

THIS IS BIG.

Recycling is Changing



Monterey Regional Waste Management District

2018 ANNUAL REPORT

A New Chapter in Recycling Begins - MRF 2.0

The Materials Recovery Facility (MRF) has been the centerpiece of the District's publicly-owned infrastructure for recycling and reuse since 1996. In the first 22 years of operation, the 100,000-square-foot MRF diverted more than 1.6 million tons of recyclable and reusable materials from landfill disposal. The District spent \$24 million in 2017 to completely rebuild the facility with state-of-the-art recycling equipment.

MRF 2.0 opened in February 2018 and dramatically expands the District's recycling capacity. For the first time, the MRF processes "single stream" mixed recycling collected from the households and businesses from most of Monterey County. A second sorting line at the MRF processes construction and demolition (C & D) debris and recovers wood, metal, concrete, drywall, and dirt. Collectively, the two processing systems are recycling more than 6,000 tons of materials a month.

Over the course of the opening weekend, hundreds of local residents joined us in celebrating the occasion and took a walking tour of the facility. To officially cut the ribbon, we were joined by the Carmel, Marina, Monterey Peninsula, Pacific Grove, and Salinas Chambers of Commerce. The District Board was on-hand along with Board Chair and Marina Mayor Bruce Delgado, Monterey County Board of Supervisors Chair Luis Alejo, and Congressman Jimmy Panetta.

With the festivities complete, it was time to get down to the business of operating the shiny new facility. The MRF 2.0 provides local compliance with a host of state recycling requirements. Processing materials locally also lowers greenhouse gas emissions. The robust C & D material recovery system ensures compliance with the CalGreen 65% diversion requirement for building and demolition projects. MRF 2.0 is also a source of green jobs for the community: over 55 District employees keep the MRF running and more will be hired as operations expand.

The opening of MRF 2.0 translates not just throughout our community, not just throughout the state, not just nationally, the opening of MRF 2.0 translates globally. We are lowering greenhouse gas emissions. We are ensuring that the materials and resources are recovered, and that our waste streams turn into economic opportunities. And we are fighting locally against climate change.

Congressman Jimmy Panetta





MRWMD 2018 Employee Roster

Accounting

Derek Garth Gregson
Rosa L Marcelo
Lynette Mooneyham
Rosemary Perez
Tina Reid

Administration

Rebecca Aguilar
Timothy W Brownell
Timothy Flanagan
Ida Gonzales
Peter K Skinner

Israel Hernandez
Jonathan Houck
Victor Perez

Last Chance Mercantile

Amalia Beasley
Adrian E Cornejo
Glen Evett
Yasher G Garcia
Jessie Gonzales
Christina Harris
Nancy Novoa

Eugenio Ortiz
David Reyes
David Wanzong

MRF Operations

Alec Aguayo
Sergio Almanza
Clemente Alvarez
Martin O Alvarez
Javier Ayala
Oscar Bacilio Ordenez
Maria Barrios
Isaac Barroso-Jimenez
Rebeca Cabrera-Mojica
Ana Calderon
Luis Cazares
Warren Cheatham
Dora Crescencio
Saulo Delgado
Antonio Diaz
Marino Dominguez
Armando Escareno
Jose Luis Felix
Andres Fernandez
Hortencia Fernandez
Ulysses Fregoso
Jeaneva Fresquez
Bertha Garcia
Maria Gonzales
Eriberto Xavier Guzman
Kenneth Harder
Timothy Heinle
Froylan Hernandez
Mathias Regugio Infante
Genaro Jaurrieta
Javier Lepe
Veronica Lepe
Daniel Lopez
Leonardo Martinez Jr.
Leonardo Martinez Sr.
Erendira Miranda
Sergio Morales
Cesar Nevarez
Steven Padilla
Pablo Perez-Gomez

Francisco Ponce Torres
Jose Reynoso
Ana Rivera
Ramiro Robles
Regina Santa Cruz
David Saucedo
Maria De La Luz Tavares
Baldo Trujillo
Maria Valdez De Castro
Eva Vasquez
Maria Delaluz Velazquez
Clementina Ventura
Clyde Walkup
Raul Zamudio
Juan Carlos Zepeda

Public Education

Angela Goebel
Kimberle Herring
Jeff Lindenthal

Safety & Risk Management

Kacey Christie

Scales

Connie Andrade
Jessica Arreola
Sabrina Bailey
Gene Green
Jeannette Pagan
Yessenia Rocha

Site & Facilities

David E Anguiano
Javier Marcelino Ayala
Marco Corona
John Grant Easton
Adrian Hernandez Gonzales
Tyrone Hudgins
Jose Luis Marquez
Marisela Martinez
Alejandro Montejano
Lee Roy Roach
Jose A Venegas

25 Year Longevity Award

Baldo Trujillo, MRF Supervisor



I started working at the District as a site crew laborer when I was 20 years old. I can thank my first boss for seeing my potential and encouraging me. Since then, we have had so much

growth in the number of employees and the tonnage that we receive every day for processing. Every day brings a different challenge. In my role as MRF supervisor, I try to make sure that everybody is doing their job, and as team - we recycle and support the District's Mission. My family and I try recycling everything we can. I also love shopping at the Last Chance Mercantile for my home and yard projects.

