

CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
SAN FRANCISCO BAY REGION

ORDER NO. 79-96

GRANADA SANITARY DISTRICT

ORDER AMENDING BOARD ORDER NO. 77-156 AND
GRANTING ADDITIONAL DISCHARGE TO THE DISTRICT'S
SEWER SYSTEM PURSUANT TO ORDER NO. 77-156

I. FINDINGS

The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Francisco Bay Region, finds that:

- A. On December 17, 1974, the Regional Board adopted Order No. 74-186 (NPDES No. CA0037478) prescribing waste discharge requirements for the discharge by the Granada Sanitary District, hereinafter referred to as the discharger.
- B. On July 15, 1975, the Regional Board adopted Order No. 75-40 to amend Order No. 74-186 to revise the compliance time schedule.
- C. On June 21, 1977, the Regional Board adopted Order No. 77-58 to further amend Order No. 74-186 to revise requirements and compliance time schedules.
- D. On March 20, 1979, this Board adopted Order No. 79-35 (NPDES No. CA0038598) prescribing waste discharge requirements for the discharge by the Sewer Authority Mid-Coastside (SAM), City of Half Moon Bay, Montara Sanitary District and Granada Sanitary District. The discharge of the combined effluent will not commence until the construction of the outfall, interceptors and pump stations are completed. The Order amended the compliance time schedule in Order No. 77-156.
- E. On May 4, 1976, the Regional Board adopted Order No. 76-53, a Cease and Desist Order, including a prohibition on additional discharges to the sewer system, which required the discharger to comply with waste discharge requirements according to a compliance time schedule.
- F. On December 20, 1977, this Board adopted Order No. 77-156, amending Cease and Desist Order No. 76-53 and revising the compliance time schedule.
- G. Order No. 77-156 provided for partial removal of the prohibition and allowance of additional discharges to the District's sewer system upon forthwith achievement and completion of certain specified tasks provided there is no deterioration in compliance time schedule and other limitations.
- H. On January 12, 1979, the Regional Board filed a legal action against SAM, the City of Half Moon Bay, Montara Sanitary District and Granada Sanitary District requesting the court to order them to comply with all existing Regional Board Orders.

- I. On May 10, 1979, the Santa Clara County Superior Court issued a preliminary injunction ordering SAM and all the member agencies to comply with all existing Board Orders.
- J. On July 2, 1979, SAM amended its Joint Power Agreement to indicate its willingness and capability to comply with all Regional Board permit requirement and grant conditions.
- K. On July 12, 1979, the Granada Board adopted Resolution #330 accepting the Coastal Permit Nos. P-79-93, P-79-94, and P-79-95 from the Central Coastal Zone Conservation Commission. These permits are required for the construction of the phase I SAM project.
- L. On July 12, 1979, SAM awarded the construction contract for Unit 1, consisting of the interceptor pipelines. On July 23, 1979, SAM awarded the construction contract for Unit 4, consisting of the outfall and effluent pump stations. The contract for Unit 2, consisting of the remaining pump stations and intertie pipelines necessary for operation of the system, has not been awarded.
- M. The award of the contract for the outfall satisfies one of the tasks specified in CDO No. 77-156 for consideration of partial removal of the prohibition.
- N. Compliance with Time Schedules of Order Nos. 76-53, 77-156 and 79-35 has deteriorated. The non-compliance has been due to the District's delays and unwillingness to comply with the Regional Board's permit requirements and grant conditions. Water quality has been impaired due to increase in mass pollutant loadings to receiving water, thus, causing deterioration in compliance with effluent and receiving water limitations.
- O. The design capacity of the treatment plant is 0.3 mgd. The average dry weather flow for the past two years has been 0.29 mgd.
- P. Beginning July 1978, the District diverted about 30,000 gallons per day of additional discharge into the District's treatment plant. This flow had previously been transported to the Montara Sanitary District facility for treatment and disposal. This action constitutes a violation of the prohibition in Cease and Desist Order Nos. 76-53 and 77-156. The District was notified by the Regional Board Executive Officer on May 3, 1979, of the violation and was requested to cease such discharge. The District has not complied with the request.
- Q. Any increase in flow to the District's sewer system will adversely affect the performance of the treatment units and increase the pollutant loading discharged to the receiving water.
- R. This action is an order to enforce waste discharge requirements previously adopted by the Board. This action is therefore categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Section 15121 of the Resources Agency Guidelines.

- S. Starting at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, August 8, 1979, in the Multi-Use Room of the Alvin S. Hatch Elementary School, Miramontes Street, Half Moon Bay, after due notice to the discharger and other affected persons, a hearing panel of the Regional Board conducted a public hearing at which the discharger appeared and evidence was received concerning the discharge.
- T. Upon the basis of the evidence received, the hearing panel recommended that the Regional Board conditionally grant partial removal of the prohibition of additional discharges to the District's sewer system. The basis for granting added connections is the Award of Construction Contract for the SAM outfall. The Regional Board has independently reviewed the panel hearing record.

II. IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

- A. The prohibition of additional discharges to the sewer system, as provided in Order No. 77-156, is partially removed and the District is allowed additional discharges to the sewer system in an amount not to exceed a flow equivalent of 242 single family dwellings using an average of 240 gallons per day per household. The partial removal of said prohibition is subject to an shall not be effective until the following conditions are satisfied:
- (1) An agreement shall be executed with the Montara Sanitary District, satisfactory to the Executive Officer, for the transportation, measurement, treatment and disposal via the Montara sewerage system of the wastes from all additional connections granted by this Order together with the 30,000 gallons per day of raw sewage which has been diverted into the Granada Sanitary District as cited in paragraph I.P. above &/or commencement of discharge not to exceed 0.3mgd of treated wastewater from Granada Sanitary District's treatment plant through the SAM deep water outfall.
 - (2) A satisfactory plan and commitment shall be submitted to the Executive Officer to improve the treatment efficiency of the plant and decrease the pollutant loadings discharged to the Pacific Ocean.
- B. Paragraph II. E, tasks #1, 2, and 3 of Order No. 77-156 are amended to read as follows:
1. Award construction contracts for interceptors which shall include all conveyance facilities, interties and pumping facilities to transport wastewater flow from Montara and Granada service areas to Half Moon Bay for treatment and/or disposal.
 2. Comply with discharge prohibitions C.1., C.2. and C.3.

I, Fred H. Dierker, Executive Officer, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of an Order adopted by the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Francisco Bay Region, on August 21, 1979.

FRED H. DIERKER
Executive Officer