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MONTEREY REGIONAL  
WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT  
Home of the Last Chance Mercantile

MONTEREY REGIONAL WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Friday, 9:00 a.m.  
February 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  
Wendy Root Askew, (Unincorporated) Monterey County Board of Supervisors Chair (District 4)  
Bill Peake, City of Pacific Grove Mayor

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** None

**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

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Mike Niccum, Pebble Beach Community Services District  
Ted Terrasas, City of Monterey  
Brennen Jensen, Blue Strike Environmental  
Eric Mora, Monterey County  
Cesar Zuniga, Salinas Valley Solid Waste Authority

**CALL TO ORDER AT 9:06AM**

**ROLL CALL AND ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM**

Notice duly given and presence of a quorum established, the February 18, 2022 Regular Meeting of the Monterey Regional Waste Management District Board of Directors was called to order by Chair Campbell at 9:06a.m.

Chair Campbell announced that adjournment would follow the closed session.

**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 BOARD MEMBER DIRECTOR PEAKE**

The Board welcomed new Board Member Bill Peake.

**WELCOME NEW DIRECTOR OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION HELEN RODRIGUEZ**

The Board welcomed Helen Rodriguez, Director of Finance and Administration.

**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 Askew, seconded by Director Albert, the Board unanimously approved the Consent Agenda.*

- 1) **Approve Resolution No. 2022-07, 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 February 18, 2022 through March 20, 2022.**
- 2) **Approve Minutes of January 18, 2022 Regular Board Meeting.**
- 3) **Approve Report of Disbursements, and Board and Employee Reimbursements for January 2022.**
- 4) **Receive Report on February 2, 2022 Finance Committee Meeting.**
- 5) **Receive Report on February 2, 2022 Personnel Committee Meeting.**
- 6) **Authorize the General Manager to Execute a Contract with Mathews Mechanical of Newark, CA for Materials Recovery Facility (MRF) Maintenance Access Improvements in the Amount of \$153,500 (includes 5% contingency).**
- 7) **Authorize the General Manager to execute a contract with Silke Communications of Springfield, OR for Site Communications System Upgrade and Replacement in the amount not to exceed \$95,000.**
- 8) **Approve Amended Operations Unit Pay Schedule**

**RECOGNITION/PRESENTATIONS**

**OTHER ITEMS FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION, DISCUSSION AND ACTION**  
**STAFF REPORTS**

**9) Review Finance, Operating, and Recycling Reports**

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

**10) Report on Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) and SB 1383 – January 19, 2022 Meeting.**

Zoe Shoats, Director of Communications and Outreach provided an update on the recent TAC committee meeting and SB 1383. Brennen Jensen of Blue Strike Environmental provided an update on grant funding from CalRecycle.

Director Delgado inquired about the possible use of cameras on Lapis Road to help to discourage illegal dumping. Kristin O'Hara, Communication and Public Education Manager responded that the Litter Abatement Task Force committee has applied for a grant that would provide funding for installation of cameras.

**OTHER CORRESPONDENCE**

**11) Letter from LAFCO Re: Nominations**

The Board reviewed a letter from Kate McKenna, regarding a call for nominations for the selection of one representative on LAFCO. Director Laska is the only member eligible since he is not an elected official of a City or of the County.

**GENERAL MANAGER COMMUNICATIONS**

The General Manager announced that Tim Brownell, Director of Operations has provided the District with his resignation.

Zoe Shoats, Director of Communications and Outreach provided an update on the rebranding of the District's name logo and slogan.

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

**1. Conference with Legal Counsel--Anticipated Litigation**

Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to paragraph (2) of subdivision (d) of section 54956.9: One case

**2. Conference with Labor Negotiators:**

District Negotiators: Felipe Melchor, Timothy Brownell, Helen Rodriguez and Berta Torres

Employee Organizations: Operating Engineers

3. Conference with Property Negotiators  
Property: Landfill Site Space/Capacity  
District Negotiators: Felipe Melchor, Tim Brownell, Guy Petraborg, and Garth Gregson  
Terms Being Negotiated: Price and Terms of Payment  
Negotiating Party #1: Waste Connections, Inc.  
Negotiating Party #2: Premier Recycling and Waste, LLC  
Negotiating Party #3: ReThinkWaste.org of San Mateo, CA (speculative; presented as an example of a third party)

**RETURN TO OPEN SESSION WITH ANY REQUIRED ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM CLOSED SESSION**

The Board came back into open session 11:30 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 February 18, 2022. Regular Meeting of the Monterey Regional Waste Management District Board of Directors was adjourned by Chair Campbell at 11:31 a.m.

**RECORDED BY:**



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Ida Gonzales  
Executive Assistant/ Board Clerk

**AUTHENTICATED BY:**

  
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Felipe Melchor  
General Manager/Secretary