

**MONTEREY REGIONAL WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

9:30 A.M., Friday
April 16, 2004

Boardroom
Monterey Peninsula Landfill
Marina, CA

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dan Albert, Chair
Jack Barlich, Vice Chair
Gary Bales
Ken Gray
Edith Johnsen
Tom Mancini
Sue McCloud
David Pendergrass

MEMBERS ABSENT: Leo Laska

STAFF PRESENT: J. David Myers, General Manager
William Merry, District Engineer/Assistant General Manager
Robert Wellington, Legal Counsel
Rick Shedden, Senior Engineer
Richard Norton, Administrative Services Manager
Heidi Feldman Public Education Coordinator
Harry Hunzie, Materials Facility Manager
Julia Partida, Administrative Support Specialist
Cheryl Hall, Public Education Assistant
Rodney Barber, Assistant Mechanic/Operating Engineers Shop Steward
Suzan Fine, Recycling Attendant/SEIU Shop Steward

OTHERS PRESENT: None

ROLL CALL AND ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

Notice having been duly given and the presence of a quorum established, the April 16, 2004, Regular Meeting of the Monterey Regional Waste Management District Board of Directors was called to order by Chair Albert at 9:30 a.m.

PRESENTATION OF 35-YEAR SERVICE AWARD TO GARY BALES

Chair Albert presented Director Bales with a 35-year service award on behalf of the Board and the District. Chair Albert stated that 35 years of consecutive public service on a board was probably a record in the State of California. He also stated that Gary had provided valuable input as Director and past Chair to the Board and the District. Director Bales stated that it had been a pleasure working with a Board from different jurisdictions on regional solutions to solid waste problems. He stated that although he had worked with many board members over the years and was grateful for their input, he especially wished to express appreciation to the General Manager and District staff for their outstanding efforts which made the Board's role easier. General Manager stated it had been a pleasure to have worked with Gary for 10 years with the City of Pacific Grove and 25 years with the District. It had been a great experience and Gary's guidance had been important to him and vital to the District.

Chair Albert also congratulated Director McCloud on her reelection as Mayor of the City of Carmel.

CONSENT AGENDA

Following a motion by Director Johnsen and seconded, the Board approved the following actions:

- 1) **Approve Minutes of March 19, 2004 Regular Meeting**
- 2) **Approve Warrants #42562 - #42762**

ITEMS FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION, DISCUSSION AND ACTION

3) Consider Request by Randazzo Enterprises to Reduce Tipping Fees for Disposal of Demolition Debris from Clark-Pinnacle/US Army Housing Project

The Board reviewed a letter dated March 26, 2004 from Randazzo Enterprises requesting that the District consider lowering the tipping fees to \$25 per ton for demolition debris from the Clark-Pinnacle housing project. The Board also reviewed a memorandum from District Engineer recommending the rejection of Randazzo's request.

General Manager stated that at the November 2003 meeting, the Board had authorized the District to enter into an agreement with Randazzo for a ten-year fixed rate of \$35 per ton for the demolition debris. Staff and Legal Counsel had worked on the agreement and had given it to Randazzo for review, but it had not been finalized. In the meantime, Randazzo had begun the first phase of the work and lost money, which was why they were now requesting that the District lower the rate even further to \$25 per ton. General Manager explained that although the District would like to receive the additional tonnage and income, staff believed that by doing so, the District could lose money at the end of the agreement since the District has not charged \$25 per ton for several years. It would set a precedent for other contractors to bid on jobs with the assumption that they could request a lower tipping fee from the District. He also stated that it would be unfair to the contractors who had originally bid on the Clark Pinnacle project without any rate reductions.

Board discussion followed regarding the type of material that had been removed from Phase I, its recyclability, and what would happen if the Board did not agree to the rate reduction. District Engineer responded that most of the material had been stucco and therefore not recyclable. General Manager stated that if the Board did not agree

to the reduction, Randazzo could lose its contract and the material could be hauled to another facility at a lower cost. Chair Albert expressed concern that no one from Randazzo was present at the meeting.

It was moved by Director Gray, seconded, and *Unanimously Carried To: Deny Request by Randazzo Enterprises to Reduce Tipping Fees for Disposal of Demolition Debris from Clark-Pinnacle/US Army Housing Project.*

4) Review Proposed Landscape Designs for Environmental Park Site Entrance

The Board reviewed conceptual drawings of the landscape design for the site entrance. General Manager stated that the Board did not need to make a final decision but it would be nice to get some direction on what type of material to use at the site entrance.

General Manager stated that the designs vary in the usage of adobe, recycled concrete, stone and telephone poles, or granite rock. All of the designs include shrubbery that does not require ongoing watering. His personal favorite was the use of adobe to create a short wall and columns which would complement the existing adobe walls and provide uniformity to the chain link fence on one side and the barbed wire on the other side. He also stated that the District was experimenting with creating adobe bricks using old latex paint. Staff will request input from the Monterey Regional Water Pollution Control Agency Board as well, and possibly have them share some of the costs for the improvements.

General Manager reported that a major issue which could affect the design was whether there was need for left and right turn lanes on Del Monte Boulevard. Board discussion followed regarding the turn lanes and gave staff direction to wait until permit revisions are finalized before implementing any design. The Board also discussed the different type of designs, material, and maintenance requirements.

