



Memorandum

MONTEREY REGIONAL WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

DATE: April 10, 2020
TO: Board of Directors
FROM: General Manager
SUBJECT: Agenda Information for the April 17, 2020 Board Meeting

CALL TO ORDER AT 9:00 A.M. (PLEASE NOTE EARLIER START TIME)

ROLL CALL AND ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS

Anyone wishing to address the Board on matters *not* appearing on the *Authority* Agenda may do so now. *Please limit comments to a maximum of three (3) minutes.* The public may comment on any other matter listed on the agenda at the time the matter is being considered by the Board.

CONSENT AGENDA

These matters include routine financial and administrative actions, usually approved by a single majority vote. Individual items may be removed from Consent for discussion and action.

- 1) Approve Minutes of March 20, 2020 Regular Board Meeting
- 2) Approve Report of Disbursements, and Board and Employee Reimbursements for March 2020
- 3) Receive Report on April 8, 2020 Finance Committee Meeting
- 4) Receive Report on April 8, 2020 Personnel Committee Meeting

Recommendation: Approve Consent Agenda.

OTHER ITEMS FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION, DISCUSSION AND ACTION

5) Consideration and Discussion of Budget Process and Five Percent (5%) Tipping Fee Increase for All Material Types for Fiscal Year 2020/21

Staff is recommending this 5% rate increase. The District has not raised rates for the past two years in anticipation of the GWR rate adjustment which was supposed to be implemented two years ago and is just now being prepared for the member agencies with GWR. Additionally, at the start of the GWR contract in 2015, the District did not raise tipping fees for three years while the rates were being adjusted for the member agencies. During our rate analysis process last year, staff delivered to the Board a rate survey which identified the District as having the lowest rates in a 75-mile radius of the District. We are now the second lowest as the John Smith Landfill (JCLF) lowered their rates by \$5.00 per ton last year. However, the JSLF has nowhere near the amount of waste reductions and diversion activities present at our facilities.

Recommendation: Consideration and Discussion of Budget Process and Five Percent (5%) Tipping Fee Increase for All Material Types for Fiscal Year 2020/21.

6) Authorize Chair to Cast Vote for One Candidate for Special District Regular Member Seat on the Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) of Monterey County

Three candidates are running for one seat and have submitted the proper forms to run in the election for the Special District Regular Member seat on LAFCO. The candidate statements are enclosed for your information. The candidates are Peter Le (Marina Coast Water District), Warren (Pete) Poitras (Monterey County Regional Fire District), and Jacqueline Simon (North Monterey County Regional Fire Protection District). Mr. Poitras is the incumbent and provided the enclosed letter to Chair Theis. The ballots are due on May 8th.

Recommendation: Authorize Chair to Cast Vote for One Candidate for Special District Regular Member Seat on the Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) of Monterey County.

STAFF REPORTS

7) Review Finance, Operating, and Recycling Reports

The financial statements for March 2020 are enclosed, along with operating and recycling reports. Accounting Manager Garth Gregson has also enclosed further background on the District's financial performance and will answer any questions at the Board meeting.

8) Report on Public Education Activities and Outreach

Staff will provide a presentation on the District's 2020 Guide to Recycling and Waste Reduction as well as presentation of three campaigns currently in-market: 1) The 50th anniversary of Earth Day; 2) Continuation of the "Recyclable? Yes/No" campaign with items in high-use during COVID-19 pandemic, and 3) appreciation of essential employees.

9) Update on COVID-19 Operations

Enclosed for your information, and for discussion at the meeting, are documents staff has prepared relative to the COVID-19 Pandemic

GENERAL MANAGER COMMUNICATIONS

- **Regional Waste Contracts.** Staff is seeking Board direction to establish a "phased, on-ramp" approach to the rates for the next contracts for the cities of Capitola, Scott Valley, Watsonville, and the County of Santa Cruz. Staff would gradually raise rates over a five-year period. We think (in the advent of the COVID-19 situation), this would be an appropriate way bring our pricing up to our member agency levels. We would seek an immediate implementation of this beginning pricing as well as a long-term structure for a 10 to 20 year agreement with these jurisdictions. Staff would begin to negotiate with these jurisdictions with the goal of bring back to the Board a term sheet at the May Board meeting and a possible contract for the June meeting.

BOARD COMMUNICATIONS

CLOSED SESSION

As permitted by Government Code Section 54956 et seq., the Board may adjourn to a Closed Session to consider specific matters dealing with litigation, certain personnel matters, property negotiations or to confer with the District's Meyers-Milias-Brown Act representative.

1. Conference with Property Negotiators:

Property: Landfill Site Space/Capacity
District Negotiators: Tim Flanagan & Guy Petraborg
Negotiating Parties: City of Capitola, City of Scotts Valley, City of Watsonville,
Santa Cruz County
Terms: All Terms and Conditions

2. Conference with Labor Negotiators:

District Negotiators: Tim Flanagan, Peter Skinner, Timothy Brownell, and
Berta Torres

Employee Organizations: Operating Engineers and Management Employees

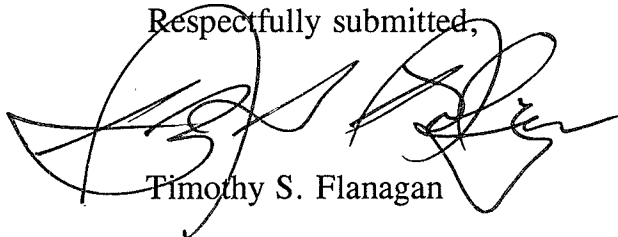
**RETURN TO OPEN SESSION WITH ANY REQUIRED ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM
CLOSED SESSION**

Please note: A report out and announcement concerning the closed session will be posted on the District's website following the Board meeting, or provided to anyone requesting same by emailing baguilar@mrwmd.org.

ADJOURNMENT

NEXT MEETING DATE: May 22, 2020 at 9 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Timothy S. Flanagan', is written over the typed name.

Timothy S. Flanagan