DATE:

August 2, 2013

TO:

Board of Directors

FROM:

Finance Committee Chair

SUBJECT:

Summary of Finance Committee Meeting of July 31, 2013

The Finance Committee met on July 31st at 9:30 a.m., at the District administrative offices. Committee members in attendance were Vice Chair Laska, Directors Bales and Pendergrass, and I. Rob Wellington was also present. The purpose of the meeting was to review items related to the Landfill Gas Power Project and Power Sales, the City Managers' Group Proposed County-Wide Solid Waste Study, Strategic Planning Consultant, and a closed session. Discussion is summarized below and followed the attached agenda.

- 1. Landfill Gas Project and Power Sales. The Assistant General Manager updated the Committee with a written report (attached) on the status of working with the California Independent System Operator (CAISO) and Scheduling Coordinator (SC) in regards to selling the power to 3Phases Renewables (3Phase) under the District's existing contract with 3Phase; for the two megawatts of power that is being sold to PG&E, as the PG&E contract expires on July 31, 2013. The General Manager informed the Committee that, after consultation with District Legal Counsel, and in the interest of time, Special Counsel, with knowledge of the CAISO and PG&E contracts, had been retained to assist the District in an effort to expedite the administrative process of dealing with the CAISO to allow the power that had been delivered to PG&E for 30 years to be allowed to be sold to 3Phase; and to work out the final details with PG&E as the 30 year agreement comes to an end, and to perhaps work out a short term contract extension to sell the power, if necessary.
- 2. County-Wide Solid Waste Study. The General Manager reported that a meeting was scheduled for August 1st at the County administration building. The Committee reviewed the direction that the Board had given to the General Manager at the June Board meeting and concurred no additional direction was necessary.
- 3. Strategic Planning Consultant. The General Manager recommended to the Finance Committee that a Strategic Planning consultant be hired to develop a new Strategic Plan for the District. A Proposal and scope of work from the consultant was provided to the committee. The current Strategic Plan was developed in 2007 with updates in 2009 and 2011. Following discussion, the Committee unanimously agreed that hiring an outside consultant to advise on matters of which District staff had considerable knowledge, experience and expertise, was not necessary; was not a prudent use of District funds at this difficult economic time; and staff should revise their approach such that they review and update the current strategic workplan to reflect current needs; and report back to the Finance Committee. The Committee agreed that the "extended Board meeting" format has been used productively, and suggested using that format in the future for focused discussion on a subject. The October Board meeting is scheduled to be an extended meeting, from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Closed Session No closed session was necessary.

Next Meeting Date: 9:30 a.m. Wednesday, August 28, 2013.

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Wednesday July 31, 2013 9:30 a.m. Boardroom MRWMD Offices 14201 Del Monte Blvd., Marina CA

Attending: Committee (Board) Chair Allion; Vice Chair Laska, Directors Bales and Pendergrass

Rob Wellington, Legal Counsel William Merry, General Manager

Tim Flanagan, Assistant General Manager

Chuck Rees, Finance Manager

OPEN SESSION AGENDA

- 1. Report on Landfill Gas Power Project and Power Sales.
- 2. Report on City Managers' Group Proposed County-Wide Solid Waste Study.
- 3. Proposed Strategic Planning Consultant.
- 4. General Manager Comments.
- 5. Next Meeting Date: August 28, 2013; 9:30 a.m.

CLOSED SESSION AGENDA

As permitted by Government Code Section 54956 et seq., the Board may adjourn to a Closed or Executive Session to consider specific matters dealing with pending or prospective litigation, real property negotiations, certain personnel matters, or to confer with District's Meyers-Milias-Brown representative.

1) Conference with Property Negotiators:

Property:

Landfill Site Space/Capacity

District Negotiators:

William Merry and Tim Flanagan

Negotiating Parties:

Cities of Gilroy/Morgan Hill/Monterey County/SVSWA

Terms:

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