



Memorandum

MONTEREY REGIONAL WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

DATE: August 14, 2009
TO: Board of Directors
FROM: Assistant General Manager
SUBJECT: Agenda Information for the August 21, 2009 Board Meeting

CALL TO ORDER AT 9:30 AM

ROLL CALL AND ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS

Anyone wishing to address the Board on matters not appearing on the Agenda may do so now. The public may comment on any other matter listed on the agenda at the time the matter is being considered by the Board.

CONSENT AGENDA

These matters include routine financial and administrative actions, which are usually approved by a single majority vote. Individual items may be removed from Consent for discussion and action.

- 1) **Approve Minutes of July 17, 2009 Regular Board Meeting**
- 2) **Approve Report of Disbursements**

PRESENTATIONS

- 3) **Presentation on MRWMD Safety Programs and Report on Employee Injuries and Property Loss Incidents for Fiscal Year 2008/09**

Jack Cook, District Safety Manager, will give a brief power point presentation of District safety initiatives and practices. Jack will highlight the increase in mandated training requirements specified by state and federal statutes as well as safety and regulatory training initiated by staff in an effort to reduce the number and frequency of accidents and incidents on site.

The enclosed report on employee injuries and property loss incidents is provided by Jack at the request of the Board as an annual summary of incidents and injuries resulting from District operations. There has been a significant improvement in the number of injuries, lost days, and incurred costs up to date. The report identifies specific goals for the fiscal year 2009/10.

OTHER ITEMS FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION, DISCUSSION AND ACTION

4) Approve Memorandum of Understanding with Hourly Represented Unit and Related Adjustments to the 2009/10 Budget

Please refer to the enclosed memo and related information from Administrative Services Manager Rich Norton.

Recommendation: Approve Memorandum of Understanding with Hourly Represented Unit and Related Adjustments to the 2009/10 Budget.

5) Approve Cost of Living Adjustment and Health Insurance Premium Increases for Hourly Unrepresented Employees

Please refer to the enclosed memo from Administrative Services Manager Rich Norton.

Recommendation: Approve Cost of Living Adjustment and Health Insurance Premium Increases for Hourly Unrepresented Employees.

STAFF REPORTS

6) Financial, Operating, and Recycling Reports

The financial statements for the month of June and July are not available. The June financials are held open as we close the books on end of year financial activity. The auditors will be here the week of August 17th to complete their year end fieldwork. After the end of year adjustments for Accrued Vacation/Compensation, Closure/Post Closure costs, Accounts Payable accruals and Allowance for Doubtful Accounts, the full year decrease in net assets is projected to be in line with our previous estimate of \$51,000. The preliminary July financials show Total Tipping Fees Revenue for the month were \$1,150,000, up from June due primarily to resumption of sludge receipts from the MRWPCA and problem wastes from agriculture sources and the power plant in Moss Landing.

The Operating Report for July 31, 2009 is enclosed. The Total Solid Waste Accepted into the site (excluding regional waste from Santa Cruz County and Watsonville) during July 2009 was 26,303 tons, a decrease of 11,258 tons from June 2009 (which included 13,835 tons of concrete at \$1 per ton from a demolition project of Fort Ord housing) and down 2,892 tons (or 9.9%) from July of last year. Excluding this large one time concrete haul, the variance from June 2009 was an increase of 2,577 tons (Franchise Haulers=378 tons or 2.9%; Cash customers=37 tons or 0.7%; and Commercial and Industrial haulers=2,162 tons or 40.5%). The Regional Waste tonnage decreased 350 tons or 21.8% from last month.

Please refer to the enclosed chart showing tonnage declines which provides a graphical perspective to the continued decrease in waste being brought to the landfill. The tonnages continue to decline, but at a reduced rate.

