



**Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors**

**Draft Minutes**

**January 24, 2025, 9:00 a.m.**  
**14201 Del Monte Blvd, Salinas CA 93908**  
**Bales Board Room**

Members Present: Chair Shirley, City of Del Rey Oaks  
Vice Chair Delgado, City of Marina

Jerry Blackwelder, City of Sand City  
Wendy Root-Askew, County of Monterey  
Kim Barber, City of Monterey  
Alexis Garcia-Arrazola, City of Seaside  
Chaps Poduri, City of Pacific Grove  
Dale Byrne, City of Carmel-by-the-Sea

Members Absent: Peter McKee, Pebble Beach Community Services District

Staff Present: Felipe Melchor, General Manager  
Bob Rathie, District Legal Counsel  
David Ramirez, Director of Engineering  
Jay Ramos, Director of Operations  
Helen Rodriguez, Director of Finance and Administration  
Zoe Shoats, Director of Communications and Public Education  
Berta Torres, Director of Human Resources  
Garth Gregson, Finance Manager  
Kristin O'Hara, Communications Manager  
Ida Gonzales, Executive Assistant/Board Clerk  
Ana Quiroz, Administrative Support Specialist II

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**1. Call to Order - (Immediately Following the Authority Meeting Approximately 9:05 a.m.)**

Director Barber joined the meeting virtually. The meeting location was noticed on the Board agenda.

**2. Welcome New Board Members**

**3. Roll Call & Establishment of Quorum**

Notice duly given and presence of a quorum established, the January 24, 2025 Regular Meeting of the Monterey Regional Waste Management District dba ReGen Monterey Board of Directors was called to order by Chair Shirley at 9:08 a.m.

**4. Pledge of Allegiance**

**5. Public Communications**

Anyone wishing to address the Board on matters not appearing on the agenda may do so now. Please limit comments to a maximum of three (3) minutes. The public may comment on any other matter listed on the agenda at the time the matter is being considered by the Board. For information about submitting public comments in writing in advance of the meeting, please see the Meeting Information section of this agenda.

**6. Consent**

These matters include routine financial and administrative actions, which are usually approved by a single majority vote. Individual items may be removed from consent for discussion and action.

- 6.a Approve Minutes of November 21, 2024 Regular Board Meeting.
- 6.b Approve Report of Disbursements, Board and Employee Reimbursements for November and December 2024.
- 6.c Approve Declaration of Surplus Equipment: SI64 2008 CAT 725 Water Truck, MR06 1999 CAT DP45 Forklift.
- 6.d Approve the Purchase of H2S Media from Unison Solutions, Inc. of Dubuque, Iowa and storage container from Aztec Container of Vista, California in the Amount Not-to-Exceed \$110,000.
- 6.e Approve Resolution (2025-01) of Appreciation for Director Bill Peake.

**Motion:** Approve Consent Agenda.

**Moved by:** Director Askew

**Seconded by:** Director Poduri

**Motion Approved**

There were no public comments.

**7. Recognition/Presentations**

- 7.a Presentation of Resolution (2025-01) of Appreciation for Director Bill Peake.  
  
Chair Shirley presented Director Peake with a resolution of appreciation for his service on the ReGen Monterey Board of Directors.
- 7.b Presentation of 25 Years of Service Award to Luis Cazares, Materials Recovery Facility Operator II.  
  
Luis Cazares was recognized for his 25 years of dedicated service as a Materials Recovery Facility Operator II.
- 7.c Presentation of FY 24/25 SB 1383 Edible Food Recovery Grant Funding Award.  
  
Eric Palmer, Senior Communications Coordinator, presented the Edible Food Recovery Grants for fiscal year 2024-2025. Edible Food Recovery Grants were presented to Salvation Army South County, Cypress Church, Shoreline Church, St. Paul's Church, Dorothy's Place and Salvation Army Seaside.

**8. Discussion/Action**

- 8.a Discussion of Emergency Site Closure Protocol for Extreme Weather Events.  
Safety Manager Anthony Martin provided a report on extreme weather events.

Moved by: Director Askew  
Seconded by: Director Delgado

**Motion: That the Board authorize Staff to develop formal protocols and procedures for emergency site closures.**

**Motion Approved**

There were no Public comments

- 8.b Approve Implementation of Automated Control System from Loci Control, Inc. of Wareham, MA. for LFG Collection Wells not to exceed a cost of \$828,187 (includes 5% contingency).

Moved by: Director Blackwelder  
Seconded by: Director Barber

**Motion: That the Board authorize the General Manager to execute a Service Agreement with Loci Control, Inc. of Wareham, MA. for Automated Control of LFG Collection Wells not to exceed a cost of \$828,187 (includes 5% contingency) subject to District Legal Counsel's Concurrence to Form.**

**Motion Approved**

There were no Public comments

- 8.c Legal Representation – Request for Proposal Due to Resignation of Legal Counsel.

Moved by: Director Ferlito  
Seconded by: Director Blackwelder

**Motion: Authorize the General Manager to Prepare and Issue a Request for Proposal (RFP) for Legal Counsel Services for ReGen Monterey.**

**Motion Approved**

There were no Public comments.

**9. Staff Reports**

- 9.a Review Finance, Operating and Recycling Reports for December 2024.

Garth Gregson provided a summary of the December Financials.

**10. Other Correspondence**

**11. General Manager Communications**

- 11.a General Manager Comments.

**12. Board Communications**

12.a Appointment of 2025 ReGen Monterey Committees.

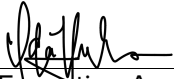
Chair Shirley announced the appointments for the Finance and Personnel Committees.

Finance Committee - Chair Shirley, Director Blackwelder and Director Barber to serve on the committee (March and April) until Vice Chair Delgado is available in May.

Personnel Committee - Directors Askew, Poduri and Byrne will serve on the committee for 2025. The new meeting start time for the Personnel Committee Meetings will be 11:00 a.m.

**13. Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the Board at this time, the January 24, 2025. Regular Meeting of the Monterey Regional Waste Management District dba ReGen Monterey Board of Directors was adjourned by Chair Shirley at 11:35 a.m.



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Executive Assistant/Board Clerk



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General Manager/Board Secretary