

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING HIGHLIGHTS June 17, 2021

FOOD WASTE & RECYCLING AWARD PROGRAM 2021

With COVID preventing the Wally Waste Not Award school program from taking place, Authority staff developed the Food Waste and Recycling Award Program. The program was opened to local non-profit, school district central kitchens, or other local entities that collect, generate, or distribute food to charities or families in need within the Authority's service area. The successful completion of the five required activities focused on SB 1383 would be awarded \$5,000. *Rancho Cielo*, in partnership with Authority staff, Monterey County Health, and Waste Management implemented food waste collection services for their entire campus and successfully increased recycling capacity, decreased garbage volume and completed all five activities. *Congratulation Rancho Cielo on obtaining the 2021 Food Waste & Recycling Award!*



SCHOOL OUTREACH

The Resource Recovery team is devoted to conducting outreach and education within our service area. Two agreements to continue the school assemblies were approved by the Board. Rock Steady Juggling will continue to bring educational shows focused on organics and food waste reduction. The Eco Hero Show will be joining the education effort focusing on recycling and litter reduction. Both will provide live – in person and live – virtual performances. With the challenges that COVID presented for in person outreach, staff created several videos to continue the education outreach. Some of the videos created were a compost workshop, a tour of the landfill, a tour of the transfer station, a training for janitorial services, and others. As the year continues, staff is hopeful to bring back in-

person school tours, the Walley-Waste Not Award Program and other video projects. To view the videos, visit our website: www.SalinasValleyReycles.com

SUSTAINABLE FINANCING AND RATE SETTING

A presentation was given summarizing the decisions made by the Board over the last several years to help ensure that the Agency maintains sustainable financing. Implementation of AB939 fees began in FY 2013-14 to begin the path of making programs self-funded and not dependent on landfill tipping fees. Loans were refinanced in 2014, saving approximately \$4.8 million in interest. The savings were used to fund deferred capital and repay internal loans. Analysis of the actual cost of services that includes the cost of capital and overhead for several programs are

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conducted annually so that staff can recommend rates that fully fund the services provided. Post Closure, and other Capital Replacement Budgets are funded over time, where possible. This helps to ensure that funds are available when needed and to minimize the need for future loans. Finally, steps to pay down and/or prefund employee benefit liabilities will ensure that current impacts of these programs are not borne by future budgets.

FUTURE BOARD MEETING PROTOCOLS

After careful consideration, the Board decided that its next regular meeting scheduled for August 19th will be held virtually via zoom, unless state regulations prohibit it. All Board members and staff will be joining the meeting remotely and public comment will continue to be allowed via email or by participating via zoom.

FINANCIAL REPORT FOR MONTH ENDED APRIL 2021 (83% OF THE FISCAL YEAR)

 Revenue collected
 \$ 20,000,078 (90.1% of Estimated Revenue of \$22,209,800)

 Expenditures for operations
 \$ 15,541,265 (78.4% of Operating Budget of \$19,817,500)

 Cash balance
 \$ 31,827,084

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