LONG TERM FACILITY NEEDS PROJECT PUBLIC OUTREACH MATERIALS

The Board reviewed the Public Outreach material that the subcommittee and SVR staff edited from eight pages to four pages. The Board commended the committee and staff for their time and effort and approved the document for public distribution through the local newspapers. This will be done in conjunction with the release of the Notice of Preparation for the Environmental Impact Report and the regulatory scoping meeting, as well as the public information meetings coming in May. Look for it in your local newspaper.

GRANT OPPORTUNITY

Staff was authorized to submit a Cooperative Grant application to CalRecycle for the Organics Grant Program in partnership with the Food Bank For Monterey County (Food Bank). If awarded this grant will help divert an estimated additional 23,000 tons of organic waste from the landfill during the grant term. The funding will be used to upgrade the infrastructure of the green waste operation at the Johnson Canyon Landfill to be a full-scale food waste composting operation, purchase de-packaging equipment to divert bagged or packaged produce coming to the landfill from agricultural companies, and fund the purchase of a refrigerated truck for storage, transportation, and distribution of edible/donatable food for the Food Bank.

CITIZENS ADVISORY GROUP NEW APPOINTMENTS

Four reappointments and two new nominees where approved by the Board with a third nomination pending upon review of application. Welcome to the Citizens Advisory Group Irene Garcia representative of the City of Greenfield and Grant Leonard representative of the County of Monterey! Welcome Back Paula Getzelmen representative of the County of Monterey, John Fair representative of the City of Salinas, Janet Barnes representative of the City of Salinas and Daniel Raquinio representative of the City of King! Thank you for your continued dedication, your input and perspective on SVR’s activities are instrumental to the agency.

RATES & FEES AND OPERATING BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2017-18 – APPROVED

After reviewing and analyzing proposed rate increases at the past meetings, a public hearing was held with the Board approving the Fees and Rates effective July 1, 2017. Subsequently, the $16,720,000 Operating Budget was approved with some contingencies from the Board. The budget will fully fund ongoing capital, regulatory, and operational obligations, including two new positions to help manage the increased tonnage of construction and demolition material and the 12% increase in customers being seen at the Sun Street Transfer Station. However, the Board requested that staff postpone the recruitment of the two critical new Operations positions until after staff analyzes and reports to the Board if contract labor is more suitable for the two new positions, due to some of the Board members voicing concerns regarding the uncertainty of the future of the Salinas Transfer Station.

FINANCIAL REPORT FOR MONTH ENDED JANUARY 2017 (58.33% OF THE FISCAL YEAR)

- Revenue collected: $11,667,899 (65.8% of Estimated Revenue of $17,354,800)
- Expenditures for operations: $8,341,969 (51.7% of Operating Budget of $15,902,000)
- Cash balance: $20,142,023

"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.”