**Maintaining Good Community Relationships**

**Gloria / Iverson / Johnson Road Project**

As part of the expansion of the Johnson Canyon Landfill in 2002, a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) was signed between the City of Gonzales and the Authority to share cost with the County of Monterey for the road improvement project. Approximately 4.9 miles that lead from Gloria Road to Iverson Road and east on Johnson Canyon Road will be repaired tentatively by 2021.

**O’Neill Sea Odyssey Program**

Rachel Kippen, Executive Director of O’Neil Sea Odyssey provided a presentation to the Board on the value of having Salinas Valley Recycles (SVR) as a Partner. SVR’s support has provided approximately 1,440 students from the Salinas Valley schools, including Monterey County unincorporated, Gonzales, Greenfield, King City, Salinas, and Soledad, experiential marine science and pollution prevention education since the partnership began in 2015. Aboard a catamaran, the students receive hands-on/interactive lessons to encourage the protection and preservation of our living sea and communities. The program encourages community service projects and helps teachers expand their knowledge by offering post educational development to the teachers.

**Education and Outreach Programs**

SVR is extremely proud of its extensive public education and outreach programs that help businesses, schools, multi-family complexes, and the community reduce waste. Some of SVR’s efforts include: assisting businesses and multi-family complexes comply with Assembly Bills 341 and 1826; educating the future generations by partnering with teachers and school administration to bring robust school programs to help meet regulations; proudly participating and sponsoring various community events throughout the Salinas Valley; conducting tours of the facilities to promote recycling awareness; and offering countless programs, including composting workshops to the public at no charge.

**Restructure of Citizens Advisory Group**

In an effort to include more stakeholder’s in the agencies decisions on future actions to comply with new State mandates, SVR presented options and recommendations provided by the Executive Committee of the possible development of a new advisory group. As the makeup of the group would be more diverse, the tasks for them would broaden and a new group name would be considered. SVR staff will work on contacting the desired parties about participation interest. A formal formation plan will be given to the Board once the number of interested stakeholders is established.

**Financial Report for Month Ended March 2019 (75% of the Fiscal Year)**

- Revenue collected: $16,945,449 (85.9% of Estimated Revenue of $19,720,275)
- Expenditures for operations: $14,459,808 (72.6% of Operating Budget of $19,913,000)
- Cash balance: $28,472,695

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“To manage Salinas Valley solid waste as a resource, promoting sustainable, environmentally sound and cost-effective practices through an integrated system of waste reduction, reuse, recycling, innovative technology, customer service, and education.”

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