

**Monterey Regional Waste Management District  
Technical Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes  
August 28, 2019**

**Cost Based Rate Adjustment, Update from Rob Hilton**

Rob Hilton began the meeting by updating the TAC on the status of the cost-based rate adjustment with GreenWaste Recovery. HF&H is still waiting for route hours and subscription data to be provided. Overall, the process is taking much longer than expected and Rob and his team have experienced delays in receiving timely responses to the submittals and inquiries to GWR.

Rob Hilton stated that the entire cost-based rate submittal package needs to be complete by September 20 and that the earliest rate adjustments will be implemented is January 1, 2020. Rob reminded the TAC that GWR was notified that due to delays there will be no retroactive rate increases. However, if a jurisdiction has a rate decrease, that shall be applied retroactively effective 7/1/19.

The TAC representatives expressed concern with the continued delays and requested that HF&H draft a letter template noticing the contract and liquidated damage provisions that the member agencies can transmit to formally document their concerns with the process. They could have liquidated damages of \$250 per day per each jurisdiction for 6 months. Rob Hilton will look at the GWR labor agreements to see what they arrived on for cost of living increases for the next four years. Rob Hilton will also personally discuss the TAC concerns with GWR ownership.

**GreenWaste Recovery Public Education and Outreach & Quarterly Reports**

The TAC then discussed contract education and outreach activities along with reporting requirements. In filing the CalRecycle Electronic Annual Reports for 2018, which were submitted prior to the August 1 deadline, MRWMD and City staff experienced challenges when requesting data from GWR to include in the reports. After Carmel staff brought the reporting requirements in the contract to the attention of GWR staff, the requested data was provided. The TAC agreed to form an education and outreach subcommittee, with staff from Marina, Carmel and Pebble Beach participating, to review the education and outreach activity being performed under the franchise agreements in more detail. They will compare the budget for public education from the original contract submission to the labor and expenditures that are currently in review for the rate adjustments. Tim Flanagan also suggested that the TAC might hire a contract compliance auditor to review GWR's compliance with the entire franchise agreement.

The tonnage data for the GreenWaste reports is inaccurate, and they appear to be understaffed to research the errors. This information is important for CalRecycle reports of tons per person per day and the allocation of tonnage between jurisdictions.

**Update on 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual MRWMD Recycling Characterization Study**

MRWMD staff updated the TAC on the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual characterization of incoming single stream recycling loads conducted during July. The results of this study will provide statistically significant profiles of recycling and contamination by jurisdiction for both residential and commercial generators. Waste

Management's contamination and overflow artificial intelligence technology is expected to have had a positive impact on the Unincorporated County area. Staff expects the draft report to be ready to take to the Board in September.

Rob Hilton then briefed the TAC on the SB1383 rulemaking process and the recent workshop his firm conducted for public agencies. There have been significant changes in the law focused on contamination management protocols. There are also new performance-based monitoring and sorting requirements for garbage, recycling and organics. An analysis by the South Bayside Waste Management Authority found that they would need 2 sorters working full time to meet these requirements from the 12 jurisdictions they serve. Rob mentioned that the exemptions to 1383 may be finalized to include jurisdictions with a population less than 7500 or generating less than 5000 tons of disposal annually.

### **Other MRWMD Updates**

The MRWMD was approved in August and has a \$900,000 surplus by year end. There has not been much movement on the negotiations with Salinas Valley Recycles; there is currently only a proposed exchange of organics for construction and demolition debris processing. The anaerobic digester has information coming; talks are in process with Zero Waste Energy. MRWMD might take advantage of the extra digester at the Monterey One Water in the future with the organics that comes out of the packing houses. Food waste collection will also have to expand from the farmers markets to residential. Pacific Grove is looking at adding more collection points throughout the week at city facilities.

It is anticipated the next meeting of the TAC to discuss finalizing the cost-based rate review process will be scheduled in early November.