

# **BOARD OF DIRECTORS** MEETING HIGHLIGHTS March 16, 2023

### **SITES IMPROVEMENTS AND UPDATES**

Water Agreement - In June 2021, the Authority contracted with Geo Logic Associates to perform a well-siting study for the Johnson Canyon and Jolon Road landfills. The study concluded that there was no location within the 163-acre Johnson Canyon site that was suitable for a production well that would produce the yield site operations requires. Staff analyzed the options available determining that the option to enter into a water purchase agreement with a neighbor that has an existing production well with a proven yield was the most appropriate. The neighbor to the north, George Amaral Ranches, was contacted and through discussions agreed to enter into a 30-year long-term water purchase agreement. The agreement calls for George Amaral Ranches to deliver up to 80,000 gallons of water per day to the northwest corner of our parcel.

Jolon Road Transfer Station Tipping Pad Cover - To improve the working conditions for staff and improve the customers'



experience during inclement weather, while minimizing windblown plastic litter, staff recommended the installation of a fabric shelter structure over the tipping pad at the Jolon Road Transfer Station. The Board approved an agreement with Clear Span for the Fabric Cover Structure that will provide customers from South County with a covered disposal area year-round. The contract includes engineering, manufacturing, and installation of a 14,400 square foot fabric covered structure. Construction of the foundation will be procured through local contractors once the initial engineering is completed by Clear Span.

Johnson Canyon Landfill Education Center - An update on the progress being made at the new



Johnson Canyon Education Center was provided to the Board. The building has been installed and the insulation and electrical work are currently being done. The building includes a large meeting space to hold classes and introductions to tours. The exhibit hall will be a selfguided walk through with different exhibits that visitors can learn from. The office space will house all outreach materials needed for tours, as well as a drop in desk for



Resource Recovery staff to use as needed. The water tank, the water line, and three faucets have been installed. Wally's raised beds are being constructed and include the irrigation, and gopher mesh barriers. There are big plans for the garden including incorporating a math and science curriculum based on its design. The progress has been possible thanks to the Engineering and Operations staff. They have been instrumental in planning and finding the most appropriate solutions for what is trying to be accomplished with the space. This year Resource Recovery staff will be launching a new program for high school students. The Youth Council, which will allow each high school in the Authority service area to have allocated slots to ensure representation from all areas, will give fifteen students the opportunity to learn and work together throughout the school year. They will do three group service-learning projects focusing on inland environmental issues. Students will present to the Board after each project is completed and will attend meetings to learn about local governance and political processes.

## Rate Impact Estimates Option 3 1 12 12 12 12 H 1 1 1 1 1

#### FISCAL YEAR 2023-24 OPERATING BUDGET AND DISPOSAL AND SERVICE FEES EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

A public hearing was held to consider the Disposal and Service Fees effective July 1, 2023, with a unanimous approval vote. The Operating and CIP budget of \$24,555,000 were also considered and approved by the Board. The budget is balanced and includes increases to the organics program tipping fees, the transportation surcharge fees, and a rate adjustment to AB 939 and/or Solid Waste Tipping Fees.

## SOUTH COUNTY FRANCHISE PROCUREMENT REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

An update was provided to the Board on the Request for Proposals (RFP) for the new franchise procurement for the South Monterey County Cities (Gonzales, Soledad, Greenfield, and King City). The RFP is set to be issued on March 17, 2023, with a proposal submittal deadline of June 30, 2023. This would allow sufficient time to conduct interviews, view presentations, conducted contract negotiations, agreement deliberation, and preparation before the current contract end term of June 30, 2025.

## FINANCIAL REPORT FOR MONTH ENDED JANUARY 2023 (58.3% OF THE FISCAL YEAR)

\$ 14,406,854 (60.6% of Estimated Revenue of \$23,764,900) Revenue collected 12,363,218 (57.6% of Operating Budget of \$21,450,000) **Expenditures for operations** Cash balance 33,822,044

> REDUCE RECYCLE REUSE