

STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD
RESOLUTION NO. 96-16

APPROVAL OF A STATE REVOLVING FUND (SRF) LOAN FOR THE COUNTY SANITATION DISTRICTS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY, JOINT WATER POLLUTION CONTROL PLANT UPGRADE TO FULL SECONDARY TREATMENT; STATE REVOLVING FUND (SRF) LOAN PROJECT NO. C-06-4001-220

WHEREAS:

1. The State Water Resources Control Board, on February 16, 1995, adopted the "Policy for Implementing the State Revolving Fund for Construction of Wastewater Treatment Facilities";
2. The State Water Resources Control Board, on September 21, 1995, adopted the FFY 1996 SRF Loan Program Priority List which included the County Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County (Districts) Upgrade to Full Secondary Treatment at The Joint Water Pollution Control Plant (JWPCP), in Priority Class B;
3. The Division of Clean Water Programs has approved the project report, environmental documents, draft revenue program, and water conservation plan, for the Districts project; and
4. The Board of Directors of the County Sanitation District No. 2 of Los Angeles County certified an EIR (State Clearinghouse No. 94021011) which has been reviewed and considered, and we have determined that:
 - (a) As stated in the EIR, the project may result in significant and unavoidable impacts with respect to: (1) short-term increases in nitrogen oxide emissions resulting from construction at the JWPCP which would exceed the significance criterion of 2.5 tons of nitrogen oxide emissions per calendar quarter; (2) short-term increases in reactive organic gas emissions resulting from construction at the JWPCP which would exceed the significance criterion of 2.5 tons of reactive organic gas emissions per calendar quarter; (3) short-term increases in PM10 (particulate matter of 10 microns diameter) emissions resulting from construction at the JWPCP which would exceed the significance criterion of 6.75 tons of PM10 per calendar quarter; and (4) the generation of nitrogen oxide emissions from truck transport of biosolids from the JWPCP to disposal and reuse sites could exceed nitrogen oxide thresholds set by the Southern California Association of Governments.

The SWRCB hereby adopts the following statement of overriding considerations to address the unmitigable impacts that may potentially occur from approval of the project:

Implementation of the JWPCP upgrade to full secondary treatment would result in the following benefits: (1) compliance with the Consent Decree, a negotiated court settlement between the Districts, the United States, the State of California, the Natural Resources Defense Council, and Heal the Bay, that requires the Districts to provide full secondary treatment to all Joint Outfall System flows by December 31, 2002; and (2) creation of approximately 22 permanent jobs at the secondary treatment facility operations which would benefit the local economy.

In balancing the project benefits against the potential significant impacts regarding air quality, the SWRCB finds that the public benefits of the project outweigh the unavoidable impacts and therefore determines that the impacts are acceptable.

- (b) Changes or alterations have been required in, or incorporated into the proposed project which avoid or reduce to less than significant levels the other potentially significant environmental effects identified in the EIR with respect to: (i) short-term water quality degradation resulting from construction activities at the JWPCP will be mitigated by preparation and implementation of a storm water pollution prevention plan; (ii) potential for degradation of riparian and marsh habitats resulting from construction at the JWPCP will be mitigated by implementation of a storm water pollution prevention plan; and (iii) potential for degradation of riparian and marsh habitats resulting from increased runoff at the JWPCP will be mitigated by implementation of a storm water pollution prevention plan and marshland management plan.
- (c) With respect to other potential significant environmental impacts identified in the environmental document, 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

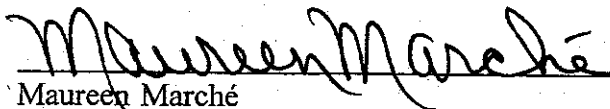
The State Water Resources Control Board:

1. Approves a SRF loan of \$5,000,000, to the County Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County for construction to upgrade the Joint Water Pollution Control Plant to full secondary treatment, with a repayment period of twenty (20) years and the first repayment due one (1) year after completion of construction; and

2. Will withdraw this preliminary SRF loan commitment if biddable plans and specifications for the first construction contract are not approved by the Division of Clean Water Programs by August 31, 1997, for Contract Nos. 2 and 3. It is estimated that there will be at least fourteen equipment purchase and construction contracts. Additional approval dates are set in accordance with the project milestone schedule contained in the Division's facility plan approval letter of December 1, 1995. The Division may approve up to a ninety (90) day extension for any contract for good cause.

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 February 22, 1996.



Maureen Marché

Administrative Assistant to the Board