

LAST MINUTE AGENDA INFORMATION

09/23/09 Regular Meeting

(Agenda Related Writings/Documents provided to a majority of the City Council after distribution of the Agenda Packet for the September 23, 2009 Regular meeting.)

<u>ITEM NO.</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>
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2.4	<p>LETTER IN SUPPORT OF THE REISSUANCE OF SECONDARY TREATMENT WAIVER FOR POINT LOMA WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. Letter from City of Coronado Mayor Casey Tanaka to California Coastal Commission, dated August 3, 2009; received September 22, 2009.b. Letter from Metro Wastewater JPA/Metro Commission Chair Ernest Erwin to California Coastal Commission, dated August 3, 2009; received September 22, 2009.
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August 3, 2009

California Coastal Commission
Chairperson Neely
45 Fremont Street, Suite 2000
San Francisco, CA 94105-2219

Attention: Mark Delaplaine

SUBJECT: Coastal Commission Meeting, Thursday, August 13, 2009.

Item 11b. Federal Consistency CC-043-09 (City of San Diego)
Consistency Certification by City of San Diego for secondary treatment waiver
(i.e., Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Reissuance under section 301(h) of
the Clean Water Act, of a modified National Pollutant Discharge Elimination
System (NPDES) Permit) for Point Loma Wastewater Treatment Plant Discharges
offshore of San Diego, San Diego County. (MPD-SF)

Dear Commissioners:

The City of Coronado would like to express its complete support for the reissuance of the 301 (h) modified NPDES permit for the City of San Diego's E. W. Blom Point Loma Wastewater Treatment Plant.

The Point Loma Wastewater Treatment Plant is a major component of the Metropolitan Sewerage System, which is operated by the City of San Diego, with the participation of fifteen other municipalities and agencies. Nearly one third of the total flow to the system originates from these participating agencies. As a participating agency, the City of Coronado has a unique interest in decisions that affect the operation of the Metro system. Additionally, as a coastal city with approximately 9.75 miles of ocean coastline, home to the world-renowned Coronado Center Beach and Hotel del Coronado. Coronado's beaches are located south of the Point Loma outfall and north of the South Bay outfall. Due to our proximity to these outfalls, our community has a heightened concern that the public health and environment of our local waters are protected.

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The City of Coronado has been actively involved in all the secondary waiver processes at Point Loma, and our elected officials are educated in this subject. We feel strongly that the combination of chemically assisted primary treatment, the deep ocean outfall (located 320 feet deep and 4.5 miles from the shoreline) and the City of San Diego's exemplary record of compliance with the State Ocean Plan during the last 15 years have proven to be protective of the public health and environment in the local area. As well, comprehensive ocean monitoring over the past 15 years, along with scientific analysis, has not revealed any harmful impacts to the ocean environment. The City of Coronado supports the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency's Approval Decision, as well as the San Diego Regional Water Quality Control Board's unanimous decision to approve the modified permit, because this decision continues to protect the environment while being fiscally prudent with public resources.

Therefore, the City of Coronado urges the California Coastal Commission to make the finding that San Diego's modified waiver complies with the California Coastal Management Program and that it will be conducted in a manner consistent with this program.

Sincerely,



Casey Tanaka
Mayor



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Dear Commissioners:

The Metro Wastewater Commission and JPA (together "Metro JPA") would like to express their complete support for the reissuance of the 301 (h) modified NPDES permit for the City of San Diego's E. W. Blom Point Loma Wastewater Treatment Plant.

The Point Loma Wastewater Treatment Plant is a major component of the Metropolitan Sewerage System, which is operated by the City of San Diego, with the participation of fifteen other municipalities and agencies. Nearly one third of the total flow to the system originates from these participating agencies and, therefore, the Metro JPA, the coalition of municipalities and special districts sharing in the use of the City of San Diego's regional wastewater facilities, has an interest in decisions that affect the operation of the Metro system. Additionally, with coastal communities as participating agencies, we have a concern that the public health and environment of our local waters are protected.

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Therefore, the Metro JPA urges the California Coastal Commission to make the finding that San Diego's modified waiver complies with the California Coastal Management Program and that it will be conducted in a manner consistent with this program.

Sincerely,

Ernest Ewin
Chair Metro Wastewater JPA and Metro Commission

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