

**SEWER AUTHORITY MID-COASTSIDE  
RESOLUTION NO. 9-2005**

**A RESOLUTION CELEBRATING THE 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY AND  
CONTRIBUTIONS TO ENSURING CLEAN WATER FOR CALIFORNIA OF  
THE CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF SANITATION AGENCIES (CASA)**

**IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED** by the Board of Directors of the Sewer Authority Mid-Coastside, San Mateo County, California, as follows:

WHEREAS, the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the California Association of Sanitation Agencies (CASA) will be celebrated at its annual conference August 17-20, 2005, in San Diego, marking a half century of ensuring clean water for California; and

WHEREAS, CASA was formed at the suggestion of former State Senator John Nejedly when he served as counsel for the Central Costa Sanitary District to represent the common legislative interests of the state's public wastewater treatment facilities in order to ensure clean water for California; and,

WHEREAS, Sewer Authority Mid-Coastside joined CASA and has benefited immensely through the pooling of ideas and formation of policies to deal with the multitude of environmental issues surrounding clean water; and,

WHEREAS, the Sewer Authority Mid-Coastside Board of Directors and staff of the Sewer Authority Mid-Coastside have participated in CASA as members, or directors, or committee representatives, or volunteers, helping to form a strong statewide voice for clean water; and

WHEREAS, examples of legislative success through CASA include a) defeating legislation allowing for arbitrary increases in discharge fees and b) defeating a legislative measure that would have required regional water control boards to impose a minimum fine of one dollar per gallon spill on publicly operated treatment works ("POTWs") for violation of waste discharge requirements, even if the violation did not result in any harm to the environment or danger to public health; and

WHEREAS, examples of regulatory success through CASA include a) sponsoring legislation that gives POTWs the authority to levy civil and administrative penalties against industrial dischargers for violations of local wastewater ordinances, b) working with the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) to develop and adopt a Water Quality Enforcement Policy that will help to ensure a clear, consistent, and fair approach to enforcement actions by the regional boards, c) securing revisions to the State Revolving Fund (SRF) Loan Program eligibility criteria to ensure availability of federal funding for sewer rehabilitation projects, and d) defeating proposed amendments to the

California Ocean Plan that would have had significant adverse effects on municipal stormwater and POTW discharge permits; and,

WHEREAS, examples of legal successes through CASA include a) assisting the SWRCB in defeating a challenge to the State Implementation Plan for Toxics that, if successful, could have resulted in onerous permit conditions for POTWs and b) ensuring that proposed revisions to the requirements for review of regional water board actions allow for a full and fair review by defeating amendments that would have severely constrained the scope of appeals before the State Water Resources Control Board and c) obtaining a Court of Appeal decision that confirms that an environmental impact report is required before a local agency may prohibit land application of biosolids ; and,

WHEREAS, CASA is the voice of the public wastewater agencies at the State Capitol in Sacramento, where the Executive Director and staff monitor thousands of bills each year, dealing with water quality, environmental regulation, special district issues, local finance and property taxes, public contracting, and liability; and,

WHEREAS, a CASA State Legislative Committee comprised of member agency representatives provides policy guidance and establishes CASA's positions on specific legislative proposals, enabling CASA to achieve an excellent record of success with its legislative agenda; and,

WHEREAS, CASA's Washington D.C. office provides liaison with California's Congressional delegation with direction from CASA's Federal Legislative and Liaison Committee , advocating positions before Congress on the broad range of environmental, public health, and natural resource policies, including policies in which CASA has played a pivotal role, including a) Total Maximum Daily Loads, b) State Revolving Loan Fund appropriations, c) Resource Conservation and Recovery Act, and d) Clean Air Act; and,

WHEREAS, under the umbrella of regulatory analysis and advocacy, CASA assists its member agencies in understanding and complying with the ever-increasing array of federal and state environmental regulations; and,

WHEREAS, CASA represents member interests in the development of new and revised regulations through written comments, testimony before regulatory agency boards, and participation on advisory committees and work groups; and,

WHEREAS, CASA's Attorneys Committee consists of the general counsels of each of the member agencies providing information to the membership regarding newly enacted laws, recent court decisions, and emerging legal issues and representing CASA in preparation of amicus briefs in important cases; and,

WHEREAS, CASA meets three times each year at various locations throughout the State, in January, May, and August, to provide the opportunity for the exchange of information and presentations by distinguished speakers on topics of current interest;

Now, therefore, let it be resolved, that the Sewer Authority Mid-Coastside reaffirms its support and participation in CASA and its mission and salutes all of this Authority's staff and Board who have participated over the years as well as the CASA staff, for 50 years well done!

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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 Board of Directors of the Sewer Authority Mid-Coastside at a meeting thereof held on the 27<sup>th</sup> day of June 2005 by the following vote:

AYES: Ferreira, Boyd, Woren, Gorn, Lohman, Ptacek

NOES: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: None.

  
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Secretary