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Discussion/Action
Item #: 7a



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To: Board of Directors
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Approved by: General Manager, Felipe Melchor

Subject: Discuss Draft White Paper

RECOMMENDATION-INFORMATION ONLY: Staff will provide a brief update of modifications in progress to the Draft White Paper and participate in any discussions led by the Board for this agenda item topic.

BACKGROUND

During the past year, ReGen Monterey (ReGen) staff has provided the Board several opportunities to review progressive drafts of the Draft White Paper incorporating Board comments. The Draft White Paper generally seeks to convey common practices of the solid waste industry at the State, Monterey County, and ReGen specific levels as it pertains to where communities receive recycling and disposal services, the benefits to the service provider's business operations, and related consequences to those facilities providing these essential public services to both 'member agency' and 'non-member agency' communities. The status of the report will be discussed and the changes in progress will also be discussed.

DISCUSSION

The management of municipal solid waste in California is a complex and interrelated system involving government, public agencies, the private sector and myriad of collection, processing, transportation, diversion, recycling and disposal facilities. In addition, California also has a complex framework of legislation and regulations to maximize the reduction, diversion, recycling, reuse and recovery of materials. To "do more to waste less" you might say. To minimize the disposal of solid waste in the interest of public health and the environment.

The previous Draft White Paper was organized into two sections. The first section explores public policy and common practices of the solid waste management industry in California. It presents that most cities do not have their own solid waste landfill, transfer station, recycling facility, or

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composting facility. Yet, in California, there are public policies that require all cities to utilize such facilities to properly manage and dispose of the waste generated by their community. This causes waste to be transported in and out of counties to be directed to appropriate waste management facilities. A solid waste industry practice that is common across the country in most states.

The second section of the previous Draft White Paper explored the history of ReGen Monterey and the evolution from a “disposal only” facility in 1965 to that of an integrated waste management facility promoting waste reduction and offering diversion, recycling, and beneficial reuse services. The review of ReGen’s history reveal that its business practices have been Board directed and approved. It is evident that ReGen’s Board governance has been influenced by i) common good business practices of diversifying one’s customer base and sources of revenues and ii) public policies influencing improvements for waste reduction, diversion, recycling and reuse measures. evolved from a “disposal only” model. This has resulted in expanded recycling services and a more reliable and sustainable public works organization in the interests of the Member Agencies and all the communities served by ReGen Monterey.

A third section is now under development to present related impacts to operational costs, service fee rates, the extent of services, and estimated life of facilities caused by providing services to non-Member Agency and other customers outside of the Member Agencies’ franchise solid waste collection contracted services. Staff will provide a brief presentation and discussion of these matters.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

None – Information Only

CONCLUSION

None – Information Only