



Monterey Regional Waste Management District

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January 15, 2016 Board of Directors Meeting

HIGHLIGHTS

Presentation from Zero Waste Energy. Eric Herbert, President of Zero Waste Energy (ZWE) provided a presentation on “MRWMD Organics to Energy - Update and Pathway Forward”. The District’s SmartFerm Demonstration Project has been in operation since 2013 and processes more than 5,000 tons of organic waste per year, produces



approximately 50,000 kilowatts per hour of electricity per month which is used for the Monterey Regional Water Pollution Control Agency, and produces approximately 2,500 tons of finished compost per year. The District is currently under contract with ZWE through 2017. The partnership with ZWE and the current operation will help the District determine the direction for the future organics processing once the mixed waste Materials Recovery Facility is fully operational.

Appointment of Human Resources Manager. General Manager notified the Board that he had appointed Interim Human Resources (HR) Manager Berta Torres as the permanent HR Manager. She had served as the Interim HR Manager since the retirement of the HR Manager in January 2015 and has demonstrated a great capacity to support the District’s HR department and is a valuable member of the District staff.



Board Meeting Date Change. Staff recommended and the Board approved moving the Board meeting date from the third Friday to the fourth Friday of the month when the first or second day of the month is on a Friday. This will allow staff more time to fully develop monthly timed reports, and other reports and contracts. The schedule would be to move the meeting in months where there are five Fridays in a month, which only two to three times per year on average. This would affect the meetings in April, July and September for 2016. Going forward, staff would prepare the yearly calendar based on this criteria. Other than the months as mentioned, the regular Board meetings will continue to be held on the third Friday of the month.