

MINUTES
SAM REGULAR BOARD MEETING
July 24, 2006

1. CALL TO ORDER: Chair Boyd called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. at the SAM Administration Building, located at 1000 N. Cabrillo Highway, Half Moon Bay, CA.

ROLL CALL: Present: Muller, Fraser, Ptacek, Boyd, Lohman, Woren.

PRESENT: Manager Foley, General Counsel Copeland, Technical Services Supervisor Pullin, Supervisor of Administrative Services Tracy.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC PRESENT: Dana, Ozzie, and Gino Monteiro, George Muteff, Cheryl Paxton, Jimmy Benjamin, Pat Johnson, Franco and Franca Ranacuto, John Szabo, and Tim Costello.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT/ ORAL COMMUNICATION –John Szabo, SAM employee and the Stationary Engineers’ Local 39 Shop Steward, introduced himself to the SAM Board and notified that he and Local 39 members were ready to meet and confer regarding the MOU/Contract negotiations. Manager Foley stated that a meeting with Local 39 representative, Lynn Long, has been scheduled for August 29, 2006.

3. CLOSED SESSION – None.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

Director Ptacek requested Consent Agenda Items B and C be held for discussion.

B. Receive and File Manager’s Monthly Report for June 2006 (Monthly Flow Report, Financial Statement, Monthly NPDES Data, and Collection System Data)

Director Ptacek requested a breakdown of gallons and NDWSCP revenue received from Allied Waste leachate and regular trucked waste from other customers be included in the Manager’s Monthly Report. Director Woren mentioned that regarding the monthly flows, he noticed significant fluctuations in the flow percentages reported.

C. Approve Disbursements – July 2006

Director Ptacek discussed the check issued as annual premium payment to Driver Alliant for Workers Compensation.

Director Ptacek moved to approve items A, B, C, D, E and F below. Director Woren seconded the motion:

A. Approve Minutes – June 26, 2006 SAM Board Meetings

B. Receive and File Manager’s Monthly Report for June 2006 (Monthly Flow Report, Financial Statement, Monthly NPDES Data, and Collection System Data)

C. Approve Disbursements – July 2006

D. Receive Funding Agreement Interest Schedule as of June 30, 2006

E. Authorize Manager to Purchase and Install Replacement Sodium Hypochlorite Tank

F. Authorize Manager to Purchase and Install Polymer Mixing and Feed System Ptacek/Woren/5 AYES, 3 ABSTENTIONS (Minutes only, Dirs. Lohman and Muller) 0 NOES. The motion passed.

5. OLD BUSINESS

5A. Discuss and Possibly Take Action on Recycled Water

Manager Foley explained that this item was regularly scheduled for the Board's discussion on Recycled Water. Following discussion, no Board action was taken.

5B. Update on Weed Abatement

Manager Foley reviewed the staff report with the Board. He reported on the options available to complete the weed abatement on SAM's adjacent property.

John Szabo and Tim Costello, both of Grand Avenue, Half Moon Bay and the residents of the Kehoe Avenue Subdivision in Half Moon Bay addressed the Board regarding their concerns and recommendations on weed abatement of SAM's adjacent property. The residents of the Kehoe Avenue Subdivision were: Dana, Ozzie, and Gino Monteiro, George Muteff, Cheryl Paxton, Jim Benjamin, Pat Johnson, Franco and Franca Ranacuto.

The Board and Kehoe Avenue Subdivision residents discussed weed removal by goats, sheep, machinery, or manual labor and reviewed the suggested costs associated with each process. The comments included discussion of the preservation of the red legged frog and San Francisco garter snake habitat, the feasibility of cleanup and moving of the Kehoe ditch southward, the need for the history of the previous weed abatement programs that have taken place; and the requirement for long term and short term plans necessary for prevention of major fire loss and liability. Also discussed were SAM stewardship and cost for protection of private homes.

During discussion, a motion was made by Director Ptacek and seconded by Director Fraser to request the Manager contact the HMB Fire District for clarification on what is needed or required for complete compliance on weed abatement, within the \$5,000 spending limit.

Director Woren requested that other agencies be contacted as well, and that the Manager get instructions on the actual fire code the HMB Fire District references in its letter to SAM, because he believes it is in conflict with the City of Half Moon Bay's blanket CDP.

