

2022-05

*Resolution of Appreciation
A Resolution of the Board of Directors of the
Monterey Regional Waste Management District commending*

Timothy S. Flanagan

Whereas, he first arrived at the District in 2005, 24 years after completing his degree at University of Santa Barbara, to begin work as the District Assistant General Manager; and

Whereas, his tenure would last 16 years, the last six of which he served as General Manager; and

Whereas, his guidance, leadership, and financial stewardship have contributed greatly in building the District infrastructure for solid waste management, including three landfill modules, a five-megawatt Landfill Gas to Renewable Energy Plant, a franchise collection contract for seven-member agencies, a Community Franchise Collection Facility, electric vehicle charging station, the upgrade of a 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; and

Whereas, he oversaw construction of the Community Franchise Collection Facility, which provides member agencies with a level playing field when going out from garbage collection service since all bidders can bid utilizing the same truck facility; and

Whereas, in 2012, he assisted in the negotiation an agreement with Zero Waste Energy resulting in the construction and operation of the first dry anaerobic digestion compost project in California as a pilot study for six years; and

Whereas, as General Manager, he oversaw \$23 million in upgrades to the Material Recovery Facility, bringing single-stream recycling and municipal solid waste processing capacity to MRWMD in addition to recycling construction and demolition debris; and

Whereas, he Successfully obtained \$25 million in bond financing and oversaw operations that lead to MRWMD's credit rating to change from AA- to AA+ and allow for refinancing of certain bonds thus saving the District more than 1 million dollars; and

Whereas, in 2010 he Secured an initial solid waste disposal agreement with GreenWaste Inc that provided between \$5-10 million a year in disposal revenue to the District and in 2021 he negotiated an extension for a long-term waste disposal contracts worth over \$100 million dollars in revenue over the next 15 years; and

Whereas he promoted to and collaborated with Monterey One Water to execute a power purchase agreement which would sell renewable power to the wastewater treatment plant to make potable drinking water for the Monterey Peninsula; and

Whereas, his leadership resulted in District an annual revenue increase from \$ million in annual revenue with 140 employees in 2006 to an organization receiving \$48 million in annual revenue and 123 employees in FY 21/22; and

Whereas he was instrumental in expanding the landfill-gas-to-energy system and constructing a gas conditioning system on-site to include fueling collection trucks with natural gas. System to come online in 2022; and

Whereas he Secured funding for upgrades to the on-site composting facility to comply with new Water Board regulations for impermeable surface; and

Whereas he facilitated the transition of the Last Chance Mercantile to the Veteran's Transition Center of California, whose mission is to empower veterans to move from crisis to self-sufficiency through programs including job training and support to veterans transitioning out of homelessness; and

Whereas, today, as a result of his leadership, and his extensive involvement with local agencies in the community, the District and its dedicated employees have embarked on a new portfolio of capital improvement projects that will serve this community well into the future and will ensure compliance with the State 75% diversion goal; and

Now, Therefore Be It Resolved that the Board of Directors of the Monterey Regional Waste Management District hereby commends and expresses its appreciation to Tim Flanagan for his leadership of this award-winning solid waste system that is "turning waste into resources," and upon his retirement on June 30, 2022.

Passed and adopted this 21st day of January 21, 2022 by the Board of Directors:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

Jason Campbell, Chair

ATTEST:

*Felipe Melchor
General Manager*