

METROPOLITAN SERVICE DISTRICT  
BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING MINUTES

OF

APRIL 9, 1971

ATTENDANCE

Eldon Hout, Chairman  
Lloyd Anderson  
Mel Gordon  
Robert Schumacher  
Harold Ruekcer  
Gus Mohr  
Sidney Bartels  
Homer C. Chandler, Executive Director  
Herbert Hardy, Attorney

There being a quorum present, the Board of Director's considered the following items of business:

I. ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT ON SOLID WASTE PLANNING

Mr. Ken Meng, Chairman of the Advisory Committee, reported that, pursuant to the Board's instructions, his Committee had developed a set of recommendations concerning solid waste planning programs and the use of consultants in such a program. The recommendations of the Committee are:

- (1) Encourage upgrading of existing sites.
- (2) Back the City of Portland's application for a Federal grant if it covers only the upgrading of existing site and operations.
- (3) Consultants are needed for engineering, financing, and public relations--consultants to analyze alternatives and recommend and overall system--coordination of planning to be by the CRAG Staff.

- (4) Look to and investigate the following means of financial program:

Special levy	Use tax
State funds	Federal funds
Local funds	CRAG funds
Private funds	

or combination thereof.

Within 60 days, Technical Committee will recommend concerning a positive financial program.

- (5) Until consultants are ready to start, CRAG should continue with its ongoing program. Materials and information developed by CRAG will be used in the overall study by consultants.
- (6) The Technical Committee will, within 30 days, submit to the Board a scope of work for the consultants. In developing the scope of work, the Committee, the CRAG Staff, and the MSD Attorney must work closely together. Therefore, no recommendations should be made by any of the three groups or individuals advising the Board unless it is coordinated with the technical committee as they develop the scope of the planning program to be undertaken.

Mr. Mel Gordon, representing Multnomah County, objected to the recommendation that the Portland study concerning their present operations should be approved. He stated that it flies directly into the face of metropolitan operations. He urged the Metropolitan Service District to take over, for operation purposes, the Portland Disposal Site and then, if it is determined the study is needed, that the District should undertake it. However, Commissioner Gordon emphasized that he does not believe another study is necessary to tell this area how to handle its solid wastes.

Mr. Gordon moved that the Metropolitan Service District take over all sewage disposal sites and operations within the District's boundaries and that the take over should be done now. There being no second to the motion, the motion died.

Mr. Anderson stated that the City of Portland is willing to negotiate with the Metropolitan Service District and to assist the District in taking over the operations of the Portland site. However, Mr. Anderson stated that the City, before it could seriously consider a proposal for the take-over, would want considerably more information concerning the conditions that would be attached to the take-over and concerning the future operations of the Metropolitan Service District. The Board was reminded that they had previously appointed a subcommittee for the purpose of negotiating with the City of Portland for the take-over of the Portland Disposal operation.

Mr. Schumacher moved that the Negotiating Committee should determine as early as possible what will be needed to take over the Portland site and to make their recommendations to the Board.

Chairman Hout stated that the Committee, as originally constituted, consisted of Mr. Anderson, Mr. Bartels, and Mr. Hout. However, he removed himself from the Committee and appointed Mr. Gordon to be the third member of the Negotiating Committee, and also appointed Mr. Bartels to be the Chairman of said Committee.

Mr. Bartels moved that the Board receive the Advisory Committee's report and have it circulated to all Board members for their further consideration.

## II. LEGISLATIVE REPORT

Mr. Herb Hardy, Attorney, reviewed some of the bills affecting the Metropolitan Service District's operations that are presently being considered by the Oregon State Legislature. He stated that generally the bills affecting the MSD at this time are in a state of flux and that there is considerable redrafting of some bills and consolidation of others, but that the general feeling appears to be that the services that the Metropolitan Service District can now provide should be expanded to include such things as recreation, water, and others.

Mr. Hardy also stated that, from the information that he had received, it appears that the Ways and Means Committee are favorable to make available to the Metropolitan Service District some planning money. However, the MSD will have to present a fairly detailed work program showing how the funds will be used before the Legislature will act. He emphasized that the Legislature will be looking for a broad program and urged that such a program be worked

out within a short time so that it could be presented to the Legislature.

Mr. Anderson moved that the Technical Committee prepare a recommendation as to the scope of work that the consultants should perform in developing a solid waste management program, that the Committee should also prepare an estimate of costs to finance the planning program, and that the recommendations should be returned to the Metropolitan Service District Board in their meeting of April 16, 1971. If the report is accepted, it should then be submitted to the Ways and Means Committee as the basis for the planning funds sought by MSD. Mr. Schumacher seconded the motion; motion carried unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:55 p.m. with the next meeting being called for 2:30 p.m. on April 16, 1971.

April 9, 1971

TO: Board of Directors, Metropolitan Service District  
FROM: Metropolitan Service District Legislative Committee  
SUBJECT: HB 3012

Attached HB 3012 was introduced in an attempt to make it unlawful for any persons or municipality to dump polluting substances into any public or private body of water in or adjacent to a municipality, or to dump polluting substances in any open dump or sanitary landfill where by drainage or seepage any navigable body of water in or adjacent to a municipality may be affected adversely.

Our analysis of this proposed legislation indicates the following:

1. It is over-restrictive on the storage and disposal of polluting substances, would ban refuse disposal sites in the City of Portland, Multnomah County and Lane County and would not be compatible with sewage disposal systems.
2. It does not provide for the orderly development or financing of alternative solutions.

Therefore it is recommended that the Metropolitan Service District oppose HB 3012 as it is not a workable or an enforceable bill.

RECOMMENDATIONS OF TECHNICAL COMMITTEE  
CONCERNING SOLID WASTES PLANNING AND USE OF CONSULTANTS

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Ken Meng, Advisory Committee  
Chairman