



METROPOLITAN SERVICE DISTRICT

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METROPOLITAN SERVICE DISTRICT BOARD

MEETING OF NOVEMBER 26, 1973

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Commissioner Lloyd Anderson
Commissioner Mel Gordon
Commissioner Eldon Hout
Col. Lorin Johnson
Councilman Warren Powell

GUESTS PRESENT

Representative Phil Lang
Representative Bill McCoy
Representative Les AuCoin
Representative Harvey Akeson
Herb Hardy, Attorney

STAFF PRESENT

Charles C. Kemper
Jean Woodman

The Board met in a special meeting with the above State Representatives to discuss the possibility of the MSD obtaining Phase II grant money from the State of Oregon Emergency Board. The funds requested would allow MSD to maintain staff after December 1973, and plan for Phase III implementation of the Solid Waste Program. The Board explained the advantages of the shredding process with special regards to the possibilities of recycling and flexibility.

Mr. Kemper stated that the application had the support of the State Citizen Advisory Committee and the Environmental Quality Commission. He also stated that the program has received good in-kind contributions and full support from the jurisdictions.

Commissioner Anderson emphasized the continuing inflation costs of construction and the need to enter into engineering pre-design

and therefore, into construction as soon as possible. He indicated the necessity for funds at this time to maintain staff after December, and also discussed other programs that MSD could develop once the District was in an operating position. He stated that this metropolitan area represented 40% of the state population and should be brought up to the same level in a solid waste program as the rest of the state.

Commissioner Hout emphasized the cooperation and enthusiasm of the jurisdictions and interested parties and the momentum that the program has created. He reiterated that the solid waste study presented an opportunity to put the Metropolitan Service District into an operating position.

Commissioner Gordon stated that the District was prepared to proceed into the next step of the study and the Emergency Board was the only source of funding open at this time. He also stated that the program was flexible and could easily lend itself to new technology in the future.

Col. Johnson felt that the Emergency Board had been generous in their funding of Phase I and that this represented their investment in the MSD. He stated that it was time for the MSD to show the public some action, and implementation of the Solid Waste Program was an appropriate vehicle to do this.

In discussion Mr. AuCoin questioned the \$10 million figure suggested for implementation of the entire operation, and it was explained that this amount included land acquisition for sites and transfer stations, and for construction, equipment, size of facilities involved, and improvement of existing landfills.

Mr. McCoy asked if the local jurisdictions were willing to extend some of their federal funds toward the program. The Board members answered that this was a regional problem and for maximum efficiency should be handled on a regional basis rather than by separate entities.

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Mr. McCoy also questioned the advisability of approving funding for the Phase II Program before the completion of the final report from the Phase I Program. Commissioner Anderson answered that the system chosen by the Board is complete and the financial study has progressed enough to indicate that it is consistent with the engineering recommendation.

The Emergency Board representatives were generally in favor of the Solid Waste Program continuing, however, the concern that the final reports were not available was very strong. There was some discussion on allocating only enough funds to keep the District operating and allow for review of the final reports, and there was a general consensus on this strategy. The MSD Board assured the Emergency Board representatives that they would be willing to make budgetary changes in the application if full funding was not available, but emphasized that the processible wastes and tire ordinances remain at the top of the priority list.

The guests were satisfied that all of their questions were answered. The Emergency Board sub-Committee would convene on November 29, 1973 at 10:00 to consider the MSD Solid Waste Grant Application.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 P.M.