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Toni Stein, Environmental Educator

Vacant, Solid Waste Industry Representative

Wendy Sommer, Executive Director

AGENDA

MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE AND ALAMEDA COUNTY RECYCLING BOARD

Thursday, June 14, 2018

4:00 P.M.

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

**Teleconference
Tim Rood
San Jose City Hall
3rd Floor Tower
200 East Santa Clara St
San Jose CA 95113
408-535-8122**

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 10, 2018 (Tom Padia) |
| 5 | 2. Board Attendance Record (Tom Padia) |
| 7 | 3. Written Report of Ex Parte Communications (Tom Padia) |
| 9 | 4. Grants Issued Under Executive Director Signature Authority (Wendy Sommer) |

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

- 13 1. Proposed FY 2018-19 Budget (Wendy Sommer & Pat Cabrera)**
Staff recommends that the Recycling Board adopt the RB FY 18-19 Budget Resolution (Attachment A).
- 15 2. Circular Economy Principles for Materials Management (Miya Kitahara)**
This item is for information only.
- 19 3. Municipal Panel: Adequate Space for Recycling/Enclosures (Meghan Starkey)**
This item is for information only.

VII. OTHER PUBLIC INPUT

VIII. COMMUNICATIONS/MEMBER COMMENTS

IX. ADJOURNMENT

DRAFT

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

Thursday, May 10, 2018

7:00 P.M.

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

**Teleconference
Jim Oddie
Disney's Grand Californian Hotel
1600 Disneyland Drive
Anaheim, CA 92802
714-635-2300**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Sarah Vared, First Vice President, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

Jillian Buckholz, Recycling Programs
Bernie Camara, Recycling Materials Processing Industry
Sara Lamnin, ACWMA
Dianne Martinez, ACWMA
John Moore, Environmental Organization
Jim Oddie, ACWMA (teleconference)
Jerry Pentin for Peter Maass, ACWMA
Toni Stein, Environmental Educator
Sarah Vared, Source Reduction Specialist

Absent:

Tim Rood, ACWMA
Vacant, Solid Waste Industry Representative

Staff Present:

Tom Padia, Deputy Executive Director
Wendy Sommer, Executive Director
Justin Lehrer, Senior Program Manager
Kelly Schoonmaker, Administrative Services Director
Teresa Eade, StopWaste, Retired Annuitant
Farand Kan, Deputy County Counsel
Arless Dunn, Clerk of the Board

Others Participating:

Alan Lessik, Executive Director, Civicorps

Lakshmi Gunanayagam, Program Manager, ReScape California

III. ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE PRESIDENT

First Vice President Vared welcomed Board member Jillian Buckholz as the new Recycling Programs representative. Ms. Buckholz provided a summary of her background and experience.

IV. CONSENT CALENDAR

- 1. Approval of the Draft Minutes of the April 25, 2018 Joint Meeting of the WMA Board, the Energy Council, and Recycling Board (Tom Padia)**
- 2. Board Attendance Record (Tom Padia)**
- 3. Written Report of Ex Parte Communications (Tom Padia)**

There were no public comments on the Consent Calendar. Board member Pentin made the motion to approve the Consent Calendar. Board member Martinez seconded and the motion carried 9-0.

(Ayes: Buckholz, Camara, Lamnin, Moore, Martinez, Oddie, Pentin, Stein, Vared. Nays: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Rood. Vacant: Solid Waste Industry Representative).

IV. OPEN PUBLIC DISCUSSION

There was none.

VI. REGULAR CALENDAR

- 1. Civicorps Certificate of Support (Tom Padia)**

This item is for information only.

Tom Padia provided a brief overview of the staff report and introduced Alan Lessik, Executive Director of Civicorps. Mr. Lessik provided an overview of the Civicorps job training program, specifically the recycling pre-apprenticeship training program where students can earn a Class B driver's license and be eligible to enter a union apprenticeship program at Waste Management of Alameda County, and may obtain a Teamster truck-driving job. Two students have recently become Teamsters. One of the students, Kiara Alexis, is one of five female truck drivers for Waste Management in Alameda County. Her success story was featured on KTVU. The video is available here: [Kiara-Alexis](#). Mr. Lessik added Mutual of America recognized their program at an awards ceremony and asked Civicorps to recognize an organization in the community. Civicorps recognized StopWaste for our longstanding support of their programs and Mutual of America presented StopWaste with a certificate of recognition.

- 2. Agency Goals and Indicators Update (Justin Lehrer)**

This item is for information only.

Justin Lehrer presented an overview of the staff report and presented a PowerPoint presentation. The report and the presentation is available here: [Agency-Goals-Indicators-05-10-2018.pdf](#)

Board member Stein inquired if Walmart joined Target Stores in including the "How2Recycle" label on its products. Mr. Lehrer stated that he is unsure if they are requiring all of their suppliers to include the label but they are definitely encouraging them to do so. First VP Vared inquired as to why families were the target audience for food waste prevention and not include businesses.

