

Attachment
Item 17

September 6, 2011 JPA Board Meeting

TO: JPA Board of Directors

FROM: Facilities & Operations

Subject: Pepperdine University Sewage Treatment Service

SUMMARY:

On December 12, 1988, Las Virgenes Municipal Water District (District) and Pepperdine University entered into an agreement for the treatment of up to 100,000 gallons per day of sewage generated south of the Sequit line. The Sequit line bisects the campus and defines the southerly boundary of the water district and sewer district D. The 1988 agreement was the successor of several other agreements dating back to the 1970s for treatment of sewage generated from the south campus. The terms of the agreement provided that Pepperdine could use a portion of the District's "surplus" capacity of its share of Tapia. If the District made a finding that there no longer is surplus treatment capacity available, the agreement would terminate in 18 months.

The temporary nature of the agreement anticipated a "long range and permanent method for disposal of sewage generated by Pepperdine and other Malibu residents," based on the construction of a regional sewer system in the Malibu area constructed by Los Angeles County. It is very unlikely that the county will construct any regional facilities; however they will continue to operate the Malibu Mesa Plant that treats up to 200,000 gallons a day generated by the university and the small housing tract west of the campus.

There is 100,000 gallons of capacity available at Tapia because facilities have been constructed based on the EIR for Regional Facilities Expansion IV and recent Master Plans that anticipated the generation of some sewage from the south slope area of the District. This additional capacity is a portion of the District's capacity, not TSD. In addition, the District has been providing the treatment of this amount of sewage for Pepperdine for at least 30 years. Pepperdine has requested an agreement for permanent treatment of up to 100,000 gallons a day generated from the south campus. The agreement also requires that Pepperdine purchase an equal or greater amount of recycled water, these sales generate wholesale revenue for both parties.

The JPA agreement provides "sewage shall not be accepted from additional areas outside the service boundaries of the parties without the prior written approval of the other party, which shall not be unreasonably, withheld."

RECOMMENDATION(S):

Provide approval for the Las Virgenes Municipal Water District to accept up to 100,000 gallons a day from Pepperdine University from the area south of the Sequit line.

Prepared By: David R. Lippman, Director of Facilities & Operations