Engineering

Catherine O Connor
Guy Roberts Petraborg
David I Ramirez

Household Hazardous Waste

Kirk Bennett
Abram Meza
Jimmy Perez
Joshua Rivera

Human Resources

Manuel Cervantes
Sonia C Martinez
Berta R Torres

Landfill Gas to Energy

Gilberto Najera
William A Neal
Jose Tavares

Landfill Operations

Oscar Bernardos
Frederick C Brunner
Scott Curry
Randy L Evanger
Chauncey Hendley

Gigi Ortiz
Jeremy Kurt Price
Christian A Rodriguez
Sandra Rubio
David Sawyer
David Solorio
Holly Yanez
Beatriz Fernandez Zepeda

Maintenance Shop

Victor Aguillon
Rodney Barber
Thomas Oneil Eastin
Robert Lowe Jr
Israel Mendoza
Ron Mooneyham
Jeffrey Nicholas
Frank Patague
Martin Renteria
Mario S Rodriguez

MRF Maintenance

Michael Alliman
Heriberto Carrasco
Efrain Lopez
Ignacio Mederos
Daniel Naranjo

25 Year Longevity Award

Rodney Barber, Heavy Equipment Technician II



First and foremost, I enjoy the people I work with and how my job connects to the larger District mission. The shop is supportive and a team environment.

I fuel and lube the heavy equipment first thing in the morning — if I don't do my job, the operators can't do their jobs. They're able to run their equipment efficiently and safely. I always say "the quality of your work is like a painting from Van Gogh, you put your signature on it". We're a machine and if one component breaks down, it doesn't work!

MRWMD Employee Awards 2017-2018

The Jonathan Livingston Seagull Award (JLS)

In the spirit of Jonathan Livingston Seagull, MRWMD Management team recognizes employees for “going above and beyond.”

2017

Kirk Bennett	Mario Rodriguez
Mel Campa	Jose Venegas
John Easton	Jose Marquez
Ulysses Fregoso	Lee Roy Roach
David Anguiano	

The Attitude and Achievement Award (AAA)

“Triple A” Attitude & Achievement Award recognizes employees who demonstrate exemplary team spirit and initiative. Recipients of the Triple A award are nominated by the management staff in recognition that employees are integral to the District’s mission and success.

2017 Froylan Hernandez

2018 Kimberle Herring

The Charlie Benson Award (CB)

District employees recognize their colleagues with this award for exceptional work quality, team leadership, and outstanding work performance.

2017 David Reyes

2018 David Anguiano

Jeaneva Fresquez

25 Year Longevity Award

Sal Delgado
MRF Operator II



I started as a laborer and over the years have driven everything from a compactor to a tractor trailer. I have seen so many big changes, including building the first MRF, which opened in 1996. Back then we did less driving and more walking because everything was close by. My job provided me with a career and the opportunity to raise my family of four boys. At home, I have shown my kids how to recycle and keep materials separate. I tell them, “The future is changing, you need to change with it. Use your brain—work smarter, not harder!”

25 Year Longevity Award

Martin Renteria
Heavy Equipment Technician II



I tell my kids, there’s so much waste around the world going into the land or sea. If we keep wasting, it will be a problem for the planet. I have signs above the garbage and recycling container about what is recyclable. Everyone helping a little makes it better for the planet. The planet is all of ours—we should all help.

25 Year Longevity Award

Randy Evanger
Heavy Equipment Supervisor



The District has changed a great deal since I started working here 25 years ago. I’ve seen the implementation of most programs, including Household Hazardous Waste, Anaerobic Digestion, student tours, and the Materials Recovery Facility. It’s like a small city now. In the old days, nothing was paved except the main road. The growth I’ve seen here is incredible and the programs implemented have been educational to me and the community.



California Legislation Mandates and MRWMD

Programs That Provide Compliance

CalGreen Building Code

2017—C&D materials account for approximately 22-26% percent of the waste disposed in California. The MRF 2.0 C&D processing system provides CalGreen compliance by achieving 65% or more diversion of C&D materials including lumber, drywall, metals, masonry (brick, concrete, etc.), plastic, rocks, dirt, cardboard, and green waste.



SB 1383—Short-Lived Climate Pollutants: Organic Waste Methane Emissions Reductions

2016—Establishes methane emissions reduction targets in various sectors of California's economy to achieve a 50% reduction in disposal of organic waste from the 2014 level by 2020 and a 75% reduction by 2025. The law establishes an additional target that not less than 20 percent of currently disposed edible food is recovered for human consumption by 2025.



Converting methane harvested from the MRWMD landfill and the Organics to Energy anaerobic compost program to Compressed Natural Gas transportation fuel will create a “carbon negative” fuel to allow local collection trucks to run on fuel produced from the organic materials they collect. Implementation of this project, funded in part by the California Energy Commission, will begin in 2019.

