

**SELMA-KINGSBURG-FOWLER
COUNTY SANITATION DISTRICT
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

May 21, 2008

The meeting of the Selma-Kingsburg-Fowler County Sanitation District Technical Advisory Committee was called to order at 10:11 a.m. by Chairman Alan Weaver.

MEMBERS ROLL CALL

Darren Hays, Kingsburg (absent)
Alan Weaver, County of Fresno (present)
Bruce Webber, City of Selma (present)
David Weisser, City of Fowler (absent)

STAFF AND CONSULTANTS PRESENT

David Michel, General Manager
Ben Muñoz, Assistant General Manager
Robert Whitley, Consulting District Engineer
Veronica Cazares, Supervising Engineer
Gabriel Jimenez, Asst. Plant Operations Supervisor

OTHERS PRESENT

Norman Krebbs, Kingsburg Resident

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

There being no comments from the public, the minutes of the meeting of April 10, 2008, were approved on a motion duly made, seconded and approved by unanimous vote of all members present.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Refurbishment & Replacement CIP Update

General Manager Michel distributed a 20 page handout titled SKF CSD Preliminary Partial Working Draft Summary Version 5-15-08. He reviewed each page. Chairman Weaver confirmed with General Manager Michel that each City had been given an opportunity to have input on the Refurbishment & Replacement (R&R) capital improvement plans for the collection systems in their Cities, including the projected costs for expansion to be paid by the Cities. Kingsburg and Fowler approved of the

schedule, Selma did not respond because their General Plan is being updated. Selma representative Bruce Webber said that DTAC should move forward with the current information.

General Manager Michel reported that the distributed version contained changes due to the following: DTAC recommendations of 4-10-08; the DTAC-recommended \$800,000 District R&R funding; an interest earning rate of 3.75%; a beginning balance of \$4.5 million in the District R&R fund; a current cost estimate for the 42" Influent Line Refurb Project; a rescheduling of loans to keep a minimum \$1.5 ending balance; a consolidation of loan amounts to minimize the estimated \$50,000 issuance expense for each loan; DTAC-recommended rates for FY 2008-09 Cities Collection System R&R; and Supervising Engineer Cazares' recommendations regarding changes in scheduling for Cities Collection System R&R based on anticipated projects' scheduling, sizes and possible alternative seweraging strategies.

The Committee suggested the following regarding District R&R:

- Page 2, item #9, FY 2011/12. Make it \$0.5M R&R in 2011/12 and remainder in 2012/13. Make it \$1.5M Expansion in 2011/12 and remainder in 2012/13.
- Page 2, item #11, FY 2011/12. Make it \$1.0M Expansion in 2012/13 and remainder in 2013/14.
- Page 3, items #8 and #10, FY 2012/13. Make them \$1.5M each Expansion in 2012/13 and remainder split equally over following two years.
- Page 3, item #10, FY 2016/17. Make it \$1.0M Expansion in 2016/17 and remainder in 2017/18.
- Page 6. In FY 2011/12, show loan proceeds of \$6,500,000 so as to keep ending balances at a minimum of \$1.5M.
- Page 6. As a separate sheet, to be distributed if ever the question arises, revise page 6 showing the effect of a 1% growth rate on the R&R cash flow table.

Kingsburg resident Norman Krebbs commented to the effect that the District needs a 10-year CIP for expansion, needs a connection fee revision to reflect changes in construction costs, and needs to meet with the Cities' to review the growth projections. Consultant District Engineer Whitley said that he will be working on the mid-range and long range plans, from which a 10-year Expansion CIP can be derived, and that they will not be finished for at least a year. During the development of the plans, discussions of growth projections with the Cities will need to occur. Alan Weaver said that an essential part of the expansion planning was to have Cities' input on growth rate projections. He confirmed with General Manager Michel that the projected growth rates contained in the CIP summary were based on Cities' written growth policies and on will-serve letters issued at the requests of Cities.

There being no further comments from the public, a motion to present the SKF CSD Preliminary Partial Working Draft Summary to the Board as the DTAC-recommended R&R CIP, with the changes stated above, was made by Bruce Webber, seconded by Alan Weaver and approved by the unanimous vote of all Committee Members present.

Fiscal Year 2008-09 Draft Budget Presentation (Version 3-31-08)

General Manager Michel distributed a breakdown of the proposed 11.8% rate increase and a survey of sewer rates in the Central Valley.

Kingsburg resident Norman Krebbs commented to the effect that he opposed the rate increase as being excessive because there is too much fat in the budget, there are too many people on staff, too many vehicles, and the District should do something to cut costs. He commented to the effect that the increase in the budget for non-represented salaries was excessive at 10.8%. General Manager Michel explained that the Board had already taken action to approve the labor contract and to grant the same increases in wages and benefits to non-represented employees and that the budget reflects the Board's action.

There being no further comments from the public, a motion to recommend that the Board adopt the 11.8% rate increase, was made by Alan Weaver, seconded by Darren Hays and approved by the unanimous vote of all Committee Members present.

NEW BUSINESS None.

COMMUNICATIONS

General Manager Michel informed the Committee that he intends to bring a draft ordinance to the Committee on June 21st regarding increasing the Capacity Charge (Connection Fee) by an amount equal to the Engineering News Record change in Construction Cost Index. Also in the Ordinance will be the establishment of a plan check & inspection fee.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Committee, Chairman Weaver declared the meeting adjourned on a motion duly made, seconded and approved by unanimous voice vote at 12:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved,

David Michel, General Manager/
Secretary of the Committee

Alan Weaver, Chairman
SKF Technical Advisory Committee