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Attention: Stan Cook

Dear Administrative Committee Members:

I am writing to request the opportunity to speak to the FORA board on the subject of the Monterey Regional Waste Management District and our community infrastructure for waste disposal and diversion.

In February of 1993, the District member agencies (primarily the Peninsula cities), (with the exception of Monterey County), entered into a Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement (JPA) in order to form the "Monterey Regional Waste Management Authority. The Authority JPA recognized that:

*"the establishment of a definite and reliable waste flow to the Authority is essential to the Authority and to the securing of adequate financing for the acquisition and construction of necessary recycling and recovery facilities..."*

We continue to be aware that a significant quantity of waste originating from within our JPA service area is leaving Monterey County. This loss in tonnage does not support the waste flow provisions of the JPA and adversely impacts the community in several ways.

The attached documents provide additional background on the issue of waste flow within the JPA. Thank you for your consideration and I look forward to the opportunity to discuss this matter with the Ford Ord Reuse Authority Board of Directors.

Sincerely,

William Merry, P.E., DEE  
General Manager

Attachments

cc: MRWMD Board of Directors

## **Support of Waste Flow Provisions of MRWMD Joint Powers Authority Agreement**

### **BACKGROUND**

In February of 1993, the Monterey Regional Waste Management District member agencies (primarily the Peninsula cities), with the exception of Monterey County, entered into a JPA in order to form the "Monterey Regional Waste Management Authority". The Authority recognized that "the establishment of a definite and reliable waste flow to the Authority is essential to the Authority..."

Additionally, each franchise agreement was required to be modified and/or amended to require under Article 7.01 that:

"a) each hauler or operator to deliver all refuse collected, which will not be recycled or processed at a materials recovery facility (MRF), and all waste materials resulting from processing at a MRF within the boundaries of the Authority, to a landfill or other facility operated by or for the Authority" and "b) each hauler or operator to transport all construction and demolition material, concrete, asphalt, wood waste, and yard waste to a recycling or disposal facility operated by or for the Authority."

Waste originating from within the JPA boundaries has been flowing to disposal sites outside Monterey County. This loss in tonnage, and therefore revenue, adversely impacts the local community infrastructure for waste disposal and diversion. The MRWMD seeks to work cooperatively with both public and private sectors within the JPA boundaries to support the waste flow provisions of the JPA.

### **IMPACTS TO THE MRWMD**

Loss of tonnage from within the MRWMD service area impacts the community in many ways:

- Loss of revenue to the District which leads to higher rates and/or loss of services
- Loss of diversion. The State is expected to raise the diversion mandate from 50% to as much as 75% in the future.
- Compromises the existing community infrastructure for waste management including systems for collection, processing, recycling, management of household hazardous waste and e-waste, and disposal.

MRWMD staff plan to convene an informational meeting with City Managers this Fall to discuss strengthening the JPA agreement to better support the essential services the MRWMD provides in support of community waste disposal and diversion.