

# City Newsletter



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"There is only one good, that is knowledge;  
there is only one evil, that is ignorance."

... Socrates

## Consolidated Sewerage Program

At long last progress is being made in the sewage treatment plant enlargement phase of the project. Ten good bids were opened by the City Clerk on October 24, 1973. The low bid of \$2,832,800 by Fred J. Early Company of San Francisco was below the engineer's estimate of \$2,890,000 and the City Council awarded the bid on November 13, 1973. This was also within the amount of money allocated by federal and state grants. The contractor will begin work in December and will complete most of the work in about a year.

The remainder of the project, about half the cost, is being handled by the County. This involves pumping stations and a pipeline to convey the sewage from the site of the existing East Cliff Treatment Plant to Santa Cruz. The County is now involved in public hearings and should be ready to call for bids in early spring.

The next phase of the project will be a complete study of the ocean environment in the vicinity of the outfall as well as a study of the type of advanced treatment required to meet federal and state requirements of the future. This study will take about a year and has not yet been funded.

## Street Maintenance Program

The City is going into high gear to implement this year's expanded street maintenance overlay program. For the past eleven years the City has had a small but successful program. Property owners have installed curbs and gutters and sidewalks and then the City has paved the existing street. This year the program is to be more than doubled in size with the addition of \$100,000 from federal revenue sharing funds. It will be necessary to use a new procedure in order to accomplish so much work in the short time left this year. An assessment contract will be awarded to a concrete contractor for all of the work needed on the project and a public hearing will be held by the City Council in February or March of 1974. City forces will then prepare the streets with base rock and utility companies will lower and replace pipelines. A second contractor will surface the streets during June 1974. Hopefully all of the unimproved streets in the city can be completed within five years under this program.