

# MINUTES



## Draft Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors

February 17, 2023, 9:00 a.m.

### Board Members Present :

Chair: Jason Campbell, City of Seaside  
Vice Chair: Kim Shirley, City of Del Rey Oaks

Directors: Leo Laska, Pebble Beach Community Services District  
Bruce Delgado, City of Marina  
Jerry Blackwelder, City of Sand City  
Wendy Root Askew, County of Monterey  
Bill Peake, City of Pacific Grove  
Kim Barber, City of Monterey  
Karen Ferlito, City of Carmel-by-the-Sea

**Absent:** None

**Staff Members Present:** Felipe Melchor, General Manager  
Rob Wellington, Legal Counsel  
Guy Petraborg, Director of Engineering & Compliance  
Helen Rodriguez, Director of Finance & Administration  
Berta Torres, Human Resources Manager  
David Ramirez, Senior Engineer  
Garth Gregson, Accounting Manager  
Kristin O'Hara, Communications and Public Education Manager  
Ida Gonzales, Executive Assistant/ Board Clerk  
Rosemary Perez, Accounting Technician  
Erica Espinoza, Accounting Assistant  
Ana Quiroz, Administrative Support Specialist II  
Fatima Ochoa, Human Resources Assistant

### Call to Order at 9:00 a.m.

Chair Campbell welcomed new Board Member Dr. Kim Barber.

### Roll Call & Establishment of Quorum

Notice duly given and presence of a quorum established, the February 17, 2023 Regular Meeting of the Monterey Regional Waste Management District dba ReGen Monterey Board of Directors was called to order by Chair Campbell at 9:00 a.m.

### Pledge of Allegiance

### Public Communications

*Anyone wishing to address the Board on matters not appearing on the agenda may do so now. Please limit comments to a maximum of three (3) minutes. The public may comment on any other matter listed on the agenda at the time the matter is being considered by the Board. For information about submitting public comments in writing in advance of the meeting, please see the Meeting Information section of this agenda.*

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## Consent

These matters include routine financial and administrative actions, which are usually approved by a single majority vote. Individual items may be removed from consent for discussion and action.

### 1. Board Teleconferencing Rules Effective as of March 1, 2023.

Agenda Item 1 was removed from the consent agenda and was discussed under Staff reports. Rob Wellington provided an overview of the new Board Teleconferencing Rules effective as of March 1, 2023. A policy will be written and provided at a future Board meeting on the new teleconferencing procedures.

### 2. Approve Minutes of January 20, 2023, Regular Board Meeting.

### 3. Approve Report of Disbursements, and Board & Employee Reimbursements for January 2023.

### 4. Receive January 4, 2023, Finance Committee Minutes.

### 5. Receive November 2, 2022, Personnel Committee Minutes.

### 6. Authorize the General Manager to Contract with Wood Brothers Incorporated of Lemoore, California to Reduce the Excess Thickness of the Vegetative Soil Layer over the Landfill's Cover Material in the Amount of \$500,000 (includes an estimated 15% contingency estimate).

### 7. Approve Amendment of Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) Between the County of Monterey and Monterey Regional Waste Management District dba ReGen Monterey to Continue Funding Litter Abatement for Two Additional Years, Not to Exceed \$25,000 per Year.

### 8. Authorize the Engine Rebuild of Landfill Equipment LF29 D8 Dozer in the amount of \$250,000 to be completed by Quinn Caterpillar of Salinas, Ca.

*It was moved by Director Delgado, seconded by Director Askew To: Approve the consent agenda items 2-8.*

#### **The Motion was passed by the following vote:**

*Director Askew: Yes*

*Director Delgado: Yes*

*Director Peake: Yes*

*Director Barber: Yes*

*Director Ferlito: Yes*

*Vice Chair Shirley: Yes*

*Director Blackwelder: Yes*

*Director Laska: Yes*

*Chair Campbell: Yes*

There were no public comments.

## Recognition/Presentations

### 9. Presentation by Last Chance Mercantile (LCM) Veterans Transition Center (VTC).

The Board of Directors received a presentation from Freya Read, LCM Manager and Tori Olson, LCM Assistant Manager. The presentation included 2022 highlights of the store redesign, waste diversion tracking, the Artist in Residence Program, and a visit from Congressman Jimmy Panetta. They also reported on the current operational needs, challenges, and priorities of the Last Chance Mercantile. The presenters thanked the Board and Staff for their continued partnership and support.



