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TO: Waste Management Authority

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SUBJECT: Public Hearing and Annual Adoption of Fee Collection Report for Household Hazardous Waste Fee

SUMMARY

At the June 22, WMA meeting the Board will be asked to adopt the 2016-17 fee collection report as required by the Household Hazardous Waste ordinance adopted in 2014. Staff will also provide a summary of the HHW program at the meeting.

BACKGROUND

At the May 2014 WMA meeting, the Board adopted Ordinance 2014-01: "Ordinance Establishing a Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Collection and Disposal Fee," which included a \$9.55 fee per residential unit. 2016-17 will be the third year that the fee is collected and used to support existing and expanded activities at the four HHW facilities (Fremont, Hayward, Livermore, and Oakland). This fee, in combination with an HHW tip fee at the landfill and product stewardship savings, combine to pay for the four facilities. The fee also supports up to twelve one-day HHW events around the county per year. So far in 2016, two such events have taken place, with another seven expected before the end of the year. The permanent facilities and one-day events are operated under two MOUs: one with the City of Fremont and one with the County of Alameda. Since increasing hours/days of operation in January, 2015, household participation has grown by 30 percent. Further growth in participation is expected as we increase outreach and expand the number of one-day events.

Under the ordinance, a Fee Collection Report must be approved by the Board each year prior to placing the parcel fee on the Alameda County property tax roll. A proposed Fee Collection Report (FCR) was publicly noticed this month. The purpose of the notice of the proposed FCR is to allow residential property owners subject to the fee to provide updated information about the number of units on their property, since the fee applies to each unit. The 2016 Fee Collection Report includes

changes that property owners have requested throughout the year and during the review of the 2015 Fee Collection Report. Staff has incorporated all requests for changes to the proposed FCR into the draft linked below. The Fee Collection Report lists all the parcels in Alameda County subject to the fee together with the fee amount for the parcel. The 2016 Fee Collection Report (13,000+ pages, 82MB file size) may be viewed at:

www.stopwaste.org/sites/default/files/hhwfees/2016BoardReport-official.pdf.zip.

The HHW fee ordinance calls for the fee to be adjusted each year beginning in 2016-17 if HHW tip fee collections and product stewardship savings are higher than the projections used when the fee was adopted. Based on collections and savings in 2014-15, the 2016-17 HHW will be \$8.60 per residential parcel instead of \$9.55. (Per the ordinance, the fee will reset to \$9.55 for 2017-18 but will again be adjusted downward if tip fee collections and product stewardship savings for 2015-16 are found to have been higher than expected. The fee cannot be increased above \$9.55 except by amending the fee ordinance and complying with State laws concerning fee increases.) Fee revenue for 2016-17 is expected to be approximately \$4.9 million. These revenues combined with fund balance, and the annual revenue from the HHW landfill tip fee (estimated at \$1,578,100 for FY16-17), pay for the administration and implementation of the program, which includes StopWaste's costs for administration of the MOUs and outreach, operation of the four facilities and up to twelve one-day HHW events around the county.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the WMA Board hold a public hearing on the Fee Collection Report and approve the Fee Collection Report for FY2016-17, which includes adjusting the fee downward from \$9.55 to \$8.60 per unit for FY2016-17.

Attachment A: Link to [HHW 2016 Fee Collection Report](#)

Attachment B: Link to [HHW Ordinance 2014-1](#)