AB 939—The Integrated Waste Management Act

1989—Required each city or county to divert 25 percent of all solid waste from disposal by January 1, 1995, and to divert 50 percent of all solid waste by January 1, 2000, through source reduction, reuse, recycling, and composting activities.

AB939 was the landmark legislation that led us to establish many of the programs in operation at MRWMD today, including the Last Chance Mercantile, MRF 1.0, the Household Hazardous Waste collection facility, and our Public Outreach and Small Planet School Education programs.





Programs That Provide Compliance

AB 341—Mandatory Commercial Recycling

2012—A business that generates four cubic yards or more of solid waste per week, or a multifamily residential dwelling of five units or more, shall arrange for recycling services. The commercial sector generates nearly three-quarters of the solid waste in California.

MRF 2.0 supports compliance by processing single-stream commercial recycling collected around Monterey County. MRWMD is using the data from operations, including identifying the types of contamination found in commercial recycling loads, to inform local haulers and businesses to help them improve the quality of the materials they are recycling.



AB 1826—Mandatory Commercial Organics Recycling

2014—Effective April 1, 2016, requires businesses to recycle their organic waste depending on the amount of solid waste generated per week. Effective January 1, 2019, businesses that generate four or more yards of solid waste per week shall arrange for organic waste recycling service.

The MRWMD Organics to Energy anaerobic digestion compost program provides local compliance with both SB 1383 and AB 1826 by converting food scraps to methane, renewable energy, and compost. Planning is now underway to expand the program to process larger volumes of material as new requirements of the law phase in. The mixed waste processing capacity at MRF 2.0 can also divert organic material. A pilot project will be conducted in 2019 to evaluate MRF recovery of organics.



**ORGANICS
TO ENERGY**

MONTEREY REGIONAL
COMPOST PROGRAM

Reduce, Reuse, Recycle: Back to Basics



Single-Use Plastics Reduction

Changes to global recycling markets have focused new attention on the reality that less than 20% of all plastic produced world-wide is recycled. Single-use disposables like utensils, straws, and coffee cups have become ubiquitous in our culture of convenience. Nearly one-third of all plastic packaging is currently not designed for reuse or recycling. These items may be used for a few minutes, yet last hundreds of years if buried in a landfill or littered in the environment. It's increasingly clear we can't recycle our way out of this proliferation of plastic. We have to go back to the basics of reducing, reusing, then recycling.

Reuse: Last Chance Mercantile

The 3 R's (Reduce, Reuse, Recycle) appear in the order of their environmental benefits and resource savings. "Reuse" has been a mainstay of MRWMD since Last Chance Mercantile opened over 25 years ago.



595 TONS

of reusable goods were salvaged from incoming disposal loads and given a "last chance" for reuse at the Last Chance Mercantile in FY 17/18.

Single-Use Plastics

Replacing single-use plastic items with durable, reusable alternatives saves resources and eliminates the waste associated with convenience. Try these top 5 reusable alternatives to single use disposal products:



THIS



NOT THIS



THIS



NOT THIS



THIS



NOT THIS



THIS



NOT THIS



THIS



NOT THIS





Recycling Best Practices



Items should always be empty, clean, and dry. Put your recyclables loose into your recycling

container. Don't bag your recycling (the exception to this is shredded paper; secure in a clear plastic or paper bag).

Food Containers:

Use a spatula to remove food residue and scrape clean. To conserve water, give containers a rinse and wipe clean only if necessary.



Plastic Bottles: Remove cap. Flatten the container. Replace the cap.

Cardboard: Remove all plastic film, packing material, and large pieces of tape. Flatten boxes before recycling.



Recycling is Changing – New App & Website Help Sort Out Recycling

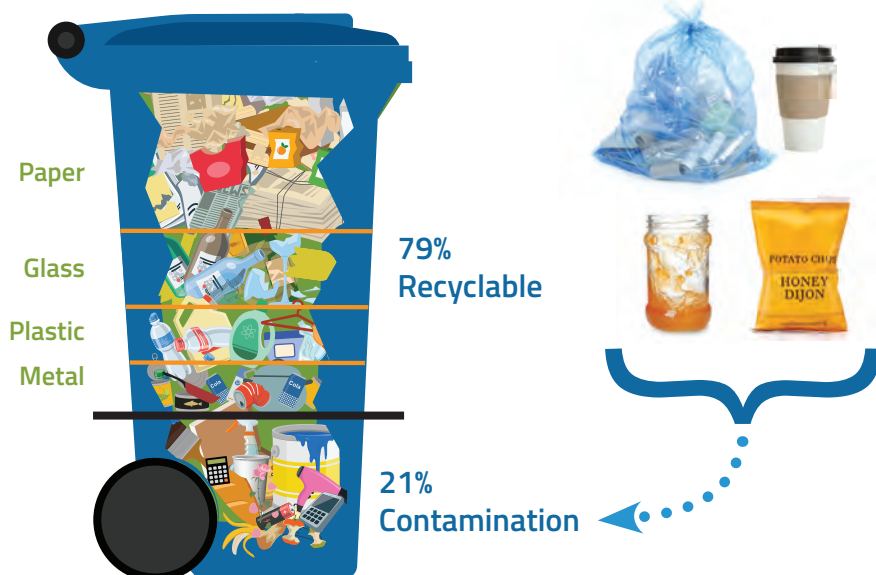
Major disruption in global recycling markets impacted recycling programs throughout the U.S. in 2018. China's decision to refuse the import of some recyclable materials has left the District and recyclers nationwide hunting for alternative markets. Previously, 60% of California recyclables were shipped to China. In 2018, the District shipped one truckload of paper to a Chinese paper mill. While we continue to work to find new domestic and international buyers, some materials like polystyrene foam, textiles, and plastic bags simply can't be economically recycled in curbside programs. Other materials like paper, cardboard, and plastics need to be cleaner to sell in a more competitive marketplace.

