

**MEMORANDUM  
DEPARTMENT OF FACILITY SERVICES  
COUNTY OF PLACER**

To: **BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

Date: **DECEMBER 11, 2012**

From:  **JAMES DURFEE / BILL ZIMMERMAN** 

Subject: **MID-WESTERN PLACER REGIONAL SEWER PROJECT:  
STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD – PETITION FOR CHANGE**

**ACTION REQUESTED / RECOMMENDATION:**

1. Adopt the attached Resolution authorizing the Director of Facility Services, or his designee, to take all necessary actions to complete the Petition for Change process with the State Water Resources Control Board for the Mid-Western Placer Regional Sewer Project funded through the existing SMD 1 Regional Capital Project Budget.

**BACKGROUND:** Sewer Maintenance District 1 (SMD 1) provides sewer service to approximately 7,900 Equivalent Dwelling Units in the North Auburn area. The SMD 1 Wastewater Treatment Plant (Plant 1) was constructed in 1961 and uses treatment processes that cannot meet regulatory standards included in its current discharge permit with the Regional Water Quality Control Board.

On March 13, 2012, your Board accepted the offer from the City of Lincoln to complete the Mid-Western Placer Regional Sewer Project (Regional Project). The improvements include constructing a pump station with emergency storage at Plant 1, installing a pipeline from Plant 1 to Lincoln, decommissioning Plant 1, and upgrading the Lincoln Wastewater Treatment and Reclamation Facility. Completion of the Regional Project will allow the County to convey wastewater from Plant 1 to the existing Lincoln collection and treatment system. The effluent from Plant 1 constitutes approximately 30% of the flow in Rock Creek.

Prior to decommissioning Plant 1 and ceasing discharge of treated effluent to Rock Creek, the County must submit a Petition for Change and receive approval from the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB). After the SWRCB receives the Petition for Change, they will prepare and post a draft order describing the change and notify the affected water rights holders downstream of Plant 1. After any comments received have been appropriately addressed, and CEQA has been certified by the Board of Supervisors, the SWRCB will hold a hearing to approve the cessation of discharge. In order to initiate that process, staff requests that your Board approve the attached Resolution authorizing the Director of Facility Services, or his designee, to take all necessary actions to complete the Petition for Change process.

**ENVIRONMENTAL CLEARANCE:** Completing the Petition for Change process is not considered a project under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA Guidelines, Section 15378). Lincoln is conducting environmental review for the Regional Project.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** There is a \$1,850 fee due with submission of the Petition for Change and for review by the Department of Fish and Game. Funding for the fee is included in the SMD 1 Regional Capital Project Budget.

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CC: COUNTY EXECUTIVE OFFICE  
ATTACHMENT: RESOLUTION  
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# Before the Board of Supervisors County of Placer, State of California

In the matter of:

Resolution \_\_\_\_\_

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF FACILITY SERVICES, OR HIS DESIGNEE, TO TAKE ALL NECESSARY ACTIONS TO COMPLETE THE PETITION FOR CHANGE PROCESS WITH THE STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD FOR THE MID-WESTERN PLACER REGIONAL SEWER PROJECT.

The following RESOLUTION was duly passed by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Placer at a regular meeting held \_\_\_\_\_, by the following vote on roll call:

Ayes:

Noes:

Absent:

Signed and approved by me after its passage.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Chair, Board of Supervisors

Attest:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk of the Board

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**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors, County of Placer, State of California, the Board authorizes the Director of Facility Services, or his designee, to take all necessary actions to complete the Petition for Change process with the State Water Resources Control Board for the Mid-Western Placer Regional Sewer Project.