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# MONTEREY REGIONAL WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

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## MONTEREY REGIONAL WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Friday, 9:30 a.m.  
 June 22, 2018

MRWMD Boardroom  
 14201 Del Monte Blvd., Monterey County, CA

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Bruce Delgado (Chair), City of Marina Mayor  
 Carrie Theis (Vice Chair), City of Carmel-by-the-Sea Mayor Pro Tem  
 Gary Bales, City of Pacific Grove  
 Leo Laska, Pebble Beach Community Services District  
 Libby Downey, City of Monterey  
 Jane Parker, (Unincorporated) Monterey County Board of Supervisors Chair (District 4)  
 Jason Campbell, City of Seaside Councilmember  
 Jerry Blackwelder, City of Sand City Vice Mayor

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Dennis Allion, City of Del Rey Oaks Councilmember

**STAFF PRESENT:** Tim Flanagan, General Manager  
 Rob Wellington, Legal Counsel  
 Guy Petrabor, Director of Engineering & Compliance/District Engineer  
 Jeff Lindenthal, Director of Communications & Sustainability  
 Peter Skinner, Director of Finance & Administration  
 Tim Brownell, Director of Operations  
 Berta Torres, Human Resources Manager  
 Clyde Walkup, Materials Recovery Facility Manager  
 David Ramirez, Senior Engineer  
 Garth Gregson, Accounting Manager  
 Kacey Christie, Safety & Risk Manager  
 Ron Mooneyham, Equipment Maintenance Manager  
 Rosa Marcelo, Assistant Accounting Manager  
 Becky Aguilar, Executive Assistant/Clerk of the Board  
 Ida Gonzales, Administrative Support Specialist  
 Kimberle Herring, Public Education and Outreach Coordinator  
 Rosemary Perez, Accounting Assistant/OE3 Shop Steward  
 Sergio Morales, Sorter II/OE3 Shop Steward

**OTHERS PRESENT:** John Greenlee, Caldwell Flores Winter  
 Ted Terrasas, City of Monterey  
 Charlie Cordova, GreenWaste Recovery  
 Rob Durham, Monterey County Environmental Health Department  
 John Ramirez, Monterey County Environmental Health Department  
 Mike Niccum, Pebble Beach Community Services District  
 Steve McCaffrey, Republic Services of Salinas  
 Felipe Melchor, Waste Management, Inc.  
 Kristin Skomme, Waste Management, Inc.

ROLL CALL AND ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

Notice duly given and presence of a quorum established, the June 22, 2018 Regular Meeting of the Monterey Regional Waste Management District Board of Directors was called to order by Vice Chair Theis at 9:30 a.m.

PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS

There were no public communications.

Chair Delgado seated at 9:32 a.m.

CONSENT AGENDA

*Following a motion by Chair Delgado, seconded by Director Downey, the Board unanimously approved the Consent Agenda.*

- 1) Approve Minutes of May 18, 2018 Regular Board Meeting
- 2) Approve Report of Disbursements, and Board and Employee Reimbursements
- 3) Receive Report on June 6, 2018 Finance Committee Meeting
- 4) Receive Report on June 6, 2018 Personnel Committee Meeting
- 5) Authorize Purchase of Ten Sections of Litter Containment Fencing from Coastal Netting Systems of Bakersfield, CA, at a Cost of \$53,287.50 (Including Sales Tax and Freight)
- 6) Approve Purchase of Model 1-F13-089-01 Radiator from SmithCo of Tulsa, OK, for Engine-Generator #2 at a Cost Not-To-Exceed \$69,000

Legal Counsel Wellington seated at 9:34 a.m.

PRESENTATIONS

7) **Small Planet News: Planet or Plastic**

Director of Communication and Sustainability Jeff Lindenthal provided the Board with a presentation highlighting the June issue of *National Geographic* and the epidemic of plastics. World-wide, only 8% of all plastics produced annually are recycled. China's National Sword policy of reducing or eliminating imports of certain plastic commodities for recycling has coincided with increased awareness of the proliferation of plastic packaging and makes a compelling case that the consumption of single use plastic items must be reduced to mitigate the short and long-term impact of plastics in the environment.