To help answer recycling questions, the District led a County-wide effort to launch a comprehensive app and website. What Goes Where, a free app for iOS and Android mobile devices, allows users to enter their zip code and search for everyday items like pizza boxes, plastic bottles, or coffee cups to determine which cart they belong in or guide users to nearby drop-off locations to maximize reuse and recycling options. A companion website is available at WhatGoesWhere.info



Common Contaminants

Contamination occurs when incorrect items are placed in recycling carts and jeopardize the quality of recyclables. For example, food residue can soil paper and a ball of plastic wrap can contaminate a bale of paper. Extra time, labor, and equipment maintenance are required to remove contamination from the recycling stream. If you're not sure a material is recyclable, please check the What Goes Where app or website!



Where Your Recyclables Go (And What They Become)

Material	Destination	End Product
#1 Polyethylene (PET) Plastic	Georgia	Carpet
#2 High-Density Polyethylene (HDPE Natural Plastic)	Iowa	Industrial Piping
Mixed Rigid Plastics	Taiwan	Molded plastic products
#5 Polypropylene	Alabama / California	Plastic Paint Cans, packaging
Aluminum	California	Sold to broker
Steel	Sold to US Broker	Rebar, car parts
Mixed Paper	Thailand / Indonesia	Boxboard
Cardboard	Vietnam	Linerboard
Shredded Paper	Domestic	Tissue Paper
Aluminum Cans & Foil	Pennsylvania	Aluminum roll stock for remanufacturing
Glass	California	Glass bottles, insulation, filter media



MRF 2.0 Materials Recycled in Tons (April – Sept)

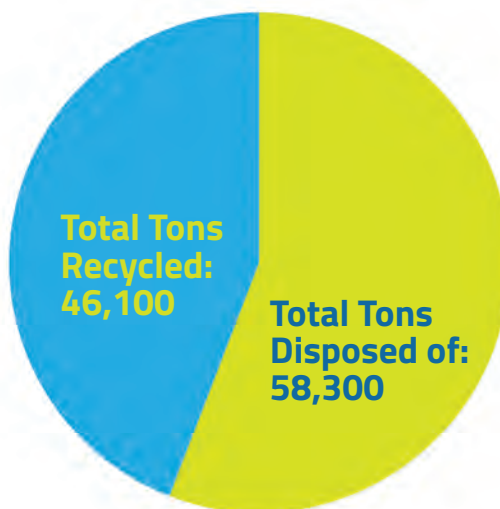




Total Tons Accepted from Member Agencies: 104,000 (July - Sept 2018)

MRWMD Recycling Activity Includes:

- SINGLE STREAM RECYCLING
- YARD WASTE COMPOSTING
- FOOD WASTE ANAEROBIC DIGESTION
- ASPHALT & CONCRETE RECYCLING
- LAST CHANCE MERCANTILE REUSE
- CONSTRUCTION AND DEMOLITION RECYCLING

