



BOARD OF DIRECTORS

MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

April 20, 2017

RESCATE VERDE GARDEN AND LOCAL URBAN GARDEN RECEIVE THE ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP AWARD

*Making
Earth Day
Every Day*



The creators of local environmentally friendly gardens were recognized for their leadership in planning, building, and creating these community gardens, as well as for the education they have provided to their communities on the importance of sustainability. Rescate Verde Garden is located behind the Morelia 99-cent store on E. Market Street in Salinas. Not only has it

helped educate the community but also donates the food grown in the garden to the local community. Local Urban Gardeners located at the Natividad Creek Park, also in Salinas, partnered with local church groups, CSUMB learning center and others for the development of the garden. Both groups have also partnered with Vision Recycling and McShane Nursery for recourses, knowledge, and supplies. Salinas Valley Recycles is proud to be working with them to conduct composting workshops.



KEEPING THE BOARD UPDATED ON NEW MANDATES REQUIRED BY THE STATE FOR ORGANICS MANAGEMENT

Two new state mandates focused on keeping organic material out of landfills are now in place, Assembly Bill 1826



(AB 1826), requiring commercial entities to divert organic waste and Senate Bill 1383 (SB1383), requiring the development of regulations to reduce organic waste disposal below the levels required in 2014. Staff presented the Board with an overview of the requirements, deadlines, and three potential options being looked at to develop innovative programs to comply with the mandates; source-separated food waste collection and processing program, co-mingled food waste and green waste collection and processing program, and/or utilizing the Clean Fiber Organics Recovery System to process organics in mix landfill waste. With each option having pros and cons staff will continue analyzing and reporting back to the Board prior to any program decisions.

MODIFICATION OF THE JOHNSON CANYON LANDFILL COMPOSTING OPERATIONS - APPROVED

After holding a Public Hearing for the Draft Initial Study/Negative Declaration for the proposed Project, the Board adopted the Negative Declaration and directed staff to file the Notice of Determination with the State Clearinghouse and County to commence the 30-day posting period and to submit the permit revision application to the Local Enforcement Agency thereafter. This will allow food waste to be included in the future composting operations.

RECRUITMENT TO BEGIN FOR THE TWO NEW POSITIONS FOR THE SUN STREET TRANSFER STATION

Staff presented a cost comparison that analyzed the in-house cost for two new Operations positions, Operator-Driver and a Diversion Worker I, compared to contracted labor and a contracted driver for the Sun Street Transfer Station as requested by the Board at the March meeting. Based on quotes provided to staff, the Operator-Driver would cost over \$34,000 more annually, while the Diversion Worker 1 contracted laborer would result in approximately \$23,000 savings annually. However, the contracted laborer would have limitations, such as, lower-hazard duties only, limited number of hour worked due to CalPers requirements, inability to operate Authority Equipment, and inability to work at all Authority sites. After careful consideration of cost saving, reviewing the pros and cons, the Board supported staff continuing with its current hiring practices and beginning the recruitment for in-house employees.

For information on the positions available visit our website www.salinasValleyRecycles.com

FINANCIAL REPORT FOR MONTH ENDED FEBRUARY 2017 (66.67% OF THE FISCAL YEAR)

Revenue collected	\$ 13,300,785 (75.0% of Estimated Revenue of \$17,354,800)
Expenditures for operations	\$ 10,429,663 (64.6% of Operating Budget of \$15,902,000)
Cash balance	\$ 19,405,506

REDUCE REUSE RECYCLE

"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."