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STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD
RESOLUTION NO. 94-57

APPROVAL OF A STATE REVOLVING FUND (SRF) LOAN FOR
THE FORESTVILLE COUNTY SANITATION DISTRICT
FOR THE EXPANSION OF WASTEWATER TREATMENT
AND DISPOSAL FACILITIES,
PROJECT NO. C-06-4103-110

WHEREAS:

1. The State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) on August 18, 1988, adopted the "Policy for Implementing the State Revolving Fund for the Construction of Wastewater Treatment Facilities", and amended it on September 20, 1990, January 21, 1993, and September 23, 1993;
2. The SWRCB on September 23, 1993, adopted the Federal Fiscal Year 1994 SRF Loan Program Priority List which includes the Forestville County Sanitation District;
3. The Division of Clean Water Programs has approved the project report, environmental documents, draft revenue program, and water conservation plan for the subject project; and
4. The County of Sonoma certified an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) (State Clearinghouse No. 93063015) which has been reviewed and considered by the SWRCB, and we have determined that:
 - a. As stated in the EIR, creation of a pond on either Pond Site 1 or 2, where no pond currently exists, could result in a significant unavoidable impact due to the permanent change in land use from the existing wetlands resource.

The SWRCB hereby adopts the following statement of overriding considerations to address the unmitigateable land use impact that may potentially occur from approval of the project:

Implementation of the wastewater treatment facilities improvement project would result in the following benefits:

- Improving wastewater quality (advanced wastewater treatment) leading to an improvement of the downstream water quality of Atascadero Creek, Green Valley Creek, and the Russian River.
- Complying with the RWQCB orders to cease from threatening to violate advanced wastewater treatment requirements for the existing wastewater treatment plants.

Providing a means for implementing the land use and social policies stated in the General Plan which includes projected growth.

Increasing the reliability and efficiency of the treatment and disposal systems at both wastewater treatment plants.

In balancing the project's benefits against the potential significant change in land use, the SWRCB finds that the public benefit of the project outweigh the unavoidable impact and, therefore, determines that the impact is acceptable.

- b. Changes or alterations have been required in, or incorporated into the proposed project which avoid or substantially lessen the other potentially significant environmental effects identified in the EIR with respect to the following aspects of the project:
- (1) groundwater quality impacts from potential accumulation and percolation of contaminants will be mitigated by developing monitoring programs in cooperation with the RWQCB and by stripping, scarifying, conditioning and compacting soils at the pond site, or using a liner at the pond site to slow percolation;
 - (2) geology impacts from the potential instability of saturated soils at pond sites will be mitigated by using a liner and complying with RWQCB requirements;
 - (3) potential flooding impacts will be mitigated by maintaining berms around the plant one foot above the 100-year floodplain;
 - (4) water quality impacts of potential sedimentation of the Green Valley and/or Atascadero Creeks will be mitigated by retaining, supplementing, and protecting native vegetation; avoiding disturbance of slopes and drainages outside of the grading area; limiting excavation and grading activities to the dry season; employing energy dissipaters or other suitable erosion control measures where runoff outlets discharge into natural drainages; providing sedimentation ponds for construction runoff into Atascadero Creek; and damming the tributary to Green Valley Creek, if necessary, only when creek flows are low;
 - (5) water quality impacts associated with potential runoff or ponding of recycled water will be mitigated by specifying controls and conditions for use of the water in user agreements; and
 - (6) potential cultural resources impacts will be mitigated by avoidance, covering or capping, data recovery, subsurface testing, empowering an archaeologist to halt construction if necessary, and complying with recommendations from the State Historic Preservation Officer.

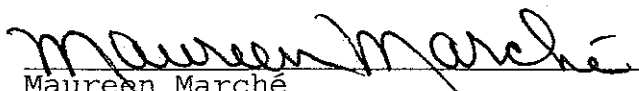
- c. With respect to other potentially significant environmental impacts identified in the environmental documents, appropriate changes or alterations are not within the responsibility and jurisdiction of the SWRCB. Such other changes or alterations have been adopted or should be adopted by other agencies.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The State Water Resources Control Board approves a State Revolving Fund Loan in the amount of \$1.6 million to the Forestville County Sanitation District for the expansion of the Forestville wastewater treatment and disposal facilities (Project No. C-06-4103-110), with a repayment period of twenty (20) years, and the first annual loan repayment due one (1) year after the completion of construction.

CERTIFICATION

The undersigned, Administrative Assistant to the Board, does hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of a resolution duly and regularly adopted at a meeting of the State Water Resources Control Board held on July 21, 1994.



Maureen Marché
Administrative Assistant to the Board