



COUNTY OF SAN MATEO
Inter-Departmental Correspondence
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

DATE: August 28, 2009
BOARD MEETING DATE: September 15, 2009
SPECIAL NOTICE/HEARING: None
VOTE REQUIRED: Majority

TO: Honorable Board of Supervisors
FROM: James C. Porter, Director of Public Works
SUBJECT: Pescadero Community Sewer Project
(Project No. OA101, File No. F-151 [32E])

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt a resolution:

1. Certifying the Initial Study / Mitigated Negative Declaration, dated March 2009, for the Pescadero Community Sewer Project; and
2. Directing the Director of Public Works to submit the Initial Study / Mitigated Negative Declaration to the State Water Resources Control Board.

BACKGROUND:

In 2004, the Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB) adopted Resolution 04-R2-0088, requiring the Community of Pescadero to establish a wastewater treatment improvement project for the community by July 1, 2009.

On March 27, 2007, your Board adopted Resolution No. 068624, pursuant to RWQCB Resolution No. 04-R2-0088, authorizing the Department of Public Works (Department) to serve as the lead agency in the application and acceptance of grant funding from the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB), under their 2004 Small Community Wastewater Grant (SCWG) Program; to perform a feasibility study; and complete an environmental review as part of the SCWG Facilities Planning phase for installing a sanitary sewer system in the Community of Pescadero. Said Facilities Planning phase requires submittal of a Facilities Planning Report, Draft Revenue Program, and Environmental Documentation.



On October 2, 2007, your Board adopted Resolution No. 069050, authorizing execution of an agreement with HydroScience Engineers, Inc. (HydroScience) in the amount of \$154,228 for engineering services in connection with said Facilities Planning process.

On October 28, 2008, your Board adopted Resolution No. 069768, accepting the recommendations set forth in the Facilities Planning Report prepared by HydroScience and titled, "Pescadero Community Sewer Project, Facilities Planning Report," dated October 2008 - Final, in which a Draft Revenue Program has been incorporated.

DISCUSSION:

HydroScience's sub-consultant, Analytical Environmental Services prepared the Environmental Documentation in the form of the Initial Study / Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND), dated March 2009. The 30-day public review period was completed, in compliance with the provisions of California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), and responses were prepared to all comments received. The IS/MND and the Responses to Comments are herein attached as Exhibit "A".

The IS/MND has identified potential adverse effects that will be reduced to less-than-significant levels through the implementation of mitigation measures, and pursuant to Section 21081.6 of the California Public Resources Code, a Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program (MMRP) has been prepared. The MMRP is herein attached with the IS/MND.

The community of Pescadero has not yet agreed on how they would fund the construction, operation and maintenance of the proposed sewer system. The Department cannot proceed with the Design Phase of this project until the community has established the funding mechanism. Meanwhile, certifying the IS/MND will allow the Department to submit the document to the SWRCB, which will complete the Facilities Planning phase for this project, and submit an invoice to the State for the remainder of funds to be reimbursed from the SWRCB grant funding.

County Counsel has reviewed and approved of the Resolution as to form.

Completion of this Planning Phase contributes to the Shared Vision 2025 outcome of a Healthy Community by providing the Community of Pescadero the means to begin the design phase to bring wastewater treatment facilities to their community.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no impact to the General Fund for certifying the Initial Study / Mitigated Negative declaration.

Exhibit "A": IS/MND and Responses to Comments