

Item: 5.j Approve Resolution of Appreciation (2024-11) for Retiring Employee Guy Petraborg, Director of Engineering & Compliance.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Resolution

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In Appreciation of **Guy R. Petraborg**

WHEREAS he was hired at the Monterey Regional Waste Management District in 2015 as the Principal Engineer and transitioned into the position of Director of Engineering and Compliance in 2016; and

WHEREAS he was instrumental in the organizational restructuring in 2016 that resulted in current leadership structure and led to forward-thinking discussions and planning for new business initiatives with the Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS in 2017, he received the Clean Air Leadership Award for Climate Change Advocate from the Monterey Bay Air Resources District and a Certificate of Recognition from the California Legislature Assembly in honor of receiving the award from MBARD; and

WHEREAS he served on the Board of Directors for the Solid Waste Association of North America's (SWANA) Gold Rush Chapter for seven years (2017 – 2024) and in 2020 he served on SWANA's Legislative Task Force as an Alternate Board Member; and

WHEREAS he oversaw ReGen Monterey facility improvements including construction of \$23 million in upgrades to the Materials Recovery Facility (MRF) to include single-stream recycling and construction and demolition materials processing; and

WHEREAS he was instrumental in managing the Landfill-Gas-To-Energy system and constructing a gas conditioning system on-site to reduce emissions and enable the plant to run efficiently; and

WHEREAS he was responsible for ReGen's grant funding awards for the electrical vehicle (EV) charging stations, landfill gas conditioning system, and covered aerated static pile (CASP) composting grant; and

WHEREAS he reorganized the Engineering Department by implementing durable processes, provided mentorship of staff at all levels of the organization, and has set the stage for continued success at ReGen Monterey; and

WHEREAS he dedicated numerous hours researching ReGen Monterey's history to create a white paper on municipal solid waste practices in California and of ReGen Monterey that provides clarity of past policy decisions and serves as reference guide for future policy decision makers; and

WHEREAS his sound guidance, leadership, and pioneering thinking have contributed greatly in building ReGen Monterey's infrastructure for solid waste management, including three landfill modules, the upgrade of the Materials Recovery Facility, electric vehicle charging stations, a pilot biochar facility, and long-term landfill disposal capacity, all at one of the lowest rates in the region and the state.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT BE RESOLVED THAT the Board of Directors of the Monterey Regional Waste Management District dba ReGen Monterey hereby commends and expresses its appreciation to Guy Petraborg for his leadership and wish him well in his retirement.

Passed and adopted this 20 day of September 2024 by the Board of Directors.



Kim Shirley
Board Chair

Monterey Regional
Waste Management District,
dba ReGen Monterey

Felipe Melchor
General Manager
Board Secretary