Mr. Lehrer stated that we have several programs targeting commercial food waste reduction but the food waste prevention campaign specifically identified young families as a key target audience in the residential campaign. For the business campaign, we have the “Smart Kitchen Initiative” which is working with industrial scale kitchens to reduce food waste. Mr. Lehrer showed a 15 second video clip highlighting the Stop Food Waste messaging. The video is being shown in theaters throughout Alameda County. A link to the video is available here: ["For-the-love-of-food"](#). Board member Moore inquired about the decision making process to design “For the Love of Food” to reach the target audience. Mr. Lehrer stated that the video clip was designed to drive the audience to the agency website for more information and resources on preventing food waste.

Board member Buckholz inquired if the agency works with higher education or corporations such as Aramark, in addition to K-12 schools. Mr. Lehrer stated that although our technical assistance is mostly with K-12 schools, we have worked with higher education as well. Our initial work with industrial kitchens started with a project at UC Berkeley Cal Dining through our Smart Kitchen Initiative and they had impressive results using food tracking software, and we’ve worked with Aramark as well.

Board member Moore inquired about the county-wide diversion rate for C&D. Mr. Padia replied that the difficulty is knowing the total universe of materials generated. Mr. Padia added some cities are requiring that every person that pulls a permit for construction or demolition to use the Green Halo software to login their weight tags. However, some cities are not enforcing the use of Green Halo and some are scarcely utilizing it. With the state allowance of including ADC and beneficial reuse as diversion at landfills, the diversion rate hovers around 75%. However, not including the ADC and beneficial reuse, the rate might be around 50% or so. Mr. Lehrer added we have an estimate of around 26% disposal in landfill of the C&D materials but we think that could rise as we continue to analyze the data.

Board member Lamnin inquired if there is consideration to produce videos for the “How2Recycle” labeling campaign to increase public awareness. Mr. Lehrer stated that we do not have a video on product labeling but it is a great idea. Board member Lamnin inquired if some of the organics work is being considered around carbon farming and composting. Kelly Schoonmaker stated that we are working with the Alameda County Resource Conservation District and they have received a grant from the Department of Water Resources to do two carbon farm plans and StopWaste will do one of them and include pilot implementation. We are currently looking for external funding to do full implementation to use as a model for other public agencies that own similar tracts being used as rangeland. With respect to composting and green waste, we are also partnering with EBMUD, East Bay Regional Park District, Resources for Community Development, etc., and asked that the Board forward any recommendations. Board member Buckholz recommended that staff reach out to Patty Oikawa in the Earth and Sciences Division at Cal State East Bay regarding carbon sequestration. Ms. Schoonmaker stated that Tommy Fenster, Outreach Specialist, is doing graduate work on carbon sequestration with Dr. Oikawa as part of his graduate studies. Ms. Schoonmaker indicated that her team is hoping to build the relationship with Dr. Oikawa and looks forward to potentially partnering with her in the future. Board member Lamnin commended Cal State East Bay for working with the Daily Bowl to assist students who are at risk for food insecurity. First VP Vared asked for an update regarding China National Sword and any shift in priorities. Mr. Lehrer stated that staff has been discussing the issue internally and must provide a consistent message to consumers keep recycling and to keep it clean to avoid contamination of materials. Mr. Padia added the situation is still volatile and changing in terms of recycling markets. However, it is an opportunity to promote a “waste prevention” message about reduced junk mail as mixed paper is the main issue. Board member Stein announced that there is federal disaster relief funding

available for removal of hazardous trees and Oakland and Berkeley fire departments are looking for groups to partner with for recycling the wood. First VP Vared thanked Mr. Lehrer for his report.

3. Bay-Friendly Rated Landscape Update (Kelly Schoonmaker)

This item is for information only.

Kelly Schoonmaker provided a brief overview of the staff report and introduced Lakshmi Gunanayagam, Program Manager at ReScape California, and recognized Teresa Eade as the founder of the Bay-Friendly rated program. Ms. Schoonmaker distributed a list of the Bay-Friendly landscapes throughout Alameda County and other locations. Ms. Gunanayagam presented an overview of the Rated Landscape program. A link to the staff report and the presentation is available here:

[Rated-Landscapes-Presentation-05-10-18.pdf](#)

Board member Stein commented that the program should reach out to adjoining counties and work on fire related issues. Ms. Gunanayagam stated that the program is reaching out to explore opportunities with other counties. They will be hosting a workshop in mid-May in Sonoma County focusing on firescaping. Board member Lamnin inquired about more information regarding the stakeholder committee. Ms. Gunanayagam stated that they are developing a stakeholder group to focus on the rated landscapes. The stakeholder group will consist of the Raters, ReScape CA Board of Directors, Public Agencies, Conservation Agencies, etc. The group will hopefully help shape the promotion and structure of the program, and provide direction on deploying resources that would be most beneficial to the end user. Board member Lamnin inquired if they are working with the rental housing groups and housing developers. Ms. Gunanayagam stated that she is pursuing any opportunities for presenting the program.

