

**Planning & Organization Committee/
Recycling Board Members**

Dianne Martinez, **President**
ACWMA

Steve Sherman, **1st Vice President**
Source Reduction Specialist

Jerry Pentin, **2nd Vice President**
ACWMA

Adan Alonzo, Recycling Programs

Bernie Camara, Recycling Materials Processing Industry

Peter Maass, ACWMA

Jim Oddie, ACWMA

Tim Rood, ACWMA

John Moore, Environmental Organization

Michael Peltz, Solid Waste Industry Representative

Toni Stein, Environmental Educator

Wendy Sommer, Executive Director

AGENDA
MEETING OF THE
PLANNING AND ORGANIZATION
COMMITTEE
AND
ALAMEDA COUNTY RECYCLING BOARD

Thursday, June 8, 2017

4:00 P.M.

StopWaste Offices
1537 Webster Street
Oakland, CA 94612
510-891-6500

Meeting is wheelchair accessible. Sign language interpreter may be available upon five (5) days' notice to 510-891-6500.

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL

III. ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE PRESIDENT

Page **IV. CONSENT CALENDAR**

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| 1 | 1. Approval of the Draft Minutes of May 11, 2017 (Tom Padia) | Action |
| 5 | 2. Board Attendance Record (Tom Padia) | Information |
| 7 | 3. Written Report of Ex Parte Communications (Tom Padia) | Information |

V. OPEN PUBLIC DISCUSSION

An opportunity is provided for any member of the public wishing to speak on any matter within the jurisdiction of the Board, but not listed on the agenda. Each speaker is limited to three minutes.

VI. REGULAR CALENDAR

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| 9 | 1. Proposed Fiscal Year 2017-18 Budget (Wendy Sommer & Pat Cabrera)
Adopt the FY 17-18 budget as it pertains to the Recycling Board and as outlined in the attached resolution. | Action/
Public Hearing |
| 19 | 2. Retiree Medical Benefits (Pat Cabrera & Todd High)
This item is for information only. | Information |
| 21 | 3. Grants to Nonprofits Program – Year in Review (Meri Soll)
This item is for information only. | Information |

VII. OTHER PUBLIC INPUT

VIII. COMMUNICATIONS/MEMBER COMMENTS **Information**

IX. ADJOURNMENT

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**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
PLANNING AND ORGANIZATION COMMITTEE
AND
ALAMEDA COUNTY RECYCLING BOARD**

Thursday, May 11, 2017

7:00 P.M.

**Castro Valley Public Library
3600 Norbridge Avenue
Castro Valley, CA 94546
510-667-7900**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Dianne Martinez, President, called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

Adan Alonzo, Recycling Programs
Bernie Camara, Recycling Materials Processing Industry
Jerry Pentin, ACWMA
Peter Maass, ACWMA
Dianne Martinez, ACWMA
John Moore, Environmental Organization
Jim Oddie, ACWMA
Michael Peltz, Solid Waste Industry Representative
Tim Rood, ACWMA
Steve Sherman, Source Reduction Specialist
Toni Stein, Environmental Educator

Staff Present:

Wendy Sommer, Executive Director
Tom Padia, Deputy Executive Director
Meri Soll, Senior Program Manager
Mark Spencer, Senior Program Manager
Elizabeth Earls, Outreach Associate
Farand Kan, Deputy County Counsel
Arliss Dunn, Clerk of the Board

III. ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE PRESIDENT

There were none.

IV. CONSENT CALENDAR

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| 1. Board Attendance Record (Tom Padia) | Information |
| 2. Written Report of Ex Parte Communications (Wendy Sommer) | Information |

Board member Maass made the motion to approve the Consent Calendar. Board member Pentin seconded and the motion carried 7-0 (Ayes: Camara, Maass, Martinez, Moore, Peltz, Pentin, Stein. Nays: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Alonzo, Oddie, Rood, Sherman)

V. OPEN PUBLIC DISCUSSION

There was none

VI. REGULAR CALENDAR

1. Reusable Bag Ordinance Update (Meri Soll)

Information

This item is for information only.

Meri Soll provided an overview of the staff report. A link to the report is available here:

[Reusable-Bag-Ordinance-Update-memo.05-11-17.pdf](#)

Ms. Soll distributed copies of the outreach materials developed for both retail stores and eating establishments. Ms. Soll stated that over 13,000 stores and restaurants have been notified at least once by mail regarding the new law and approximately 25% of retail stores have display cards at their cash registers to inform consumers of the new law. Ms. Soll introduced Elizabeth Earls, Outreach Associate, who came onboard in February to provide technical assistance to affected entities. Ms. Earls has visited over 500 stores throughout the county providing information and assistance to stores in order to become compliant with the new ordinance. In addition, we have conducted outreach regarding the expanded law to business district associations, chamber of commerce, city staff including TAC reps to identify geographic areas to focus outreach activities. Board member Stein inquired about the rationale for charging ten cents for both paper and plastic bags. Ms. Soll stated that the ordinance language requires charges on both paper and reusable bags (including more durable plastic bags) to encourage consumers to bring their own bag or to not receive a bag at all. Ms. Soll reminded the Board that the ten cents bag charge is retained by the store.

Board member Moore stated that he disagrees with the messaging of stores to “use up their existing inventory of single use plastic bags” as it is counter to our mission of removing the bags from the waste stream. Ms. Soll stated that this measure was a courtesy to stores who have substantial inventory of single use plastic bags as they may have been unaware of the expanded ordinance prior to purchasing bags for their business. However, the agency has information on the website directing stores to establishments such as food banks where they can donate the single use bags. Board member Pentin added when the ordinance was originally developed the Board considered the impact on stores with regard to existing inventory. The ordinance has been effective as there has been a significant decrease in the number of single use bags in the waste stream. Board member Sherman inquired about any unintended side effects or ancillary benefits of the ordinance. Mr. Padia stated that a noticeable benefit was waste prevention due to a large number of consumers choosing to forego any bag at point of purchase in lieu of paying the 10 cent fee. Board member Maass suggested connecting the retailers to dog walking areas. Ms. Soll stated that she can consult the regional park district.

President Martinez commented that she is pleased to see the use of press releases and inquired about the timeline for sending them out and asked if there are plans to disseminate them prior to the expanded ordinance affecting eating establishments. Ms. Soll stated the first press release was sent out in April right before retail stores became affected by the ordinance and we will send another one prior to expansion to eating establishments, sometime in October. President Martinez inquired if staff has data on how people are being led to the ReusableBagsAC.org website and if there is information on the website informing consumers that the bag ordinance is a countywide law and not an individual city ordinance. In addition, she inquired if staff is using search engine optimization to direct consumers and businesses to the [reusablebagsac.org](#) website. Ms. Sommer stated that we can utilize search engine optimization and will work with our webmaster to direct city bag ordinance searches to our website. Ms. Soll added staff will be using media buys for social media portals such as Facebook, NextDoor, Twitter, Instagram, etc. Ms. Earls added some of the issues raised by retailers are confusion over the State law. Board member Stein inquired if staff is finding confusion with regard to the compliant bags for example the Target reusable bag. Ms. Soll stated that the Target bag has been tested and verified as compliant as well as bags used at other large chain stores. We also have information for retailers on where to purchase compliant reusable bags.