8) **Artist in Residence Program Participants Richard J Sotelo Jr and Ashley Vaughan**

General Manager Tim Flanagan commented that this year marked the third year the District and CSUMB, have conducted the "Artist in Residence" program at the District, which featured student artists who promoted the District's mission of "Turning Waste Into Resources" by transforming re-usable materials into art. Public Education and Outreach Coordinator Kimberle Herring stated that the program was

established in an effort to educate & inspire the general public on the importance of repurposing, recycling & reusing discarded materials, create a professional platform for CSUMB Visual & Public Art students to conceptualize, manage & produce a body of work using discarded materials, and create community partnerships with schools, art centers and other nonprofit organizations to encourage dialogue on the importance of environmental issues.

She introduced Ashley Vaughn who had created “place word here”. Ms. Vaughn addressed the Board and stated that she had used discarded doors and recycled paper to express feelings of confinement as well as protection, and her own experience with PTSD. The bulk of her work explores emotions surrounding her experience with mental health and the processing of loss. She expressed appreciation to the District for the opportunity to be a part of the program.

Richard Sotelo introduced himself to the Board and stated that for his capstone project he had created “Reflections” using discarded mirrors to etch himself and his family members in an attempt to highlight the period in which he and his family had been homeless. He stated that this was an effort to make others aware of how the homeless epidemic affects everyone and encouraging understanding and compassion towards others in the same plight. He stated that the use of reuse items also highlighted that period in his life as many things that were bought were second-hand.

## PUBLIC HEARING

- 9) **Consider Tipping Fee Increases Effective July 1, 2018 to:**
- a. **Solid Waste (Basic Rate) Landfill Rate, from \$56.00 Per Ton to \$62.00 Per Ton**
  - b. **Yard Waste Rate From \$32.50 Per Ton to \$40.00 Per Ton**
  - c. **Food Scraps Rate From \$45.50 Per Ton to 54.00 Per Ton**
  - d. **Sewage Sludge Rate From 30.00 Per Ton to \$35.00 Per Ton**

General Manager reported that the Public Hearing was duly noticed in the *Monterey Herald* and notices were provided to customers with their monthly invoices and posted around the site. No comments from the public had been received. Chair Delgado opened and closed the public hearing at 9:53 a.m. as no comments were received.

## OTHER ITEMS FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION, DISCUSSION AND ACTION

- 10) **Approve Tipping Fee Increases Effective July 1, 2018 to:**
- a. **Solid Waste (Basic Rate) Landfill Rate, from \$56.00 Per Ton to \$62.00 Per Ton**
  - b. **Yard Waste Rate From \$32.50 Per Ton to \$40.00 Per Ton**
  - c. **Food Scraps Rate From \$45.50 Per Ton to 54.00 Per Ton**
  - d. **Sewage Sludge Rate From 30.00 Per Ton to \$35.00 Per Ton**

Director of Finance & Administration provided the Board with a presentation regarding the need for the tip fee increases to four material types: refuse, yardwaste, foodwaste, and sewage sludge. He stated that the District has a history of not taking increases lightly and using public resources mindfully. The increases range from 10.7% to 23.1% and will add \$1.2 million to the District revenue for fiscal year 2018/19. The rate increases are estimated to raise monthly bills for both residential and commercial customers by between 1% and 4%. For the average residential customer with the smallest refuse bin, recycling and yard waste collection would see a monthly increase of \$0.53 due to these rate changes. Commercial customers

with a weekly 3-yard refuse service would average \$5.28 more per month. He stated that unlike franchise customers, self-haul customers would feel the full impact of the increase in disposal fees. He provided estimated impacts for self-haul customers and information for each jurisdiction and the increase impact. At \$62.00 per ton, the District's solid waste disposal rate will continue to be the lowest in the region. Minimum charges would not change.