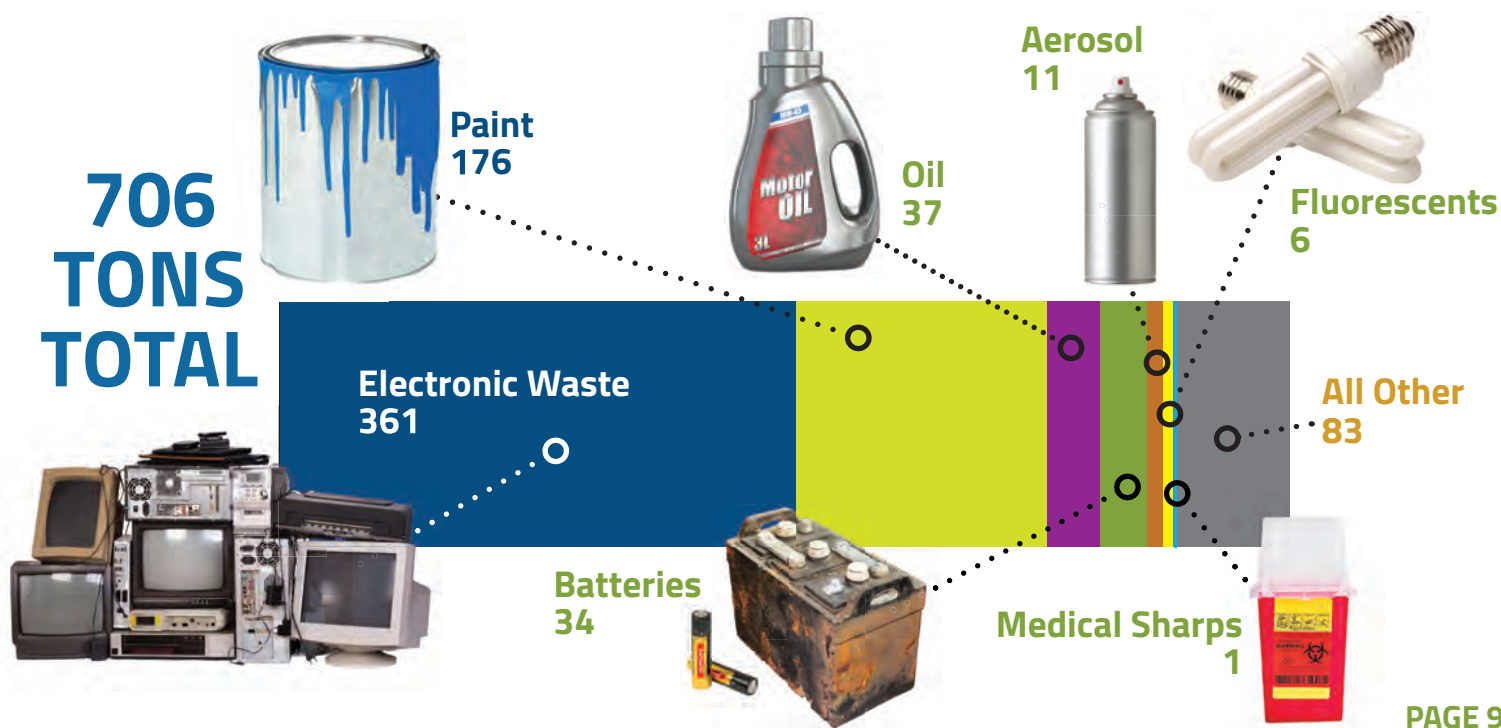


What makes up your trash bill?



Household Hazardous and Electronic Waste Received FY 17-18 (in Tons)

706 TONS TOTAL



Public Outreach and School Education Program

With the grand opening of Materials Recovery Facility 2.0 and the reality that “Recycling is Changing,” the District Public Education and Outreach program launched several new waste reduction and resource conservation initiatives in 2018.

Students and Schools

To support project-based learning, which engages students in real-world experiences and problem solving, District staff provided tours to hundreds of students from 3rd grade through postgraduate. In partnership with Save the Whales, Storm Water Education Alliance, Waste Management, NOAA’s Ocean Guardian Schools Program, and CSUMB Service Learning students, more than 1,800 students participated in school assemblies and presentations promoting waste reduction, recycling, and Students for Zero Waste Week.

Business and Industry

The District partnered with Monterey County Convention and Visitors Bureau, Monterey Bay Aquarium, and other local stakeholders to form the Sustainable Moments Collective. The Collective developed a series of messages to remind visitors that “sustainability starts with you!”

Using the Convention and Visitors Bureau “Sustainable Moments” campaign as an umbrella, the Collective aims to provide a unified message to visitors throughout Monterey County to increase the likelihood of conservation action both during their visit and when they return home.

Bringing Food Scrap Composting to Residents

The first community food scrap collection at local farmers markets was launched in Fall 2017. Local residents responded enthusiastically to the new program at markets in Pacific Grove, Marina, and Carmel-by-the-Sea. The collected food scraps are delivered to the District’s Organics to Energy program to produce renewable energy and compost. The project partners include the cities of Pacific Grove, Marina, and Carmel, as well as Everyone’s Harvest Farmers Markets, GreenWaste Recovery, Citizens for a Sustainable Monterey County, and CSUMB Service Learning students.

Addressing Illegal Dumping and Litter Abatement in Monterey County

The District joined with a wide range of stakeholders to address the problem of illegal dumping in Monterey County. Partners include the Monterey County Environmental Health Department, Salinas Valley Solid Waste Authority, local jurisdictions, and law enforcement. In 2018, new initiatives were launched in partnership with the Monterey County Farm Bureau and Growers and Shippers Association to promote recycling and waste reduction resources available to the agricultural labor force during seasonal moveouts. The District also partnered with Waste Management to host the first community recycling and household hazardous waste collection event in Big Sur.



