

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

9:00 A.M., Friday  
August 20, 2004

Boardroom  
Monterey Peninsula Landfill  
Marina, CA

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Dan Albert, Chair  
Gary Bales  
Ken Gray  
Edith Johnsen  
Leo Laska  
Tom Mancini  
Sue McCloud  
David Pendergrass

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Jack Barlich, Vice Chair

**STAFF PRESENT:** J. David Myers, General Manager  
William Merry, District Engineer/Assistant General Manager  
Rob Wellington, Legal Counsel  
Rebecca Aguilar, Administrative Support Supervisor  
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 August 20, 2004, Regular Meeting of the Monterey Regional Waste Management District Board of Directors was called to order by Chair Albert at 9:00 a.m.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

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

- 1) **Approve Minutes of July 16, 2004 Regular Meeting**
- 2) **Approve Report of Disbursements**

**STAFF REPORTS**

**3) Update on Regional Water Quality Control Board Position on Fort Ord Lead Painted Wood**

General Manager reported that the Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB) had changed its opinion about the acceptance of lead painted wood from Fort Ord at the District site. He reported that the new legal counsel for the RWQCB had not been aware that the District site had a composite liner and that the RWQCB staff had previously agreed that all that was needed for acceptance of the material was a variance from the State Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC). Staff has asked DTSC to continue the previously halted work on the variance application and will ask EMC Planning to continue their work on the CEQA aspects of the project.

**4) Status of PG&E Renewable Power Solicitation**

General Manager reported that staff had considered responding to PG&E's renewable power solicitation and after careful consideration, decided to not prepare a proposal at this time since PG&E would need more power and would more than likely be asking for proposals again in the near future. General Manager also reported that the District Finance/Information Systems Manager was working with a consultant to try and add the fourth engine to the existing contract or obtain a similar contract.

**5) Report on CIWMB Biennial Review Process**

General Manager reported that the California Integrated Waste Management Board (CIWMB) had approved biennial reviews for 2001/02 for the cities of Carmel-by-the-Sea, Del Rey Oaks, Marina, Monterey, and Pacific Grove. The approval for the City of Seaside would more than likely be forthcoming. He also reported that because the unincorporated Monterey County had submitted a new base year and was on a time extension, they would not be going through the 01/02 Biennial Review.

**6) Proposed Reorganization of State Waste Management Agencies**

The Board reviewed the California Performance Review (CPR) recommendations for reorganization of the CIWMB provided by SWANA legislative advocates, Shaw/Yoder. CPR recommendations, which would be very controversial and very difficult if not impossible to implement, would eliminate the CIWMB and replace it with the "Pollution Prevention, Recycling and Waste Management Division" under the Department of Environmental Protection. This would be beneficial to District staff since they would be dealing with one agency for permits rather than the CIWMB, DTSC, and the RWQCB.

**7) Financial, Operating, and Recycling Reports**

The Board reviewed the financial reports through June 30, 2004. The July financial statements will be presented to the Board along with the August financials at the September Board meeting.

General Manager reported that diversion rates were up in July compared to June, but still lower than previous months due to the continued work on the sortline.

**8) Quarterly Recycling Reports by Jurisdiction**

The Board reviewed the quarterly recycling report ending June 30, 2004. Most of the member jurisdictions had a slight drop due to the current adjustment factors and the fact that our MRF sortline was down for a good part of the month of June for improvements. General Manager reported that the line was now operational and diversion rates should increase with the additional screenings coming out of the newly installed disc screen. Seaside was still being affected by the Fort Ord construction projects and Carmel had been adversely affected by all of the remodeling projects.

**9) Report on Meeting with Salinas Valley Solid Waste Authority**

The Board received copies of memoranda from District Engineer and Steve Johnson, General Manager of the Salinas Valley Solid Waste Authority (SVSWA), regarding the meeting held between the District and the SVSWA regarding the possibility of delivering some of the Salinas area waste to the District in the future. The next MRWMD/SVSWA meeting is tentatively scheduled after the next Advisory Task Force meeting, where discussions will continue related to revenue, expenses, and service levels, to include acceptance of Salinas waste.

**10) Status of Site Entrance Improvement Project**

General Manager reported that because of some structural issues around the use of homemade waste paint adobe type bricks at the site entrance and because staff wanted to get an architect's view of the project, they met with Paul E. Davis and asked him to prepare a new drawing incorporating the use of the bricks and short pillars with tile caps as discussed at the June Board meeting. Staff hopes to have more information and a new set of drawings at the September Board meeting for review prior to involving the MRWPCA Board.

**OTHER CORRESPONDENCE****11) Letter to Santa Cruz County Re: Response to Request for Information**

The Board reviewed a letter that General Manager sent on July 23, 2004 to Santa Cruz County Public Works Director, Thomas Bolich in response to his request for information with regard to acceptance of Santa Cruz County waste.

**12) Letter from FORA Thanking MRWMD for Support of Cleanup Day**

The Board reviewed a letter from FORA thanking the District Board for helping the "Beautify Fort Ord Day" by waiving the dump fees for the event that occurred on July 31, 2004. The Board also reviewed a copy of the *Herald* editorial which complimented everyone's work on the project, including the District.

**13) Letter from SWANA Thanking District for Help with Conference**

The Board reviewed a letter from SWANA staff thanking the District for helping to sponsor Leon Panetta's presentation at the Landfill Symposium and Solid Waste Managers Conference held in June in Monterey.

**14) Letter from MPC Thanking Heidi Feldman for Educational Tour**

The Board reviewed a letter from Jim Thompson, an MPC lecturer, thanking Heidi for a tour at the District site and expressing his environmental studies field class' positive impressions of District operations.

**CLOSED SESSION**

The Board met in closed session at 9:07 a.m. regarding the following:

**Personnel Matter: Public Employee Appointment: General Manager**

The Board came out of closed session at 1:39 p.m.. Legal Counsel announced that the Board had completed interviews and had given instructions to a negotiating committee. No other action was taken.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Board at this time, the August 20, 2004 Regular Meeting of the Monterey Regional Waste Management District Board of Directors was adjourned to September 17, 2004 by Chair Albert at 1:40 p.m.

**RECORDED BY:**

**AUTHENTICATED BY:**

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Rebecca G. Aguilar  
Administrative Support Supervisor/  
Recording Secretary

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J. David Myers  
General Manager