Board discussion followed regarding impact to self-haul customers. Felipe Melchor, District Manager for Waste Management Inc., addressed the Board to inquire about increases to out of county tons being brought to the District. General Manager responded that those tons would increase according to the consumer price index as stipulated in the out of county contracts.

**It was moved by Director Parker, seconded by Director Bales To: Approve Tipping Fee Increases Effective July 1, 2018 to the:**

- a. **Solid Waste (Basic Rate) Landfill Rate, from \$56.00 Per Ton to \$62.00 Per Ton**
- b. **Yard Waste Rate From \$32.50 Per Ton to \$40.00 Per Ton**
- c. **Food Scraps Rate From \$45.50 Per Ton to 54.00 Per Ton**
- d. **Sewage Sludge Rate From 30.00 Per Ton to \$35.00 Per Ton**

**Motion Carried Unanimously**

**11) Approve One-Time Allocation Expenditure of \$100,000.00 to Support Activities of the Monterey County Litter Abatement Program and a Collection Event Within the District Boundary**

General Manager provided the Board with additional information regarding Monterey County's request for the District and Salinas Valley Recycles to assist in litter abatement in amount of \$200,000 to be split between the two agencies. He stated that the District has budgeted \$50,000 in next year's budget for a hazardous waste clean up event that will assist in illegal dumping. Staff was therefore recommending that the Board approve an additional \$50,000 towards the county's request, which would be offset by a reduction of \$50,000 of capital spending. This additional \$50,000 had been included in the Final Budget presentation. Staff was also recommending a one-year approval with review by the District's Litter Abatement Task Force and staff over the course of the year for recommendations and continuance.

Director Delgado commented that the county's initial request was for \$200,000 for estimated costs of labor cleanup crews to pick up litter with the amount to be split between the District and Salinas Valley Recycles. Although staff was recommending approval of only \$50,000 for litter cleanup crews \$50,000 for a hazardous collection event in Big Sur, he was supportive of providing the requested amount for litter cleanup. Director Bales stated that the District has looked at raising revenue for solid waste through a property tax measure and suggested staff discuss that possibility with the County. Board discussion followed regarding implementation of a property tax to cover litter control costs. Legal Counsel provided additional information regarding the ballot measure process which would require a two-thirds vote due to Prop 218. Director Blackwelder inquired about where cleanups were occurring and how the District would be updated on how the funding was spent. John Ramirez, Director of Environmental Health addressed the Board and stated that Public Works already does clean up, but the lack of labor resources made it difficult to remove litter timely or even get addressed. It is a county-wide problem that affects food safety and other environmental concerns. He stated that Public Works could provide additional information at a future meeting as to where the litter was taking place and that Salinas Valley Recycles had approved the \$100,000 request. Use of non-profit agencies such as Hope Services, would reduce the costs.

Board discussion continued regarding staff's recommendation and concerns by not providing the full request \$100,000. General Manager stated that discussion had been held with the County regarding the staff's recommendation since illegal dumping would be reduced by the HHW event in Big Sur. Director

Parker inquired whether the \$50,000 would meet the needs within the District's jurisdiction, and whether staff was aware if Big Sur had litter such as mattresses and other large items. Mr. Ramirez clarified that the funding would be used county-wide, as needed. Vice Chair Theis commented that she was satisfied that staff had held discussions with the county regarding the request and the county was supportive. She therefore made the following motion:

***It was moved by Vice Chair Theis, seconded by Director Parker To: Approve One-Time Allocation Expenditure of \$100,000.00 to Support Activities of the Monterey County Litter Abatement Program and a Collection Event Within the District Boundary.***

Chair Delgado commented that since the SVR had approved the request for \$100,000, he believed that the Board should consider increasing the amount to \$75,000 for a total of \$125,000. He inquired how the additional \$25,000 would impact the 2018/19 budget. Director of Finance and Administration stated that the Capital Outlay budget for the compost project had already been reduced by \$50,000 since the project was not fully defined. He added that it could be further reduced by an additional \$25,000. Director Blackwelder expressed concern about not knowing how the funding would be allocated or without a specified plan. General Manager responded that it would be stipulated that the District's Litter Abatement Task Force and District staff review a proposed plan for recommendations and continuance.

