

SEWER AUTHORITY MID-COASTSIDE NAMES NEW GENERAL MANAGER
Local Utility Veteran Hired To Lead SAM

Half Moon Bay, CA -- Sewer Authority Mid-Coastside (SAM) announced the selection of Steven Leonard as its new General Manager, effective August 2, 2010. As General Manager, Leonard will oversee the Authority's wastewater treatment operation for its members, Granada Sanitary District, Montara Water and Sanitary District, and the City of Half Moon Bay.

Leonard comes to SAM with a long and distinguished career in water and wastewater utility administration and operations. Leonard most recently served as the General Manager of California American Water's Coastal Division, which operated a number of water and wastewater systems in Monterey, Santa Cruz, and San Mateo counties, including the Montara water system.

Prior to his role with CalAm Water, Leonard worked for the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission managing various water and wastewater divisions. Starting as a microbiologist, Leonard served for several years as the Manager of Water Quality and Suburban Operations, and eventually led the SFPUC as General Manager. In these roles, Leonard managed water production and transmission to over 2.4 million customers in the City of San Francisco and its 30 suburban water systems, planned major capital expansions and improvements, and led the utility's regulatory negotiations with state and federal agencies.

"I'm pleased that SAM Directors have offered me the opportunity to apply my experience to the local water management issues that affect many California coastal communities," said Leonard. "I look forward to getting to know the various stakeholders in the area and am eager to work with them toward developing sustainable solutions to local water resource issues."

Leonard is a 40-year resident of San Mateo County and is familiar with the region and the opportunities here. He is active in regional and national waterworks organizations and regularly makes professional presentations on such issues as environmental compliance, planning, organizational management, water operations, water quality, stakeholder relations, and watershed and resource management.

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