There were no public comments. President Martinez thanked Ms. Soll for her presentation.

2. Presentation of 2016 Benchmark Data (Mark Spencer)

Information

This item is for information only.

Tom Padia provided an overview of the staff report and Mark Spencer presented a PowerPoint presentation. A link to the report and presentation is available here:

[2016-Benchmark-Data-Presentation-05-11-17.pdf](#)

Board member Peltz inquired if there was an attempt to obtain samples from all sections of the city. Mr. Spencer stated no, the Benchmark study sought to collect samples from random routes within each city and jurisdiction across Alameda County. Board member Sherman inquired about whether the weight of single family waste varied by the size of their container and whether we found many bins that were too full or overflowing. Mr. Spencer stated that most families have trash cans big enough to fit all their trash and they tend to right-size their service. Board member Stein inquired about the significant decrease in the amount of good stuff in the garbage for Oro Loma Sanitary District. Mr. Spencer stated that they attribute the decrease to effective outreach and education. Board member Sherman inquired with respect to the multi-family sector if staff has looked at waste that is attributed to the residents as opposed to the property owners. Mr. Spencer stated that our collection efforts are focused on what is found in the bin and not how it arrived there. He added there was not a significant amount of plant debris or carpet and other like waste materials and considers the mandate and visual signage is having an effect. Tom Padia added in past Waste Characterization studies, in 1995, 2000, and 2008, sampling of single-family, multi-family and commercial was conducted at the Transfer Stations and staff was told that the multi-family waste component of commercial loads was easily distinguishable from commercial as it was more uniform. Board member Alonzo stated that in Fremont they are still seeing batteries in the recyclables. Mr. Spencer reminded the Board that the Benchmark study is sampling garbage only. Board member Rood inquired as to why the 2016 samplings of restaurants with garbage and organics service are so few in number and is staff able to draw statistical differences from such a small sample pool? Mr. Spencer stated that we are literally only sampling restaurants and in our selected pool, only seven had just garbage and organics service. In order to perform statistical analysis, we pool the variance.

Board member Peltz inquired if we can interview those exhibiting bad behavior and find out why they are not responsive to the information and outreach provided. Mr. Padia stated that in the past we have conducted phone polling of households that had been randomly sampled and around 75% of those respondents claim that they consistently recycle however our sorting data shows that only around 25% of households actually do recycle everything or nearly everything. Board member Stein stated that it may be worth the effort to go after the middle ground and get them to improve. She added people may be adverse particularly with organics due to the “yuck factor” and recommended that staff consult with sanitation experts and the public health sector. Mr. Spencer noted that the agency conducted a community based social marketing study in the City of Fremont and residents were provided with compostable bags and pails, hangtags, and a benchmark report and we found that for all three treatments there was a significant but small change in behavior. Board member Rood commented that informing the residents that their neighbors are recycling well may affect behavior change. Mr. Padia added a mailer providing this information was sent to one pilot group of Fremont residents. Board member Pentin stated that in his encounter with residents their perception is that they are doing well and recycling much more than they used to. He added we should tout the good progress but also include the ability to do better. Board member Sherman inquired about other programmatic efforts. Mr. Padia stated that we’re hoping that the 2107 Waste Characterization Study will show that the mandatory recycling ordinance has had some effect. Mr. Spencer added the agency has also increased its outreach to community groups.

Board member Alonzo commented on the cost involved to the transfer stations, jurisdictions, and the public to realize the long term goals of less than 10% good stuff. Board member Oddie inquired about the households that were nearly 100% good stuff. Mr. Spencer stated that when we see that it is typically because someone seems to have had a party- that is both the recycling bin and garbage bin are filled with wine bottles, etc. Board member Stein commented customers that don't use their green or recycling bins should be charged a higher rate to offset the transportation expense for pick-up for garbage only services. Ms. Sommer affirmed the comments from Board member Alonzo that nearly anything can be done with sufficient revenues from rate payers.

President Martinez thanked Mr. Spencer and Mr. Padia for a great presentation.

**3. Castro Valley Sanitary District Less-Than-Weekly Garbage Collection Pilot- Information
Transmittal of Final Report (Tom Padia)**

This item is for information only.

Tom Padia provided an overview of the staff report. A link to the report is available here:

[CVSAN-Garbage-Collection-Pilot-Report-05-11-17.pdf](#)

President Martinez inquired about the cost of the study. Mr. Padia stated the total cost was around \$200,000. He added the agency funded two pilots, Castro Valley and Fremont. The Fremont pilot included providing kitchen pails and compostable pail liners, direct mailing, and hang tags, and the three methods yielded a significant but not huge effect on food scraps recycling. Castro Valley provided pail liners and pails but produced no effect. Board member Sherman inquired if staff was able to uncover any evidence of any cost savings in other jurisdictions from having reduced frequency of collection of garbage and recyclables. Mr. Padia stated that there are many different variations of collection services and transitions from one set of services to another, so it's difficult to arrive at a one size fits all conclusion. Board member Stein inquired about the plastics market and if the agency can reach out to Silicon Valley with respect to building materials and recycled content. Mr. Padia invited the Board to forward any research opportunities to staff. Board member Peltz commented that the concept of content laws and encouraging fiber recycling occurs at the State level and plastics are complicated because it is not a standardized commodity. However it may be worth investigating the issue and focusing on an industrial application. Board member Alonzo stated that the primary draw for the waste industry for plastic bottles is the CRV value. Board member Stein inquired about the Energy Councils' work with solar. Ms. Sommer stated that the Energy Council works on specific projects that are funded externally for specific tasks and they have adopted their priorities for the upcoming year. The Energy Council focuses on energy efficiency and not product procurement.

President Martinez thanked Mr. Padia for his report.

VII. OTHER PUBLIC INPUT

There was none.

VIII. COMMUNICATIONS/MEMBER COMMENTS

There were none.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:36 p.m.

2017 - ALAMEDA COUNTY RECYCLING BOARD ATTENDANCE

	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
REGULAR MEMBERS												
A. Alonzo	X	X	X	X	X							
B. Camara	X	X	X	X	X							
P. Maass	X	X	X	X	X							
D. Martinez	X	X	X	X	X							
J. Moore	X	X	X	A	X							
J. Oddie	X	X	X	X	X							
M. Peltz	X	X	X	A	X							
J. Pentin	X	I	X	A	X							
T. Rood	X	X	X	X	X							
S. Sherman	X	X	I	X	X							
T. Stein	X	X	A	X	X							
INTERIM APPOINTEES												
D. Biddle		X										
M. Southworth			X									

Measure D: Subsection 64.130, F: Recycling Board members shall attend at least three fourths (3/4) of the regular meetings within a given calendar year. At such time, as a member has been absent from more than one fourth (1/4) of the regular meetings in a calendar year, or from two (2) consecutive such meetings, her or his seat on the Recycling Board shall be considered vacant.

