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**MONTEREY REGIONAL
WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT**
Home of the Last Chance Mercantile

**MONTEREY REGIONAL WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

Friday, 9:30 a.m.
May 24, 2019

MRWMD Boardroom
14201 Del Monte Blvd., Monterey County, CA

MEMBERS PRESENT: Carrie Theis (Chair), City of Carmel-by-the-Sea Councilmember
Jason Campbell (Vice Chair), City of Seaside Councilmember
Gary Bales, City of Pacific Grove
Leo Laska, Pebble Beach Community Services District Director
Jane Parker, (Unincorporated) Monterey County Board of Supervisors Chair (District 4)
Bruce Delgado, City of Marina Mayor
Dennis Allion, City of Del Rey Oaks
Jerry Blackwelder, City of Sand City Vice Mayor
Dan Albert, City of Monterey Councilmember

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Tim Flanagan, General Manager
Rob Wellington, Legal Counsel
Jeff Lindenthal, Director of Communications & Sustainability
Peter Skinner, Director of Finance & Administration
Clyde Walkup, Materials Recovery Facility Manager
David Ramirez, Senior Engineer
Garth Gregson, Accounting Manager
Glen Evett, Last Chance Mercantile/Hazardous Materials Manager
Kacey Christie, Safety & Risk Manager
Scott Messier, Landfill Operations and Landfill Gas Systems Manager
Ron Mooneyham, Equipment Maintenance Manager
Rosa Marcel, Assistant Accounting Manager
Kimberle Herring, Public Education and Outreach Coordinator
Angela Goebel, Public Education and Outreach Specialist

OTHERS PRESENT: Ted Terrasas, City of Monterey
Bill Peake, City of Pacific Grove
Brian McMinn, City of Marina
Mike Niccum, Pebble Beach Community Services District
Bill Parsons
David Myers
William Merry
Dan Albert, Sr.

ROLL CALL AND ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

Notice duly given and presence of a quorum established, the May 24, 2019 Regular Meeting of the Monterey Regional Waste Management District Board of Directors was called to order by Chair Theis at 9:00 a.m.

CLOSED SESSION

The Board met in closed session at 9:02 a.m. on the following matters:

1. Conference with Labor Negotiators:
District Negotiators: Tim Flanagan, Peter Skinner, Timothy Brownell, and Berta Torres
Employee Organizations: Operating Engineers and Management Employees
2. Conference with Legal Counsel - Anticipated Litigation
Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to paragraph (2) or (3) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9: (One Case)

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION WITH ANY REQUIRED ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM CLOSED SESSION

The Board came back into open session at 10:00 a.m. Legal Counsel announced that in closed session the Board considered each of the two items listed on the closed session agenda, received information from staff on each matter, and that no reportable action was taken.

PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS

There were no public communications.

General Manager introduced the new Landfill Operations and Landfill Gas Systems Manager Scott Messier. Scott addressed the Board and provided them with information about himself. He was excited to be a part of the District.

CONSENT AGENDA

Chair Theis requested Item 8 be pulled from the consent agenda for discussion under the recognition for Director Bales.

Following a motion by Director Allion, seconded by Director Laska, the Board unanimously approved Consent Agenda Items 1-7.

- 1) Approve Minutes of April 19, 2019 Regular Board Meeting.
- 2) Approve Report of Disbursements, and Board and Employee Reimbursements.
- 3) Receive Report on May 8, 2019 Finance Committee Meeting.
- 4) Receive Report on May 8, 2019 Personnel Committee Meeting.
- 5) Approve Labor & Services Contract with Balance Staffing for Temporary Staffing Services.
- 6) Adopt Resolution 2019-04 Proclaiming May 19-25, 2019 as National Public Works Week.
- 7) Adopt Resolution of Appreciation (2019-05) for Retiring Materials Recovery Facility Operator Saulo Delgado.

PRESENTATIONS**9) Resolution 2019-04 Proclaiming May 19-25, 2019 as National Public Works Week**

Brian McMinn, Director of Public Works for the City of Marina, addressed the Board on behalf of the American Public Works Association and expressed appreciation for the Board's recognition of National Public Works Week. He stated that the APWA – Monterey Bay Chapter had awarded the District's Materials Recovery Facility the Project of Year award. He also expressed appreciation to Senior Engineer David Ramirez for his active participation in the APWA.

10) Resolution of Appreciation (2019-05) for Retiring Materials Recovery Facility Operator Saulo Delgado

Sal Delgado was not present at the meeting; the Board wished him well in retirement.

11) Small Planet News: 2019 CSUMB Artist in Residence Program at Last Chance Mercantile

Public Education and Outreach Specialist Angela Goebel provided the Board with information about the three students who had participated in the fourth year of the District-sponsored Artist in Residence program in collaboration with CSUMB, which helps to provide creative messaging of the challenges of reuse and recycling. The three Visual and Public Arts students Gabrielle Arballo, Jaqueline Marquez, and Beau Thomas had exhibited their work at the Last Chance Mercantile on May 1st.

