



# Monterey Regional Waste Management District

Service, Stewardship, and Sustainability Since 1951

January 18, 2019 Board of Directors Meeting

## HIGHLIGHTS

**Employee Recognition.** The Board adopted a resolution of appreciation for Retiring Sorter I Raul Zamudio after 17 years of service. We wish him well in retirement. The Board also recognized Weighmaster Sabrina Bailey for 20 years of service to the District. She is the first impression at the scales for most District customers where they receive a warm welcome, get directions, and find out about our services.



**Board Recognition.** Monterey County Supervisor and Board Director Jane Parker was recognized her 10 years of dedicated service to the District representing the County of Monterey

**Social Committee Recognition.** Human Resources Manager provided a presentation to the Board describing the types of employee events the Social Committee had planned throughout 2018. The Committee is made up of volunteers from various District departments and are provided a budget for the various employee's events. They also had also planned the Employee Appreciation Dinner which had provided a great opportunity for better employee interaction complete with an employee talent show. She introduced the Committee as Regina Santa Cruz, Ida Gonzales, Sonia Martinez, Jessica Arreola, Jeannette Pagan, Frank Patague, Leo Martinez, Jr., Kirk Bennett, and Angela Goebel. The Board commended the Social Committee for all their efforts in 2018.



**Marina Odor Observations on Social Media.** Recent reports regarding odor issues, provided primarily through social media from the Marina community, have to the attention of the District. Some reporters are perceiving the odors as being associated with operations at the District and Monterey One Water's regional waste water treatment plant. The District operates under a Solid Waste Facility Permit and the County Environmental Health conducts monthly inspections. The District is concerned about the odors being reported and is committed to mitigating odors. The Board requested staff keep them informed of any further issues.

### **Monterey County Litter Abatement Efforts and MOU for Reimbursement of Litter**

**Abatement Program.** Randy Ishii of the Monterey County Resource Management Agency County provided a presentation to the Board with elements of their illegal dumping and litter cleanup activities. Director Delgado commented on the litter issue. The Board approved a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), which defined how the District will reimburse the County for litter and illegal dumping cleanup in an amount not to exceed \$75,000 as approved by Board at the June 22, 2018 meeting.

**Materials Recovery Facility Selected as Project of Year.** The District's Materials Recovery Facility the Best Environmental Project award (in the \$5 million to \$25 million range) from the local from American Public Works Association APWA Chapter. District staff will receive the award at the January 24<sup>th</sup> Monterey Chapter APWA annual banquet.