X=Attended

A=Absent

I=Absent - Interim Appointed

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DATE: June 8, 2017
TO: Recycling Board
FROM: Tom Padia, Deputy Executive Director
SUBJECT: Written Reports of Ex Parte Communications

BACKGROUND

Section 64.130 (Q)(1)(b) of the Alameda County Charter requires that full written disclosure of ex parte communications be entered in the Recycling Board's official record. At the June 19, 1991 meeting of the Recycling Board, the Board approved the recommendation of Legal Counsel that such reports be placed on the consent calendar as a way of entering them into the Board's official record. The Board at that time also requested that staff develop a standard form for the reporting of such communications. A standard form for the reporting of ex parte communications has since been developed and distributed to Board members.

At the December 9, 1999 meeting of the Recycling Board, the Board adopted the following language:

Ex parte communication report forms should be submitted only for ex parte communications that are made after the matter has been put on the Recycling Board's agenda, giving as much public notice as possible.

Per the previously adopted policy, all such reports received will be placed on the consent calendar of the next regularly scheduled Recycling Board meeting.

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DATE: June 8, 2017

TO: Alameda County Source Reduction and Recycling Board

FROM: Wendy Sommer, Executive Director
Pat Cabrera, Administrative Services Director

SUBJECT: Proposed Fiscal Year 2017-18 Budget

SUMMARY

The proposed budget for FY 17-18 was presented at a combined meeting of the Alameda County Waste Management Authority (WMA), the Alameda County Source Reduction and Recycling Board (RB), and the Energy Council (EC) on April 26, 2017. The proposed budget is available at: <http://www.stopwaste.org/resource/stopwaste-integrated-budget-fy17-18> and hard copies will be available at the meeting.

The staff memo from the April 26 combined board meeting is available at: <http://www.stopwaste.org/resource/budget-transmittal-memo-fy17-18>

The PowerPoint presentation is available at: <http://www.stopwaste.org/resource/stopwaste-proposed-budget-presentation-fy17-18>

At the April 26 meeting, Recycling Board member Sherman asked staff to provide more detail on the shift in emphasis towards “upstream” waste prevention. That information is provided as Attachment B.

The proposed FY 17-18 budget totals approximately \$30.8 million with the following breakdown:

- Recycling Board: \$9,473,713
- Energy Council: \$6,603,542
- WMA: \$14,705,805

Some projects are funded using both WMA and Recycling Board funds. Both the WMA Board and the Energy Council adopted the budget at their May 24 meeting.

The Agency’s core budget is approximately \$11.0 million, which is \$400,000 less than the FY16-17 core budget. Estimated total year-end core fund balances and reserves amount to \$21.2 million. The budget presentation was well received with no requests for changes or revisions by the Boards. The budget was adopted by the WMA and the EC on May 24, 2017. The budget is now being presented to the RB for adoption.

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt the FY 17-18 budget as it pertains to the RB and as outlined in the attached resolution.

Attachment A: RB Budget Resolution
Attachment B: Upstream Shift Information

**ALAMEDA COUNTY SOURCE REDUCTION AND RECYCLING BOARD
RESOLUTION #RB 2017 -**

**MOVED:
SECONDED:**

**AT THE MEETING HELD JUNE 8, 2017
THE ALAMEDA COUNTY SOURCE REDUCTION AND RECYCLING BOARD
AUTHORIZES ADOPTION OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2017-18 BUDGET**

WHEREAS, a preliminary budget for Fiscal Year 2017-18 has been developed which incorporates programs and projects based on the guiding principles developed by the Board; and,

WHEREAS, this budget was presented at the joint meeting of the Alameda County Waste Management Authority, the Alameda County Source Reduction and Recycling Board, and the Energy Council at the meeting held on April 26, 2017 for review and comment; and,

WHEREAS, legal notice of the public hearing on the budget has been provided, and the matter scheduled on the June 8, 2017 Recycling Board agenda for adoption.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Alameda County Source Reduction and Recycling Board hereby:

Adopts the Recycling Board's portion of the Fiscal Year 2017-18 Budget (see Attachment A-I), with expenditures totaling \$9,473,713, and authorizes staff to proceed with Recycling Board administration, programs and operations in accordance with the adopted budget, effective July 1, 2017.

Passed and adopted this 8th day of June, 2017 by the following vote:

**AYES:
NOES:
ABSTAIN:
ABSENT:**

Wendy Sommer, Executive Director

PROJECTS BY FUNDING SOURCE - CORE FUNDED - FY17/18

Total	Waste Management Authority						Recycling Board						Energy Council
	Mitigation:OPD	Mitigation	Externally Funded	HHW	Energy Council	Municipalities Allocation	RLF	Admin/Discretionary	Grants to Non-Profit	Source Reduction	Market Development	Recycled Product Purchase Preference	
	21	24	22	28	40	27	29	30 & 31	32	33	34	35	
Dollars in thousands: (.000)													
Core Funded	Core		Core						Core	Core	Core	Core	
		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 161	\$ -	\$ 156	\$ 156	\$ -
		6		7	-	-	-	-	-	-	58	19	-
		126		-	-	-	-	-	-	20	122	122	-
		691		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	691	-	-
		149		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
		110		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	256	-
		365,304		-	-	-	-	-	-	20	-	-	-
		313,251		-	-	-	-	-	-	292	-	-	-
		296,502		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
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	551		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
	713		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
	1,324		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Total Core Projects	\$ 6,220	\$ 206	-	-	-	-	-	\$ 2,313	\$ 696	\$ 1,027	\$ 553	-	

PROJECTS BY FUNDING SOURCE - NON-CORE FUNDED - FY17/18

Energy Council													
Waste Management Authority													
Recycling Board													
Energy Council													
Municipalities Allocation													
RLF													
Admin/Discretionary													
Grants to Non-Profit													
Source Reduction													
Market Development													
Recycled Product Purchase Preference													
Total													
Dollars in thousands: (,000)													
Externally Funded													
1153 BAY-FRIENDLY WATER EFFICIENT LANDSCAPE PROP 84 ROUND III	\$ 956,800	-	\$ 957	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1251 REUSABLE BAG ORDINANCE EXTERNAL CONTRIBUTIONS	59,983	-	60	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1347 BAYREN (BAY REGIONAL ENERGY NETWORK)	5,855,581	-	-	-	5,856	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1348 PG&E LOCAL GOVERNMENT PARTNERSHIP	579,386	-	-	-	579	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1349 ENERGY COUNCIL INCUBATOR	168,576	-	-	-	169	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2311 USED OIL RECYCLING GRANT	155,000	-	-	155	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
3021 MISCELLANEOUS SMALL GRANTS ADMINISTRATION	300,000	-	-	300	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Externally Funded Projects	8,075,325	-	-	1,472	-	6,604	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
HHW Fees													
2312 HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE FACILITIES	6,521,206	-	-	-	6,521	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total HHW Fees Projects	6,521,206	-	-	-	6,521	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other													
1210 RECYCLED PRODUCT PURCHASE PREFERENCE	438,644	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	439
2030 REVOLVING LOAN FUND	13,030	-	-	-	-	-	-	13	-	-	-	-	-
2220 RB MUNICIPALITIES (Measure D 50%)	4,433,442	-	-	-	-	-	4,433	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Other Projects	4,885,117	-	-	-	-	-	4,433	13	-	-	-	-	439
OPD Transfers													
1020 LANDSCAPE SERVICES AND PARTNERSHIPS	35,000	35	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1220 FOODWASTE PREVENTION	40,000	40	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1260 COMPOST AND MULCH	75,000	75	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2420 BUSINESS ASSISTANCE SUPPORTING ACTIVITIES	137,000	137	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total OPD Transfers	287,000	287	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Project Expenditures	\$ 30,783,059	\$ 6,220	\$ 287	\$ 206	\$ 1,472	\$ 6,521	\$ 6,604	\$ 4,433	\$ 13	\$ 2,313	\$ 696	\$ 1,027	\$ 553
													\$ 439