OTHER ITEMS FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION, DISCUSSION AND ACTION**12) Approve Purchase of Nine (9) Double-Wall Tanks from Burlingame Engineers, Inc. of Concord, CA in an Amount Not-To-Exceed \$232,000 Including Freight and Sales Tax**

The Board reviewed a memorandum from Director of Engineering Guy Petraborg recommending the purchase of nine double wall storage tanks for leachate and condensate needed for the landfill.

It was moved by Director Parker, seconded by Director Albert and Unanimously Carried To: Approve Purchase of Nine (9) Double-Wall Tanks from Burlingame Engineers, Inc. of Concord, CA in an Amount Not-To-Exceed \$232,000 Including Freight and Sales Tax.

13) Accept Summary Progress Report on the Collaborative Memorandum of Understanding with Salinas Valley Solid Waste Authority

The Board reviewed a progress report summarizing areas identified for collaboration with SVSWA to improve the efficiency of the solid waste management system in Monterey County to minimize costs, increase recycling and diversion, and to reduce waste disposal quantities. General Manager stated that SVSWA is in the process of developing an agreement about organics processing and construction & demolition which will be brought back to the Board for approval.

It was moved by Director Albert, seconded by Director Allion and Unanimously Carried To: Accept Summary Progress Report on the Collaborative Memorandum of Understanding with Salinas Valley Solid Waste Authority.

14) Adopt Preliminary Budget for Fiscal Year 2019/20

The Board reviewed the Preliminary Budget for Fiscal Year 2019/20. Director of Finance & Administration stated that a few minor modifications had been made to the version provided to the Finance Committee and the Personnel Committee. He provided a budget overview and stated that the major budget elements were keeping operating costs and staffing substantially unchanged, introducing new Materials Recovery Facility (MRF) fee categories, eliminating recyclables credit, and deferring further disposal fee increases. The outcome of labor negotiations and MRF processing price were two pending items, although presumed costs had been included in the Preliminary budget. He reviewed with the Board a Forecasted Income Statement, Sources of Revenue, Personnel Expenses, Operating Expenses, and Total Capital Outlay Forecast. Staff was not recommending any tip fee increases other than changes to the minimum charge for solid waste and yardwaste. The budget adds fees for MRF processing and eliminates the recycling credit currently set at \$40 per ton for each participating jurisdiction.

Board discussion followed regarding the Preliminary budget, which staff answered and clarified. The Board also asked questions regarding the elimination of the recycling credit and the impact to rate payers. Director of Finance and Administration stated that the impact was comparable to what it would have been had staff recommended a 10% increase to the tipping fee as staff had indicated during last year's strategic planning retreat.

It was moved by Director Bales, seconded by Director Allion and Unanimously Carried To: Adopt Preliminary Budget for Fiscal Year 2019/20.

15) Schedule a Public Hearing for June 21, 2019 to Consider:

- a) **Increases to Solid Waste and Yardwaste Minimum Charges Effective July 1, 2019; and**
- b) **Elimination of \$40.00 Per Ton Single Stream Recycling Credit and Setting Rate at \$0.00 Per Ton for FY 2019/20 Effective July 1, 2019.**

It was moved by Director Laska, seconded by Director Allion and Unanimously Carried To: Schedule a Public Hearing for June 21, 2019 to Consider Increases to Solid Waste and Yardwaste Minimum Charges and Elimination of \$40.00 Per Ton Single Stream Recycling Credit and Setting Rate at \$0.00 Per Ton for FY 2019/20 Effective July 1, 2019.

STAFF REPORTS**16) Review Finance, Operating, and Recycling Reports**

The financial statements and operating reports for April 2019 were reviewed by the Board. Accounting Manager Garth Gregson also provided further background on the District's financial performance.

17) Report on Public Education Outreach

Director of Communications & Sustainability Jeff Lindenthal provided the Board with a memorandum summarizing two recent Earth Day events and a historical document on early efforts of glass recycling, compiled following a chance meeting with former District Board member Mike Brown.

GENERAL MANAGER COMMUNICATIONS

General Manager reported on recent discussions with Cal-Am regarding their preliminary plans for utilization of District property and easements both pre and post construction. District staff and M1W staff communicated the challenging nature of the construction of such a facility on respective sites and potential impacts to operations and customers. Staff will report back to the Board as the Cal-AM project moves forward.

BOARD COMMUNICATIONS

Director Delgado commented that he organizes monthly clean-up along Lapis Road and that it does not appear to be enough. He stated that the District is listed as an adopter of a stretch of Del Monte Boulevard and requested District staff consider alternatives to try and assist in keeping the Lapis Road area clean.

