



# Memorandum

## MONTEREY REGIONAL WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

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General Manager

DATE: June 8, 2007  
TO: General Manager  
FROM: Senior Engineer  
SUBJECT: Waste Screening Program Status Report

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**FOR INFORMATION ONLY:** The following is an update on the status of the upgraded Waste Screening Program project.

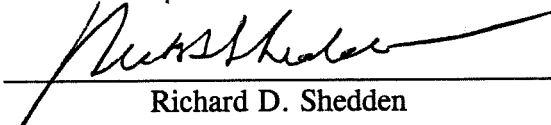
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### DISCUSSION

The following is a summary of recent activities related to the implementation of an upgraded Waste Screening Program:

- A waste screening and acceptance program is in effect at the District's facilities to control the receipt of hazardous and prohibited wastes. The waste screening program addresses both the landfill and the Materials Recovery Facility (MRF). The District's current formal program document is named the "Hazardous Waste Exclusion Program", and is included as Appendix C of the Joint Technical Document (JTD), which is the Report of Facility Information (RFI) for the District's Solid Waste Facility Permit (SWFP). The program has been developed and implemented to assist the District in preventing hazardous and prohibited wastes from entering the MRF and landfill and to establish procedures and threshold levels for accepting special wastes. The program includes procedures for load checking and the management and proper disposal of prohibited wastes. The program involves the random and targeted detailed inspection of waste vehicle loads entering the site and the visual inspection of the waste as it is being unloaded. Over the past year, staff has been preparing a proposed upgraded Waste Screening and Acceptance Program Report.
- A draft of the proposed upgraded Waste Screening and Acceptance Program Report has been distributed to various interested parties, including the Monterey County Health Department (acting as the Local Enforcement Agency [LEA] for the California Integrated Waste Management Board), the California Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board, and the Monterey Bay Unified Air Pollution Control District (MBUAPCD). Staff and the District's consultant, Larry Sweetser, are currently responding to questions and concerns, and are incorporating a response to the comments into the draft report. A final draft of the report is anticipated to be ready by the end of June.
- Once the Waste Screening and Acceptance Program Report is finalized, staff will submit it as a part of an application to the LEA for an amendment to the RFI. The new waste screening document will replace the former Hazardous Waste Exclusion Program, included as an appendix to the JTD.
- It is anticipated that the County Health Department will take 30 to 60 days to review the application and issue an RFI Amendment.

- After the RFI Amendment has been issued, staff will take the upgraded Waste Screening and Acceptance Program report to the Board for approval, most likely in September.
- On May 4, 2007, the District sent out a letter with the District's Hazardous and Prohibited Waste Policy to approximately 500 customers. In the letter, we requested that the customers sign a certification that they have received and read the District's policy regarding the disposal of hazardous and prohibited waste. Customers were also invited to a follow-up public informational meeting, held at the District's Administrative office on May 30, 2007. Other than District staff and consultants, only the County Health Department and two District customers were in attendance.
- So far, approximately 80 customers have signed and returned the certifications. The District sent out a SECOND NOTICE requesting signatures when billing statements were mailed on June 6<sup>th</sup>. A THIRD AND FINAL NOTICE will be included in the July statements, with signatures due in late July. A note will be included with this final notice informing the delinquent customers that their cooperation would be appreciated and that the District is considering additional measures of encouragement for those that do not sign as requested. For those customers that do not sign the notice, the next step will be for the Board to determine if it wishes to require the signing of the notice, and if so, then notify the remaining customers that signing the notice will be required, and that if they do not return a signed certification, then additional measures may be taken, such as double charges or refusal of access to the site facilities, upon approval by counsel and the Board.
- The District has been providing customers at the scale with a notice listing hazardous materials. The notices will continue to be handed out to all customers at the scale with each transaction during the summer.
- The City Manager group met on May 18, 2007. A suggestion has been made that the MBUAPCD eliminate the exemption for single family homes regarding inspection for and management of asbestos.
- The Monterey County Integrated Waste Management Task Force met on May 24, 2007. It was announced that Waste Management, Inc. and Monterey Disposal will place placards on all debris boxes regarding the prohibition of placing hazardous waste in the boxes.
- Since January 2007, there were several incidents of illegal dumping of hazardous and prohibited waste at the District facilities that were turned over to the County Health Department.

  
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