REVENUE BY FUNDING SOURCE - FY 17/18

	Waste Management Authority						Recycling Board						Energy Council
	Facilities & Enforcement	Mitigation:OPD	Mitigation	Externally Funded	HHW	Energy Council	Municipalities Allocation	RLF	Admin/Discretionary	Grants to Non-Profit	Source Reduction	Market Development	
Total	21	24	22	28	40	27	29	30 & 31	32	33	34	35	
Dollars in thousands: (000)													
REVENUES													
Tonnage revenues	9,383,355	4,872	369					1,329	1,042	886	886		
Property and Other revenues	579,791	580											
HHW Fees	7,196,854			7,197									
Energy Council	6,553,542				6,554								
Externally funded revenues	1,471,783		1,472										
RB Municipalities (Measure D 50%) (Proj. 2220)	4,429,942					4,430							
Recycled Product Purchase Preference (Measure D 5%) (Proj. 1210)	442,994											443	
Reserves Transfers & Revenue Allocations	287,000	287			50		(1,420)				1,420		
Interest	121,400	30	48				4	39					
Interest Other Funds	41,500			36	2	4							
Total Revenues	\$ 30,508,161	\$ 4,852	\$ 287	\$ 996	\$ 1,472	\$ 7,233	\$ 6,606	\$ 4,433	\$ (1,416)	\$ 1,368	\$ 886	\$ 2,306	\$ 443
Excess of Expenditures Over Revenues													
\$ (274,899)	\$ (1,368)	\$ -	\$ 791	\$ 0	\$ 712	\$ 2	\$ (0)	\$ (1,429)	\$ (945)	\$ 345	\$ (141)	\$ 1,753	\$ 4

FUND BALANCE (WORKING CAPITAL) SUMMARY - FY 17/18

	Waste Management Authority					Energy Council	Recycling Board					Energy Council		
	Facilities & Enforcement	Mitigation:OPD	Mitigation	Externally Funded	HHW		Energy Council	Municipalities Allocation	RLF	Admin/Discretionary	Grants to Non-Profit		Source Reduction	Market Development
Total	21		24	22	28	40	27	29	30 & 31	32	33	34	35	
-----Dollars in thousands: (,000)-----														
Working Capital (Fund Balance)														
Beginning Available Working Capital 7/1/16	19,767,342	3,480		1,331	0	7,535	85	0	1,415	3,456	1,535	661	261	8
Budget 16/17 - Net	-1,773,292	-448		-1,376	0	632	53	0	-539	63	-75	-14	-69	0
Projected Adjustments for actuals	1,350,000	750							600					
Projected Ending Working Capital 6/30/17	19,344,050	3,782	-45	0	8,168	138	0	1,476	3,519	1,460	647	192	8	8
AVAILABLE FUNDING (FY17/18)	49,852,211	8,634	951	1,472	15,401	6,743	4,433	60	4,887	2,502	1,533	2,498	451	
Less: Net Project Expenditures (FY17/18)	-30,783,059	-6,220	-206	-1,472	-6,521	-6,604	-4,433	-13	-2,313	-696	-1,027	-553	-439	
ENDING WORKING CAPITAL (FUND BALANCE)	\$ 19,069,151	\$ 2,414	\$ 745	\$ 0	\$ 8,879	\$ 140	\$ (0)	\$ 47	\$ 2,574	\$ 1,806	\$ 507	\$ 1,945	\$ 12	
Core Fund Balance	\$ 9,990,550	\$ 2,414	\$ 745	\$ 0					\$ 2,574	\$ 1,806	\$ 507	\$ 1,945		
Other Fund Balances	\$ 9,078,602				\$ 8,879	\$ 140	\$ 0	\$ 47					\$ 12	
WMA Fund Balance	\$ 12,038,369	2,414	745	0	8,879									
RB Fund Balance	\$ 6,890,902						(0)	47	2,574	1,806	507	1,945	12	
EC Fund Balance	\$ 139,880					140								

FUND BALANCE (WORKING CAPITAL) AVAILABLE - RECYCLING BOARD - FY17/18

FUND NAME	BEG. FUND BALANCE JULY 1, 2017	ADJUST- MENTS	BEG. FUND BALANCE JULY 1, 2017	PROJECTED REVENUES	PROJECTED EXPENDITURES	TRANSFERS	ESTIMATED FUND BALANCE June 30, 2018
	%**						
Discretionary****	15%	\$ 3,518,549	\$ 3,518,549	\$ 1,367,982	\$ (2,312,814)		\$ 2,573,717
Grants to Non-Profits	10%	1,460,473	1,460,473	1,041,624	(696,253)		1,805,844
Source Reduction	10%	647,486	647,486	885,988	(1,026,511)		506,963
Market Development	10%	192,044	192,044	885,988	(553,019)	1,420,000 (b)	1,945,014
Recycled Product Purchase Preference	5%	7,693	7,693	442,994	(438,644)		12,042
Municipalities Allocation	50%	-	-	4,433,442	(4,433,442)		-
Revolving Loan Fund		1,475,953	1,475,953	4,400	(13,030)	(1,420,000) (b)	47,322
Recycling Board Total		\$ 7,302,197	-	7,302,197	9,062,418	(9,473,713)	\$ 6,890,902

(b) Transfer from Reserves Balance Revolving loan fund (RLF) reserves.

