



Memorandum

MONTEREY REGIONAL WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

DATE: FEBRUARY 12, 2021
TO: Board of Directors
FROM: General Manager
SUBJECT: Agenda Information for the February 19, 2021 Board Meeting

MONTEREY REGIONAL WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

CALL TO ORDER AT 9:00 A.M.

ROLL CALL AND ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS

Anyone wishing to address the Board on matters *not* appearing on the 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, which are usually approved by a single majority vote. Individual items may be removed from Consent for discussion and action.

- 1) Approve Minutes of January 22, 2021 Regular Board Meeting.
- 2) Approve Report of Disbursements, and Board and Employee Reimbursements for January 2021.
- 3) Receive Report on February 3, 2021 Finance Committee Meeting.
- 4) Receive Report on February 3, 2021 Personnel Committee Meeting.
- 5) Approve Contract with Salinas Steel Builders Construction Inc. (SSB) of Salinas, CA. for Maintenance Shop Improvements in the amount of \$84,000 (includes 5% contingency).
- 6) Adopt Resolution of Appreciation (2021-03) for Outgoing Director Dennis Allion.

Recommendation: Approve Consent Agenda

RECOGNITION/PRESENTATIONS

7) Presentation of Resolution of Appreciation to Dennis Allion

Director Allion was appointed to our Board in 2011. During his tenure on the Board, Dennis served as both chair and vice-chair of the District as well as the chair of the Finance Committee for almost ten years. During his tenure the District went to market for more than \$50 million in bonds for vital infrastructure improvements and new program developments. Commander Allion's steady hand on the Finance Committee navigated the District through challenging economic times as he steered the District away from the shoals of troubling financial times and into the clear water we are currently in now. Director Allion brought a sense of humor to his time on the Board and was excellent at breaking down complicated issues into small enough bites for staff, the Board, and the public to understand. Director Allion took time with the budget and audit, making sure staff had considered all available options. Director Allion worked for consensus on issues, but was never afraid to speak his mind and make his opinion known. The District will miss his financial acumen, his sense of humor, and his dedication to helping staff "turn waste into resources".

8) Presentation on SB 1383 by Rob Hilton of HF&H

Rob Hilton of HF&H will present an overview of SB 1383. SB 1383 will dramatically change the way organic material is collected, diverted, tracked, and utilized. Every facet of our current system will be impacted by the implementation of this far-reaching, climate change legislation. HF&H will review some of the basic criteria jurisdictions will have to undertake and present an outline of how the District member agencies can cooperate in an attempt to create efficiencies and hold down costs of compliance.

OTHER ITEMS FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION, DISCUSSION AND ACTION

9) Approve Resolution 2021-04 for Health and Safety Program

Board approval is requested for adoption of this resolution intended to recognize and reward the District's essential employees with a discretionary bonus of \$2,000 per employee. Staff will be available to answer your questions.

Recommendation: Approve Resolution 2021-04 for Health and Safety Program

STAFF REPORTS

10) Report on Last Chance Operations Plan Evaluation Process

The LCM Task Force (Peter Skinner, Tim Brownell and Zoe Shoats) will present an analysis of three options to open the Last Chance Mercantile for the Board's consideration. Staff will be available to answer any questions about the findings.

11) Report on Material Recovery Facility

Tim Brownell will present a summary report on the results of the \$3.5M MRF upgrades. Staff has been very satisfied with the results of the equipment upgrades and will show that the pay-back time for this investment will be shorter than predicted, and the diversion and efficiency even better than anticipated.

12) Review Finance, Operating, and Recycling Reports. Garth (5 minutes)

Garth Gregson will do a brief review of the District's current financial status and diversion reports.

13) Report on Solid Waste Association of North America Waste Con Conference

Waste Con this year was not only delayed but held virtually. There were three days of three hour sessions around large topics such as "Leading During Disruptive Times", "Catalyzing the Shift to a Circular Economy", "Outside the Box: Reinventing Your Organization in Response to COVID-19". I moderated a very dynamic and interesting session "How to Successfully Achieve EPA's New 50% Recycling Goal" Keynote Session. This panel included representatives from Waste Management, Cal-Recycle, The Recycling Partnership and the New York City Department of Sanitation. But perhaps the two best panels were not on industry issues per se, they were on leadership initiatives such as Mark Bernheimer's WASTECON Keynote "Media Relations for Solid Waste Professionals, and Rebecca Ryan's Future-Focused Leadership. While not the same as attending in person, these sessions had good value. About 500 people attended in total the three days.

OTHER CORRESPONDENCE

GENERAL MANAGER COMMUNICATIONS

- **District Rebranding** The Communications and Outreach department is leading the rebranding initiative. The rebrand is more than just a new name and logo redesign. The process will involve feedback from internal and external stakeholders, and the establishment of a vision and organizational values. Staff is looking into adopting a values-based decision making model to guide the organization and foster a unified workforce. Next month, staff will present to the Board committees and Board more on this and the rebranding plan.
- **COVID 19 Update** I am pleased to report that employee absences related to COVID-19 continue to decline. In addition, the District is prepared to host an onsite vaccine clinic as soon as vaccines become available for District employees.

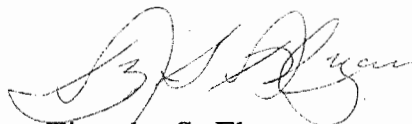
- **Update on Community Meeting in Marina** The City of Marina hosted a zoom Community meeting on Wednesday, January 27th. Presentations were made by MBARD, County LEA, Cal Recycle, County Agricultural office, M1W, and the Farm Bureau, as well as by a representative from UC Davis. About 75 people attended the meeting. Community members were also able to participate in a question and answer period. The meeting started at 6:30 p.m. and ended about 9 p.m. Next steps are to work with city of Marina staff and other stakeholders to perform an odor attribution study. The objective is to move as quickly as possible to begin to develop factual answers around the odor issue concern.
- **Treated Wood Waste** Staff attended a DTSC Treated Wood Waste (TWW) Variance Program webinar and learned some new information.
 1. In addition to disposal site variance, variances must be obtained by for **ALL** transporters and generators with over 50 lbs of TWW. **This includes homeowner and contractors.**
 2. MRWMD will need to collect variance numbers, identification, and contact information from **EVERY** customer that brings in TWW for disposal and make that information available upon request to DTSC.
 3. If a homeowner or contractor does not have a variance, DTSC will allow disposal site to accept the TWW but disposal site must report information to DTSC.
 4. MRWMD will need to estimate the amount of TWW in mixed loads for reporting to DTSC.
 5. MRWMD will need to acquire two variances, one for the landfill and another for the MRF.
 6. Variances are granted for 6 months with one 6 month extension available.
 7. Disposal sites will be prioritized to receive variance.
 8. TWW training is required and all who handle TWW must be trained.
 9. Public works crews who clean up illegally disposed treated wood waste will be required to obtain a transporter variance.
 10. Variance application available 2/16 with first variances to be issued on 3/1.

Needless to say, contractors and homeowners are not going to be aware of the requirement for them to apply for a variance to transport this material. Also, this is going to require new procedures at the scales to keep track of all the information. District Staff will apply for the variance this month.

BOARD COMMUNICATIONS

NEXT MEETING DATE: March 26, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Timothy S. Flanagan