



MONTARA WATER AND SANITARY DISTRICT AGENDA

For Meeting Of: **May 18, 2023**

TO: BOARD OF DIRECTORS

FROM: Clemens Heldmaier, General Manager *CH*

**SUBJECT: Review and Possible Action Concerning
Disagreement about Sewer Authority Mid-
Coastside Fiscal Year 2023-2024 General
Budget.**

Last New Year Eve's unprecedented rain events and inflow into the sewer system resulted in the rupture of the Sewer Authority Mid-Coastside (SAM) owned Intertie Pipeline (IPS). SAM was sued over a prior failure of the pipe in 2017 and is required by Consent Decree to replace the pipe by 2024.

Subsequently SAM, with input from its Finance Committee and member agency managers, developed a 2023/2024 budget that contains funds towards the pipe replacement. However, at the SAM April 24 and May 8 meetings the SAM Board was unable to approve the SAM General Budget for Fiscal Year 2023/2024.

The City of Half Moon Bay has stated at the SAM meetings and in a letter from the City Manager that it will only approve the SAM general budget "on the condition that the Montara Force Main Project is removed.

This action puts SAM at risk of having to operate without an approved budget, and further puts its agents at risk of violating a federal consent decree.

RECOMMENDATION:

This item was placed on the agenda to allow the MWSD board to discuss the possible SAM budget failure and take appropriate action.

Attachments