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**Item #: 7.a**

Meeting Date: September 20, 2024

To: Finance Committee  
From: Guy R. Petraborg, Director of Engineering & Compliance  
Approved by: Felipe Melchor, General Manager

**Subject: Receive Edited White Paper and Public Summary Versions**

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**RECOMMENDATION**

That the Board of Directors receive both the edited White Paper and the public summary version of the White Paper, "Where Waste Travels".

**BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION**

On July 19, 2024, the Board received the White Paper titled "High Level Summary of Municipal Solid Waste Management Practices in California and of the Monterey Regional Waste Management District in Monterey County, California". The White Paper was developed with input primarily from ReGen Monterey's (ReGen) Board and Staff. The White Paper generally seeks to convey common practices of the solid waste industry at the State, Monterey County, and ReGen specific levels. This pertains to how/where communities receive recycling and disposal services, the benefits or impacts to the service provider's business operations, and related consequences to those facilities that provide these essential public services to both 'member agency' and 'non-member agency' communities, and other private and public waste generators.

In the process of receiving the White Paper at the July Board Meeting, the Board of Directors discussed editing the White Paper and also having a summary version for use with/by the general public. The White Paper is a report on complex topics or matters and thus, is not close to being the type of document that is readily consumable by most readers of the general public. Staff decided to address both goals that the Board identified in their discussions and present the results at this time.

Attached to this Board Report is a) an edited version of the July 2024 White Paper that was received by the Board (Attachment 2) and b) a short summary version intended for the general public (Attachment 3). Both a 'marked up' version (Attachment 1) and 'clean copy' version (Attachment 2) of the edited July 2024 White Paper are attached to assist in the review of the changes to the White Paper, previously received by the Board. Please review these documents and be prepared to discuss the documents at the Finance Committee Meeting. The purpose of the discussions is to provide staff guidance in finalizing the documents for subsequent presentation and Board action at the September Board Meeting. At the September Finance Committee Meeting, the Finance Committee was provided with the edited version of the White Paper that was received by the Board at the July 2024 Board Meeting (Attachment 2) and the summary text version (no figures) of important aspects of the White Paper which is intended for the general public reader. The Finance Committee supported the staff to bring these both to the Board of Directors for the Board's consideration of receiving the documents for ReGen's publication and use.

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**FISCAL IMPACT**

None – Information Only

**CONCLUSION**

That the Board of Directors receive both the edited White Paper (Attachment 2) and the public summary version of the White Paper, "Where Waste Travels" (Attachment 3) for ReGen's publication and use.

Attachments:

1. Edited ('marked up') Version of July 19, 2024 White Paper Received by the Board
2. Edited ('clean copy') Version of July 19, 2024 White Paper Received by the Board
3. Where Waste Travels Summary Report 09-2024\_final