**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**MEETING HIGHLIGHTS**

**March 21, 2019**

**HELLO SPRING!**

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**COLLABORATIVE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**

At the March 7 Special Board meeting, it was requested that staff provide an update on the progress made with identifying collaboration opportunities between the Monterey Regional Waste Management District (District) and the Authority as specified by the Memorandum of Understanding signed by both agencies. Authority staff presented each feasible and cost-effective opportunity identified in detail. Staff explained that the opportunities that are on hold are due to the uncertainty of the direction the City of Salinas will be taking as there are potential impacts to some of the programs and services provided by the Authority if the City chooses to withdraw.

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**CITY OF SALINAS NOTICE OF WITHDRAWAL**

The proposed compromise offer to the City of Salinas to avoid their withdrawal that was approved by the Board at the Special meeting on March 7 was sent to the city on March 8. The City of Salinas indicated they were interested in discussing the compromise details; however, they stated they would not be ready to negotiate the proposal until their due diligence was complete. The City has a contract with R3 Consultants to conduct a study relevant to the city’s solid waste handling and the evaluation of their franchise agreement with their waste hauler, Republic Services. The estimated completion of the study is at the end of August. The concern of the study completion date was expressed by several of the Board members due to its proximity of the one-year notice of withdraw termination date and the requirements needing actions that where prompted with the notice.

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**2019-20 DISPOSAL & SERVICE FEES AND OPERATING BUDGET - APPROVED**

After reviewing three budget options at the January and February meetings, the Board directed staff to schedule a public hearing to consider a status quo budget. The public hearing was held at this meeting, and the Board approved the Fees and Rates effective July 1, 2019, which include an increase in the AB 939 fee to offset the shortfall for the City of Salinas due to delays in adjusting its Organics processing rate to equalize it with other members. Subsequently, the status quo budget of $19,289,000 was approved.

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**FINANCIAL REPORT FOR MONTH ENDED JANUARY 2019 (58.33% OF THE FISCAL YEAR)**

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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.”**