BOARD OF DIRECTORS
SPECIAL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS
August 21, 2025

Waste Characterization Study Agreement Awarded

The Board approved an agreement with Cascadia Consulting Group to conduct a Waste Characterization Study (WCS). A WCS is conducted to contribute to effective waste management planning. The study helps us understand the types, sources, and origins of materials still being landfilled. The Authority last conducted a WCS in 2018–19, which provided baseline data to assist in meeting the requirements established by Senate Bills 1383 (SB 1383) and achieving a 75% waste diversion goal. With SB 1383 implemented in 2022 and Assembly Bill 2346 allowing jurisdictions to adjust organics procurement targets based on recent data, a new study is now necessary. This new study will cover the entire service area over two survey periods that will be conducted at both Authority facilities and Madison Lane Transfer Station, Salinas. The study will help evaluate current programs and guide future efforts to support decisions on technologies to further reduce landfilled organics and recyclables.

Pajaro River Encampment Clean-Up One Time Recycling and Disposal Fee Waiver

To assist the County of Monterey with the cleanup and maintenance efforts of the levy systems at the Pajaro River, the Board authorized a one-time waiver for Recycling and Disposal Fees accrued. The Pajaro Regional Flood Management Agency (PRFMA), who is responsible for the clean-up efforts, submitted a formal request for a one-time fee waiver for the clean-up work scheduled on the Monterey County side that will begin in late August in advance of the upcoming wet weather season. Most of the homeless encampments around the town of Pajaro and the City of Watsonville are located on the Monterey County side of the Pajaro River levee within the service area of the Authority. The cost of the waiver of recycling and disposal fees is estimated to be between $15,000 and $25,000.

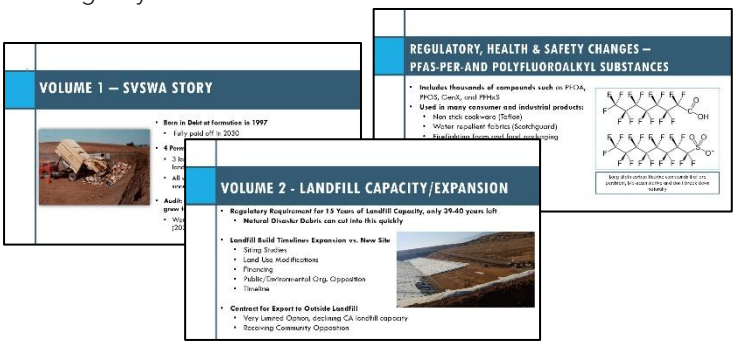
Selection of an Executive Recruiting Firm

With the announcement of the retirement of our General Manager Patrick Mathews, the Board directed him to release an informal request for proposals to executive recruiting firms. A total of five proposals were received. The Executive Committee reviewed the responses and provided their recommendation at this meeting. The Board selected Bob Murray and Associates to conduct the recruitment of the new General Manager for the Authority.

Board of Directors Strategic Planning Workshop

The Board of Directors held their Annual Strategic Planning Workshop at this meeting. They reviewed the Board Norms and established the agency's priorities and actions for the 2025-26 fiscal year and decades to come. The workshop focused on seven main components of the agency and its future:

1. Growth Change
2. Political Change
3. Climate Change
4. Natural Disasters
5. Regulations, Health and Safety Changes
6. Recession, Reserves and Rates
7. New Technologies vs. Landfilling Expansion



To view the meeting visit our YouTube Channel at https://www.youtube.com/@svswa831.

FINANCIAL REPORT FOR MONTH ENDED JUNE 2025 (100% OF THE FISCAL YEAR)

Revenue collected	$ 29,652,175 (111.0% of Estimated Revenue of $26,707,300)
Expenditures for operations	$ 22,257,535 (95.1% of Operating Budget of $23,415,000)
Cash balance	$ 39,795,067