Council OKs 90 percent increase in sewer rates

By Karen N. Smyth
Staff Writer

Sewer rates are going up. The San Luis Obispo City Council voted 3-2 in favor of a resolution Tuesday night that authorizes a 90 percent increase in wastewater rates. The increase will be effective May 1.

San Luis Obispo is under a "cease and desist order" from the California Regional Water Quality Control Board after finding that federal and state wastewater discharge standards were not met as they applied to San Luis creek.

According to Administrative Officer John Dunn, San Luis Obispo had been subject to a heavy fine from the control board. This fine, however, was temporarily suspended because the city "presented a case to the board that demonstrated its seriousness about the problem, and that reasonable progress was being made on an adequate wastewater facility."

On Feb. 16, the council approved an engineering contract for the implementation of the Wastewater Management Plan. The council also directed staff to bring back a wastewater rate increase proposal to fund the contract.

The initial recommendation given Tuesday by staff members to the council called for a "pay-as-you-go" plan. The plan involved an increase of 140 percent or $6.30 per month for single-family homes. This rate would generate approximately $1.3 million between May 1988 and May 1989, which would cover the cost of the engineering contract and begin to address future sewer needs.

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Dean of students appointed

First black woman assigned to position at Poly

By Terry Lightfoot
Staff Writer

For the first time in Cal Poly history, a black woman has been named as the dean of Student Affairs.

Hazel Scott was appointed by Cal Poly President Warren Baker to the post that has been filled on an interim basis by Lorraine Howard. Howard has held the position since the resignation of former dean Russell Brown in March 1987.

Scott served as assistant vice president of Student Academic Affairs at Oklahoma State University for almost five years. Altogether, she has nine years of experience in student affairs.

Vice President of Academic Affairs Malcolm Wilson said, "Naming Scott to the position is a big step forward for Cal Poly." He said Scott was highly recommended by a selection committee, which was formed in October 1987 to conduct the search for a new dean. Scott was named dean in March.

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Drainage of Hetch Hetchy reservoir viable

By David Brower

Although Interior Secretary Donald Hodel was not the first to propose tearing down the O'Shaughnessy Dam, the suggestion came from higher authority than ever before. We can indeed take the dam down in our time, and we can rediscover what we have lost. The speculation of our time, and we can rediscover what we have lost.

Jackson wins in mock vote

By Megan Owings
Staff Writer

A mock election held by the College Republicans received surprising results last week. Jesse Jackson won.

Perhaps the result did not surprise campus Jackson supporters, but it did shock the College Republicans. "It was an interesting turnout," said Scott Baty, treasurer for the club.

There was a total turnaround in results between our last election and this one. Last time (in winter quarter) Bush won. Ninety-five voted for the Democrats, while 133 voted for Republicans."

In the final tally, George Bush received 41 votes and Pat Robertson, three. For the Democrats, Jesse Jackson received 66 votes, Mike Dukakis received 35 and Paul Simon, two.

Fewer people voted at Thursday's mock election than at the one held during last election. See ELECTION, page 6

The following articles will run in the space below throughout the week to promote ecology awareness:

- Offshore oil - by Penny Rappa, city council member
- Water - by Ken Wills, preserve manager
- Central Coast Harbor project - by Elizabeth Scott-Graham, attorney
- Yosemite's Hetch Hetchy Reservoir - by David Brower, founder Earth Island Institute
- Recycling - by Justin Pelley, ECOLO director

The city has 50,000 acre-feet of water storage space downstream at the Don Pedro reservoir that it does not use even, though it's all paid for. This is half again as much as is now stored in Hetch Hetchy Valley.

The city was running out of water at record levels, and it was forced to borrow water from the Tuolumne River to start wearing away the top of the dam, eventually bringing the whole dam down.

The Hodel proposal produced the expected panic in San Francisco. Alarmists (and I can tell one when I see one) warned that the alternative to Hetch Hetchy would be the proposed and deserted Auburn Dam and Peripheral Canal and other adjustments, the cost of which would probably total $6 billion. Mayor Diane Feinstein said the whole idea should be "shredded."

