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

Friday, 9:00 a.m.
March 18, 2022

MRWMD Bales Boardroom and Via Zoom
14201 Del Monte Blvd., Monterey County, CA

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jason Campbell, (Chair) City of Seaside Councilmember
Jerry Blackwelder, (Vice Chair) City of Sand City Vice Mayor
Leo Laska, Pebble Beach Community Services District Director
Bruce Delgado, City of Marina Mayor
Carrie Theis, City of Carmel-by-the-Sea Councilmember
Dan Albert, City of Monterey Councilmember
Kim Shirley, City of Del Rey Oaks Councilmember (logged off 10:45 a.m.)
Bill Peake, City of Pacific Grove Mayor

MEMBERS ABSENT: Wendy Root Askew, (Unincorporated) Monterey County Board of Supervisors Chair (District 4)

STAFF PRESENT: Felipe Melchor, General Manager
Rob Wellington, Legal Counsel
Guy Petrabor, Director of Engineering & Compliance
Tim Brownell, Director of Operations
Zoe Shoats, Director of Communications
Helen Rodriguez, Director of Finance & Administration
Berta Torres, Human Resources Manager
David Ramirez, Senior Engineer
Garth Gregson, Accounting Manager
Kristin O'Hara, Communications and Public Education Manager
Ida Gonzales, Executive Assistant /Board Clerk
Rosemary Perez, Accounting Technician
Erica Espinoza, Accounting Assistant
Ana Quiroz, Administrative Support Assistant
Fatima Ochoa, Human Resources Assistant
Kimberle Herring

OTHERS PRESENT: Mike Niccum, Pebble Beach Community Services District
Ted Terassas, City of Monterey
Eric Mora, Monterey County
Cesar Zuniga, Salinas Valley Solid Waste Authority
Eric Mora, County of Monterey

CALL TO ORDER AT 9:05AM

ROLL CALL AND ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

Notice duly given and presence of a quorum established, the March 18, 2022 Regular Meeting of the Monterey Regional Waste Management District Board of Directors was called to order by Chair Campbell at 9:05 a.m.

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.

No public comments

WELCOME NEW PUBLIC EDUCATION AND OUTREACH COORDINATOR ERIC PALMER

The Board welcomed Eric Palmer, Public Education and Outreach Coordinator to the District.

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.

Following a motion by Albert, seconded by Director Theis, the Board unanimously approved the Consent Agenda.

- 1) **Approve Resolution No. 2022-08, regarding the Ralph M. Brown Act (California Government Code §§54950- 54963, hereinafter the “Brown Act”) and Assembly Bill 361, making certain findings, and authorizing the District to implement remote teleconferenced public meetings of the Board and the District’s standing committees (i.e., Finance and Personnel) for the period March 18, 2022 through April 18, 2022.**
- 2) **Approve Minutes of February 18, 2022 Regular Board Meeting.**
- 3) **Approve Report of Disbursements, and Board and Employee Reimbursements for February 2022.**
- 4) **Receive Report on March 2, 2022 Finance Committee Meeting.**
- 5) **Receive Report on March 2, 2022 Personnel Committee Meeting.**
- 6) **Authorize the General Manager to Execute a Five-Year Agreement with California State Monterey Bay (CSUMB) and the Veterans Transition Center of California (VTC) for the Artist in Residency Program, Subject to Approval of Form by District Legal Counsel.**
- 7) **Approve a Change Order for TetraTech for Phase IV of the GCCS Improvements Project in the Amount of \$170,000 inclusive of 5% Contingency.**

Director Delgado thanked staff for meeting with Marina residents regarding odor concerns. Guy Petraborg, Director of Engineering and Compliance provided additional information to the Board on composting processes.

RECOGNITION/PRESENTATIONS

There were no Recognitions or Presentations.

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OTHER ITEMS FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION, DISCUSSION AND ACTION

8) Authorize the General Manager to Execute a Limited Term Disposal Agreement with Waste Connections, Ltd.

The General Manger provided a summary on the Limited Term Disposal Agreement with Waste connections, Ltd. Board discussion followed on the District's landfill capacity and the acceptance of regional/out of county waste. Future discussions will be held with the Board regarding the philosophy on the acceptance of regional/out of county waste.

Public Comment – David Meyers commented on the Districts history on receiving outside waste.

It was moved by Director Albert, seconded by Director Theis, that the Board Authorize the General Manager to execute a limited term disposal agreement under the terms and conditions presented with Waste Connections, Ltd. (WC), and as approved in form by District Legal Counsel, commencing April 1, 2022 for a term no longer than 4 years. This Agreement is for the disposal of approximately 65,000 tons per year of refuse from the municipalities of Morgan Hill and Gilroy. Director Peake voted No

Motion Passed

9) Approve the Ad Hoc Rebranding Committee's Recommendation of Proposed New District Brand, Name, Logo and Slogan, which will be presented at the Board meeting. [Note: This matter is pending a preliminary trademark search.]

Spencer Chitchley presented the Districts new Brand and recognized the The presentation included the MRWMD Rebranding Brand Promise - We Are Reducing Waste Towards Zero and reveled the Districts new name ReGen Monterey, Logo and the new slogan "Lets Not Waste This." Board Discussion followed regarding the new name change and the next steps in the rebranding process.

Legal Counsel provided an update on the trademark search and next steps for legal approval of the name, logo and slogan. The official name of the District will remain Monterey Regional Waste Management District (MRWMD) and listed as a DBA ReGen Monterey.

Public Comment - Dave Meyers commented on the proposed new name and logo change.

It was moved by Director Theis, seconded by Director Albert, the Board unanimously approved the Ad Hoc Rebranding Committee's Recommendation of Proposed New District Brand, DBA Name, Logo and Slogan, which will be presented at the Board meeting. [Note: This matter is pending a preliminary trademark search.]

Motion Passed

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

The Board authorized the Chair to cast a vote for Gail Morton (Marina Coast Water District) for Special District Regular Member Seat on the Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) of Monterey County.

STAFF REPORTS

11) Review Finance, Operating, and Recycling Reports

Garth Gregson, Finance Manager provided a summary of the Finance and Operating reports.

12) Report on Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) and SB 1383 – February 9, 2022 Meeting.

Zoe Shoats, Director of Communications and Outreach provided an update on the recent TAC committee meeting and SB 1383.

OTHER CORRESPONDENCE

GENERAL MANAGER COMMUNICATIONS

General Manager and the Board of Directors thanked Tim Brownell for his 5 years of service to the District.

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, real property negotiations or to confer with the District's Meyers-Milias-Brown Act representative.

1. Conference with Labor Negotiators: Govt. Code section 54957.6

District Negotiators: Board of Directors

Unrepresented Individual: District Legal Counsel

Consider Request of District Legal Counsel Rob Wellington for Revision of Hourly Rate for Legal Services

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION WITH ANY REQUIRED ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM CLOSED SESSION

The Board came back into open session 11:24 a.m. and Legal counsel announced that in closed session the Board received information as to each of the closed session items and discussion had been held; no reportable action was taken.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board at this time, the March 18, 2022. Regular Meeting of the Monterey Regional Waste Management District Board of Directors was adjourned by Chair Campbell at 11:25 a.m.

RECORDED BY:



Ida Gonzales
Executive Assistant/ Board Clerk

AUTHENTICATED BY:



Felipe Melchor
General Manager/Secretary