

2021-10

Resolution of Appreciation

A Resolution of the Board of Directors of the Monterey Regional Waste Management District Commending 52 Years of Service upon his retirement from the District Board to:

Gary W. Bales

Whereas, he has represented the City of Pacific Grove on the Board of Directors from April 30, 1969 to present making him the longest serving Boardmember in the history of the District; and

Whereas, he has served on various Board Committees, including the Personnel and Finance Committees, and served as Vice Chair from 1984-1994, and Chair from 1994-2002; and

Whereas, he has taken a personal interest in the District by attending employee events and participating in Board continuing education that has reduced insurance rates. Gary has also been a student of our industry and has improved his knowledge and understanding of best solid waste management practices by actively participating in educational programs of the Solid Waste Association of North America; and

Whereas, his guidance, leadership, and financial stewardship have contributed greatly in building the District infrastructure for solid waste management, including a five megawatt Landfill Gas to Renewable Energy Plant, Franchise Hauler Truck Yard and Maintenance Facility, the Materials Recovery Facility (MRF), the Last Chance Mercantile, and long-term landfill disposal capacity, all at one of the lowest rates in the region and the state;

Whereas, in 2017, Gary was recognized by the California Special District Association as Board Member of the Year.

Whereas, While Gary has served on the Board, the District has received numerous awards including: Best Solid Waste System in North America (1998), Gold Excellence for Landfill Gas Utilization (2007), and Gold Excellence for Composting (2014) from the Solid Waste Association of North America; while the California Resource Recovery Association recognized the District for Leadership in Organics (2014) and Zero Waste Achievement (2016). All while accomplishing our mission of "Turning Waste into Resources."

Whereas, Director Bales 52 years of service has earned him the right to be designated as "Board Member Emeritus".

Now, therefore be it resolved that the Board of Directors of the Monterey Regional Waste Management District hereby commends and expresses its appreciation for 52 years of continuous and faithful service to Gary W. Bales and congratulates him on a well-deserved retirement recognizing this in the District Board Room - The Gary W. Bales Board Room.

Passed and adopted this 20th day of August 2021 by the Board of Directors