



Study of Offshore Sediment Transport Recommended

Metro JPA Chairman Henry Abarbanel and Commissioners Mayda Winter and Augie Scalzitti met at Scripps Institution of Oceanography on May 30 with Metropolitan Wastewater Department (MWW) staff, Alan Langworthy and Scripps scientist Dr. Paul Dayton. They discussed implementation of enhancements for the Regional Ocean Monitoring program (ROM) in response to the Scripps' review of the program.

Among the projects being undertaken Dr. Dayton recommended a study to characterize sediment transport along the County coastline. Such an effort would have many regional benefits in addition to a better understanding of potential pollutant transport mechanisms relating to the wastewater outfalls. Dr. Dayton will be consulting with other Scripps scientists to determine the scope of such a project. The details will be presented at a follow-up meeting in September.

Abarbanel, Winter and Scalzitti are considering approaching other governmental agencies to assist in funding for the effort.



August Caires, MPA, SDA, Padre Dam Municipal Water District General Manager, will retire on June 30. Caires was selected in 2002 as one of the "Top 10 Public Works Leaders of the Year" and was a co-founder of the Metro Commission and AFFORD, which later became Metro TAC. He has been with Padre Dam since 1993.

BAF Technology for Secondary Treatment Least Costly

Metro Wastewater Director Scott Tulloch told Commissioners on June 1 that if San Diego is required to go to secondary treatment at the Point Loma Wastewater Treatment Plant, BAF (biological aerated filter) technology would cost approximately \$700 million while other technologies would require between \$1 and \$2 billion. Although the U.S. Navy has barred the City from conducting geotechnical borings on Navy land adjacent to the treatment plant, it still may become possible, Tulloch said. If the City could acquire this small parcel of land it would simplify setting up secondary treatment.

Metro JPA Proposed Marketing Plan Reviewed

A suggested JPA marketing plan was developed by the Community Relations Ad Hoc Committee in February and March. The strategies and associated tactics were outlined for Commissioners' review on June 1. Suggested tactics will be reviewed by Metro TAC for prioritization and then brought to the ad hoc committee for establishment of a timeline and procedure for measurement.

Next Meeting to be Held on July 6

The next meeting of the Metro JPA and Commission will be held Thursday, July 6 at 12 noon in the Metropolitan Operations Center (MOC II) auditorium at 9192 Topaz Way, Kearny Mesa. Lunch will be provided for Commissioners and staff.

Metro TAC Scheduled to Meet on June 21

The next Technical Advisory Committee (Metro TAC) luncheon meeting will be held Wednesday, June 21 at 11 a.m. at MOC II.



Harold Bailey, PhD, P.E., Director of Operations and Water Quality at Padre Dam Municipal Water District, has been a key resource for the Metro JPA. He is retiring after 30 years in environmental engineering, planning and operations management.

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