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Subject: Monterey Regional Waste Management District (MRWMD) Comments Regarding SVSWA Notice of Preparation of an Environmental Impact Report for the Long Term Facility Needs Study Project

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Dear Mr. ~~Mathews~~:

I appreciate the opportunity to submit comments on behalf of the Monterey Regional Waste Management District (MRWMD) regarding the Salinas Valley Solid Waste Authority (SVSWA) Environmental Impact Report for the Long Term Facility Needs Study Project. I am specifically providing information about the capacity and capability of our operations to help inform the process about the services available to SVSWA in the existing and developing facilities at the MRWMD.

MRWMD has several operating facilities at its location two miles North of Marina, which is approximately 12.5 miles from Salinas city-center. These facilities include yard-waste grinding and composting, anaerobic digestion and composting of food scrap organics, municipal solid waste (MSW) and single stream materials processing for recycling and recovery for diversion, construction and demolition waste (C&D) processing for recycling and recovery for diversion, household hazardous waste (HHW) materials receiving and handling, CRV beverage container buyback center, landfill-gas-to-energy renewable energy production, CNG vehicle fueling station, Last Chance Mercantile retail store for reusable goods receiving, processing and sale, and landfill disposal.

MRWMD will entertain extending the full scope of its recovery and disposal service options to all Monterey County sources of materials.

MRWMD is currently installing new equipment in the Materials Recovery Facility (MRF) that significantly expands our capacity to process single stream recyclables, mixed C&D materials, and MSW streams to recover both recyclable and organic materials. When complete by year-end, the MRF will provide compliance with the CalGreen 65% C&D diversion requirement. It will also have the capacity to recover organics that have not been separated at the source to support compliance with the mandatory organics diversion requirements of AB1826 and SB1383. The publicly-owned facility will also be processing single stream recyclables received from all Monterey Peninsula jurisdictions except the City of Monterey.

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The performance specifications and estimated surplus capacity at the MRWMD MRF when construction and system testing is complete in December includes:

- C&D operations will have an expected recovery/diversion rate of approximately 70 + %, and will have the capacity to process an additional 100,000 tons a year of materials beyond our current operational needs.
- MSW processing operations will have an expected recovery/diversion rate of approximately 65%, The processing operations includes the recovery of recyclable paper and containers, and the recovery of organic materials including food-waste and non-recyclable paper. It will have the capacity to process an additional 80,000 tons a year of materials beyond our current operational needs.
- Single Stream recycling operations will have an expected recovery/diversion rate of greater than 90%, and will have the capacity to process an additional 30,000 tons a year of materials beyond our current operational needs.

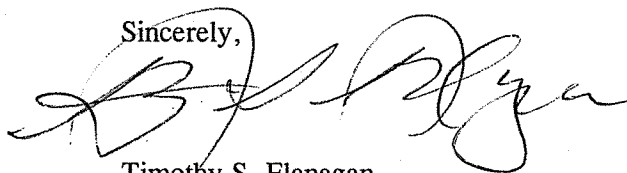
In addition, the MRWMD has excess yard-waste processing capacity of approximately 50,000 tons a year to grind and compost materials.

MRWMD, as part of its operating permit, can accept up to 3,500 tons/day of waste and up to 2,000 vehicle trips/day for disposal, which provides ample capacity to meet the needs of all or part of the SVSWA's service area.

The MRWMD staff is willing to provide additional information, facility tours, and to respond to any questions the SVSWA may have as you proceed through the environmental review process.

Thank you for your consideration of our comments.

Sincerely,



Timothy S. Flanagan
General Manager