"The mayor understandably did not want San Francisco to lose the $30 million a year from the sale of Hetch Hetchy Project hydroelectricity."

Secretary Hodel, perhaps a bit stunned by San Francisco's abuse, replied that all he wanted to do was study the proposal. We all know how long studies can take, and I would suggest that it is important to get on with the restoration of Hetch Hetchy Valley right away, so that Secretary Hodel and the Reagan Administration can take credit for a major environmental achievement. They need it.

So let's do a cost-benefit analysis of the restoration ourselves, right here. How do we go about it?

First, we have to take the dam down, and we have no experience with dam disassembly. We do know that nature can take down the Teton dam or the San Francisquito dam, for example, and send no bill at all (although the downstream consequences can be quite costly). I would suggest that we turn it over to the freeway builders. They make a practice of moving, or rather removing, mountains whenever the mountains are in the way of automobiles. A concrete mountain should present no insuperable obstacles. Failing that, try the Army Corps of Engineers; charge the cost to the Department of Defense. Second, where will San Francisco get substitute water? The fact is, the city will not need any. The city has 500,000 acre-feet of water storage space downstream at the Don Pedro reservoir that it does not use even, though it's all paid for. This is half again as much as is now stored in Hetch Hetchy Valley. More water will be available because it would not be wasted through evaporation from a reservoir that no longer exists. True, and evaporation will occur at Don Pedro, but there will still be a net gain in...
New hope in the sunrise of life

The multitudes headed for the top the mountain, having traveled near and far to reach this holy destination. On the long, tiring, uphill climb, we were aware of the early hour from the chill in our bones, but we were energized on the meaningful journey. We would stop moving, pausing to take a breath. Turning around we were overcome with awe as we viewed the fog-enshrouded valley that lie sleeping beneath our path.

Just as we reached the top, the sun's rays began to glow above the horizon, illuminating the sky and hills. The day was awakening and a new spring was here, illustrating life's newness and promise. This morning was particularly special for the hundreds who gathered atop Madonna Mountain to celebrate Easter Sunday in a sunrise service.

We gathered to hear the promise of new life through old, of hope and faith. We were from different backgrounds, different regions and different church denominations, yet there we stood together.

On the same day across the Atlantic, the Israelis and Palestinians were facing each other in a bloody confrontation, battling on the very ground on which Christ taught the multitudes peace and love almost 2,000 years ago. Israeli troops killed six Palestinians in the worst tragedy since the ongoing uprising began over four months ago. The Holy Land was full of hate and death, not hope for life.

Hate not only manifested itself overseas, but also in our own backyard. On Good Friday, Los Angeles teens were the scene of another one of the city's worst gang-related shootings. A 20-year-old woman was killed and 12 others wounded, including a 4-year-old boy.

Also on my mind were those who direct others in God's plan with fire and brimstone messages. Brother Jim Swaggart was back after disappointing his large following a few weeks ago, when he confessed with a quivering chin and tear-stained eyes to a secret that he had hidden against God and his brethren.

Not only did Swaggart lead the pack in denouncing Jim Bakker's sinful acts with his secretary (remember that virgins who recently appeared in Playboy?), but he too got his hand caught in the cookie jar. He was shown on film with a lady of the evening, but unfortunately for him it was in the afternoon.

This Easter was a landmark day for me because it was the first time I spent a holiday away from my family. Anticipating self-pity, I thought the trek up the mountain would do me a lot of good — if I wasn't going to have a traditional Easter, at least it would be something new.

When we began our climb I was not thinking about the tumultuous world around me, for I was absorbed by a feeling of humility and wonder at the world below me. The weariness I felt at 5 a.m. soon was replaced with a charge felt by all who made the pilgrimage to the cross atop the peak.

To many that cross represented Christ's sacrifice for others to be saved, a beginning. Some even saw it as the place where they would have eternal life and peace and rest.

Wherever there was a unity among us, we seemed to each other as senior citizens, college students, children, parents and couples. I was passed by elderly couples walking slowly. Families were intermixed with college students, a rare experience for those from Cal Poly.

