

**JOINT MEETING  
CITY OF MORRO BAY AND CAYUCOS SANITARY DISTRICT  
WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT  
(UNDER JOINT POWERS AGREEMENT)**

**Technical Advisory Committee**

**MINUTES**

**MEETING DATE:**

11:00 a.m., Friday, March 26, 2010

**HOSTED BY:**

City of Morro Bay

**MEETING PLACE:**

Public Services Department  
Conference Room  
955 Shasta Avenue  
Morro Bay, CA 93442

**1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

Mayor Peters called the meeting to order at 11:05 a.m.

City Council Members Present: Mayor Janice Peters, Rick Grantham

Cayucos Sanitary District Members Present: Bill Callahan, Robert Enns, Shirley Lyon, John Hanlon, Tim Carmel, Lewis Brookins

City Staff Members Present: Andrea Lueker, Robert Schultz, Susan Slayton, Rob Livick, Dylan Wade, Bruce Keogh, Mike Randall

**2. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Jack McCurdy spoke to urge the TAC to pursue a review of the design contract with Montgomery Watson Harza (MWH). He stated the review of MWH by the review committee was flawed, or actions by MWH came to light after the review.

Marla Bruton stated her disapproval of MWH and Carollo coming into town. Bruton also highlighted an article in the Tribune from March 26<sup>th</sup> 2010 on the Wastewater Plant. Bruton urges the JPA to look into the New Orleans fraud situation to examine business dealings of MWH.

Richard Sadowski spoke regarding issues he has found in the JPA agreement including infiltration and State Park Property. Sadowski stated there are red flags associated with MWH. He stated that Dylan Wade's professional opinion about exfiltration is flawed, and that reclamation is not really happening with the current treatment plant design. Sadowski also stated that sewer issues need to be reviewed at the same time as the plant upgrade.

Janice Peters Closed Public Comment

**3. DISCUSSION OF PROJECT MANAGEMENT FOR THE WWTP UPGRADE PROJECT**

Dylan Wade stated the three main parts of project management for the project are; environmental, funding, and design. Staff believes a Project Manager is needed to provide timely and efficient direction and oversight for the project. The Project Manager can act as an agent for the interests of the JPA and not just one of the individual agencies.

Rob Livick stated that the environmental project management might need to be separate from the project management, and supports going out with a Request for Proposal (RFP).

Janice Peters wants oversight by a third party separate from the currently involved parties and wants to go out with a RFP.

Robert Enns stated his concerns with a continuous project management contract through design and construction. Enns would prefer separate project management contracts and allow for individuals to provide services.

The TAC advised Staff to prepare a balanced scope of work to be included in an RFP for project management for design based services that would allow for an individual or a firm to perform. The TAC would like the project responsibilities outlined for the next JPA meeting.

#### **4. DISCUSSION AND STATUS REPORT ON THE CEQA PROCESS FOR THE WWTP UPGRADE PROJECT**

The CEQA process is currently on hold waiting for the design consultant to prepare the project description.

#### **5. DISCUSSION OF SRF LOAN PROCESS**

Susan Slayton explained the loan options that might be available to fund the Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade Project and that SRF money is the cheapest option. The applicant cannot officially apply through the formal process until the CEQA process is completed on the project. Slayton discussed that the loan might be a single loan instead of two separate loans. A funding agreement will need to be developed to govern the progress payments for the project as well as financing loan payments.

The TAC advised that alternate financing options be put on the next JPA action agenda.

#### **6. DISCUSSION OF JPA AGREEMENT**

The board advised that reviewing the agreement one issue at a time will yield progress. The group wants to start working on the new agreement, and advises to keep the JPA agreement an operational agreement, and split out other policies into separate agreements. The TAC would like an outline of current project roles prepared for the next JPA meeting.

#### **7. ESTABLISHING A REGULAR MEETING SCHEDULE FOR THE TAC**

TAC meetings will be hosted by the agency hosting the JPA meeting that month.

TAC Meetings will be scheduled for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month from 1:00pm-3:00pm

#### **8. DISCUSSION OF PUBLIC COMMENT**

Before the meeting was adjourned, Janice Peters suggested that there be a staff response/report at the April 8 JPA meeting regarding the concerns expressed about MWH at public comment, in the newspaper and from other citizens.

#### **9. ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Peters adjourned the meeting at 12:32 p.m. to the next scheduled meeting to be held on April 15, 2010 at 1:00 p.m. at the Morro Bay Community Center Multi-Purpose room.