Board member Stein inquired about the concentration of rated landscapes in Hayward. Ms. Eade stated that Hayward has the largest landscape projects among the other cities in Alameda County. Ms. Eade acknowledged Michelle Koo, Landscape Architect for the city of Hayward for nearly 13 years. Ms. Koo applies the bay-friendly principles to all of their capital improvement projects. Board member Stein inquired if there have been any projects with school districts. Ms. Eade stated that we have had smaller projects working through the StopWaste School's program but on a larger scale, all of the district's capital improvement projects are managed through the State Department of Architecture. First VP Vared thanked Ms. Gunanayagam and staff for the report.

VII. OTHER PUBLIC INPUT

There was none.

VIII. COMMUNICATIONS/MEMBER COMMENTS

There were none.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:11 p.m.

2018 - ALAMEDA COUNTY RECYCLING BOARD ATTENDANCE

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REGULAR MEMBERS												
J. Buckholz				X	X							
B. Camara	X	X	A	I	X							
S. Lamnin		X	X	X	X							
K. Lewis	X	X	A	A								
P. Maass	X	X	X	X	I							
D. Martinez	X	X	X	X	X							
J. Moore	X	X	X	X	X							
J. Oddie	X	X	X	A	X							
J. Pentin	X											
T. Rood	X	X	X	X	A							
T. Stein	X	X	X	X	X							
S. Vared	X	X	A	X	X							
INTERIM APPOINTEES												
Matthew Southworth				X								
J. Pentin					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 14, 2018
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 14, 2018

TO: Recycling Board

FROM: Wendy Sommer, Executive Director

SUBJECT: Grants Issued Under Executive Director Signature Authority

SUMMARY

The purchasing and grant policies were amended to simplify paperwork and Board agendas by giving the Executive Director authority to sign contracts and grant agreements less than \$50,000. A condition of the grant policy is that staff informs the Board of recently issued grants.

Grants: June 2018

PROJECT NAME	GRANT RECIPIENT	PROJECT TYPE/DESCRIPTION	LOCATION	VERIFICATION	GRANT AMOUNT	BOARD
Reused Baby Clothes	Loved Twice	Clothing newborns-in-need in Alameda County with quality reused baby clothes. Project to clothe 600 babies, reusing three tons of clothing equivalent to 45,000 garments distributed and reused.	Countywide	Final Report	\$10,000	RB
Truck purchase for expansion of electronic Reuse.	Tech Exchange	Support purchase of a used truck to implement and grow the successful electronic reuse program. Truck will enable organization to expand operations within Alameda County, create organizational efficiency, and save money each month on truck rental.	Alameda & Contra Costa Counties	Final Report	\$15,000	RB

Expansion of Core Program	Grateful Gatherings	Develop and expand gathering events to improve lives by providing gently used furniture and household goods for low-income families transitioning out of homelessness, crisis, and poverty.	Alameda and Contra Costa Counties	Final Report	\$10,000	RB
Food Pantry Rescue/Mobile Pantry Expansion	Tri Valley Haven	Expand Food Pantry efforts within the number of Grocery Rescue pickups conducted each week, reducing the amount of food waste from area grocery stores, and increase the number of locations served by the Mobile Pantry program.	Livermore	Final Report	\$20,000	RB
Street Level Cycles Job Training Program	Waterside Workshops Berkeley	Reuse of discarded bicycles in a youth job-training program; provide a free do-it-yourself public bike repair shop. Rebuilt bicycles provide green transportation for low-income youth and adults, and bicycle sales help support free education programs.	Countywide	Final Report	\$10,000	RB
Medical Supply Recovery Program.	MedShare	Funds to support reuse program, includes general operating expenses for pickup of supplies at over 50 hospitals. Support for staff time, operations and maintaining the vehicles and additional logistical costs.	San Leandro	Final Report	\$20,000	RB
Alameda Apartments Food Rescue Program	Move for Hunger	Move For Hunger will expand its relocation partnerships in Alameda County while launching its new Apartment Program to collect food on occupant move out date, and raise awareness and responsiveness for the issues of hunger and food waste.	Countywide	Final Report	\$10,000	RB
Estate ReUse Service Project	East Bay Depot for Creative Reuse	Estate Reuse Services is a personalized estate clearance program to provide Alameda County residents with challenging life transitions a convenient resource to ecologically redistribute personal property.	Oakland	Final Report	\$10,000	RB