People were talking and laughing with both old acquaintances and new. A 7-year-old boy named Christopher blond past everyone, not able to make his young legs go fast enough. I don't know if he found his lot or if they ignored others with him (probably not; they were from L.A.), but he continued to be held behind. In his innocence he talked to everyone, but wouldn't pause to see the view because he was "going up to the cross!"

Easter Sunday taught us that out of suffering comes hope. That was vividly demonstrated on that spring day. A day I thought I'd try to forget turned out to be the most wonderful day of my life.

Marianne Biasotti, a journalism junior, is in her second quarter as a Mustang Daily reporter.
Changes in tax laws could affect many students
Scholarships now taxable if not needed for tuition

By Herod Lowery

It's been said death and taxes are life's two inevitabilities, and while death can occur anytime, taxes always occur at the same time — April 15. Congress passed a substantial tax reform bill in October 1986, claiming to end the loopholes that supposedly allowed wealthy taxpayers to escape paying taxes and to remove the poor (people with income of less than $10,000) from the tax rolls.

College students, long out of favor with the Reagan Administration, have been hit with a double whammy under the tax reform bill. Previously, financial aid in the form of grants and scholarships was not considered taxable income, and the interest paid on Guaranteed Student Loans was tax deductible, just like all consumer interest. Under the new law, scholarships and grants not used for tuition expenses are now taxable income. And only 65 percent of the interest on a student loan is deductible, again following the pattern of other consumer interest.

Even this interest deduction will disappear in the next few years, and eventually the only interest deductible from income will be home mortgage interest -- a deduction available to few college students.

For full-time students younger than 19, or those older than 19 but still claimed as dependents on their parent's tax return, the new tax law doesn't have much effect. The parents get a $1,900 exemption, deducted from income before taxes, for each child under 19, or for full-time college students who receive all or a substantial part of their income from their parents.

Of course, this parental exemption does not free a student from filing a tax form for any income received. Single students who work and have taxes deducted from their paycheck generally can file Form 1040EZ, a simple, one-page form that does not allow for deductions except for a $25 charitable donation.

Students claimed as dependents on their parents' tax return are allowed to make up to $2,540 without paying federal income taxes, while independent students have a ceiling of $4,400 before taxes are due. In either case, if a student does not have income above their respective limits, he can file for a refund of all incomes taxes already paid.

State taxes are paid with a similar form. If the student is a renter there is a state renter's credit of $60 for single students, $130 for married ones. This renter's credit is available even if the student had no income or earned money but paid no taxes, in which case the renter's credit will be a straight refund check.

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State may change
Montana de Oro’s
sheltered nature

Plan calls for drive-in fee, extra parking, campsites, tree removal, more trails, in an area which has seen little building since 1964

By James Welch, Staff Writer

The park gets its name, "Mountain of Gold," from the color of its abundant spring wildflowers and the south-facing slopes of golden dry grass. In it are found rugged cliffs, secluded sandy beaches, coastal plains, year-round flowing streams in wooded canyons and scrub-covered hills dotted with coastal live oak and bishop pine.

There are just some of the scenes at Montana de Oro State Park. Scenes that may soon be changing. The State Department of Parks and Recreation has drafted a preliminary general plan which outlines its ideas of how to run the park for the future.

There are also preliminary general plans for Morro Bay State Park, Los Osos Oaks State Reserve, Atascadero State Beach and Morro Strand State Beach. The Parks Commission will hold a public meeting June 10 at 9 a.m. at The Inn at Morro Bay to hear the plans for the state parks and to decide whether or not to approve them.

Some parts controversial

The general plan for Montana de Oro documents the planning process, summarizes the information collected in the park and relevant data used in making land use decisions, and recommends resource management policies and appropriate development.

Parts of the plan for Montana de Oro, however, have become controversial. The state wants to acquire Pecho Valley Road, the only vehicle access into the park, to establish a park entrance and contact station.

With the construction of a contact station, the state will be able to collect entry fees for daytime use of the park. There is a proposed $3 per vehicle-use fee, said David Sears, parks department district superintendent.