Introducing What Goes Where



CSUMB Service Learners Project Based Learning



Farmers Market Food Scrap Collection



Students Introduced to MRF 2.0

\$88.50



Kirby Canyon,
Santa Clara County

\$84.00



Guadalupe,
Santa Clara County

\$77.00



Buena Vista,
Santa Cruz County

\$68.50



Johnson Canyon,
Monterey County

Disposal Fees at Regional Landfills (per ton)

\$62.75



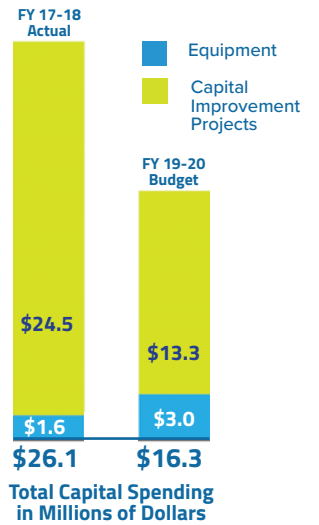
John Smith,
San Benito County

\$62.00

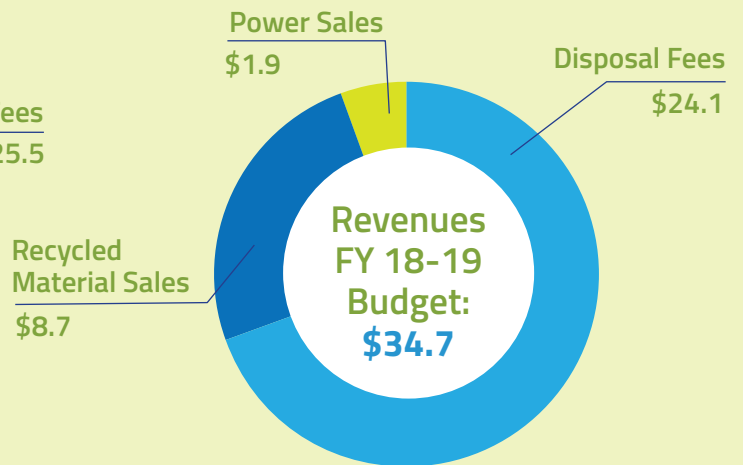
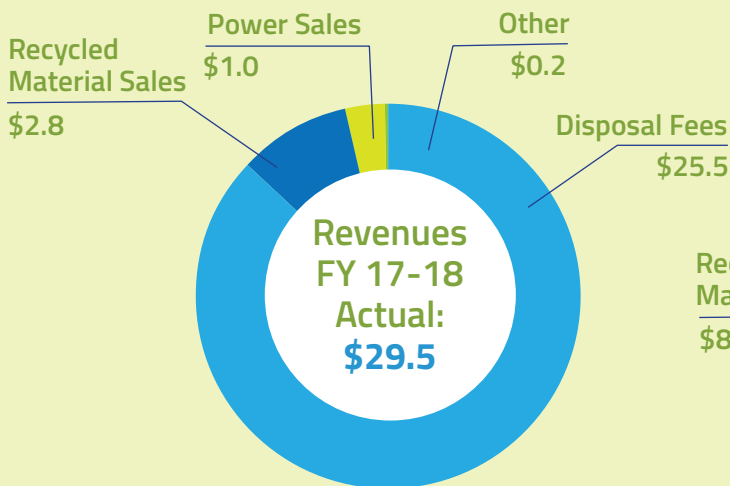


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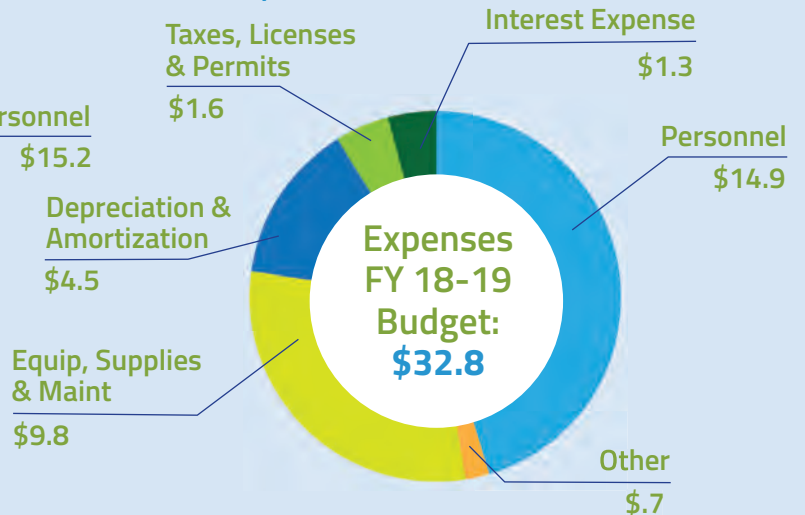
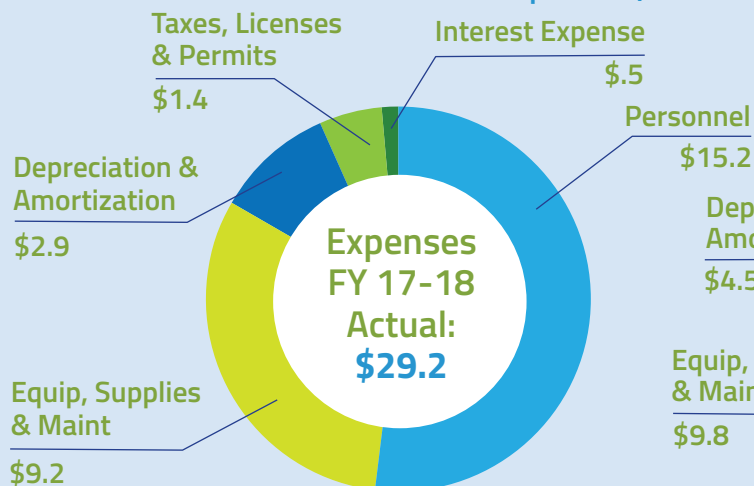
Capital Projects