Kristin Skomme, Waste Management, Inc., addressed the Board and stated that there was a Monterey County "hotspot" map online that depicted where the cleanups were taking place although the problem was that there was not enough staffing to address timely. She stated that WMI has partnered with SVR on cleanup events since 2013 and WMI was excited to be partnering with the District in the Big Sur event by handling large item disposal that were taken for free at the District. Mr. Ramirez commented that a new application was also available to view restaurant ratings and file a complaint. He stated that there was an application that facilitated reporting illegal dumping and litter sites, which public works had been hesitant to initiate because of the lack of funding, and perhaps now could be activated. Director Bales commented that he was supportive of staff recommendation and did not see a need to add an additional \$25,000 utilizing tip fees since they had just been increased.

***It was moved by Chair Delgado, seconded by Director Downey, and Approved by Chair Delgado, and Directors Blackwelder, Campbell, Downey, Laska, and Parker, Opposed by Vice Chair Theis and Director Bales To: Approve One-Time Allocation Expenditure of \$125,000.00 to Support Activities of the Monterey County Litter Abatement Program and a Collection Event Within the District Boundary.***

***Motion Carried 6-2***

## **12) Adopt Resolution 2018-14 Approving Final Budget for Fiscal Year 2018/19**

The Board was presented with the Final Budget for Fiscal Year 2018/19. General Manager expressed appreciation to accounting staff for their efforts in preparing the final budget, which had been reviewed by the Finance Committee.

Director of Finance and Administration Peter Skinner provided a presentation highlighting the changes from the Preliminary Budget presented at the May 2018 Board meeting. He stated that the budget would be adjusted to reflect the action taken in Item 11, which would now include \$75,000 in additional funds to support the County's illegal dumping initiative. He stated that for FY 2018/19, staff estimated Revenues to be \$34,634,000. The increase of \$6,889,000 compared to the 2017/18 Budget is due to increases in MRF product sales, contract waste, and tipping fees. Operating Expenses for FY 2018/19 are expected to be \$31,917,000, which is an increase of \$6,059,000 from the 2017/18 Budget, mainly due to the improved

MRF with increased headcount and operating supplies. Net Income is projected at \$1,916,000. Non-Operating Revenues/Expenses for FY 2018/19 included interest expense on the Revenue Bonds at \$1,189,000, equipment lease interest expense of \$62,000 for 2017 and 2018 equipment lease arrangements, and rental income from the Truck Yard at approximately \$270,000. Capital Outlay requests were \$16,328,000, an increase of \$3,421,000 from the FY 2017/18 Budget.

Director of Finance and Administration provided Cash Flow information that included the issuance of \$10 million in bond revenue, \$5.4 million in reserves in accordance to Board policy, and resulted in \$600,000 in remaining cash for FY 2018/19. Tonnage was projected to be 663,000 for all materials and included franchise, self-hauled, contracted, and regional waste. Following a question from Chair Delgado regarding contract waste projections, Director of Finance and Administration commented that the estimated tonnage for contract waste was conservative at 300,000 tons since tonnage for the current fiscal year was going to be close to 390,000 tons. He stated that with the new MRF operations and increased power sales, dependence on disposal revenue declined from 88% in FY 2016/17 to under 70% for FY 2018/19. He provided information on the five-year capital spending projections which supported current facilities and current regulatory obligations and did not include investment to meet new regulatory requirements, changing business needs and market demands. He restated that the final budget assumed a minimum of \$10 million in new debt although staff is considering up to \$25 million. Staff will be conducting additional analysis for Board consideration at the September Board meeting. He also provided additional information on expenses, including personnel expenses, contractual and professional services, operating supplies, and recycling services.

