of San Diego and County Water Authority, for using the San Diego River to convey reclaimed water to downstream water markets.
- 2. Upon recommendation of the Water Reuse Committee, the Task Force approved the scope of work for the HYA contract to perform planning and design work for the Balboa Park reclamation project. The Task Force's approval was with the understanding that the contract would be under the policy direction of the Water Utilities Department's Special Projects Division and the Program Manager.
- 3. The Task Force approved the Program Management Plan based upon the Program Management Committee's review of the Plan, its comments, and the Program Manager's incorporation of those comments into the final document. The Committee expressed its concern that the Program Manager assume a leadership role and integrate the various components of the project, while accepting full responsibility for implementation of the project. The Committee also indicated its interest in how third party contracts would be managed by the Program Manager.

- 4. The Task Force unanimously approved the Program Manager's Project Work Plan upon the recommendation of the Program Management Committee. The committee noted that its approval was based upon the finding that the Project Work Plan reflects an understanding of the concerns expressed by the Task Force with respect to the Program Manager's approach to the project.
- July 8: The Metro Agencies Committee met with City Managers and directors from member agencies. The City of Poway, the Padre Dam Water District, and the Otay Water District reported on their progress in the areas of water reclamation and reuse. The managers spent a significant amount of time discussing the need for the agencies to work together in the promotion of wastewater reclamation.

July 11: The Public Information Committee reaffirmed its approval of the Public Participation Work Plan after a review of the Program Manager's responses to criticisms raised in citizen correspondence and at the Council meeting of June 27, 1988.

## July 12:

- 1. Upon recommendation of the Public Information Committee, the full Task Force unanimously reaffirmed approval of the Public Participation Work Plan and support of the program management team.
- 2. Upon a recommendation from the Water Reuse Committee, the full Task Force unanimously endorsed the concept of a joint feasibility study between Padre Dam Water District, the City of San Diego and County Water Authority for using the San Diego River to convey reclaimed water to downstream water markets.
- July 21: The Program Management and Environmental Committees jointly approved the scope of work for Regional Environmental Consultants to provide environmental services for the Metropolitan Sewerage System EIR/EIS.
- July 25: Task Force Chairman E. Miles Harvey, Public Information Committee Chairman Bill Ward, and Public Information Committee member Diana Clark attended the City Council's meeting, providing comments in support of the Public Participation Work Plan developed by the Program Manager.
- <u>August 3:</u> The Treatment Processes, Site Analysis and Water Reuse Committees met jointly and favorably reviewed the Request tor Proposals for Deep Well Oxidation of Sludge.
- <u>August 11:</u> Task Force Member Craig Barilotti participated in a panel discussion entitled, "Tijuana and San Diego Sewage Controversy and Its Binational Negotiation" held in Tijuana.

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The workshop was sponsored by El Colegio De La Frontera Norte and the Friedrich Ebert Foundation.

In summary, the Task Force has become intricately involved in program management issues, reviewing reports from staff and making recommendations to the Council. As the project progresses, Task Force involvement will increase, and the Council will be apprised of any actions taken by the full Task Force and its committees.

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