METROPOLITAN SERVICE DISTRICT BOARD MINUTES OF OCTOBER 26, 1973 MEETING

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Lloyd Anderson Lorin Johnson Eldon Hout Mel Gordon Warren Powell James Robnett

ADVISORS IN ATTENDANCE

Herb Hardy, Attorney
Gary Grimes, DEQ
Fred Cope, Bartle Wells
Ed Locke, COR-MET
Jane Cease, CAC
Bill Culham, TAC

STAFF IN ATTENDANCE

Charles C. Kemper Jean Woodman

The clerk called the roll and there being a quorum present, the Board considered the following business:

SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT IMPLEMENTATION AND PLANNING GRANT APPLICATION

Mr. Kemper began by reviewing the Solid Waste Phase II Grant Application for the Board indicating the addition of preliminary engineering design and pre design cost estimate to the original proposal. He stated that it had been determined that the addition of these two items to the application at this time would provide the program with sites and zoning requirements necessary to carry the program into final design.

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Mr. Kemper indicated four alternatives for the Board's consideration for the progress of the solid waste study. These alternatives are as follows:

- 1. Request the Emergency Board Grant \$350,000;
- 2. Request the Emergency Board grant \$275,000 with \$75,000 allocated, but held by DEQ for the purposes described;
- 3. Request the Emergency Board grant \$275,000;
- 4. STOP.

Commissioner Anderson was concerned that MSD's intentions were not in clear perspective in this proposal, and that the Emergency Board would question when the grant requests would stop and when MSD's supportive revenues would begin. He also questioned what guarantees were available so that when the design process had been completed, MSD would be in a financial position to proceed to construction.

Commissioner Gordon felt that one of the options for solving the problem of construction financing would be to put the projects out to bid by private enterprise. Mr. John Knapp, of Resource Recover, agreed with Commissioner Gordon, stating that private enterprise was already involved in the system and the financing problems.

Commissioner Hout stated that the addition of preliminary engineering design was essential for the local governments to make desicions on sites and that the various agencies should be provided with Environmental Impact Assessments in order to make intelligent decisions. He felt that the move forward into site selection will be the kind of positive action that the Emergency Board will be looking for.

There was some discussion on what the Board members felt the Emergency Board will be considering and to what extent COR-MET is going in their data on the recommended system. Commissioner Anderson stated that perhaps the application should be delayed for three months until COR-MET's environmental data on the recommended system is available and until we know what revenues will be available to MSD.

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The Board discussed emphasizing the tire program and the non-processible waste program as revenue sources in the application, however, there was a consensus that processible waste would have to be the main thrust of the program. Commissioner Hout suggested going for whatever elements in the application that will secure the Emergency Board's approval in order to move the important factor of processible wastes system ahead.

Mr. Hardy, MSD attorney, stated that the unanimity and enthusiasm already generated would be lost if there was a delay in the program now. He suggested stating to the Emergency Board that MSD was requesting funds for the entire program now, however, if only certain portions of the application were funded, this would also be agreeable. He did not feel that the Emergency Board would act adversely to this suggestion.

The Board discussed Mr. Hardy's tactic and it was agreed to indicate to them MSD's funding priorities with the hope that it will move the program along without losing its momentum.

Commissioner Gordon moved to submit to the Emergency Board a request for \$350,000 to finance the program outlined by staff in the document "Solid Waste Implementation and Management Planning Program Phase II" dated October 1973, and supplemented by staff's report dated October 26, 1973. Included would be a statement of priorities as to which funds are critical for the immediate operation of the project. Priority No. 1 is the Solid Waste Management Program for Processible Waste and the Tire Implementation Program. Priority No. 2 is the Non-Processible Solid Waste Program, Recycling Management Planning Program, and Columbia County Solid Waste Program.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hout. The motion carried unanimously.

The application will be reviewed by the State Citizen Advisory Committee on the 31st of October, and will be submitted to the Emergency Board on the 9th of November.

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It was agreed that the Emergency Board staff should be approached to confirm the importance of the funding application, and the staff was so directed. It was also agreed that a summary of the proposal be prepared for use by the State Citizen Advisory Committee.

NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Hout requested that the Board meetings be changed to 2:00 PM rather than 1:30 PM. There was no objection to this.

The meeting adjourned at 3:10 PM.