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# MONTEREY REGIONAL WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

*Home of the Last Chance Mercantile*

## MEMORANDUM

DATE: March 22, 2010  
TO: Pacific Grove City Council  
FROM: Gary Bales  
SUBJECT: Highlights of the March 19, 2010 Board Meeting

The highlights of the meeting are as follows:

- 1) Under consent, the Board approved the purchase and installation of two mechanical door openers and a perforated roll up door for the Landfill Gas building from Overhead Door Company of Salinas, CA, in the amount of \$14,240. The mechanical door openers will prevent accidents and the perforated door will allow air flow into the engine room of the building.
- 2) The Board accepted a report from Chair Laska summarizing the Finance Committee meeting held on February 25, 2010. The committee received and discussed the 2010/11 budget preparation, conceptual plan for upgrades to the Materials Recovery Facility, and suggested revisions to the purchasing policy.
- 3) Pending final review by District Legal Counsel, the Board authorized the General Manager to execute a 10-Year Agreement with Pacific Gas & Electric (PG&E) for the sale of renewable energy. Staff has been working with PG&E staff to ensure the agreement contains language that will allow flexibility for the District to provide power to a future water project.
- 4) As part of a revised purchasing policy, the Board approved increasing the General Manager's authority for purchases from \$10,000 to \$30,000. The Board requested that staff modify language in the purchasing policy and bring back to the Board for final approval at a future meeting.
- 5) Following issuance of a request for proposals, and on a split vote, the Board awarded a contract to Hilton Farnkopf & Hobson Consultants, LLC (HF&H) of Walnut Creek, CA, at a cost of \$58,255, to conduct work on near- and long-term alternative funding strategies (Phase 1), directed staff to negotiate a contract with HF&H to provide services to examine consolidated franchise collection (Phase 2) and bring back to the Board at the April meeting. The Board requested that HF&H meet with them to obtain their input prior to beginning detailed work on both Phase 1 and Phase 2.
- 6) Staff provided a presentation on a new landfill pilot program utilizing a falconer to reduce or eliminate the seagull population at the landfill face and from around the site.

If you have questions or need more information, please contact General Manager William Merry at 384-5313, or me.

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Gary Bales, Director  
Monterey Regional Waste Management District