"The concept is not new," said Sears. "The state has been proposing for years that the California state parks now have a day-use fee, and there is already an overnight and camping fee at Montana de Oro.

John W. Chestnut of San Luis Obispo said he opposes the fee and that it would discourage his use of the park. He and other opponents have collected hundreds of signatures on petitions asking the state to withdraw the fee proposal.

"I probably won’t use the park as much as I would like to," said Todd Kennedy, a Cal Poly stu-
dent and frequent visitor of Montana de Oro. "Students don’t usually have extra money on hand and sometimes $3 is the difference between dinner or no dinner."

But visitors who arrive with empty wallets may sometimes be able to visit Montana de Oro and still eat dinner afterward.

"If park-goers walk or bike in, there is no charge," said Sears. "And we won’t always be able to have the station attended, so if your timing is right, there won’t be a drive-in fee either."

An annual pass will be available to frequent park users. The fee will be $40 and the pass will be valid at any state park. Obsolete passes will be put back into the state’s general fund, not the parks department budget.

Eucalyptus removal

Another controversial general plan proposal is to remove many of the eucalyptus trees in the park.

The plan calls for "control and eradication of exotic species except where perpetrated for special management purposes." The eucalyptus trees are not indigenous to the Central Coast and their removal falls under provisions of the plan.

There is opposition to the proposed removal because of the aesthetic value of the trees, which have been a part of the park’s landscape for many years. But a Cal Poly botany professor voiced another opinion.

"Native trees are beautiful too," said Malcolm McLeod, a Cal Poly biology professor. "And unless you get rid of the exotic trees you never know what would grow there."

McLeod explained that eucalyptus trees, although they are aesthetically pleasing, contain what are known as allelopathic chemicals. These chemicals tend to inhibit growth of any other plant life in the same area. This has prevented the indigenous life to grow in Montana de Oro.

According to McLeod, the eucalyptus trees in the park were originally planted for two reasons: First, it was thought that they would make the park look full and attract more visitors to what would otherwise be a barren place; second, there were plans to use the wood for railroad ties, and even attempts to use them to make ethyl alcohol, McLeod said.

McLeod, whose emphasis is on rare plants, said that there are a couple of rare indigenous species found in the park. One is the Morro Bay manzanita, the other is called the mountain balm. He believes that if it weren’t for the eucalyptus, these rare species would be much more plentiful.

The general plan, however, contains more of just a proposal for an entry fee and what to do with the eucalyptus trees. The parks department will also concern itself with natural resources, land use, facilities of the park, and environmental impact.

The plan calls for evaluations of the natural and cultural resources of the park and will set policies for the protection, restoration, and use of these resources. The department will also be responsible for a description of current land use and for making decisions on future use which will consider with the resource policies.

Some of the existing facilities in the park will be subject to further development in order to enhance public use of the park. According to the Facilities Element of the general plan, the parks department will be required to turn in proposals for each of the facilities that they plan to develop.

There is also an Environmental Impact Element of the general plan. It will serve as the environmental impact report of the park, which is required by the California Environmental Quality Act. The report will assess the environmental effects of all the proposed work.

More changes planned

Some specific plans of the parks department will be to eliminate existing roadside parking on Pecho Valley Road at Hazard Canyon and to develop a new 80 to 100-car beach access parking area and comfort station south of Hazard Canyon and to improve the existing trail access to the beach. The parking, camping and water system at the Hazard Canyon Horse Camp will be improved, and comfort stations provided if the plan is adopted.

The plan also calls for a new 50-75 unit family campground and campfire center and a 20-site day-use picnic area.

Plans for Spooner Cove include improvement of existing facilities and beach access routes, and a parking area. A comfort station with a changing room and cold outdoor shower would be provided, the current 15 picnic sites increased to 25, and disabled access to the beach created.

Additional riding and hiking trails would also be provided, and the California Coastal Trail link would be established. If it is feasible, bicycle access along Pecho Valley Road would be provided.

