DATE:

February 9, 2022

TO:

Board of Directors

FROM:

Committee Chair

SUBJECT:

Summary of Finance Committee Meeting of February 2, 2022

The Finance Committee met on February 2 at 9:00 a.m., at the District administrative offices and via conference call. Committee members in attendance were Directors Albert, Laska and Shirley. Staff members in attendance were Felipe Melchor, Guy Petraborg, Tim Brownell, Zoe Shoats, David Ramirez, Garth Gregson, and Ida Gonzales. Legal counsel Rob Wellington was also in attendance.

# **Update on Monterey Microgrid Project**

Staff gave an update on the microgrid project and the next steps to be taken. There has been communication with the staff at Monterey One Water (MIW) about the responsibilities of each entity including the staff to manage the project. There was discussion about a grant from CalRecycle that has an application deadline of April 1. There were questions and comments from the Committee. Staff will provide status updates at future Committee meetings.

#### **Strategic Planning**

The General Manager gave an update on the strategic planning process. The last strategic planning session was in the fall of 2021. There was discussion about the length of the planning period. Historically the planning period has been 5-10 years. There were questions and comments from the Committee. Staff will provide an update on the planning process at upcoming Board meetings.

# **Update on Broad Budget Planning**

The General Manager presented information about the Fiscal 2023 budget which included a tip fee increase due to the impacts of SB1383, probable increased charges from Keith Day Company for additional processing costs of mixed food and green waste material, whether the District should have a reserve for future closure and post-closure costs. There was discussion and questions and comments from the Committee.

#### **Correction to Operations Unit Pay Schedule**

Staff presented information regarding a correction to the operations unit pay schedule. There was discussion and questions and comments from the Committee. The correction to the pay schedule will be included in the Board agenda for the February 19 meeting.

### **GENERAL MANAGER COMMUNICATIONS**

MRF Fall Protection- A MRF Fall Protection improvements project will be included as a Consent Calendaritem on the February Board Meeting agenda. The purpose of the improvements is to maintenance safety and maintenance efficiency. The estimated cost is about \$135,000.

**OPS Radio System** – Staff proposes to replace the analog two-way radio system with a modern, digital system. The new system will include replacing the existing repeater which has recently been experiencing some operational problems. The cost estimate is about \$95,000.

The meeting adjourned and went into closed session at 10:10am

**NEXT MEETING DATE:** March 2, 2022, at 9:00 a.m.