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TIM FLANAGAN NAMED NEW GENERAL MANAGER OF MONTEREY REGIONAL WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

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Tim Flanagan was named the new general manager of the Monterey Regional Waste Management District (MRWMD) by the District's Board of Directors at their July 17th board meeting. Flanagan will direct the award-winning MRWMD facilities and Monterey Peninsula Landfill. Flanagan had served as the District's assistant general manager since July 2005 and has more than 33 years of diverse experience in the public and private sectors of waste management, with a concentration on recycling. He was hired after a nationwide search conducted by a recruiting firm. His annual salary will be \$187,000.

Flanagan succeeds William Merry, who recently retired after 28 years with the District, having served as District Engineer, Assistant General Manager, and General Manager. Flanagan had served as interim general manager since Merry retired.

Flanagan responded to his appointment by saying,

"I am excited about the opportunity to lead the men and women of the MRWMD into the next chapter of the District's long and storied history. The District is on the cusp of transitioning from a traditional waste and recycling facility to a truly integrated waste processing facility that has as its mission "Turning Waste into Resources." I hope to bring my passion for people and the environment in my role as General Manager to help lead the District into this transition and continue to develop the truly world-class facility we have here on the Monterey Peninsula."

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MRWMD Board Chair Dennis Allion, the Del Rey Oaks representative on the board, thanked Flanagan for his years of public service and said, “*We look forward to years and years of his continued service at the District.*”

In 2014, Flanagan was named Municipal Member of the Year by the Gold Rush Chapter of the Solid Waste Association of North America (SWANA).

Flanagan’s decades-long commitment to recycling began not long after he started in 1982 as solid waste/recycling manager for the City of Palo Alto. He worked on one of the first curbside recycling collection programs in the United States in a time before there were any recycling trucks. Flanagan has remained devoted to recycling and helped make it a key component of the Monterey Peninsula Landfill.

After four years in Palo Alto he worked for Santa Clara County as Technical Program Manager. From 1987 until 2005, when he joined the MRWMD, Flanagan worked in various management positions for Waste Management, the world’s largest waste collector and hauler, and for other firms in the private sector.

He has a bachelor’s degree from UC-Santa Barbara in Public Policy and Economics with an emphasis on Urban Planning and has done graduate work in Public Administration.

Flanagan is a native of San Francisco. He and his wife, Anita, currently make their home in Prunedale.

The MRWMD has been named “Best Solid Waste System in North America” by SWANA, and is home to the Last Chance Mercantile, the Household Hazardous Waste Collection Facility, Materials Recovery Facility, Landfill Gas to Renewable Energy program, and the Monterey Peninsula Landfill.

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The MRWMD Board consists of nine members and represents the cities of Carmel, Del Rey Oaks, Marina, Monterey, Pacific Grove, Sand City and Seaside, as well as Monterey County and the Pebble Beach Community Services District.

In 1951 the Monterey County Board of Supervisors formed the MRWMD under the name of the Monterey Peninsula Garbage and Refuse Disposal District. The landfill opened in 1972 at its current site. The MRWMD is a Special District of the state of California, is self-sustaining and does not receive tax dollars.

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