Montana de Oro State Park was established in 1964. Other than a primitive, "immediate public use" campgrounds constructed shortly afterward, no permanent facilities have been developed.

In recent years, however, resource issues and management have been demanding. The regional recreation demand has increased to the point that the general plan was developed to define and resolve issues affecting the park, and to establish guidelines for resource management, land use, development, operation, interpretation and acquisition for the next 20 years.

General plans are prepared to guide future management and development of state parks. The general plan must satisfy certain requirements of the Public Resource Code, and its approval by the California State Park and Recreation Commission is required before any development in the park that would permanently affect natural or cultural resources can take place.
DEAN

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"I have an open-door policy and I am receptive to students and faculty who want to come by," Scott said.

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ELECTION

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"What may have happened is that the Republicans saw the results, felt good about them and didn't really come out to vote this last time," said Bay.

"On the other hand, it may have gotten the Democrats fired up about voting and so there was an overwhelming response on the part of the people," Bay said in Thursday's election there was almost a 2-1 ratio of Democrats to Republicans. He said there was more of a random selection in the first mock election. The second election created a "rally" effect, not representing a true feeling on campus, according to Bay.

Doug Rech, president of College Republicans, said he felt his first election represented Cal Poly's views, which in turn reflects the national views.

Shara Peters, vice president of the Young Democrats, said Thursday's results are encouraging.

But "Mock polls are only an indication," Peters said. "The accuracy of it is questionable."

Lisa Radon, president of the Young Democrats, said of mock polls, "I could get really excited about the results, since it would validate me on the January election, but I can't," Radon said. "The reason that the polls were so inaccurate. They are very unscientific, they aren't a poll for nothing, I do feel, though, that it reflects what happened at Cal Poly in general.

"For a long time the College Republicans were very visible and very organized, which led us to believe that this campus is strictly Republican."

To all of them, welcome back.

URGE the National Park Service to begin working on a master plan for the former Hetch Hetchy Valley right away. Get it to the public for suggestions.

Above all, feel blessed that you are able to watch all this happen, and that your children may even have a hard time finding the world as we know it on the valley walls. Trees and shrubs that have become addicted to the lodges with no fear of beingoug asp to steep slopes will be able to grow to spruce, firs and hemlocks. Pines and other conifers know how to roll seeds downhill, so there will be a full crop of pine, firs and hemlocks. Lichen could possibly grow ponds and the animals of the old bad rhubarb hills, and lichen will soften the earth in the old bad rhubarb.

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Sure, it will cost something to take the dam down, but not anything like $6 billion. San Francisco has a debt to the nation.

"The city's total revenue has far exceeded the cost of the facilities to produce it. While San Francisco had a free ride, the cost has been substantial to the people who have been denied the enjoyment of Hetch Hetchy Valley for all this time.

"In fact, one of the Great Depression's actions was the development of an effective Student Affairs department, she said.

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water available.

Third, how about the hydropower revenue? No question about it, less electricity will be produced. Without the dam, most of the river's peak flow will be lost to power generation. The capacity to utilize that much water at once, and could the market absorb that much power? Moreover, there is nothing quite so nice as a reservoir full of water with a valve below it, to produce electricity in unbridled use.

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Softball swept in doubleheader by Fresno State

The Cal Poly women's softball team just couldn't generate an offense Tuesday and was swept for the second time in Division I powerhouse Fresno State. The Mustangs, who ranked sixth in the nation, shut out the Lady Bulldogs 4-0 and 2-0 in the non-league doubleheader. Cal Poly's overall record now drops to 22-16-1, and it is California Collegiate Athletic Association record remains at 6-6. The team is ranked 12th in the nation in Division II and fourth in the Western Region.

In the first game, Cal Poly managed to come up with one hit—a single by Cheryl Lata. Mustang pitcher Michelle Sorci went the full seven innings, holding the Bulldogs to two runs off three hits. Laura Fawcett came in to relieve in the sixth and didn't give up a hit. The Mustangs scattered three hits in the game.

The翥e team swept the weekend and will face Cal State Norridge and UC Riverside the next weekend in league matches.
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