

STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD
RESOLUTION NO. 95-18

CONSIDERATION OF STATE AND FEDERAL FUNDING FOR A HIGH COST PROJECT -- NEVADA COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF SANITATION CASCADE SHORES WASTEWATER PROJECT; SMALL COMMUNITY GRANT NO. SCG-150 AND STATE REVOLVING FUND LOAN NO. C-06-4030-110

WHEREAS:

1. The State Water Resources Control Board on December 11, 1990, awarded a Small Community Grant for the Nevada County Department of Sanitation (County) on behalf of the Cascade Shores service area for planning of sewer improvements;
2. The State Water Resources Control Board on November 2, 1992, approved a Small Community Grant for the Nevada County Department of Sanitation (County) on behalf of the Cascade Shores service area for design of sewer improvements;
3. The State Water Resources Control Board on July 22, 1993, approved a State Revolving Fund Loan to finance the local share of the project cost;
4. The proposed project is considered "high cost" pursuant to the high cost criteria contained in the Small Community Grant Policy in that it exceeds the threshold of \$14,000 per household capital cost;
5. Bids were opened and the estimated monthly user charge based on the low bid ranged from \$74 to \$117;
6. The State Water Resources Control Board on November 18, 1993, requested a re-evaluation of the proposed project by the Central Valley Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB) of their requirements, and the County of their local enforcement actions with the intent to determine an affordable project which would meet the RWQCB's water quality objectives;
7. The users of the system have surveyed the service area residents and have accepted monthly operation, maintenance, and debt service fees in the \$50 to \$55 range in writing;
8. The RWQCB has modified their discharge requirements and the County has structured a workable revenue program which would keep the monthly user charge close to \$50;
9. The SWRCB is concerned both about the potentially high monthly charge which may be imposed upon existing users of the project and the potential windfall to owners of currently unoccupied property who may benefit from the availability of sewer service.

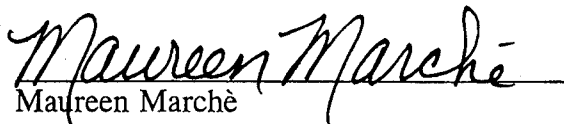
10. Such charges and potential windfalls may be reduced if the County imposes a connection charge on undeveloped lots within the project's service area.
11. The County has adopted a resolution guaranteeing repayment of the SRF loan; and
12. The project is necessary to eliminate the discharge of partially treated effluent and to enable the treatment system to come into compliance with the RWQCB's Cease and Desist Order and current Waste Discharge Requirements.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The State Water Resources Control Board approves a State Small Community Grant to the County of Nevada Department of Sanitation on behalf of the Cascade Shores Service Area for the construction of collection system and treatment plant improvements. The approval of this grant is subject to a condition that the County of Nevada impose a connection fee on all unoccupied lots within the Cascade Shores Service Area at such time as those lots are connected to the project. The fee shall be \$3,000 for those unoccupied lots which have not paid standby or capacity charges and \$1,000 for those unoccupied lots which have paid standby or capacity charges. The fees shall be deposited into an account which shall be used for capital improvements and repairs to the sewer system.

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 April 20, 1995.


Maureen Marchè
Administrative Assistant to the Board