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STRATEGIC PLANNING ADVISORY TASK FORCE MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday
September 16, 2009
9:30 to 11:30 a.m.

MRWMD Boardroom
14201 Del Monte Blvd.
Marina, CA

The Monterey Regional Waste Management District (District) Strategic Planning Advisory Task Force (SPATF) met on September 16, 2009. The following action items resulted from the meeting:

ACTION ITEMS

1. In considering an increase to landfill tipping fee; create a ten year historical graph(s) of landfill tonnage/revenue including the impact of biosolids and regional waste tonnages; include a graph showing recycling/diversion tonnage during that same period.
2. District staff to prepare report for Finance Committee on alternate funding sources. Counsel to research cost for service fee structures, such as those used by wastewater treatment agencies.
3. Update chart on franchise hauler service levels in each member agency.
4. Member agencies to provide their most recent data on number of single-family and multi-family properties/units, along with number of commercial businesses within their jurisdiction.
5. Create a Vision (Statement) for a regional resource (waste) management system and consolidated franchise agreements in the year 2014 and beyond, for presentation at the next Task Force Meeting. Create a timeline from 2014 franchise consolidation opportunity/vision working backward to the present. In cooperation with member agency staff, present Vision to member agencies' councils in study session format to determine level of interest in consolidation prior to formal consideration.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. District Finances

There was discussion on the need for an increase to the landfill tipping fee of approximately \$5 per ton, which would result in an increase of approximately 30 cents per month on the monthly garbage bill in the City of Sand City and as much as 65 cents per month in the City of Pacific Grove. The current tipping fee is \$46.25 per ton and a \$5 per ton increase is under consideration for January 1, 2011.

2. Alternate Funding Sources

Report on alternate funding sources should use State Department of Finance data, and US Census 2011 data as it becomes available. Discussion of moving to a “weight based” or “pay as you throw” billing system including the feasibility of a differential fee structure. Additional discussion held on the Monterey Peninsula Landfill capacity as a “commodity,” and the concept of “auctioning” off disposal capacity.

3. Local Service

Offer a “study session” with city councils and the PBCSD Board (like TAMC has done) on consolidated franchise agreement concept. Review Monterey franchise agreement as a possible “benchmark” for a regional model and example of “best practices”. Meet with member agency staffs, beginning with City of Monterey staff to review franchise hauler service levels and to discuss implementation of alternate funding mechanisms, along with AB32 and related waste management Greenhouse Gas and Carbon Footprint impacts.

4. Next Meeting

The next meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, December 2, 2009 at 9:30 a.m.