



MONTEREY REGIONAL WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

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WILLIAM MERRY, GENERAL MANAGER OF MONTEREY REGIONAL WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT, SPEAKS AT UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE IN TOKYO, JAPAN, FEB. 16-18

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William Merry, General Manager of the Monterey Regional Waste Management District (MRWMD), was a panelist and one of about 160 experts in waste management issues from throughout the world who attended a United Nations Conference in Japan this month.

A focus of the three-day program was dealing with expanding waste management services in developing countries. Participants examined the growing waste management challenges that are occurring due to ever-increasing urbanization as well as consumption trends in Third World nations.

The Intersessional Conference on Building Partnerships for Moving Towards Zero Waste included representatives from cities, public waste utilities, the private sector, key research and policy institutes, community-managed waste management programs, international institutes and others. The conference was organized by the Division for Sustainable Development of the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs in collaboration with the U.N. Centre for Regional Development and the Japanese Ministry of the Environment.

Merry, a board-certified environmental engineer who was been the general manager of the MRWMD since 2005, appeared on a panel in which he spoke about public-private partnerships in waste management. Other members of that panel were from France, Ghana, India and the Netherlands.

Issues raised at the conference, which was held in Tokyo, Feb. 16-18, will be examined when waste management is studied at the 19th session of the UN Commission on Sustainable Development in May of this year.

The Japanese government paid for Merry's transportation and expenses.

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