Board discussion followed regarding the final budget, the 20% operating reserves, the establishment of a capital reserve policy, and the cost of organics management. Director of Engineering and Compliance stated that the capital project to address regulatory organics management (compost facility) was in the budget as a place holder since it was not clear what the best strategy in meeting the requirement. Director Parker requested that staff provide additional information on the capital reserves in correlation to how much debt is issued.

Chair Delgado commented that although Director Allion could not attend the meeting, he had provided written comments in which he supported approval of the final budget for FY 2018/19.

It was moved by Director Laska, seconded by Director Parker To: *Adopt Resolution 2018-14 Approving Final Budget for Fiscal Year 2018/19, as Amended by the Addition of \$25,000 in the Operating Budget and the Reduction of \$25,000 in the Capital Outlay Budget to Support Action Taken in Item 11.* Motion Carried Unanimously

Director Bales retired from the meeting at 11:30 a.m.

- 13)a. Adopt Resolution 2018-15 Authorizing Sole Source Purchase of New Caterpillar 836K Compactor Using Preferential Competitive Pricing Through National Joint Powers Alliance; and
- b. Accept Proposal from Quinn Company of Salinas, CA, to Provide New Caterpillar 836K Compactor for a Total Purchase Price of \$1,201,369.40 (Including Sales Tax and Freight); and
- c. Approve Purchase of Cleat Guards for New 836K Compactor in an Amount Not to Exceed \$30,000 (Including Sales Tax and Freight)

The Board reviewed a memorandum from Equipment Maintenance Manager Ron Mooneyham regarding the purchase of a new Caterpillar 836K Compactor for use in the landfill operations. Accounting Manager stated that staff would intend to finance this piece of equipment along with the previously purchased dozer and wheel loader.

It was moved by Chair Delgado, seconded by Director Parker To: *Adopt Resolution 2018-15 Authorizing Sole Source Purchase of New Caterpillar 836K Compactor Using Preferential Competitive Pricing Through National Joint Powers Alliance; Accept Proposal from Quinn Company of Salinas, CA, to Provide New Caterpillar 836K Compactor for a Total Purchase Price of \$1,201,369.40 (Including Sales Tax and Freight); and Approve Purchase of Cleat Guards for New 836K Compactor in an Amount Not to Exceed \$30,000 (Including Sales Tax and Freight).* Motion Carried Unanimously

- 14) **Adopt Resolution 2018-16 Authorizing General Manager to Execute Five Year Lease Purchase Agreement with Selected Financial Institution, Subject to Final Review by Legal Counsel, to Finance Previously Purchased Caterpillar D8T Dozer and Purchase of a Caterpillar 938M Wheel Loader**

The Board reviewed a memorandum from Accounting Manager Garth Gregson recommending that the Board authorize the General Manager to execute a five-year lease agreement with a financial institution to finance the Caterpillar D8T Dozer and a Caterpillar 938M Wheel Loader. He reminded the Board that at the May 2018 Board meeting, the Board authorized financing through a capital lease purchase agreement with Regents Capital Corporation, which was subsequently unable to complete the transaction at the terms of their original proposal. Because too much time had passed, the original quotes received were no longer valid. Staff had solicited new proposals ranging from 3.26% to 4.24%. Staff was considering the selection of Municipal Finance Corporation (MFC) since the District currently has a lease agreement with them. The difference in cost from the lowest proposal was approximately \$1,500 and staff believed that overall the agreement would be more favorable since staff was familiar with MFC.