** Mandated percentage apportionment of revenue. Discretionary and Municipalities allocation includes interest.

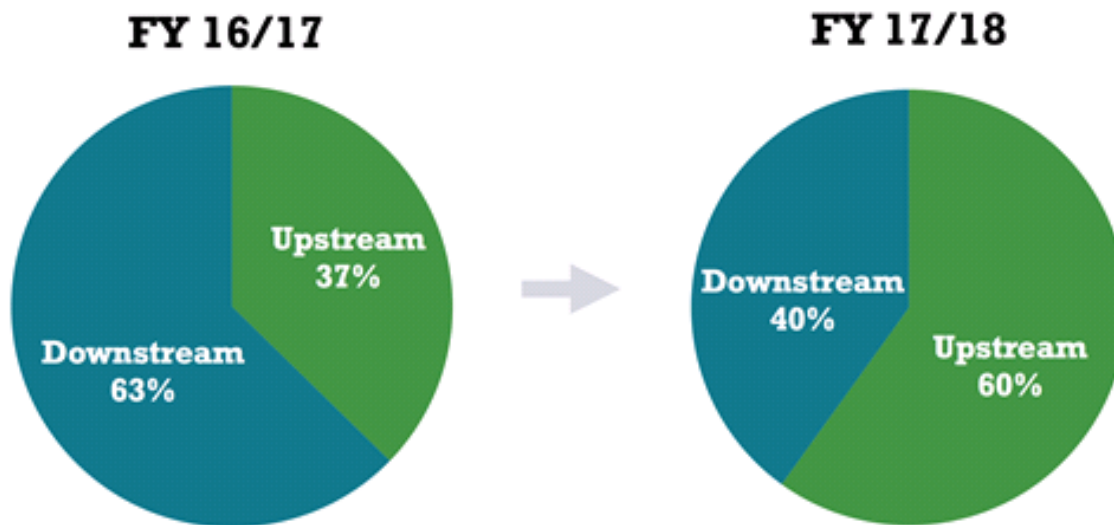
**** 3% of Discretionary funds may be used to cover expenses necessary to administer the recycling fund.

SCHEDULE OF RESERVES - RECYCLING BOARD - FY 17/18

FISCAL RESERVE	BALANCE JULY 1, 2017	TRANSFERS IN	TRANSFERS OUT	BALANCE JUNE 30, 2018
\$	694,981			\$ 694,981
Total	\$ 694,981	-	-	\$ 694,981

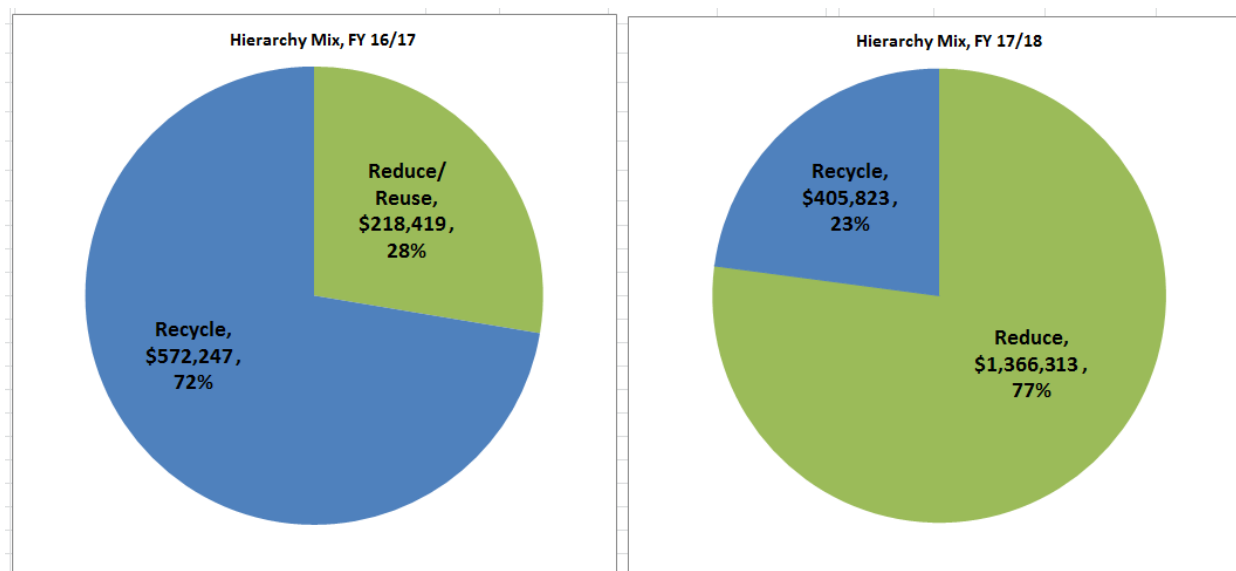
Programmatic Analysis - Waste Hierarchy

Our programmatic focus is shifting upstream as we increasingly emphasize projects that target “reduce” and “reuse” in the waste reduction hierarchy. The figure below includes all Agency programs



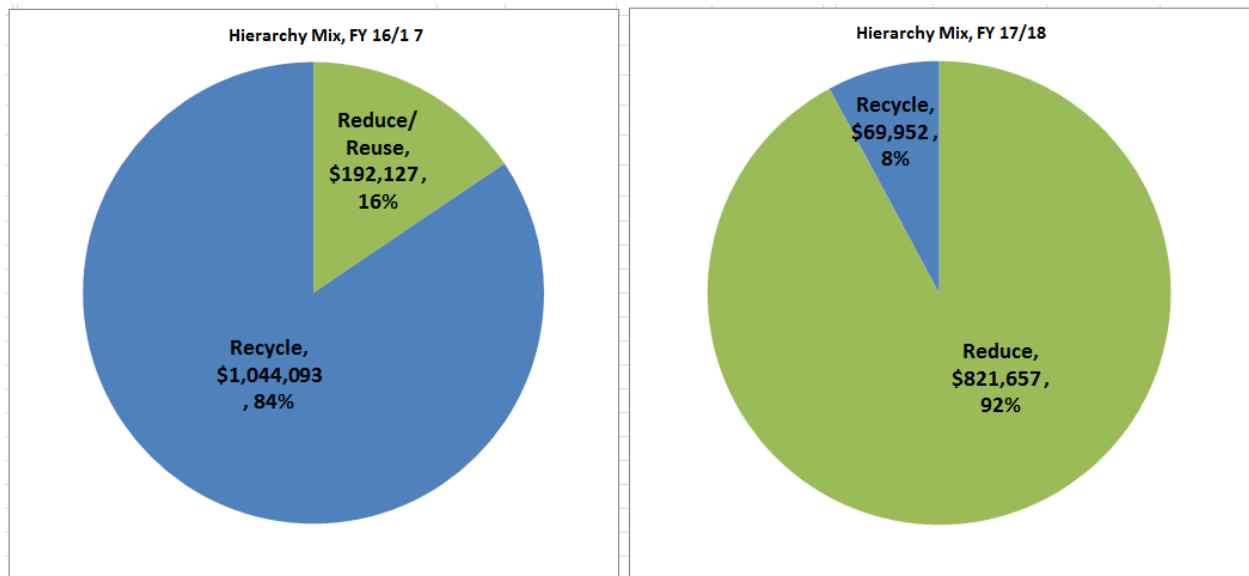
Some new or changed activities planned within three Agency topic areas are influencing this shift:

Communications:



