

SEWER AUTHORITY MID-COASTSIDE

Staff Report

Subject / Title

Adopt Initial Study / Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Wet Weather Flow Management Program Project by SAM Resolution No. 1-2009

Staff Recommendation:

Adopt Initial Study / Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) for the Wet Weather Flow Management Program Project by SAM Resolution No. 1-2009

Fiscal Impact:

None.

Discussion/Report:

At their November 3, 2008 meeting, the Wet Weather Flow Management Program (WWFMP) Project Committee directed staff to publish the public draft of the IS/MND. The draft was published, a public comment period transpired, public comments were received, public comments were addressed, a Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program was developed, and the IS/MND was thereby completed. The IS/MND, through the attached resolution, Resolution No. 1-2009, is presented to the Committee for adoption.

Following WWFMP Project Committee review, staff recommends the Committee adopt SAM Resolution No. 1-2009, which, among other actions:

- Acknowledges that the Committee has reviewed and considered the information contained in the Final IS/MND prior to approving the Project,
- Acknowledges that the IS/MND has been certified as completed in compliance with CEQA,
- Approves and adopts the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Plan, and
- Approves the Project.

For your information, attached are copies of and below are links to various related documents:

[Resolution Exhibit "A" - Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program](http://www.samcleanswater.org/projects/SAM_MMRP.pdf)

http://www.samcleanswater.org/projects/SAM_MMRP.pdf

[Initial Study / Mitigated Negative Declaration \(Public Draft\)](http://www.samcleanswater.org/projects/SAM_Wet_Weather_Flow_Mgmt_IS-MND.pdf)

http://www.samcleanswater.org/projects/SAM_Wet_Weather_Flow_Mgmt_IS-MND.pdf

[Response to IS/MND Comments](http://www.samcleanswater.org/projects/SAM_Response_to_Comments_Document.pdf)

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**SEWER AUTHORITY MID-COASTSIDE
RESOLUTION NO. 1-2009**

**A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION,
PURSUANT TO THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA),
INCLUDING THE MITIGATION MONITORING AND REPORTING PLAN, FOR THE
WET WEATHER FLOW MANAGEMENT PROGRAM PROJECT**

RESOLVED, by the Wet Weather Flow Management Program Project Committee of the Sewer Authority Mid-Coastside, San Mateo County, California, as follows:

WHEREAS, the Sewer Authority Mid-Coastside (SAM) is a joint exercise of powers Authority created pursuant to an agreement (JPA), dated February 3, 1976, by and among its three member agencies, for the purpose of collecting, treating, and disposing of wastewater for a 12-square-mile area located along the County of San Mateo Mid-Coastside; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the JPA, the Granada Sanitary District (GSD) and the Montara Water and Sanitary District (MWSD) have been determined to be the participating members of the Project, herein defined, and the Board members representing those participating members constitute the Wet Weather Flow Management Program Project Committee (Committee), which has been duly created pursuant to the JPA; and

WHEREAS, the JPA provides that all actions of the Committee shall be deemed actions of SAM and shall be taken in the name of SAM; and

WHEREAS, the SAM system does not have sufficient capacity to convey peak flows during the winter rains, and the sanitary sewer overflows cause untreated sewage discharges and resulting contamination of the Pacific Ocean, beaches and sensitive biological habitats, as described in the August 2006 National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Compliance Evaluation Report by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency; and

WHEREAS, capacity shortages are manifested most noticeably in the large-volume overflows at SAM's Montara Pump Station and from manholes upstream of its Portola Pump Station, and the largest spills have occurred when the excess wet weather flow bottlenecks in the SAM Intertie Pipeline System at the Montara and Portola Pump Stations; and

WHEREAS, to rectify the foregoing conditions, this Committee, acting on behalf of SAM, authorized the preparation of the "SAM Wet Weather Flow Management Project: Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration," (IS/MND); and

WHEREAS, to initiate implementation of the IS/MND, this Committee defined the Wet Weather Flow Management Project hereinafter described (Project); and

WHEREAS, the IS/MND was prepared for the Project by SAM, pursuant to the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA, Public Resources Code Sections 21000-21177), CEQA Guidelines, and any other applicable requirements; and

WHEREAS, the Initial Study (IS) and a notice of intent to adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) were circulated for a 30-day public review period ending February 28, 2009; and

WHEREAS, all Interested Parties desiring to comment on the MND were given the opportunity to submit written comments on the adequacy of the MND up to February 28, 2009; and

WHEREAS, environmental review of the Project under the Public Resources Code Section 21000 et seq., the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), and Title 14, Chapter 3 of the California Administrative Code, has been concluded as hereinafter set forth;

NOW, THEREFORE, it is found, determined and ordered that:

1. The foregoing recitals are true, and correct, and are incorporated herein as finding of fact.
2. The Project is comprised of installing two parallel, approximately 700-foot, 60-inch-diameter reinforced concrete storage pipes, in the El Granada area, to temporarily store excess sewage during peak flows or a storm event.
3. For the Project, SAM is the Lead Agency under CEQA, and this Committee determined that the Project required preparation of a MND;
4. The environmental effects of the Project identified in the IS/MND are avoided or substantially lessened to less than significant by changes or alterations that are required in, or incorporated into, the Project by and through the mitigation measures set forth in the Mitigation Measures and Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program of the IS/MND.
5. The Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Plan set forth in the IS/MND, a copy of which is set forth in the Wet Weather Flow Management Project, marked Exhibit "A", is hereby approved and adopted as the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Plan for the Project.
6. This Committee hereby acknowledges that the IS/MND is certified as completed and hereby adopts the MND in compliance with CEQA.
7. This Committee hereby certifies that the Final IS/MND has been presented to this Committee, as the decision-making body of the Lead Agency under CEQA, and that this Committee has reviewed and considered the information contained in the Final IS/MND prior to approving the Project.
8. This Committee hereby certifies that the IS/MND reflects the independent judgment and analysis of the Lead Agency for the Project.
9. Conditions of approval are hereby established as including all mitigation measures in the adopted MND.
10. The documents or other material which constitute the record of proceedings upon which the foregoing decision is based are located in the Administrative Offices of SAM, and the Manager is the custodian thereof.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Committee hereby adopts the Mitigated Negative Declaration including the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Plan for the Project.

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I hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of a resolution duly passed and adopted by the WWFMP Project Committee at a regular meeting thereof, held on the 23rd day of March 2009, by the following vote:

Ayes, Directors:

Noes, Directors:

Absent, Directors:

Secretary
Sewer Authority Mid-Coastside