



# Memorandum

## MONTEREY REGIONAL WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

DATE: October 23, 2009  
 TO: Board of Directors  
 FROM: Director Parker  
 SUBJECT: Report on October 20, 2009 Special Districts Association of Monterey County Meeting

On October 20th, I attended the quarterly meeting of the Special Districts Association of Monterey County, held in Soledad. The meeting agenda is attached for your information.

Since there was no quorum of elected Board members, the Draft minutes of July 2009 meeting were continued to January 2010 meeting. A Nominating Committee was appointed for selection of the 2010 Officers; Russ Jeffries, Ben Post and Tom Moore. Russ Jeffries introduced a draft bylaws change to specify that SDA Presidents may serve two years; the item will be discussed in January.

#### Informational Reports:

- Legislative Report (Ben Post) – SB 67 passed, awaiting Governor's signature, for Proposition 1A Securitization. Watch for a ballot measure next year to prohibit the State from taking revenues destined for cities, counties and special districts.
- Finance Committee Report (Vince Ferrante) – SDA is \$2,500 in the black.
- LAFCO Representative's Report – Kate McKenna reported on the service/boundary review underway for cities and fire protection districts; current boundary proposals of our districts; two draft policies of interest (deferral of annual dues in cases of financial hardship and buffers to help preserve farmland, especially relevant in the Salinas Valley); Carmel Valley incorporation; and the election process for district representation on LAFCO. The election process has two parts: First, nominations are submitted by individual candidates. Any qualified member of a District Board of Directors may nominate himself or herself. Second, the election ballots are voted on by all Districts. A majority of Districts must vote to elect a representative. There are provisions for sequential balloting, diversity in representation and terms of office. Special District Commissioner Tom Perkins' term on LAFCO will end in May 2010. Kate was asked to review the election process in more detail in January.
- Other Reports – Ben Post is working on SDAMC website, with Kate's help on maps.

District 3 Supervisor Simon Salinas, former Assemblymember and current LAFCO Chair, was the featured speaker and addressed the topic of special districts and State legislation. He emphasized the importance and accountability of special districts. As a State legislator, he authored AB 1234 (ethics reform) and spoke of the challenge it was to address abuses without being overly prescriptive. He talked about issues facing special districts in the region – including implementing SB 375 to better coordinate land-use planning with transportation and the need to advocate for resources from Sacramento to support and encourage Salinas Valley cities to grow responsibly. He also discussed opportunities for the voice of districts to be heard in Sacramento, and encouraged collaboration with the League of California Cities and CSAC. MPRPD's Joe Donofrio agreed to head up a local or regional effort to plan a trip to Sacramento to talk with legislators, possibly in February 2010. Supervisor Salinas and Kate will assist in arrangements.

The next quarterly meeting will be held on January 19, 2010.

Director Jane Parker