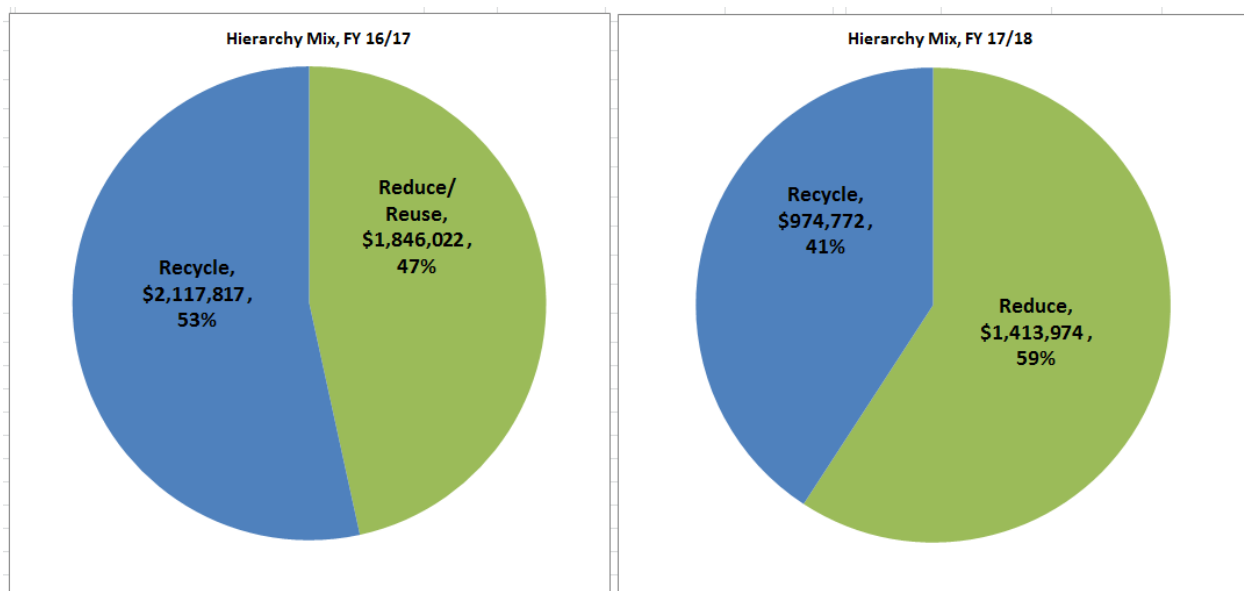
- The Ready Set Recycle public outreach campaign, which has focused exclusively on encouraging proper sorting behavior among residents (downstream), ends with this fiscal year.
- For FY 17-18 we are developing new outreach and education activities focused on the food cycle, including best practices for reducing consumer food waste (upstream).

Built-Environment:



- Circular Economy: Increasing involvement and efforts to advance Circular Economy principles and projects. We are participants in the nascent efforts of the Ellen MacArthur Foundation to bring their extensive research and engagement efforts on this topic to the United States, and currently exploring opportunities to collaborate and pilot local initiatives.
- Regionalizing Bay Friendly: This project (1140) will sunset this year. It included both up- and downstream components.

Organics:



- A moderate shift upstream in Organics is caused by an overall increase in scope and budget for the Food Waste Prevention project, which targets commercial and institutional generators of food waste as well as new efforts addressing school and residential audiences.

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DATE: June 8, 2017

TO: Planning and Organization Committee/Recycling Board

FROM: Pat Cabrera, Administrative Services Director

BY: Todd High, Financial Services Manager

SUBJECT: Retiree Medical Benefits

SUMMARY

This is an information item only based on requests from members of the Planning and Organization Committee/Recycling Board for information regarding retirement and post-retirement benefit costs. This item has been presented to the Programs and Administration (P&A) Committee at its meeting on June 8, 2017 with a recommendation from staff that the P&A Committee recommend that the Authority Board authorize the ED to contribute the additional \$250,000 to the Agency's California Employers' Retiree Benefit Trust Fund (CERBT) account for Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB) liabilities.

DISCUSSION

Since 2008, the Agency has been a participant in CalPERS CERBT. This prefunding trust fund exists to cover employee OPEB liabilities which in the Agency's case pertains to medical benefits. A change in Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) standards as discussed below is expected to result in a small net liability for the OPEB recorded on the Agency's balance sheet. Like the pension fund, the CERBT manages both the assets and liabilities of the fund to determine (through actuarial analyses) how solvent the trust is in order to meet the needs of the organization. However, in terms of differences, the pension fund is managed by CalPERS which sets mandatory employer rates (under a 30 year amortization period) to ensure adequate funding to support retirement payments. The CERBT, which is also managed by CalPERS, is a voluntary program, i.e., the Agency is not required to establish a trust fund; however, with this new GASB rule it must report its long term liability. The Agency has taken prior steps to fully fund the OPEB, and while it is still significantly funded, changes in actuarial assumptions have shown it slip slightly below 100%.

Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement 75 will be effective for the Agency's fiscal year beginning July 1, 2017. GASB 75 essentially makes the accounting for OPEB liabilities consistent with that of GASB 68 for Pension Plans. The impact of this new pronouncement is expected to result in a net liability for the OPEB recorded on the Agency's balance sheet. The annual

expenses will be based on changes in the net liability each year and may be more varied from year to year due to shorter amortization periods. It is expected that for many municipalities the impact of the OPEB liability will be substantial but since we made a significant payment to the trust in 2012, the impact on us is much smaller.

As of April 30, 2017, the market value of the Agency's assets in the CERBT was \$4,243,760. The cumulative contributions from the Agency were \$3,853,036, investment earnings have been \$1,440,007 and the disbursements for retiree premiums and administrative expenses have been - \$1,049,283. The average annualized internal rate of return through February 28, 2017 was 7.27%.

As of the May 2016 actuarial report for the Agency's OPEB, the funding status was 94.6%. This reflects very well on the Agency compared to the average 28.1% funded status of California City & County CERBT participants based on CalPERS data. The benefits of a well-funded OPEB are expected to provide more stable financial outcomes (i.e. less variability of annual expenses or significant unfavorable changes in financial position.)

The Agency has already contributed the annual actuarial calculated funding for FY 2016-17 of \$142,105 and is requesting the approval to contribute an additional \$250,000 to fund the CERBT. As the Agency's workforce ages and becomes eligible to receive medical benefits in retirement, the OPEB distributions will increase. For the twelve months ended June 30, 2016, the retiree premiums were \$130,383; these premiums are projected to increase to approximately \$204,500 in 2020 and \$308,000 in 2025.

By contributing in advance of these expected distributions, the Agency will likely benefit from higher investment earnings to mitigate the future costs. Furthermore, based on current labor cost projections, the Agency is projecting to have labor cost savings from vacancy savings and labor rate differentials which are more than adequate to offset the increased OPEB contribution this fiscal year. Therefore, there is no increase in the FY 2016-17 overall budget or need to draw down on the Agency's fund balance to make this additional payment.

RECOMMENDATION

This item is for information only. Members of the Planning and Organization Committee/Recycling Board have asked for information regarding retirement and post-retirement benefit costs. Staff will present information regarding retirement costs and unfunded liabilities in the fall (after negotiations with NextEra have concluded). As previously discussed, this item was presented to the P&A Committee with a recommendation that the committee recommend that the Authority Board authorize the ED to contribute the additional \$250,000 to the Agency's CERBT account for OPEB liabilities.