It was moved by Director Parker, seconded by Director Downey To: *Adopt Resolution 2018-16 Authorizing General Manager to Execute Five Year Lease Purchase Agreement with Selected Financial Institution, Subject to Final Review by Legal Counsel, to Finance Previously Purchased Caterpillar D8T Dozer and Purchase of a Caterpillar 938M Wheel Loader.* Motion Carried Unanimously

- 15) **Authorize General Manager to Execute Contract with SCS Engineers to Conduct Single Stream Recycling Characterization Study, on Time and Materials Basis, at a Cost Not-To-Exceed \$105,000**

The Board reviewed a memorandum from Senior Engineer David Ramirez and Director of Compliance & Engineering Guy Petraborg recommending Board authorization to have SCS Engineers conduct a waste characterization study to develop specific information on the single stream recyclable materials for improvement on public outreach activities to increase recycling levels and decrease non-recyclables in the recycling bin, inform the collection companies and their outreach activities, and possibly make changes to the MRF operations required to meet new recycling standards dictated by current market conditions. Prior to the preliminary design of the MRF upgrade, the District undertook a waste characterization study in 2012 to understand what was in the commercial mixed waste stream for processing.

Director Laska inquired why the original waste characterization conducted in 2012 could not be utilized. Senior Engineer responded that the previous study was done on commercial waste. This study would focus on single stream recycling. Vice Chair Theis asked why GreenWaste Recovery was not being asked to participate. General Manager stated that GWR was within the District's jurisdiction and was governed by current franchise agreements. Outside waste was new waste and more information was needed as to the type of material being received in an effort to reduce the amount of contamination in the loads and ultimately in the materials being sold by the District.

It was moved by Director Parker, seconded by Vice Chair Theis To: *Authorize General Manager to Execute Contract with SCS Engineers to Conduct Single Stream Recycling Characterization Study, on Time and Materials Basis, at a Cost Not-To-Exceed \$105,000.* Motion Carried Unanimously

**16) Approve Updated Salary Schedules for the Management Unit and Operating Engineers Local 3 (OE3) Units to Incorporate Cost of Living Adjustments for Fiscal Year 2018/19**

The Board reviewed a memorandum from Human Resources Manager Berta Torres regarding the cost of living adjustment (COLA) for represented classifications. The Operating Engineers Operations, Laborers & Sales Clerks, and Support Units would receive a 3% COLA, and the Management Unit would receive a 3.2% COLA as stipulated in the collective bargaining agreements.

It was moved by Director Laska, seconded by Director Downey To: *Approve Updated Salary Schedules for the Management Unit and Operating Engineers Local 3 (OE3) Units to Incorporate Cost of Living Adjustments for Fiscal Year 2018/19.* Motion Carried Unanimously

**17) Approve Updated Salary Schedules for Unrepresented, Confidential, and At-Will Employees to Incorporate Cost of Living Adjustments for Fiscal Year 2018/19**

The Board reviewed a memorandum from General Manager recommending COLAs for unrepresented classifications ranging from 3% to 3.2%.

It was moved by Director Laska, seconded by Director Downey To: *Approve Updated Salary Schedules for Unrepresented, Confidential, and At-Will Employees to Incorporate Cost of Living Adjustments for Fiscal Year 2018/19.* Motion Carried Unanimously

## **STAFF REPORTS**

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

The Board reviewed the financial statements for May 2018, along with the Operating Reports. Accounting Manager provided a financial review presentation on May 2018 and year to date revenue, operating expense and income, and information on tonnage received and diverted. He stated that the financial information did not include approximately \$300,000 in California Redemption Value (CRV) recycling revenue anticipated to be received at the end of the month. Discussion was held regarding \$40 per ton rebate that would be provided to GWR per the franchise agreements. General Manager explained how the GWR had credited the cities the \$40 and how the District would credit GWR now that the material was being brought to the MRF.

Director Downey expressed appreciation for the presentation which was easier to understand. General Manager stated that the presentation will be provided to the Board in the future.

