

RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 302379

DATE OF FINAL PASSAGE MAR 05 2007

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL ADOPTING
FINDINGS IN SUPPORT OF THE STATUTORY EXEMPTION
FROM THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY
ACT RELATED TO THE ADJUSTMENT OF SEWER RATES.

WHEREAS, the Office of the Mayor has prepared and submitted Report to Council No. 07-006, dated January 3, 2007; and

WHEREAS, Page 8 of Report to Council No. 07-006 states that the Wastewater Rate Model assumes \$1,900,000 per year for additional pension costs starting in FY08, and an estimated annual contribution of \$2,700,000 beginning in FY08, increasing to \$8,300,000 in FY10, in Retiree Health Annual Required Contributions; and

WHEREAS, Page 9 of Report to Council No. 07-006 state that that the Wastewater Rate Model assumes an increase in Operating Reserves from 45 days to 70 days between FY07 and FY10, and Unallocated Reserves of \$3,300,000 per year; and

WHEREAS, Page 7 of Report to Council No. 07-006 states that the Wastewater Rate Model assumes, based on the draft Metropolitan Sewerage System FY06 Projected Flow and Strength Report dated March 30, 2006, an estimated one and three-tenths percent increase in total suspended solids and a one and one-tenth percent increase in chemical oxygen demand over a ten-year planning horizon; and

WHEREAS, the San Diego Association of Governments estimates population growth rate within the City of San Diego of one and one-tenth percent per year between FY08 and FY10, and one percent per year thereafter; and

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Wastewater Department Project Forecasts for FY2008 through FY2011 shows the anticipated sewer projects for years FY08 through FY11; NOW, THEREFORE

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of San Diego, that, based on the assumptions in the Wastewater Rate Model relating to pension costs and Retiree Health Annual Required Contributions, the Council finds that some portion of the sewer revenue increases will be used to meet salaries, wages and fringe benefits.

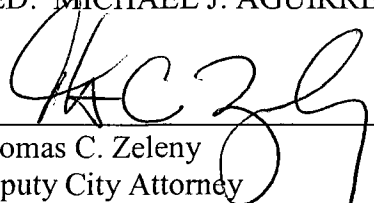
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that based on the assumptions in the Wastewater Rate Model relating to operating reserves and Unallocated Reserves the Council finds that some portion of the sewer revenue increases will be used to meet financial reserve needs and requirements.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that based on Metropolitan Wastewater Department Project Forecasts for FY2008 through FY2011, and the Population Growth Projections assumption used in the Wastewater Rate Model that expansions in system capacity from some capital projects are to reduce the chances of sewage spills or to serve increases in population within existing services areas, and not to expand the sewer system to new service areas.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that based on the foregoing findings, the Council of the City of San Diego finds that the sewer revenue increases approved pursuant to Resolution No. R- 302379, are exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to Public Resources Code section 21080(b)(8) and CEQA Guidelines section 15273(a).

APPROVED: MICHAEL J. AGUIRRE, City Attorney

By



Thomas C. Zeleny
Deputy City Attorney

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was passed by the Council of the City of San Diego,
at this meeting of FEB 26 2007.

ELIZABETH S. MALAND, City Clerk

By


Deputy City Clerk

Approved:

3-5-07

(date)


JERRY SANDERS, Mayor

Vetoed:

(date)

JERRY SANDERS, Mayor