Internships to promote 3-bin recycling/ composting at public facilities in Pleasanton	Go Green Initiative Association	The City of Pleasanton will partner with the Go Green Initiative Association (GGI) to hire, train and supervise Pleasanton high school and college students who will work with public facilities to promote recycling and composting.	Pleasanton	Final Report	\$15,000	RB
LCD Monitor Repair Program	Surplus Service	Support new refurbishing division to increase upstream activities of repair, harvesting and replacing parts and monitors to decrease the number of LCD monitors being landfilled or recycled.	Fremont	Final Report	\$15,000	RB
Create exhibits focusing on food waste prevention, recycling and composting.	Habitot Children's Museum	Refurbish and expand the Recycling Center exhibit. Deploy public awareness campaign covering food waste reduction and creative reuse ideas. Potential audience of 60,000 annually.	Berkeley	Final Report	\$20,000	RB
Refuel Your Fun	California Product Stewardship Council	The Refuel Your Fun campaign educates and promotes refillable propane cylinders. Program to reduce the source of disposable cylinders and replace with reusable cylinders. Funds will be used to recruit and promote retailers and refillers in Alameda County, as well as providing residents with free refillable cylinders.	Countywide	Final Report	\$15,000	RB
Local Compost Law and Policy Project	Sustainable Economies Law Center	Project will provide Alameda County leaders of innovative compost projects -- urban composters, farmers, landscapers, food entrepreneurs, educators, and ecosystem stewards -- how to navigate, teach about, and improve the many layers of regulation that impact organic waste generation, waste hauling, composting, and compost distribution.	Countywide	Final Report	\$20,000	RB

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DATE: June 14, 2018

TO: Recycling Board (RB)

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

SUBJECT: Proposed FY 2018-19 Budget

SUMMARY

At the June 14, 2018 RB meeting, staff will ask the Board to adopt their portion of the FY 18-19 budget.

DISCUSSION

The proposed budget for FY 18-19 was presented at a combined meeting of the WMA, Recycling Board and EC on April 25, 2018. The staff memo and PowerPoint presentation from the April 25 combined board meeting is available at: [FY 18-19-Budget-Presentation-04-25-18](#)

Based on input from the April 25 meeting, salary savings information resulting from recent retirements is included under the “Workforce Related” section of the budget document (Attachment B: page II-5), and Project Charters include the notation of whether an activity is a carryover from the previous fiscal year, new for this fiscal year, or an ongoing activity. On May 23, 2018, the Waste Management Authority (WMA) and the Energy Council adopted their portions of the FY 18-19 budget (\$12,729,538 and \$7,393,559, respectively).

The proposed FY 18-19 budget for the RB totals \$10,715,006. Assuming adoption, the Agency budget for FY 18-19 will total approximately \$30.8 million.

Some projects are funded using both WMA and Recycling Board funds. The Agency’s core budget is approximately \$10.6 million, which is \$400,000 less than the FY 17-18 core budget. Estimated total year-end core fund balances and reserves amount to \$17.4 million.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Recycling Board adopt the RB FY 18-19 Budget Resolution (Attachment A).

Attachment A: RB Budget Resolution

Attachment B: Annual Budget – Fiscal Year 2018-19

Attachment A

**ALAMEDA COUNTY SOURCE REDUCTION AND RECYCLING BOARD
RESOLUTION #RB 2018 -**

**MOVED:
SECONDED:**

**AT THE MEETING HELD JUNE 14, 2018
THE ALAMEDA COUNTY SOURCE REDUCTION AND RECYCLING BOARD
AUTHORIZES ADOPTION OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2018-19 BUDGET**

WHEREAS, a preliminary budget for Fiscal Year 2018-19 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 25, 2018 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 14, 2018 Recycling Board agenda for adoption.