It was moved by Director Bales seconded, and *Unanimously Carried To: Use Concept Design of Natural or Painted Adobe Bricks for Environmental Park Site Entrance*

5) Adopt Resolution 2004-02 Declaring Minor Change to MRF Solid Waste Facilities Permit (SWFP) for Sort Line Modifications and Realignment of MRF Road is Categorically Exempt from CEQA

The Board reviewed a memorandum from Senior Engineer, Rick Shedden, regarding notice of exemption for Solid Waste Facility Permit Report of Facility Information amendments. General Manager reported that originally staff planned to include the new truck scale, site paving, and MRF sort line modifications in the application for a revised combined SWFP. The Monterey County Environmental Health Department (MCEHD) has indicated that prior to the implementation of the proposed changes, a Report of Facility Information (RFI) amendment is required. The RFI Amendment application approval can be expedited administratively by the MCEHD staff, without the formal involvement of the California Integrated Waste Management Board, and without the need for a public hearing. However, compliance with CEQA is still necessary.

General Manager also reported that the District is currently in violation of the permitted daily peak traffic requirements for the MRF.

It was moved by Director Mancini, seconded, and *Unanimously Carried To: Adopt Resolution 2004-02 Declaring Minor Change to MRF Solid Waste Facilities Permit (SWFP) for Sort Line Modifications and Realignment of MRF Road is Categorically Exempt from CEQA.*

6) Adopt Resolution 2004-03 Declaring that Minor Change to Landfill SWFP for New Truck Scale and Site Paving is Categorically Exempt from CEQA

It was moved by Director McCloud, seconded, and *Unanimously Carried To: Adopt Resolution 2004-03 Declaring that Minor Change to Landfill SWFP for New Truck Scale and Site Paving is Categorically Exempt from CEQA.*

7) Authorize Staff to File Applications with County Environmental Health Department for "Report of Facility Information" Amendments to MRF and Landfill Facility Permits

It was moved by Director Barlich, seconded, and *Unanimously Carried To: Authorize Staff to File Applications with County Environmental Health Department for "Report of Facility Information" Amendments to MRF and Landfill Facility Permits.*

8) Review Agenda for April 22, 2004 Strategic Planning Workshop

The Board reviewed the Strategic Planning Workshop agenda. General Manager stated that he planned to briefly update the Board on the three year goals at the beginning of the session. General Manager stated that some of the topics discussed would be diversion rates and customer service levels.

Discussion followed regarding the five year budget projection. The Board felt that preparing a budget projection would be beneficial in trying to establish long term financial goals.

9) Select Winners of School Earth Day Poster Contest

The Board judged the Earth Day Contest posters and chose Ms. Sanders' combination second and third grade class from Olson School in Marina as the first place winner of a pizza party. Second and third place winners were Ms. Brannon's second grade class from All Saints School, and Ms. Moody's third grade class from Foothill Elementary School, respectively. The second and third place winners will receive a cookie party.

STAFF REPORTS**10) Status of General Manager Recruitment Process**

General Manager reported that the recruitment process is moving along well with advertisements placed in the SWANA email newsletter. Advertisements will also be placed in *Western Cities* magazine and other publications. General Manager stated that brochures have been printed and the District should receive them soon.

11) Salinas Valley Solid Waste Authority Update

General Manager reported that he, William Merry, Chair Albert and Director Bales would be meeting with some of the Salinas Valley Solid Waste Authority Board members and staff to discuss the possibility of bringing Salinas Valley waste to the District site.

12) Status of District Recycling Drop Off Bins

General Manager reported that at the request of the Moss Landing Harbor District the MRWMD recycling bin had been removed from the Harbor District's parking lot and would now be hosted by the Moss Landing Marine Laboratories.

13) Special District Association of Monterey County Meeting Minutes

The Board reviewed the minutes from the January 13, 2004 Special Districts Association meeting.

14) Financial, Operating, and Recycling Reports

General Manager handed out the quarterly recycling reports for 2004. Seaside continues to be below 50%. Carmel has quite a few construction projects going on as well and it reflects in the diversion rate. The Board reviewed the operating and recycling reports for March. March was a good month financially thanks to the return of sludge from the MRWPCA which also contributed to a large increase in the diversion rates.

Discussion followed regarding the diversion rates from 2001 to 2002. The planned MRF improvements should increase the diversion rates. District Engineer reported that District staff is preparing a memorandum to the California Integrated Waste Management Board addressing the diversion from the Hayes Park project in Seaside. District Engineer stated that if Seaside receives credit for the diversion that took place, its total diversion rate will be well over 50%.

OTHER CORRESPONDENCE

15) Letter to Member Cities Re: Department of Conservation Recycling/Litter Grant Funds

The Board reviewed a letter to MRWMD member cities regarding Department of Conservation funding for the Regional Recycling Media Campaign. General Manager reported that Heidi sends out the letter annually.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board at this time, the April 16, 2004 Regular Meeting of the Monterey Regional Waste Management District Board of Directors was adjourned to May 21, 2004 by Chair Albert at 10:45 a.m.

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