Revenues (in Millions of Dollars)



Expenses (in Millions of Dollars)





FY 2017-2018 Board Highlights

SEPTEMBER 2017

Presented a resolution of appreciation to The Offset Project (TOP) founder Kristin Cushman in recognition of TOP's ten-year anniversary. TOP began in 2007 with the vision of creating sustainable programs and has been a leader in implementing zero-waste programs for local events.

Approved a contract with Golder Associates for Landfill Gas Collection and Control System Operation and Maintenance. Golder will assist in the field training of District senior technicians at a cost not to exceed \$75,000.

OCTOBER 2017



Recognized Director Gary Bales for receiving the California Special District Association (CSDA) 2017 Board Member of the Year Award. Director Bales was recognized at the CSDA Annual Conference held in Monterey and is the longest serving Board member on any special district in the state of California, and perhaps the nation, having served on the District Board for 48 years.

NOVEMBER 2017

Staff conducted a Board workshop detailing the District's business model, existing facility infrastructure care and landfill development, and future organics and energy development. Staff also presented strategies to reduce risks and increase financial stability.

JANUARY 2018

The District's annual audit for FY 2016-17 was accepted by the Board. Auditor Vavrinek, Trine, Day & Co., LLP reported that the audit expressed a "clean" opinion, with no findings or recommendations over internal controls, and no audit adjustments.

MARCH 2018

Accepted California Energy Commission grant funding to convert biogas to compressed natural gas (CNG) transportation fuel at an estimated project cost of \$3,647,989. The biogas will be collected from existing operations, which could include the landfill, the anaerobic digestion project, the Monterey One Water wastewater treatment plant, or a combination of these sources. The CNG will be directed to the District's Franchise Truck Yard fueling station to be used for both District vehicles and franchise waste collection trucks.

Approved a contract for temporary placement of Materials Recovery Facility workers with the Mattox Group (TMG), an affiliate of the Veteran's Transition Center. This is a new service offered by TMG to the local veteran community to assist program participants with much-needed transitional employment opportunities.

APRIL 2018

Presented a Resolution of Appreciation to Donna Shore for her zero waste work at the annual Jewish Food Festival, which has recycled and composted 95% of the waste generated. A Resolution of Appreciation was presented to Laurie Eavey of Sustainable Monterey Communities for her work to eliminate single use plastics and to coordinate the first local "No Straw November" campaign.



MAY 2018

Staff provided a FY 2018-19 budget preview, including information on historic and proposed operating metrics, budgeted tonnage, historical tons and fees, and rationale for proposing to increase rates for refuse, yard waste, food waste, and sewage sludge. Even with the increases, the District will continue to have the lowest rates for all materials and would raise the monthly bill by an average of \$0.53. Staff proposed the issuance of up to \$25 million in follow-on bond financing to cover a portion of the projected capital spending. Staff identified \$16.3M in capital needs for FY 2018-19 and executing issuance of bonds is likely to result in interest rates at or below the 2015 issuance.

JUNE 2018



The 2018 CSUMB Artist in Residence recipients presented their work to the Board. This is the third year of the program, in which student artists transform reusable materials into art. Ashley Vaughn described her work "Place Word Here" as using discarded doors and recycled paper to express feelings of confinement and protection. Richard Sotelo described his project "Reflections" as using discarded mirrors to etch himself and his family members and illuminate a period in which they were homeless.

A public hearing was held and the following tipping fee increases approved: Solid Waste Landfill Disposal Rate, from \$56 to \$62 per ton; Yard Waste Rate, from \$32.50 to \$40 per ton; Food Scraps Rate, from \$45.50 to \$54 per ton. The increases will add \$1.2 million to the District's revenue for FY 2018-19.

Approved a one-time expenditure of \$125,000 to support activities of the

25 Year Longevity Award Becky Aguilar, Executive Assistant/Clerk of the Board



I am proud to be a part of the District and what it was created to do - manage the waste and recycling for the greater Monterey Peninsula. Since I started as a Deputy Weighmaster, the District has changed and grown enormously. I still remember the original 33 employees. The District evolved into and continues to be the "best solid waste system"! My advice to the next generation is be mindful of your waste - future generations depend on it!