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

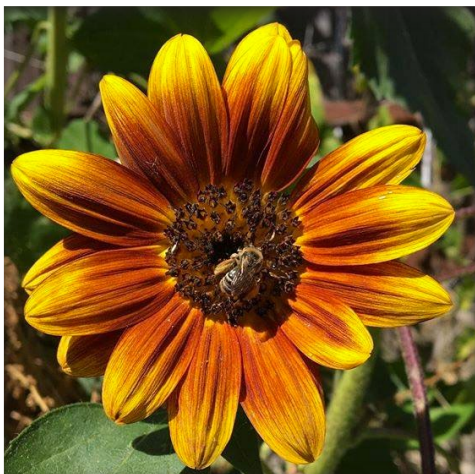
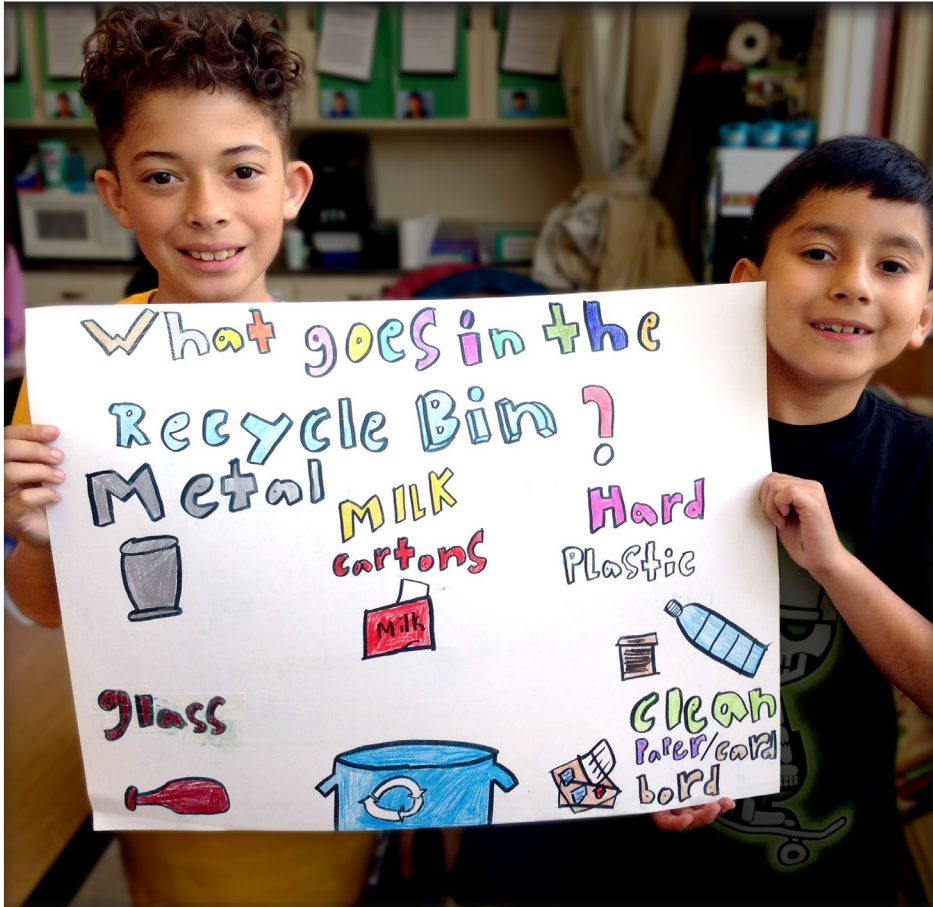
Adopts the Recycling Board's portion of the Fiscal Year 2018-19 Budget (Attachment B), with expenditures totaling \$10,715,006, and authorizes staff to proceed with Recycling Board administration, programs and operations in accordance with the adopted budget, effective July 1, 2018.

Passed and adopted this 14th day of June, 2018 by the following vote:

**AYES:
NOES:
ABTAIN:
ABSENT:**

Wendy Sommer, Executive Director

STOP WASTE



ANNUAL BUDGET

Fiscal Year 2018-19

ABOUT THE AGENCY

StopWaste helps Alameda County's businesses, residents and schools waste less, recycle more and use water, energy and other resources efficiently. We're a public agency governed by the Alameda County Waste Management Authority, the Alameda County Source Reduction and Recycling Board, and the Energy Council.

Since 1976, we've been helping Alameda County residents, businesses, schools and public agencies increase recycling, reduce waste, and conserve resources. With local partners, we helped launch the green building movement in California and organized one of the first and largest food scrap collection programs in the country.

Our work helps people make better decisions everyday about the products they buy, the resources they use, and what they throw away.



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TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Board Members & Constituents:

We welcome this opportunity to share with you and our partners the work we do, where our money comes from and how we spend it. Since our revenues are tied to landfill tonnages, we expect them to decline over time. However, we remain in a sound financial position and in Fiscal Year 2017-18 were able to pay down our unfunded pension liability, bringing us to a position of nearly 90 percent funded. This will provide significant savings in the years to come by reducing our annual contributions.

Our funding and staffing have placed us in a solid position to implement the waste reduction and energy-related programs that are critical to Alameda County's residents, businesses and schools. These programs include an expanded reusable bag law that covers all stores and eating establishments in the county, an outreach campaign focusing on reducing wasted food at home and food recovery at schools, and implementing the mandatory recycling ordinance at businesses and multi-family buildings spanning nearly the entire county.

