RESOLUTION No. 78-77

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF HALF MOON BAY GIVING NOTICE OF ITS ABANDONMENT OF THE APPROVED SUB-REGIONAL CONSOLIDATED SEWAGE TREATMENT AND DISPOSAL PROJECT FOR THE GREATER MID-COASTSIDE AREA OF SAN MATEO COUNTY, IN THE EVENT THAT THE PRESENT LEVEL OF ASSURED GRANT FUNDING IS LOST, OR IN THE EVENT THAT THE CITY'S ALLOCATION OF CAPACITY IN THE NEW FACILITIES IS REDUCED TO LESS THAN THE 1.0 MGD PRESENT CAPACITY NOW CONTAINED IN THE CITY'S EXISTING FACILITIES.

WHEREAS: the City of Half Moon Bay did, in 1972 and 1973, invest substantial sums of local taxpayers' money to increase the capacity of its wastewater treatment plant from .3 mgd to 1.0 mgd, and to improve the quality of treatment from primary to secondary, and

WHEREAS: the Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB) did in 1974, establish new NPDES waste discharge requirements for the City's 1.0 mgd treatment plant, with a temporary prohibition of waste discharge into the Pacific Ocean for any amount in excess of .6 mgd only until the City could demonstrate that the point and method of discharge would provide maximum feasible protection of beneficial uses for the full 1.0 mgd designed flows, and

WHEREAS: the City, in conjunction with the Montara and the Granada Sanitary Districts did, in 1976, form the joint powers agency known as the Sewer Authority Mid-coastside (SAM) in order to help achieve a more permanent and sub-regional solution to the greater San Mateo Mid-coastside's collective sewage treatment problems, and

WHEREAS: in compliance with the directives of the RWQCB, the local member agencies of SAM have heretofor invested approximately $1,000,000 of local and grant funds under the Clean Water Grant program to plan and design a consolidated sub-regional sewage treatment and disposal facility with a collective 2.0 mgd capacity, in which the City would retain its existing 1.0 mgd capacity, and

WHEREAS: through the expenditure of a portion of these funds by SAM, an extensive oceanographic study has been completed and accepted by the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB), which demonstrates that the point and method of discharge of the City's existing treated wastewater provides maximum feasible protection of beneficial uses for not only a design flow of 1.0 mgd, but that these same receiving waters are capable of and are now approved by the SWRCB for receiving the discharge of the full 2.0 mgd new sub-regional treatment plant, and

WHEREAS: since 1973, the City's 1.0 mgd treatment plant has been in substantial compliance of all its discharge requirements, and the records of the RWQCB clearly indicate that the plant is fully capable of continuing to meet its discharge requirements without further capacity improvements, and

WHEREAS: the cost to the City of participating in the SAM sub-regional facility is approximately four times what it will cost to make non-capacity improvements in the existing plant in order to assure continuing consistent compliance of all the City's discharge requirements, and

WHEREAS: there is an ill conceived attempt being taken through the California Coastal Zone Conservation Commission to reduce the size of the joint facility to 1.3 mgd after it has already been approved by all agencies under the Clean Water Grant Program for 2.0 mgd, thus seriously affecting its grant eligibility status, and

WHEREAS: a reduction to 1.3 mgd would hardly meet the existing flows of the Montara and Granada Sanitary Districts and would reduce the capacity allocated to the City by more than one-third of its existing capacity,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: that the City Council of the City of Half Moon Bay does hereby clearly state that in the event that the present level of grant assistance is lost, thus increasing the cost of the planned consolidated project to the taxpayers of this community, or in the event that the capacity allocation to the City in the planned consolidated project is reduced below the City's existing 1.0 mgd capacity, then the City of Half Moon Bay, having no viable recourse, will abandon the sub-regional project and concentrate its efforts on maintaining its existing facilities independent of any sub-regional plan to solve the problems of the greater mid-coastside area of San Mateo County, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that copies of this resolution be provided to the following:

1. Sewer Authority Mid-coastside
2. California Coastal Zone Conservation Commission
3. Regional Water Quality Control Board
4. State Water Resources Control Board
5. Association of Bay Area Governments
6. San Mateo County Board of Supervisors
7. Montara Sanitary District
8. Granada Sanitary District

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PASSED AND ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Half Moon Bay, California, on August 31, 1977, by the following votes:

AYES: Cardoni, Mello, Adreveno, Marmont

NOES: None

ABSENT: Alleman

Deputy City Clerk

APPROVED:

Original signed by
Cecil J. Marmont
Mayor