6a) Diversion Focus on Tires and Mattresses

Staff is trying a new feature in this month's Board staff reports. Staff will be providing the Board a short presentation each month with a targeted focus on one of the District's many diversion programs. This month's "Diversion Focus" presentation, provided by Harry Hunzie, Materials Recovery Facility Manager, will be on tire and mattress recycling. Both tire and mattress recycling rely on outside partnerships with both private and not-for-profit operations to make these items recoverable and converted to some form of beneficial use.

7) Report on Public Education, Recycling and Litter

Please refer to the enclosed memo from Public Education and Recycling Manager Jeff Lindenthal. Highlights this month include feature articles in both the *Santa Cruz Sentinel* and the *Monterey Herald* covering the District's participation in the Monterey Bay Aquarium's Young Women in Science Ocean Guardians Camp. The annual state recycling conference, sponsored by the California Resource Recovery Association (CRRA) was held last month. An increased focus of the environmental and recycling community is waste minimization and reduction of green house gases through recycling. The District's use of social networking sites like Facebook to enhance our re-use and recycling efforts was the subject of one of the conference sessions.

The Mayors Ocean Summit will take place on August 28th at West Marine in Watsonville. Mayors Sue McCloud and Joe Russell are co-sponsors along with Mayors Dan Cort, Ralph Rubio, and Chuck Della Sala.

District staff, in line with the Monterey County Fair theme "Reel in the Fun", sponsored an activity for Children's Day on August 12th called "Reel in the Marine Debris". Kid-sized

fishing poles with magnets “fished” out marine debris from a kiddie-sized pool representing the ocean (see enclosed pictures). For the past three years, under the direction of Public Education Coordinator Kimberle Herring, the District has won first place awards for its entries in various categories of landscape design at the Monterey County Fair. This year, the District not only took home a first place award, but it was also voted “***Best In Show***” among the landscape exhibits (see enclosed pictures). Congratulations to Kimberle, Tino Cruz, Fabian Tapia, and several other members of the Site Maintenance crew who made the award winning entry possible.

8) Report on July 21, 2009 Meeting of Special Districts Association of Monterey County

Enclosed, for your information, is a summary by Director Parker on the July 21st meeting of the Special Districts Association of Monterey County (SDAMC). She may augment the summary with a verbal report at the meeting.

Also in your packet, is a Data Collection Form, which you are requested to fill out in your capacity as a special district boardmember. The information collected will be posted on the website or in a paper directory of the SDAMC. From there the information will be used to reach out to the public to better inform them of the many and varied community programs carried out by special districts. Please complete and sign the questionnaire, and return to Becky on the day of the August Board meeting.

OTHER CORRESPONDENCE

GENERAL MANAGER COMMUNICATIONS

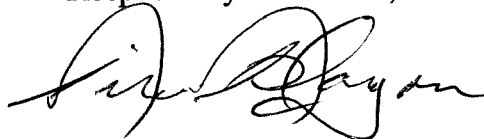
- **Finance Committee Meeting.** A meeting of the Finance Committee has been scheduled for 9 a.m., Wednesday, September 9th. The tentative agenda contemplates a review of District operations and finances, and the process and timing for increasing revenues either through the tipping fees or alternate funding sources.
- **District’s Strategic Planning Advisory Task Force.** The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 16th at the District’s Administrative offices. Chair Laska and Director Downey have been attending these meetings.
- **SWANA Wastecon Annual Symposium and Tradeshow.** Wastecon will be held from September 22-24 in Long Beach. Please consider attending. For encouragement in doing so, please refer to the enclosed article from John Trotti, editor of *MSW Magazine*. Let Becky know if you would like to attend, even for a day. Next year the show will be on the East Coast and not as convenient to attend.

- **Public Communication Follow-Up.** At the July meeting, Mr. Abel Moran, field representative for Local Union No. 297 addressed the Board under public comment. Following the meeting, Mr. Moran met briefly with William, who responded to Mr. Moran's questions and concerns.

BOARD COMMUNICATIONS

NEXT MEETING DATE: SEPTEMBER 18, 2009

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tim Flanagan", written in a cursive style.

Tim Flanagan