This proposed budget includes core fund balances and reserves that total \$17.4 million, which is equivalent to more than 1.6 times our core budget. We continue to live within our means and are making annual progress towards matching core expenditures with core revenues. We expect an alignment of core expenditures to core revenues by FY 20-21. We also continue to build on recent successes with obtaining external funding as a way to provide a comprehensive suite of programs without having to implement new fees.

Last year we completed a priority setting process to focus our efforts through the end of 2018. The Board adopted a set of guiding principles that reinforced our commitment to preventing organic waste with a greater emphasis on "reduce" in the waste reduction hierarchy of reduce, reuse, recycle. This upstream approach is especially relevant given China's recent National Sword policy, that has quickly altered recycling markets for paper and plastics. Global changes are affecting our local programs. As a result, we are re-emphasizing what residents and businesses can do to keep recycling streams clean, and how to reduce waste in the first place—especially paper—so that there is less of it to manage.

This fall we will once again engage with the Board to update our priorities through 2020, bringing us to the end of the 10-year strategic plan adopted in 2010.

In closing, we want to say goodbye to Dublin Vice-Mayor Don Biddle who passed away earlier this year, and recognize his many years of service on our Board. Don was a true public servant and will be remembered fondly for his warmth and dedication to our mission and his community.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Wendy Sommer". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Wendy" and last name "Sommer" clearly distinguishable.

Wendy Sommer, Executive Director



ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS - FY 18-19 INTEGRATED BUDGET

SUBMITTED BY:

Wendy Sommer, Executive Director

Pat Cabrera, Administrative Services Director

FINANCIAL INFORMATION PREPARED BY:

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Nisha Patel, Accountant

Jenny O'Brien, Senior Administrative Assistant

DOCUMENT PREPARED BY:

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Chris Ross, Graphic Designer/Developer

Meghan Starkey, Senior Program Manager

This proposed budget reflects the hard work of every team member,
and they all deserve recognition and gratitude for their efforts.

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I. PROGRAM OVERVIEW

I. PROGRAM OVERVIEW

GUIDING PRINCIPLES, GOALS, AND INDICATORS

Our budget and work plans each year are primarily guided by the Agency's Strategic Plan 2020, adopted in 2010, focusing on efforts where we can achieve the greatest results in support of our mission, stakeholders, and member agencies. Beginning last year, we shifted towards a more fluid, adaptive approach to strategic planning that allows us to review our progress and adjust our priorities every two years.

The guiding principles below were adopted by our Board in November, 2016 in response to stakeholder input gathered during the priority setting public process, and are being used this fiscal year (and last) for strategy and budget development for Waste Management Authority and Recycling Board funded programs. The Energy Council adopted a set of 10 priority areas for external funding in January 2016.

GUIDING PRINCIPLES

- Emphasize waste prevention over management of discards in non-mandatory projects.
- Explore innovative and experimental approaches that may be leveraged by member agencies.
- Emphasize project implementation and collect data only as needed to make informed decisions.
- Pursue projects with multiple sustainability benefits (greenhouse gas reduction, water conservation), only when linked with materials and waste management.
- Organics, as the largest remaining portion of the waste stream to landfill, will continue to be an emphasis for the next two years.
- Develop programs that directly reach out to target audiences and communities; coordinate with member agencies.
- Only implement ordinances that are currently in place (bags and mandatory recycling, plant debris), without introducing new mandatory programs in the coming two-year period.
- Coordinate and collaborate with local public agencies to avoid duplication of effort.
- Ensure the flexibility to add new projects and cut back on existing projects when appropriate.

Our programmatic focus continues to shift upstream as we increasingly emphasize projects that target “reduce” and “reuse” in the waste reduction hierarchy. A significant driver for this shift in FY 17-18 and FY 18-19 is the implementation of new outreach and education programs focused on reducing consumer food waste.

In November of this year, we will revisit the priorities above based on current conditions and work progress, and reaffirm or establish new priorities for the Agency.

GOALS

In addition to the guiding principles, we have added interim goals and indicators that provide more specificity and help measure progress on the path toward the strategic plan aspirational goal of “less than 10 percent good stuff in the garbage by 2020.” These interim goals include discrete milestones for the organics, packaging, and built-environment focus areas that address all points of the waste hierarchy, and upstream indicators such as reduction in waste generation via prevention or reuse, and consumer awareness related to our current priorities.