RECOGNITION OF GARY BALES FOR 50 YEARS OF SERVICE**8) Adopt Resolution of Appreciation (2019-06) Commending Board Member Gary Bales for 50 Years of Service to the District.**

Chair Theis stated that she was not aware of anyone who has been dedicated to one organization as Director Bales. He has served on the Board since 1969 and had served as Chair and Vice Chair, as well as on the Finance Committee and the Personnel Committee. His input on the District's finances has been invaluable.

General Manager commended Director Bales for his vision and guidance to the District and thanked him on behalf of District staff for his unsurpassed efforts in being involved on a Board level as well as engaging with employees by attending employee events.

Board members individually expressed their appreciation to Director Bales. Director Allion thanked him for being a mentor and commented that having him on the Finance Committee was invaluable because of his historical perspective. Director Campbell stated that they all chose to serve the public and with all the complaints about government, the District maintained a good image and he thanked Director Bales for that. He stated that Director Bales gave all of them a good name.

Director Parker commented that it was a pleasure to serve with Director Bales. The District was one of the most enjoyable boards that she served on and a lot of it was based on what Director Bales transmitted over the years, balancing long term vision and innovation, and his ability to keep everyone focused, while taking care of the ratepayers. She especially appreciated his welcoming, gracious calm demeanor, setting the tone for the meetings and allowing for good thorough discussion of the issues.

Director Delgado stated that California was a big state and as far as anyone knows, there has been no one who has surpassed 50 years of service. He thanked Director Bales for his contributions. Director Albert expressed that he has been involved in many boards and has never heard of anyone staying on any one Board for 50 years. He congratulated Director Bales for his consistency and looked forward to serving with Director Bales in future years. Director Blackwelder stated that it has been a pleasure serving with Director Bales on the District Board.

Director Allion retired from the meeting at 11:27 a.m.

Former General Managers Bill Parsons, David Myers, and William Merry also commented on Gary's 50 years of service and expressed appreciation for Gary's input during their service. He had been an integral part of the District on the District's operations and finances helping to keep the District and staff on point. It had been a pleasure to work with Director Bales.

City of Pacific Grove Mayor Bill Peake addressed the Board and stated that he wondered how many mayors over the years had reappointed Director Bales. He stated that the City would also be recognizing Director Bales for this wonderful achievement and thanked him for his service to the community.

Former Board member and Mayor of Monterey Dan Albert, Sr. addressed the Board and stated the he had served on many regional boards. The District was a truly a great regional board and he thanked Director Bales for his leadership and vision to make the District a great regional organization.

Chair Theis once again thanked Director Bales for his service. She suggested an amendment of the resolution to permanently remind everyone of Director Bales' dedication and service and that the Board room should be named in honor of Director Bales.

It was moved by Chair Theis, seconded by Director Parker and Unanimously Carried To: Adopt Resolution of Appreciation (2019-06) Commending Board Member Gary Bales for 50 Years of Service to the District, as Amended with the Language "and as a permanent reminder of his dedication and service to the District, hereby designates the District Board Room as The Gary W. Bales Board Room".

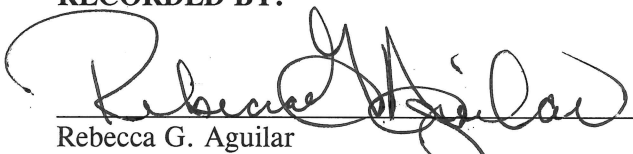
Director Bales provided background on the District formation and his participation since 1969 as then City Manager of Pacific Grove. He recognized all general managers of the District for being excellent managers and leading the District. Recycling had changed over the years and he is proud of the District being the first named "Best Solid Waste System in North America" and setting the standard. He thanked the City of Pacific Grove past mayors and councils for reappointing him, and all past and present board members. He recognized District Legal Counsel Rob Wellington for being with the District since 1973. He thanked all the men and women who work for the District and stated that he planned to remain on the Board for the foreseeable future.

Chair Theis presented Director Bales with the plaque that would be permanently placed in the Board room that would be hereby referred to as the "Bales Board Room". He was also presented with a clock in recognition of his 50-year anniversary.

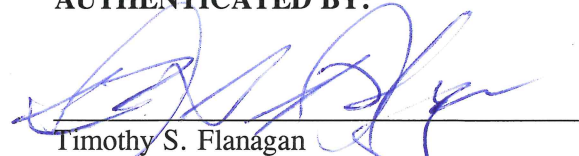
ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board at this time, the May 24, 2019 Regular Meeting of the Monterey Regional Waste Management District Board of Directors was adjourned by Chair Theis at 11:43 a.m. to a reception in honor of Director Bales.

RECORDED BY:


Rebecca G. Aguilar
Executive Assistant/Clerk of the Board

AUTHENTICATED BY:


Timothy S. Flanagan
General Manager/Secretary