## Discussion/Action

### 10. Joint Feasibility Study for Organic Waste Processing, Microgrid, and Renewable Energy.

Guy Petraborg, Director of Engineering and Compliance provided a summary on the Joint Feasibility Study for Organic Waste Processing, Microgrid, and Renewable Energy. Paul Sciuto, General Manager of Monterey One Water provided information to the Board on the project partnership between ReGen Monterey and Monterey One Water. Board discussion followed and the Board requested that staff continue to provide updates on the progress of the Joint Feasibility Study. The joint Ad-hoc committee continues to meet to discuss the Joint Feasibility Study and collaboration between both agencies.

### 11. Discuss Monterey One Water (M1W) Co-digestion Project Supported by CalRecycle (Cycle 1) Grant Funds and Authorize the General Manager to Negotiate a Feedstock Agreement for Delivery of up to 10,000 tons of Source Separated Food Waste.

The Board received a presentation from Guy Petraborg, Director of Engineering and Compliance regarding the Co-digestion project supported by CalRecycle (Cycle 1) Grant Funds. The presentation included an overview of the history of the Co-Digestion vision for the joint project and the request for ReGen Monterey to provide the delivery of feedstock for up to 10,000 tons of source separated food waste to M1W. Following negotiations with M1W, a draft agreement and staff report will be provided to the Board for review and approval.

*It was moved by Director Blackwelder seconded by Chair Campbell To: Authorize the General Manager to Negotiate a Feedstock Agreement for Delivery of up to 10,000 tons of Source Separated Food Waste.*

***The Motion was passed by the following vote:***

*Director Askew: Yes*

*Director Delgado: Yes*

*Director Peake: Yes*

*Director Barber: Absent*

*Director Ferlito: Yes*

*Vice Chair Shirley: Yes*

*Director Blackwelder: Yes*

*Director Laska: Yes*

*Chair Campbell: Yes*

There were no public comments.

## Staff Reports

### 12. Review Finance, Operating, and Recycling Reports

Garth Gregson, Finance Manager provided a report on ReGen Monterey Finances.

### 13. Update on Public Education School Outreach Implementing Proper Sorting and Food Scrap Composting per SB 1383.

Odalys Barajas, Public Education and Outreach Specialist presented on a combined effort between ReGen Monterey, and Waste Management on school outreach programs in the ReGen Monterey service area. School outreach education is a requirement of SB 1383 that includes the composting of food scraps.

### 14. Report on Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) and SB 1383 – January 11, 2023 Meeting

Kristin O'Hara, Public Education and Communications Manager provided a summary of the TAC report provided in the Board packet.



### Other Correspondence

**15. Letter from SDRMA Re: Notice of Nominations for SDRMA Board of Directors Elections 2023.**

The Chair reviewed the letter requesting nominations for the SDRMA Board of Directors.

**16. Letter from CSDA Board of Directors Re: Call for Nominations.**

The Chair reviewed the letter requesting nominations for the CSDA Board of Directors.

### Board Communications

**17. Committee Appointments**

Chair Campbell reviewed the Committee appointments. The Chair confirmed that Director Ferlito and Director Peake were appointed to the Finance Committee. Director Askew was appointed to the Personnel Committee. Director Barber will attend the Special Districts Managers Meetings.

Director Peake thanked staff for adding the Board Policies to the website. Director Delgado thanked staff for their continued support of litter removal efforts on Lapis Road.

### General Manager Communications

#### Closed Session

No Public Comments on Closed Session

The Board went into Closed Session at 12:20 p.m.

*As permitted by Government Code Section 54956 et seq., the Board may adjourn to a closed session to consider specific matters dealing with litigation, certain personnel matters, real property negotiations or to confer with the ReGen Monterey's Meyers-Milias-Brown Act representative.*

1. Conference with Labor Negotiators:  
District Negotiators: Felipe Melchor, Helen Rodriguez, and Berta Torres  
Employee Organizations: Operating Engineers – Laborers & Sales Clerks Unit


#### Return to Open Session

The Board came back into open session at 12:50 p.m., and Legal Counsel announced that in the closed session, as listed on the agenda (for labor negotiations), the Board received information presented to it by the staff negotiators, the matter was discussed by the Board, and no reportable action was taken.


#### ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board at this time, the February 17, 2023. Regular Meeting of the Monterey Regional Waste Management District Board of Directors was adjourned by Chair Campbell at 12:51 p.m.

#### RECORDED BY:

  
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Ida Gonzales  
Executive Assistant/ Board Clerk

#### AUTHENTICATED BY:

  
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Felipe Melchor  
General Manager/Secretary