FIGURE 1: PROGRAMS BY HIERARCHY

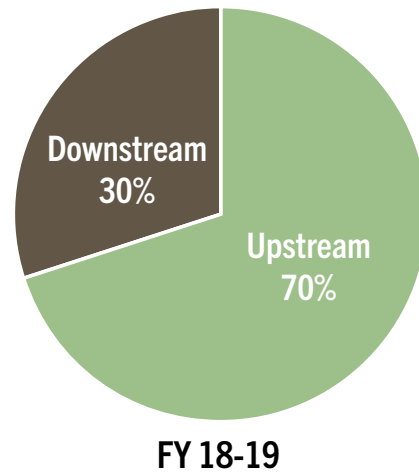


FIGURE 2: AGENCY GOALS THROUGH 2018

UPSTREAM

DOWNSTREAM

	Organics	Packaging	Built Environment	INDICATORS (New for 2018)
REDESIGN Increase in materials optimization	Increasing state and local policies addressing reduction of wasted food	Increasing adoption of the How2Recycle label by major brands and greater recognition by consumers	Increase in presence of environmentally certified building materials	SPECIFIC GOALS
RETHINK Increase in awareness	10% increase of families likely to reduce food waste at home	Not selected as a priority	Not selected as a priority	
REDUCE / REUSE Less waste generated	10% of food service and grocers participate in food donation	50% reduction in all single-use bags distributed by newly affected stores	<45% waste generated by construction and demolition projects in landfill	
RECYCLE / ROT Increase in proper sorting	<20% organics in landfill	< 5% recyclables in landfill		

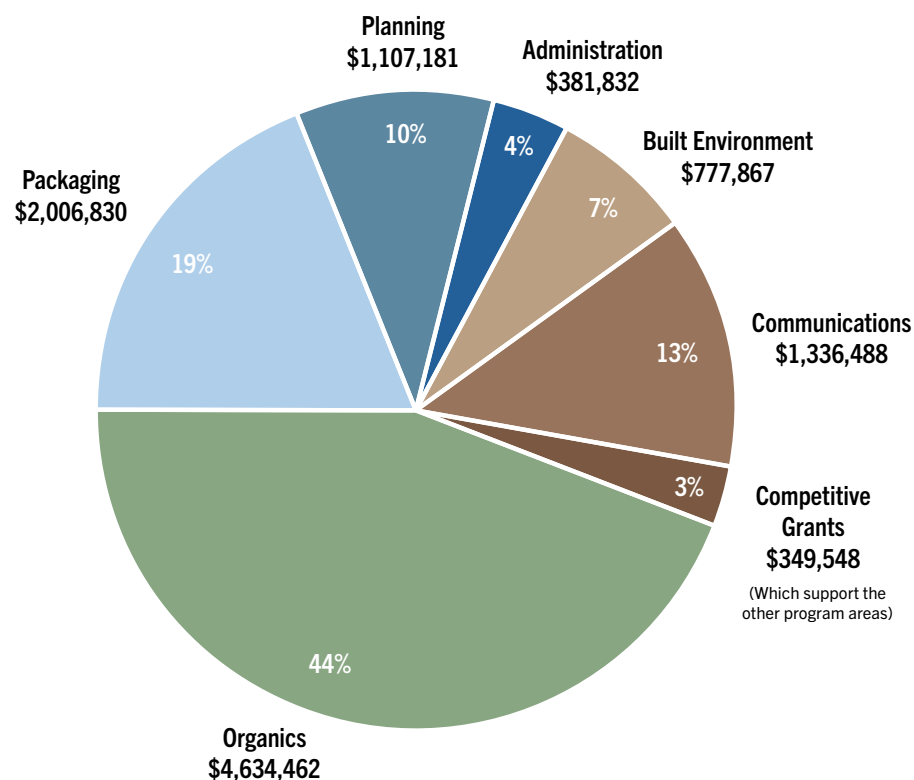
INDICATORS

This year we are adding indicators that help assess progress towards rethinking and redesigning products and materials that are problematic for our local waste and recycling systems (i.e. materials optimization). Designing products and the built environment to use materials and natural resources most efficiently, and as many times as possible, is a societal opportunity that requires long-term behavioral, technological, and economic change.

Upstream indicators are not intended to measure our progress in Alameda County. They provide insight on broader shifts in consumption patterns that can inform, validate, or redirect our efforts to prevent waste at the source and optimize local materials use. The indicators generally reflect macro-level changes impacting entire sectors. An update on each of the 2018 goals will be provided to the Board in fall 2018 during the priority setting process.

Our budget was developed around six program areas, with highlights of activities listed below. The project charters (Section IV) provide details for each project, including prior year accomplishments, objectives and targets for FY 18-19, and project budgets.

FIGURE 3: BUDGET BY TOPIC AREA



KEY PROGRAM ACTIVITIES

ORGANICS

Organics is an area of increased emphasis given the high concentration of organics in the waste stream. Discretionary (or non-mandatory) projects under this priority are broken out into two areas: Food Waste Reduction, and Compost and Mulch. This topic area includes a portion of the Mandatory Recycling Ordinance project.

