



**Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors**

**Draft Minutes**

**February 21, 2025, 9:00 a.m.**  
**14201 Del Monte Blvd, Salinas CA 93908**  
**Bales Board Room**

**Members Present:**

Chair: Kim Shirley, City of Del Rey Oaks  
Vice Chair: Bruce Delgado, City of Marina  
Directors: Jerry Blackwelder, City of Sand City  
Wendy Root Askew, Unincorporated County of Monterey  
Kim Barber, City of Monterey  
Peter McKee, PBCSD  
Chaps Poduri, City of Pacific Grove  
Dale Byrne, City of Carmel-by-the-Sea

**Members Absent:** Alexis Garcia-Arrazola, City of Seaside

**Staff Present:** Felipe Melchor, General Manager  
Rob Wellington, Legal Counsel  
Jay Ramos, Director of Operations  
David Ramirez, Director of Engineering and Compliance  
Helen Rodriguez, Director of Finance and Administration  
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**

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

Chair Shirley called the meeting to order at 9:08 a.m. with a quorum present. Director Askew attended the meeting virtually from the posted teleconference location on the agenda.

**3. Pledge of Allegiance**

**4. 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.

Public Comment

Dale Byrne made a public comment regarding the availability of disposal containers for used cigarettes. The containers are available for distribution to any city or organization willing to commit to recycling used cigarettes through TerraCycle. If you are interested in obtaining the free containers email Carmel Cares [carmelcares1@gmail.com](mailto:carmelcares1@gmail.com)

**5. 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.

5.a Approve Minutes of the January 24, 2025 Regular Board Meeting.

The Board requested corrections be made to the attendance section of the January Board minutes to show that Directors McKee and Garcia-Arrazola were absent.

Chair Shirley requested that agenda item 8.a of the January Minutes include emergency closure for all weather events, other events or issues.

Revised motion: That the Board authorize Staff to develop formal protocols and procedures for emergency site closures for all weather events, other events or issues.

5.b Approve Report of Disbursements, and Board and Employee Reimbursements for January 2025.

5.c Approve Declaration of Surplus MR46 2012 CAT 966K, LF18 2006 John Deere 6415.

5.d Adopt Resolution 2025-02 and Approve the purchase of Two (2) new 2025 Rice Lake OTR 70' X 10' Scales.

5.e Approve Resolution (2025-03) of Appreciation for Karen Ferlito.

Motion: To Approve the Consent Agenda.

**Moved by:** Director Delgado

**Seconded by:** Director Barber

**Motion Approved**

**6. Recognition/Presentations**

6.a Presentation of Resolution (2025-03) of Appreciation for Karen Ferlito.

The Board of Directors presented Karen Ferlito with a Resolution of Appreciation.

6.b Recognition of Hortencia Fernandez, Sorter II for 25 Years of Service.

The Board of Directors and General Manager honored Hortencia Fernandez for her 25 Years of Service. Ms. Fernandez was not present at the meeting. The General Manager will present her award in person.

**7. Discussion/Action**

7.a Agreement with a Firm to Provide Legal Services.

That the Board approve or take such other action as may be appropriate concerning entering into an agreement with a firm to provide legal services to the Monterey Regional Waste Management District and to the Monterey Regional Waste Management Authority, and the appointment of a member of that firm to serve as the District Legal Counsel and Authority Legal Counsel, and authorize the District & Authority Board Chair to execute the agreement.

This item was deferred until after closed session, if action is needed.

**8. Staff Reports**

8.a Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) / SB 1383 Update from January 8, 2025, Meeting.

Communications Manager Kristin O'Hara provided the Board with a summary of the TAC Committee meeting.

8.b January 2025 Financial Report.

Finance Manager Garth Gregson provided a summary of the monthly financial reports.

**9. Other Correspondence**

**10. General Manager Communications**

10.a The General Manager reported that ReGen Monterey staff had a productive meeting with the City of Marina elected officials serving on their odor subcommittee and public works staff. Each entity provided the other with status updates. ReGen was able to share a timeline on the conversion of the compost operation to a covered aerated static pile process as well as approval of the Loci automated landfill gas collection system, both which will reduce odors. The City of Marina shared progress in their development of an app that could be used by the public to submit odor complaints. ReGen Monterey continues our commitment to being a good neighbor, responding to odor complaints with field observations and on-site data of our activities.

ReGen Monterey is proud to again partner with California State University Monterey Bay (CSUMB) and the Veterans Transition Center/Last Chance Mercantile to host another year of our Artists in Residence program. This year, two talented artists, Melanie Gatica and Ashley Brunetti, were selected.

ReGen Monterey's Communications Specialist, Franco Guzman, was selected to participate in Leadership Monterey County's 2025 cohort.

**11. Board Communications**

Vice Chair Delgado received a concern from a Marina resident regarding odors. He commented on the importance of taking proactive measures to mitigate odors ahead of the construction of the future housing development near ReGen Monterey.

Director Byrne informed the Board and Staff that Stevenson Schools Ocean Garden Program is working with on an Ad to be placed in The Carmel Pine Cone. He also mentioned that the City of Carmel-by-the-Sea has switched from Pink disposal plastic bags to Green compostable bags in their public dispensers. The city has also purchased new trash cans with laser technology to signal when cans are full.

Director Askew - Thanked staff for the presentation to the MBARD Board.

**12. Closed Session**

Public Comment – Karen Ferlito thanked Legal Counsel Rob Wellington for over 50 Years of Service to ReGen Monterey.

The Board went into closed session at 10:35 a.m. regarding the following:

As permitted by government code section 54956 et seq., the board may adjourn to a closed session to consider specific matters dealing with litigation, certain personnel matters, real property negotiations or to confer with the Regen Monterey’s Meyers-Milias-Brown Act representative.

1. Public employee appointment (ca govt. Code 57957(b)(1)).

Title: District Legal Counsel/Authority Legal Counsel.

**13. Return to Open Session with any Required Announcement from Closed Session**

The Board came back into the Open Session at 11:04 a.m. and Legal Counsel announced that in the Closed Session the Board had taken up the matter listed on the agenda for the closed session and reported the Board received information; no reportable action was taken. The Board has directed a committee to consider further interviews with the proposed applicants and report back to the Board.

No public comments were made.

**14. Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the Board at this time, the February 21, 2025 Regular Meeting of the Monterey Regional Waste Management District dba ReGen Monterey Board of Directors was adjourned by Chair Shirley at 11:06 a.m.

Recorded By:

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Executive Assistant/Board Clerk

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General Manager/Board Secretary