

COUNCIL POLICY

CURRENT

SUBJECT: METROPOLITAN SEWERAGE SYSTEM: ADDITION OF LATER PARTICIPATING AGENCIES
POLICY NO.: 400-08
EFFECTIVE DATE: December 29, 1970

BACKGROUND:

The Metropolitan Sewerage System was constructed by the City between 1960 and 1963. Revenue bonds for its construction were approved by the City's electorate on November 8, 1960. Part of the security for the bonds are contracts for service, entered into by six adjoining cities and four sanitation districts. These contracts defined the capacity rights being reserved and the annual capital-cost charge for each agency. Provision was made in the original agreements for the participation of other agencies at a later date: viz..."The City may contract with other cities, districts, public bodies and agencies of all types...for capacity service..." The City Council is given wide latitude in setting the terms and conditions of such later agreements.

In all cases, the contracts clearly state that "The City shall operate, maintain, manage and control the Metropolitan Sewerage System..."

The rapid urbanization of San Diego County has created numerous interrelated problems such as streets and highways, zoning, flood control, police and fire protection, etc. Only the general-purpose municipality is constituted to solve these problems because of the complex relationship between the problems themselves.

The provision or denial of metropolitan sewerage services is one of the few remaining tools by which urban sprawl can be controlled.

DEFINITION:

The term "Sphere of Influence" as used in this Policy shall refer to that portion of San Diego County which is of specific interest and importance to an incorporated city in carrying out its responsibilities of planning, zoning, traffic control, utility service, fire and police protection, etc.

POLICY:

It is the policy of the City Council that capacity rights and access to the San Diego Metropolitan Sewerage System shall be limited to:

1. Incorporated cities.
2. Sanitation districts already contracting with the City on the date of this policy, with no increase of capacity rights beyond that existing by contract.
3. Other public agencies or expanded sanitation districts, provided that the proposed capacity rights an access in these cases is approved by the City Council(s) of the city or cities whose sphere of influence as set forth on the map attached hereto includes any portion of the area of the public agency applying for new or expanded service.

LIMITATIONS:

This policy shall not be construed to grant any public agency automatic capacity rights or access to the Metropolitan Sewerage System; such rights or access is strictly a matter of determination by the San Diego City Council.

HISTORY:

Adopted by Resolution R-201547 12/29/1970

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