

MINUTES OF JANUARY 20, 2004 LAKE MERCED TASK FORCE WATER COMMITTEE MEETING

The meeting was held at Dick Morten's home and started at approximately 3:30 PM.

The meeting was attended by committee members Dick Allen, Tim Colen, Jerry Cadagan, Mondy Lariz, Dick Morten, John Plummer and Patrick Sweetland. Greg Bartow of the SFPUC sat in as Michael Carlin's alternate. James Grant of the LMTF also attended

1. EDAW Task 4 Technical Memo --- It was agreed that the Water Committee should not attempt to put together consensus Water Committee comments on the EDAW Task 4 Technical Memo. Water Committee members were encouraged to submit their own comments by the recently extended January 30 deadline.
2. Stormwater --- Greg Bartow, Patrick Sweetland and John Plummer summarized the recent meeting with the Regional Water Quality Control Board regarding the pilot stormwater diversion project sponsored by Daly City and the SFPUC. The project sponsors will make a revised submission to the Regional Board. John indicated that some progress had been made regarding his comments on the project, but that he was withholding final judgment and comment until the revised submission had been made and the Regional Board had reacted to it.
3. Groundwater Model --- A draft letter dated January 2, 2004 from SFPUC to Daly City was reviewed and discussed. Patrick and Greg gave assurances that the public will have the opportunity to participate in future proceedings, including the determination of the ultimate model scenarios. It was noted that consideration should be given to using the model in connection with the suggestion that there may be merit to using recycled water to build barriers between (a) the ocean and the aquifer, and (b) Lake Merced and the wells to the south of the lake.
4. Recycled Water and Groundwater Management Plans ----
 - A. Committee members expressed concern that the two plans were not being properly integrated with one another. Greg explained that he was responsible

- B. As noted above, it was generally agreed that the model under revision might be used to study the effects of using recycled water to build barriers.
- C. Tim Colen made a presentation regarding the potential use of small-scale tertiary water treatment plants to provide recycled water to locations such as the SF Zoo, Harding Park and Golden Gate Park. After discussion, it was agreed that Colen and Cadagan would work up a proposed resolution urging SF to study the feasibility of such a program. The proposed resolution will be considered at the next committee meeting.
- D. There was discussion about an apparent policy by SFPUC to not allow its consultants to speak with members of the public in the absence of an SFPUC employee. The Chair pointed out that this issue would not be unique to just the Water Committee and recommended that the Steering Committee consider the matter.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 5:30PM

Minutes prepared and submitted by Jerry Cadagan

PROPOSED RESOLUTION LAKE MERCED TASK FORCE

WHEREAS, the City and County of San Francisco remains as one of the few counties in California without a meaningful water recycling program; and

WHEREAS, the use of recycled water has the potential of being a key part of the solution to the water level and water quality problems at Lake Merced by using recycled water to substitute for potable water that is currently being used for irrigation purposes at locations such as Harding

WHEREAS, The SFPUC and its potential future customers of tertiary recycled water could greatly benefit from the experience gained from a pilot scale or test program by learning to efficiently and safely produce, manage, and distribute tertiary recycled water; and

WHEREAS, there exists a wide technology available in the recycled water field, including small-scale tertiary water treatment plants; and the earliest possible introduction of such a plant in currently available space at San Francisco's Oceanside water treatment plant would be an enormous advance in water management policy for San Francisco,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The Lake Merced Task Force urges the City and County of San Francisco and its Public Utilities Commission to immediately study the feasibility of a program utilizing one or more pilot-scale tertiary water treatment plants to provide tertiary recycled water for irrigation to potentially suitable sites such as Harding Park golf course, the San Francisco Zoo, or Golden Gate Park, thus allowing the potable water currently being used at those locations to be diverted to the Westside Basin and/or Lake Merced.