Tim Costello provided information to the Board on the history of his personal mowing and cleanup of garbage on SAM's adjacent property.

Director Muller made an amendment to the original motion and Director Fraser seconded the amendment to the motion, requesting staff contact the HMB Fire District immediately to get basic guidelines, and to bring in other agencies regarding concern for the sensitive habitat on the property.

Following further discussion with the audience members, Chair Boyd summarized the original motion and amendment as follows:

The Board authorized Manager Foley to contact the HMB Fire District, and confer with the Department of Fish and Game, concerning weed abatement compliance. The Board authorized the Manager to spend up to \$5,000 and requested staff move forward as soon as possible with perimeter mowing and developing a plan for next year's weed abatement.

Muller/Fraser/8 AYES, 0 NOES. The motion passed.

Chair Boyd commented that he would appoint a sub-committee to work with staff if necessary, to get this weed abatement project completed before the next SAM Board meeting.

The residents of the Kehoe Avenue Subdivision left the meeting.

6. NEW BUSINESS

6A. Consideration of Development of Hourly Rates for Video Inspections

Manager Foley reviewed the staff report, discussed the process of inspections and the proposed hourly rates with the Board. Following discussion, Director Ptacek made a motion, which was seconded by Director Fraser, for staff to obtain acceptance and authorization from the member agencies' Managers, and upon agreement of the member agency Managers, for SAM staff to implement the video inspections with the removal of the mileage costs from the hourly rate proposed.

Ptacek/Fraser/8AYES, 0 NOES. The motion passed.

6B. Receive and File Report on Sewer Use Charges

Following review of the staff report, Director Woren requested enhancements to the rates reported and other adjustments for property tax. Manager Foley agreed to meet with Director Woren for further discussion.

6C. Receive and File Update on Coastside Emergency Services

Manager Foley reviewed and discussed the staff report with the Board. No Board action was taken.

6D. Authorize Manager to Enroll SAM in WARN

Following discussion of the staff report presented on Coastside Emergency Services, Director Woren moved to authorize staff to enroll SAM in WARN. The motion was seconded by Director Fraser.

Woren/Fraser/8 AYES, 0 NOES. The motion passed.

7. MANAGER'S INFORMATIONAL REPORT

Manager Foley reviewed the staff report and discussed the Committee for Green Foothills letter received regarding the use of the Burnham Strip property located in El Granada. He provided the Board with information regarding his discussions with the San Mateo County Harbor District Manager.

8. ATTORNEY'S REPORT

General Counsel Copeland mentioned that the Board and staff should be very proud of the positive nature of the comments SAM received from the County Grand Jury, and report received regarding Disaster Preparedness.

9. DIRECTORS' REPORTS

Director Muller provided SAM General Counsel Jim Copeland with the name and phone number of the Legal Counsel at the State Water Regional Quality Control Board's Attorney' office. Directors Muller and Woren discussed Director Muller's participation as a member of the Regional Water Quality Control Board in issues having to do with SAM NPDES permitting, waste discharge requirements, and enforcement actions.

10. TOPICS FOR FUTURE BOARD CONSIDERATION

Board members requested staff provide a history of SAM property weed abatement, a feasibility study on moving the Kehoe ditch, possibility of grants/funding for restoration of the Kehoe Ditch, and consultation with local nurseries regarding possible native re-vegetation of the property with non-flammable plants.

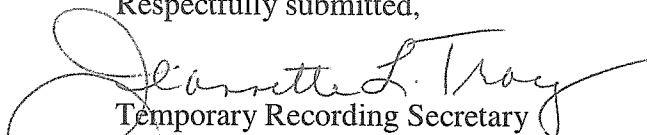
11. PUBLIC COMMENT/ORAL COMMUNICATION – None.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Boyd asked if there was anything further to come before the Board. Hearing none, he declared the meeting adjourned at 9:25 p.m. to Monday, August 28, 2006, at 7:00 p.m. in the SAM Administration Building located at 1000 N. Cabrillo Highway in Half Moon Bay, CA.

Respectfully submitted,

APPROVED BY:


Temporary Recording Secretary
Jeannette L. Tracy

BOARD SECRETARY