**19) Report on Materials Recovery Operations and Recycling**

Director of Operations Tim Brownell stated that performance and acceptance testing of the MRF equipment was being conducted to ensure that equipment was meeting projected performance. He provided information to the Board regarding current market conditions, which were not unique to the Monterey Peninsula or California. He stated that staff was revising the list of materials that would be accepted and stated that staff is meeting with the haulers and the District's Technical Advisory Committee to discuss the materials that were no longer marketable. He stated that the waste characterization study was needed to understand what is in the various waste streams to target education and determine contamination. He stated that the District is selling everything that is being produced as recyclable. There were no viable markets for plastics labeled 3, 4, 6 and 7.



Chair Delgado inquired what the impact of the recyclable market would have on the District's budgeted revenue. Director of Operations responded that there was not impact on the current year since the District was receiving more single-stream than anticipated and budgeted.

## 20) Report on Public Education

The Board reviewed a memorandum from Director of Communication and Sustainability Jeff Lindenthal in which he explained the challenges in recycling due to China's ban on plastic acceptance and the steps being taken to work cooperatively with the local haulers and member agency staff to deploy new education and outreach efforts. A campaign is being planned for launch in August. He provided a copy of the revised list of recyclable materials accepted at the District's MRF. He stated that the District 5<sup>th</sup> annual household hazardous waste collection event would be held on June 30<sup>th</sup>, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Monterey Peninsula College parking lot. He provided information regarding the District's participation in the Sustainable Moments Collective in collaboration with Monterey County Visitors Bureau, the Monterey Bay Aquarium, Monterey One Water, along with others, to develop messaging and help broaden the reputation for the region as a sustainable destination.

*Director Delgado requested to move Board Communications so that Director of Communication and Sustainability could provide the Board with a brief summary of the SVR Board meeting held on June 21, 2018.*

## BOARD COMMUNICATIONS

### 21) Intention to Appoint AdHoc Committee for Discussion of Memorandum of Understanding with Salinas Valley Recycles Representatives

The Board reviewed a draft letter to SVR Chair regarding the request for collaboration from the City of Salinas and the County of Monterey. Director of Communication and Sustainability commented that the SVR Board did not receive the District's draft letter, although they had taken action to defer the EIR process until the SVR Executive Committee could meet with an Ad hoc Committee of the District and discuss collaboration. Chair Delgado informed the Board that he was forming an Ad hoc Committee consisting of Directors Parker and Allion, and himself. The formal final letter would be sent out following the Board meeting.

## OTHER CORRESPONDENCE

There was no other correspondence.

## GENERAL MANAGER COMMUNICATIONS

General Manager congratulated both Public Education and Outreach Coordinator Kimberle Herring for receiving her certification in Zero Waste Principles and Practices and Director of Operations Tim Brownell for receiving his certification in Management of Landfill operations. Both certifications had been received from the Solid Waste Association of North America (SWANA). General Manager reminded the Board that the annual SWANA WasteCon conference would be held in Nashville, TN on August 20-23, 2018, with the focus on the China National Sword policy changes and recycling markets. He invited Board members to consider attending.

Legal Counsel informed the Board that staff would be meeting with a mediator in the construction claim with Lewis C. Nelson on July 18<sup>th</sup> and he will provide an update at the July Board meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT**

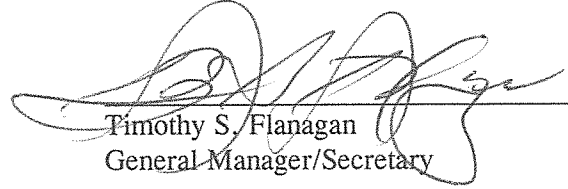
There being no further business to come before the Board at this time, the June 22, 2018 Regular Meeting of the Monterey Regional Waste Management District Board of Directors was adjourned by Chair Delgado at 12:26 p.m.

**RECORDED BY:**



Rebecca G. Aguilar  
Executive Assistant/Clerk of the Board

**AUTHENTICATED BY:**



Timothy S. Flanagan  
General Manager/Secretary