



# County of Monterey

Board of Supervisors  
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## Board Report

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Authorize the Chair of the Board of Supervisors to sign and transmit letters of support for the Proposed Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Salinas Valley Solid Waste Authority and the Monterey Regional Waste Management District to form a cooperative agreement that leverages resources and maximizes the use of the solid waste processing and landfill facilities in Monterey County.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended that the Board of Supervisors authorize the Chair of the Board of Supervisors to sign and transmit letters of support for the Proposed Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Salinas Valley Solid Waste Authority and the Monterey Regional Waste Management District to form a cooperative agreement that leverages resources and maximizes the use of the solid waste processing and landfill facilities in Monterey County.

**SUMMARY/DISCUSSION:**

On July 17, 2018, the Board received a presentation and overview of a proposed MOU between the SVSWA and the MRWMD to form a cooperative agreement that leverages resources and efficiently maximizes the use of the solid waste processing and landfill facilities in Monterey County. The ideas presented make a lot of sense, particularly the following recommendations:

1. Fully utilize the processing capacity of the MWRMD's new materials recovery facility and spread the capital and operating costs over a larger, countywide tonnage.
2. Utilize Monterey One Water's (M1W) existing digester capacity to process clean commercial food waste collected countywide and increase the renewable energy output at M1W's treatment plant.
3. Re-direct the Peninsula's organic waste to SVSWA facilities and eliminate the need for developing redundant organics processing facilities in the County.
4. Direct-haul curbside-collected waste to the nearest landfill (i.e., Marina or Johnson Canyon).
5. Reduce the need to import solid waste from other counties.

The proposed MOU is a smart and unique opportunity for our local solid waste organizations to collaborate to think countywide and strive to minimize inevitable rate increases for residents and businesses in Monterey County.

**OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:**

The SVSWA and the MRWMD have been communicating with local city representatives, including the County Health Services and Department of Environmental Health Services who concur with the recommendations.

**FINANCING:**

There is no fiscal impact for this recommendation.

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS STRATEGIC INITIATIVES:**

Enhancing the well-being and prosperity of Monterey County Residents. Promote the use of best environmental practices for County facilities and operations.

Mark a check to the related Board of Supervisors Strategic Initiatives

☒ Economic Development  
☐ Administration  
☐ Health & Human Services  
☒ Infrastructure  
☐ Public Safety

Attachment: Letters of Support to President Simón Salinas, SVSWA; and  
Chair Bruce Delgado, MRWMD Board of Directors.

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