DATE: June 8, 2017

TO: Planning and Organization Committee/Recycling Board

FROM: Tom Padia, Deputy Executive Director

BY: Meri Soll, Senior Program Manager

SUBJECT: Grants to Nonprofits Program – Year in Review

SUMMARY

The Recycling Board has awarded grants for more than 21 years, totaling close to \$8.4 million dollars in funding. At the June 8, 2017 Recycling Board Meeting, staff will provide an update on the grant program.

DISCUSSION

The table below identifies the different grant requests and anticipated funds to be disbursed in FY 16/17. Staff is still in negotiations with competitive/reuse and food waste prevention grantees regarding final funding amounts, scopes of services and deliverables/schedules for grants.

Grant Program	FY 16/17 Budget	Applications Received	Funds Requested	Applications Approved	Funds to be Awarded
Grants to NonProfit Program (GNP)	\$255,000				
Competitive Grants to Nonprofits		7	\$315,625	5	\$120,000
Reuse Grants		8	\$111,000	5	\$75,000
Community Outreach Grants		7	\$35,000	7	\$35,000
Mini Grants		2	\$10,000	2	\$10,000
Charity Thrifty Block Grant		1	\$15,000	1	\$15,000
TOTALS FOR GNP PROGRAM	\$255,000	25	\$486,625	20	\$255,000
Other Agency Grant Programs					
Food Waste Prevention Grants*	\$50,000	3	\$50,000	3	\$45,000
Community Partner Grants **	\$20,000	8	\$40,000	4	\$20,000
TOTAL GRANT FUNDING ALL PROGRAMS	\$325,000	36	\$576,625	27	\$320,000

*Part of grant solicitation but utilized Food Waste Prevention Grant funds instead of Grants to Non Profits funds

** Funded by Ready Set Recycle grant fund.

Grant Application Review

Staff has developed and implemented a robust application review:

- Every application is reviewed internally by a minimum of two staff members, selected for their expertise in the grant focus area.
- Staff utilizes a grant assessment form, completed for each applicant by every reviewer. This assessment form is a revised version of the Board approved project assessment tool, which was originally developed for the evaluation of Target projects, to better assess a grant applicant's request for funds. (Attachment A).
- Staff conducts site tours for every new applicant to assess organizational capacity, project conception and implementation activities.
- As the grants program funding and priority areas have transformed over the years, language has been added to the RFP that addresses declining funding availability: *"Funds for this grant program are limited. Applicants who have been awarded reuse grants in past years should not presume award of funding for every year."*

Grant to Non Profits (GNP) Administration

Competitive, reuse and food waste prevention and recovery grant funds are distributed on an annual cycle with an application deadline of April, 2017. Outreach for applications for these focus areas was conducted as one solicitation. These focus areas offer the largest pot of funds available. Past experience has shown that deadlines for these types of grants are needed to procure qualified applications.

Funding for community outreach, charity thrift and mini grants are available on a first come - first served basis until funds are expended. A nonprofit can only request funding from ONE grant program focus area (with the exception of charity thrifts). Charity thrifts may apply for funding from the Charity Thrift Block Grant and one other grant program.

Grant approvals under \$50,000 are processed administratively; using the Executive Director's signing authority. All grants issued under the Executive Director's signing authority are listed in a summary provided at the next regularly scheduled Recycling Board meeting. Recommended grants greater than \$50,000 are brought to the Recycling Board for approval. In addition, recent grant recipients and their accomplishments are highlighted on Board agendas from time to time to keep the Board informed.

Staff promotes the grants program in a variety of ways including press releases, outreach to member agencies, mailing to nonprofits in Alameda County, as well as direct outreach to potential recipients. In addition, the Agency regularly utilizes social media such as Instagram, Twitter and Facebook to promote grant opportunities.

RECOMMENDATION

There is no recommendation at this time. This item is for information only.

ATTACHMENT A – Grant Assessment Matrix



GRANT ASSESSMENT

Applicant Name: _____

Project Name: _____

Grant Type: ☐ Competitive ☐ Food Waste Prevention/Recovery ☐ Reuse Operating

Grant Request \$: _____

Comp Grant: ☐ Municipal Partnership ☐ Reuse ☐ Recycling Based Businesses
☐ Food Waste Prevention ☐ Other: _____

Materials: ☐ C&D ☐ Food Waste ☐ Yard Waste ☐ Unpainted Wood ☐ Paper ☐ Cardboard ☐ Film Plastic
☐ Other: Medical Equipment/Supplies _____

Estimated Diversion: _____

Estimated Audience Size: _____

Criteria	Response <i>Yes, No, Maybe</i>	Assessment/Comments
Organizational Capacity Is the grantee positioned to effectively carry out the deliverables in the grant? Do they have demonstrated experience, qualified staff and/or contractors, and facilities and resources sufficient for project? Has the applicant demonstrated commitment to completing the project? Does organization demonstrate sound fiscal management?		
Project Conception & Technical Feasibility Is the proposal clear and comprehensible? Are activities well defined and feasible? Is the timeline realistic? Aside from cost or other factors, can it be done? Is the technology available and the pieces in place?		
Influence/Geographic Scale Is the applicant positioned to effectively influence the target audience? Can the project be achieved within Alameda County or is broader geographic reach needed (i.e. would this be better pursued via partnerships or a regional, state or federal initiative)? Is the project scalable or replicable?		
Timeliness & Leverage Is the grant timely given the current societal and political environment and/or internal considerations? Are stars aligned, are there funding or other opportunities to leverage?		

Alignment with goals/partners/a Does the grant align with or support goals/initiatives Agency? Or of our Member Agencies and other potential partners (e.g., water agencies)? Is there opportunity to collaborate? Does it complement or duplicate existing Agency programs? Is it equitable? Does the proposal target more difficult to reach areas of Alameda County (east and/or south)?		
Innovation & Leadership Is the applicant in a unique position to influence policy, markets, or behavior with this project? Is the project innovative; does it experiment with a new concept/idea? Does it provide a model for others?		
Measurability Practically speaking, can progress be measured? Are activities clearly defined and realistic? Note the metric/method (typically, tonnages and/or audiences). Are there evaluation methods, including a baseline?		
Budget/Financial Viability Is current grant budget reasonable? Is the project sustainable and/or transferrable? Is there a plan for funding after the end of the grant term?		
Environmental Impact & Cost Effectiveness Consider the overall magnitude of impact of the grant, along with costs to determine the overall "bang for your buck." Is there actual and measurable recovery or diversion? Are there significant public education activities? What is the cost/ton (if applicable)? What are the environmental impacts?		
Community/Social Impact Consider social and economic impacts on the community. Job creation, feeding the hungry, other community benefits? What does the community think of the effort? Is public stakeholder effort needed?		
Questions		
Comments:		
Recommendation: Reviewer:		

Capitol Journal Gov. Brown travels the globe talking about climate change. He should focus on this basic program at home



Roughly 560 recycling centers have closed in California in the last 15 months. (Al Seib / Los Angeles Times)



By **George Skelton**
Capitol Journal

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Gov. [Jerry Brown](#) traipses all over the world trying to save the planet from global warming. But he needs to salvage one basic environmental program here at home.

