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January 26, 2009

Felipe Melchor, District Manager
Waste Management, Inc.
11240 Commercial Parkway
Castroville, CA 95012

Dear Felipe:

At the Monterey Regional Waste Management District's (District) January 16th Board Meeting, District staff was directed to contact you to request a summary of recycling activity for member agencies. The Board would also like Waste Management, Inc. (WMI) to quantify, for each Peninsula city, the impact on residential and commercial rates of a \$5 per ton tipping fee increase (from \$46.25 per ton to \$51.25) should this become necessary to help cover the cost of unfunded mandates and other expenses. The same information is being requested of Monterey City Disposal Service.

This information will be shared with the District Board and will be used for the California Integrated Waste Management Board (CIWMB) AB 939 Annual Updates, which the District submits for each of the jurisdictions. With the recently enacted AB 1276, the reporting deadline for the 2007 Annual Update is March 15th, and the 2008 Annual Update will be due in August. A template that can be used for reporting is attached and an electronic copy will be sent as well.

In addition to the summary of curbside and commercial recycling tonnage, District Board members were also interested to know about the end-markets for curbside recyclables, specifically plastic bags. With WMI's new plastic bag recycling program extended throughout the District service area, please describe how the bags are marketed and what type of product(s) they are recycled into. Recent news reports have described plastic bag shipments to China where some bags may be burned in waste to energy plants. Practices such as this are of concern to District member agencies who seek to ensure that curbside recyclables are processed by reputable recyclers.

With the March CIWMB reporting deadline coming up, staff would appreciate receiving a reply by February 6th. Thank you for your assistance. Please call Jeff Lindenthal or me at 384-5313 if additional information needs to be provided.

Sincerely,



William Merry, P.E., BCEE
General Manager

Attachment

cc: MRWMD Board Members
Rich Guillen, City of Carmel-by-the-Sea
Heidi Burch, City of Carmel-by-the-Sea
Dewey Evans, City of Del Rey Oaks
Anthony Altfeld, City of Marina
Christi di Iorio, City of Marina
Charlene Wiseman, City of Pacific Grove
Celia Martinez, City of Pacific Grove
Steve Matarazzo, City of Sand City
Richard Simonitch, City of Sand City
Ray Corpuz, City of Seaside
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John Ramirez, Monterey County Environmental Health Division
Mike Niccum, Pebble Beach Community Services District
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January 26, 2009

Gary Parola
Monterey City Disposal Service
10 Ryan Ranch Road
Monterey, CA 93940

Dear Gary:

At the Monterey Regional Waste Management District's (District) January 16th Board Meeting, District staff was directed to contact you to request a summary of recycling activity for member agencies. The Board would also like Monterey City Disposal Service (MCDS) to quantify for the City of Monterey, the impact on residential and commercial rates of a \$5 per ton tipping fee increase (from \$46.25 per ton to \$51.25) should this become necessary to help cover the cost of unfunded mandates and other expenses. The same information is being requested of Waste Management Incorporated.

This information will be shared with the District Board and will be used for the California Integrated Waste Management Board (CIWMB) AB 939 Annual Updates, which the District submits for each of the jurisdictions. With the recently enacted AB 1276, the reporting deadline for the 2007 Annual Update is March 15th, and the 2008 Annual Update will be due in August. A template that can be used for reporting is attached and an electronic copy will be sent as well.

In addition to the summary of curbside and commercial recycling tonnage, District Board members were also interested to know about the end-markets for curbside recyclables, specifically plastic bags. With MCDS's established plastic bag recycling program, please describe how the bags are marketed and what type of product(s) they are recycled into. Recent news reports have described plastic bag shipments to China where some bags may be burned in waste to energy plants. Practices such as this are of concern to District member agencies who seek to ensure that curbside recyclables are processed by reputable recyclers.

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "William Merry", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

William Merry, P.E., BCEE
General Manager

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cc: Fred Meurer, City of Monterey
Bill Reichmuth, City of Monterey
Angela Brantley, City of Monterey