



# Memorandum

## MONTEREY REGIONAL WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

DATE: November 6, 2008  
 TO: Board of Directors  
 FROM: Leo Laska, Finance Committee Chair  
 SUBJECT: Report on Finance Committee Meeting of November 6, 2008

A meeting of the Finance Committee was held on November 6, 2008. All four members of the Committee were present, which included Directors Bales, Gray, Pendergrass, and myself.

### 1. Finance Committee Meeting

- a. Review of Operations (Tonnages) and Finances. The Committee received a staff report on operations and finances. Tonnages for the months of September and October continue to decline. The Committee reviewed several graphs showing the decline in tonnages over the last year, along with revenue impacts to the District. Staff reported on regional waste issues, dramatic decreases in recycling commodity prices and how unfunded state mandates have impacted the landfill. Staff continues to examine means to reduce operating expenses. Committee members made many comments and asked many questions. Staff was directed to prepare a mid-year budget report for the January Board meeting.
- b. Biosolids Tipping Fee. Staff reported that meetings had been held with agencies that send biosolids to the District, including the Monterey Regional Water Pollution Control Agency (MRWPCA) and the City of Gilroy. MRWPCA stated they would not object to the increase, and were interested in the lowest cost alternative for management of biosolids. Gilroy stated they understood the need to increase the tipping fee, and did not object to the proposed fee for disposal. The City of Gilroy is very interested in continuing to receive the diversion credit. The City of Scotts Valley has also indicated that they do not object to the proposed fee increase. General Manager also reported that he discussed the matter with the Carmel Area Wastewater District (CAWD) General Manager. CAWD currently sends their biosolids to Kern County for land application, at a cost of \$48 per ton including transportation. A public hearing is scheduled for the November Board meeting to raise the tipping fee from \$25 per ton to \$30 per ton.

### 2. Strategic Planning Task Force

- a. Staff reported that a second meeting of the Advisory Task Force would be held on December 3, 2008. At a meeting of a Committee of the Task Force, held on November 5<sup>th</sup>, there was interest among those attending to co-terminate the existing franchise hauling agreements in the year 2015, and to not grant contract extensions in any of the member agency jurisdictions between now and then. The objective would be to create an opportunity for the member agencies to join together to issue a regional request for bids for hauling services, in order to obtain the most effective and efficient services for the region. Further discussion will occur at the meeting of December 3<sup>rd</sup>.

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