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Monterey County Illegal Dumping and Litter Abatement Program, including funds to host a household hazardous waste collection event in Big Sur.

Approved the Budget for FY 2018-19, which contained estimated Revenues of \$34,634,000 and operating Expenses of \$31,917,000. 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 is estimated at \$16,328,000, an increase of \$3,421,000 from the FY 2017-18 Budget.

Approved a recycling characterization study with SCS Engineers not to exceed \$105,000. The study will characterize the quality of "single stream" recyclable materials. The findings will be applied to improve public outreach activities, increase recycling levels and decrease contamination to help meet new recycling standards dictated by current market conditions.



BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Our nine-member Board includes a representative from each of the municipalities within the District boundaries, one to represent unincorporated Monterey County and a "director-at-large" representing the Pebble Beach Community Services District. Board members are appointed for four-year terms.

Board Member	Jursidiction	Appointed
Bruce Delgado, Chair	Marina	January 2009
Carrie Theis, Vice Chair	Carmel-by-the-Sea	December 2014
Dennis Allion	Del Rey Oaks	January 2011
Gary Bales	Pacific Grove	April 1969
Jerry Blackwelder	Sand City	May 2017
Jason Campbell	Seaside	December 2016
Libby Downey	Monterey	January 2007
Leo Laska	Pebble Beach Community Services District	December 2003
Jane Parker	Unincorporated Monterey County	January 2009

HOURS OF OPERATION

Landfill Disposal Site

Monday - Friday, 7 am - 4 pm

Saturday, 8 am - 4 pm

Last Chance Mercantile

Tuesday - Saturday, 9 am - 4 pm

Closed Monday

Buy Back Center

Tuesday - Friday, 9 am - 4 pm

Saturday, 9 am - 3 pm

Closed Monday

Household Hazardous Waste Collection

Tuesday - Saturday, 9 am - 4 pm

Closed Monday

Administration Building

Monday - Friday, 8 am - 4 pm

SERVICE AREA

The district covers a total of 853 square miles. District jurisdictional boundaries include the cities of Carmel-by-the-Sea, Del Rey Oaks, Marina, Monterey, Pacific Grove, Sand City, Seaside, and the unincorporated areas of Big Sur, Carmel Highlands, Carmel Valley, Castroville, Corral De Tierra, Laguna Seca, Moss Landing, Pebble Beach, San Benancio, and Toro Park. The population currently served is approximately 170,000.

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Turn Waste Into Resources

*in the most cost effective and
environmentally sound manner to benefit
the community.*

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Turning Waste Into Resources





Recycling Outside The Bin



Bulky Item Collection: If you are not able to transport bulky items for donation, contact your hauler or property manager to learn about free bulky item curbside collection for your residence. Eligible items include furniture, mattresses, electronic waste, appliances, and miscellaneous household goods.



Reusable Textiles and Household Goods: Drop off at the District's Last Chance Merchantile or a charitable program, such as Goodwill or Habitat for Humanity, or schedule a free curbside Bulky Item Collection with your hauler.



Plastic Bags: (such as dry cleaning, newspaper and sandwich bags) these are not accepted in your curbside bin. Find a grocery or retail store that has a plastic bag collection box.



Household Hazardous Products & Materials:

It is against the law to dispose of household hazardous products, including batteries, electronics, fluorescent bulbs, and household products containing toxic, poisonous, or flammable materials. Please visit the WhatGoesWhere app or website for free drop-off options.



Household Batteries – A Serious Fire Hazard When Disposed of Incorrectly:

Tossing batteries in recycling or trash carts can ignite fires in collection trucks, landfills, and recycling facilities and endanger workers and infrastructure. When batteries are placed in recycling bins, paper and cardboard become ignition sources that make fires difficult to control.

Over 3 billion single-use disposable batteries are sold in the U.S. every year. California law prohibits the disposal of batteries in the trash, and many batteries are not recycled properly. The increasing use and improper disposal of lithium-ion batteries has been linked to fires at solid waste facilities throughout the U.S.

Many Monterey County recycling programs allow you to recycle batteries by placing them in a clear bag on top of your recycling cart on collection day. Check WhatGoesWhere.info for battery recycling guidelines, including curbside recycling information and drop-off locations.



Need info about curbside collection? Contact your Hauler:



Waste Management
831-384-5000
montereycounty.wm.com



Tri-City Disposal
888-678-6798
tri-citiesdisposal.com



Monterey City Disposal
831-372-7977
montereydisposal.com



GreenWaste Recovery
831-920-6707
greenwaste.com



Republic Services
831-775-3840
local.republicservices.com/site/salinas

What Goes Where



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GLASS



PLASTIC



Plastic containers and beverage bottles #1-5, rigid plastic items larger than 12 inches: baskets, buckets, coolers, crates, and coat hangers

PAPER



Not Accepted in Curbside Recycling

Plastic film, polystyrene foam, textiles, food-soiled packaging (like greasy pizza boxes), coffee cups and lids