That's the widely popular beverage container recycling program. People use it and feel good about themselves, particularly younger generations that have grown up separating recyclable cans and bottles.

Leave the containers in a bin on the curb for trash haulers. Or cart them to a recycling center and collect the nickel a piece — maybe a dime for larger ones — that was deposited when the beverage was bought at a store.

This is the old Bottle Bill that the Legislature fought over for 20 years until it passed a complex, convoluted compromise in 1986.

Generally, the bill has been a huge success over the years. Supporters say it has prevented nearly 1 million tons of plastic, glass and aluminum from being littered or tossed into landfills. Californians recycle more than 50 million containers a day.

But the program itself needs some recycling. It's not generating enough money, in many cases, to make recycling pay.

The way it works is rather byzantine: The beverage distributor pays the nickel to the state, then recovers it by passing the cost onto the store. The store recoups the nickel by adding it to the product's price.

The state uses the distributor's money to pay a nickel to the local government or private operator for each container it collects at curbside — or reimburses the recycling center that gives the consumer back his deposit.

Because not all containers the state receives nickels for wind up in recycling, the state builds up a surplus. It's supposed to be used to cover the handlers' red ink when recycling doesn't pencil out.

And it's not penciling out now, primarily because scrap value has dropped for plastic and glass. With oil prices down, it's cheaper to make new plastic bottles than to recycle old ones. Aluminum still brings a good price, but fewer cans are being made from it. Plastic dominates.

The state isn't covering everyone's red ink, however, even if its recycling fund has a \$250-million surplus. The state says it doesn't have the flexibility to dip in without legislation. Recycling activists blame a state calculating snafu.

That's the problem in a nutshell.

Roughly 560 recycling centers have closed in the last 15 months. That's 25% of the total. Recycling rates have dropped from 85% of containers to less than 80%, still pretty impressive. More than 1,000 employees have been laid off.

“It means that 2 million more containers are littered or landfilled every day, including more than 1 million plastic bottles,” says Mark Murray, executive director of the activist Californians Against Waste.

“The Pacific Ocean does not need any more plastic pollution. This is insane,” says Jared Blumenfeld, who once ran San Francisco’s recycling program.

This is not earth-shattering. With all the problems in California and the country, a bottle tossed here or there isn’t going to ring alarm bells.

But if state government can’t make a core environmental program work right, what hope is there for its high-profile efforts to get off fossil fuel and rely more on renewable energies — and to help stop the polar icecaps from melting?

Brown acknowledges that recycling is a tool in fighting global warming.

“Combating climate change requires strategies to reduce the amount of landfilled waste and increase recycling,” the governor stated in his budget proposal in January.

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“Recycling reduces greenhouse gas emissions by lessening the need for natural resource extraction” — pumping the oil used in plastic, for example — “saving energy in the manufacturing of new products and minimizing landfill emissions.”

But the recycling program “faces significant challenges,” Brown continued. It “requires comprehensive reform.”

OK, recycling boosters ask, where’s the governor’s reform proposal?

They tried to pass a simple bill last year to patch up the program, but Brown warned he’d veto it. He called for major reform.

“The governor told us to wait,” recalls Assemblyman Richard Bloom (D-Santa Monica). “So we waited and waited and waited. And he hasn’t been forthcoming.”

The governor did issue a paper in January outlining his recycling goals. For one thing, he’d like to include wine and liquor bottles in the program. Now only beer and soft drinks require deposits. Sure, why not? Well, the winemakers and booze distillers don’t want to be bothered, for one.

Brown doesn’t have any actual legislation in print.

Bloom is pushing a bill that, among other things, would eliminate a requirement that grocery stores pay \$100 per day or take back the old containers themselves if there isn't a nearby recycling center. They don't want those old filthy bottles and cans anywhere near their food.

State Sen. [Bob Wieckowski](#) (D-Fremont) has a bill that basically would junk the whole program and create a new recycling system. And he'd include wine and liquor bottles.

Murray says everyone is thinking too much. Just take \$30 million from the recycling surplus, he urges, and fix the current problem.

"Consumers are paying a nickel and can't find a recycling center," he says. "I'm concerned there might be a consumer rebellion. This is not a time the state should be trusting the public's faith."

Much of the public doesn't care what Brown says about global warming in China or France. But many do care about getting their nickels back near home.

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Super Recyclers To Earn Golden Lids in Des Moines

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Golden Recycling <http://whotv.com/2017/03/01/super-recyclers-to-earn-golden-lids-in-des-moines/>

DES MOINES, Iowa -- Going green could get you gold. "We are calling it 'Gold Level Recycling.' It takes those people doing a great job recycling and recognizes them by replacing their blue lid with a gold colored lid," said Jonathan Gano, Director of Des Moines Public Works. To gain access to the exclusive club, residents first must nominate themselves or a neighbor. Gano says an audit of their recycling contents begins over two consecutive pickup dates. "The solid waste collector steps out of the truck, lifts the lid and looks for things that are supposed to be in there and validates that there are not things that are not supposed to be in there."

Breann Bye lives Des Moines' Riverbend Neighborhood and the program has drawn her attention. "It's like a gold star you know. A gold lid! I think it's a beneficial program."

Not all responses to the Des Moines Public Works' facebook announcement Monday have been positive. Chris Cornelisse of Des Moines posted "Look at me. I have a yellow because I recycle properly. I mean come on. I know I'd qualify but I don't need you picking through my recyclables so I can have a yellow lid." Breann Bye believes it could be very informative. "Digging around in my recycling seems kind of strange but I don't know if I'm doing it correctly."

Each yellow lid costs \$3 and while that does add up, the blue lids cost exactly the same. They believe by creating excitement around recycling the community can save in the long run. The cost of contamination in our recycling stream costs the recycling program \$10,000 a month. Almost twenty percent of the blue bins is just straight up trash," said Gano.

He's hoping more residents will turn their recyclable trash into treasure. Gano said, "Every piece we can grab out of the waste stream that would otherwise go to the landfill, delivers value to citizens, the environment and the community at large."

The golden lids do not offer any monetary incentive. Gano says since the announcement, over one hundred people have already scheduled their recycling for an audit.



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GOLD LEVEL RECYCLING PROGRAM

How To Qualify for the Gold Recycling Program

Residents on the Gold Level are SUPER RECYCLERS that divert the correct recyclables into the blue carts. If you or someone you know want to achieve the Gold Level, go [HERE](#) to register to have a recycling audit. The City of Des Moines Recycling personnel will check the contents of the cart on your prescribed recycling day and determine if it qualifies to be on the 'Gold Level'.

Audit Process

City of Des Moines recycling personnel per request, or may randomly select addresses to determine which resident receive a trash audit.

How we do our curbside trash audit:

- We look at what's inside blue carts on the residents prescribed curbside collection day. Look [HERE](#) to see a list of accepted items that should be placed in your blue cart.
- We check for Forbidden/Banned items in the blue cart. Look [HERE](#) for a list of forbidden/banned items that should NOT be placed in your blue cart.

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