EXPANSION OF THE ORGANICS PROGRAM MOVES FORWARD
The Board of Directors approved the purchase of a new 2019 Peterbilt Refrigerated Food Truck for the Monterey County Food Bank and the Food Waste De-Packaging Equipment as part of the expansion of the Organics program. SVR was awarded $1.34 million in September 2017 from CalRecycle’s as part of the 2016-17 Organics Grant Program to help with the expansion of the program allowing to divert organic materials from the landfill as well as reducing greenhouse gas emission. This will help achieve the requirements of the new State mandates, Assembly Bill 1826 - Mandatory Commercial Organics Recycling Program and Senate Bill 1383 - Climate Pollutants and Methane Emissions Reduction Strategy.

WALLY-WASTE-NOT AWARDS
CONGRATULATIONS to the nine schools and two preschools in the Salinas Valley that completed the Wally Waste Not Award Program. Each school was recognized for their outstanding commitment to implanting recycling, waste reduction, and promoting waste awareness at their sites by utilizing the 4R’s – Reduce, Reuse, Recycle, and Rot/Compost. Each school was awarded $2,000 for successfully completing the 26 required activities of the program. A big THANK YOU to the teachers and staff that took the initiative to participate in the program and assured the successful completion of each activity.

SCHOOLS AWARDED
▪ Chualar School
▪ Dual Immersion Academy of Salinas
▪ Echo Valley School
▪ Frank Paul Head Start Center
▪ Fremont Head Start Center
▪ Lincoln School
▪ New Republic School
▪ Notre Dame High School
▪ Oasis Charter School
▪ Santa Lucia School
▪ Santa Rita School

2016-19 STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS AND SIX-MONTH OBJECTIVES THROUGH OCTOBER 2018 INCLUDING LONG-TERM FACILITY NEEDS PROJECT
As part of the restructured Strategic Planning process staff presented to the Board of Director a draft of the six-month objectives developed by staff with input from the Citizens Advisory Group and Executive Committee that will help reach the four, three-year goals approved by the Board of Directors in 2016. As part of Goal A, “Select and Implement Facility (e.g., Salinas Area Materials Recovery Center) and Programs that Lead to Achievement of at Least 75% Waste Diversion” an update on the Long-Term Facility Needs (LTFN) Project was given to the board. Staff provided six new LTFN project options, collaboration opportunities, and financial updates for the Monterey Regional Waste Management District (MRWMD) to help the Board in making informed decisions on the future of the project. The Board of Directors provided direction to staff on additional objectives that will help restart the Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) requesting staff to develop a new project description for Madison Lane Transfer Station as the preferred project.

FINANCIAL REPORT FOR MONTH ENDED FEBRUARY 2018 (66.67% OF THE FISCAL YEAR)
Revenue collected $14,757,739 (77.8% of Estimated Revenue of $18,364,750)
Expenditures for operations $11,087,961 (64.4% of Operating Budget of $16,720,000)
Cash balance $25,340,701

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.”