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## **Metropolitan Waste Water Reclamation Project Collection MS-0161**

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**Title:** Metropolitan Waste Water Reclamation Project Collection

**Creator:** Metropolitan Waste Water Reclamation Project

**Identifier/Call Number:** MS-0161

**Physical Description:** 2.50 Linear Feet

**Date (inclusive):** 1952-1967

**Language of Material:** English .

**Scope and Contents**

The *Metropolitan Waste Water Reclamation Project Collection* dates from 1952-1967. It consists solely of paper records, and documents the city's process of determining the best method of waste disposal for San Diego. Included in the collection is the original proposal booklet submitted by Holmes & Navar-Montgomery. This booklet contains the 1958 plan for the treatment and disposal of city sewage into San Diego Bay. Also included are editorials, letters to the editor, and newspaper clippings for and against the city's proposal to dispose of waste water into the ocean off the Point Loma coast.

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**Historical Note**

In 1958 the city of San Diego conducted a study to determine a better way to dispose of sewage. Prior to this study, the city's sewage was disposed of in the San Diego bay, after receiving varying degrees of treatment. The city contracted with the firm of Holmes & Navar-Montgomery to find an alternative to dumping waste in the bay to eliminate potential health and environmental risks.

Holmes & Navar-Montgomery proposed five alternative plans, but after the city completed the initial cost appraisal, it determined that disposing of city waste into the ocean was still the most cost-efficient method of waste management. Another plan provided for a system of interceptor sewers and pumping stations that would end at a new treatment plant in Fort Rosecrans. From this new plant, waste would travel through a multiple port diffuser located about 220 miles under water, and would then be dumped into the ocean approximately 13,000 miles off shore. The estimated cost of this plan was \$41,136,000.

**Accruals**

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**Subjects and Indexing Terms**

Organizational Records

Metropolitan Waste Water Reclamation Project--Archives

Sewage--Environmental aspects--California--San Diego--History--20th century--Sources

Sewage disposal--California--San Diego--History--20th century--Sources

Sewage disposal in the ocean--California--San Diego--History--20th century--Sources

San Diego Bay (Calif.)

Holmes & Navar-Montgomery--History--20th century--Sources

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box 1, folder 1	<b>City of San Diego- Water Reclamation Study for Balboa Park and Mission Bay</b> Folder 1 <b>March 1963</b>
box 1, folder 2	<b>Sewerage Survey- North Coastal San Diego County</b> Folder 2 <b>June 1960</b>
box 1, folder 3	<b>City of San Diego- Oceanographic Conditions Prior to Discharge of Wases from Proposed Disposal System- Final Report</b> Folder 3 <b>1958-59</b>
box 1, folder 4	<b>Holmes and Narver- Montgomery- Basic Plan for the Collection, Treatment and Disposal of Sewage, for the Metropolitan Area San Diego, California</b> Folder 4
box 1, folder 5	<b>Sewerage Survey- Report on the Collection, Treatment and Disposal of the Sewage of Sn Diego County, California</b> Folder 5 <b>September 1952</b>
box 1, folder 6	<b>County of Los Angeles- Future Availability of Water for Irrigation in Southern California</b> Folder 6 <b>ca. 1961</b>
box 1, folder 7	<b>Santee County Water District- Report on the Santee Water Reclamation Project</b> Folder 7 <b>September 1961</b>
box 1, folder 8	<b>State of California- Reclamation of Water Sewage and Industrial Wastes</b> Folder 8 <b>ca. 1954</b>
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