FOOD WASTE REDUCTION

- Expand upon the successful Stop Food Waste consumer media and outreach campaign to increase awareness and engagement with food waste reduction strategies, leveraging regional and national efforts to change social norms around wasting food.
- Support food waste prevention and recovery (donation) in commercial and institutional food service operations through food waste tracking technology, prevention tools and training, and recovery of surplus food for donation. Work with school districts to implement districtwide food share and food donation programs to recover and redistribute K-12 edible surplus food.
- Provide grants for food waste prevention and recovery projects.
- Implement new \$500,000 CalRecycle Food Waste Prevention and Rescue Grant in partnership with All In To End Hunger, Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District and Oakland Unified School District, to expand K-12 school food share and donation.

COMPOST AND MULCH

- Provide education and outreach, resources, incentives, and technical assistance for compost and mulch use to landscape professionals, member agency staff and large landholders such as the Resource Conservation District and EBMUD.
- Support and expand the partnership with compost and mulch producers and associated vendors to leverage available market opportunities and address industry challenges with a focus on reducing contamination.
- Continue the review and support of codes and standards that promote or fund the production of quality compost and mulch.
- Support landscape professional and member agency staff implementation of the Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance (WELO), including the new compost and mulch requirements, through trainings, resources, and technical assistance.
- Complete carbon farming plan and initiate pilot project on Agency property to demonstrate the benefits of compost application on rangeland, including carbon sequestration and increased water holding capacity.

PACKAGING

This topic area includes the Reusable Bag Ordinance and several activities targeting prevention and reuse of packaging, as well as a portion of the Mandatory Recycling Ordinance project. Both the Reusable Bag Ordinance and general Packaging projects focus upstream, offering education and assistance to organizations for their efforts to prevent, reuse, and improve the recyclability of packaging materials manufactured, sold, and discarded in Alameda County.

- Implement expanded Reusable Bag Ordinance, providing outreach and education to 14,000 affected retail businesses and restaurants.
- Provide technical assistance to businesses to help them divert recyclable packaging and comply with the Mandatory Recycling Ordinance.
- Promote and incentivize reusable packaging as a preferable alternative to single-use disposables for both food service ware and commercial transport packaging.
- Research and identify opportunities to leverage packaging to prevent food waste.
- Provide technical assistance to consumer brand owners on life-cycle analysis for packaging, labeling for recyclability, and other sustainable packaging strategies.
- Document and promote best packaging practices for delivery of prepared food and meal kits.

BUILT ENVIRONMENT

This priority area addresses the impacts of materials management by influencing the design, construction, and maintenance of the built environment. This includes green building, sustainable landscaping, recycled product purchasing, climate action planning, and Energy Council activities. The majority of activities in the Built Environment priority area are funded by external grants and contracts. Core-funded Agency activities have shifted towards upstream standard-setting and market development opportunities.

- Provide technical and policy assistance to member agencies, highlighting the role of materials in the built environment to reduce and sequester carbon emissions and increase resiliency.
- Continue to monitor codes and standards and support policy changes that result in better optimization of materials and resources throughout the built environment.
- Develop partnerships through the Ellen MacArthur Foundation and advance local knowledge of circular economy practices in the built environment.
- Provide technical assistance and incentives to mixed construction and demolition recycling facilities to become third-party certified.
- Train member agency staff in sustainable landscaping practices and provide technical assistance for Bay-Friendly Rated Landscapes.

- Continue existing energy efficiency programs and pursue new funding opportunities and pilot projects to overcome barriers to building electrification and support a renewably powered grid, consistent with Energy Council priorities.

COMMUNICATIONS

This work area provides general oversight, coordination and technical assistance in public relations, advertising, customer research and communications. Communications supports the wide variety of outreach-based project work we do, as well as providing direct services through school and community outreach.

- Provide services in the classroom and transfer station tours for students to garner hands-on understanding of waste reduction practices, and the challenges of waste reduction in the county.
- Partner with nonprofit organizations on local waste reduction activities at the grassroots level, and provide in-person education to residents via presentations and public events.
- Produce regular electronic newsletters and topic briefs to keep stakeholders up to date on key Agency activities.
- Recognize outstanding businesses for significant achievement in waste reduction.
- Educate residents, businesses and schools with easy to understand waste reduction information via website, social media, telephone hotline, and RecycleWhere online search tool.

ADMINISTRATION

Administration includes functions that help the Agency run smoothly such as Human Resources, Information Technology and Finance. In addition, other functions include the following:

- Provide member agency support and information activities through disposal tracking and reporting.
- Oversee the Authority owned parcels in the Altamont Hills, including managing and negotiating leases, licenses and wind power agreements.
- Continue enforcement of facility fee collection.
- Oversee the administration of the Household Hazardous Waste program, which includes ensuring compliance with the terms of the Memoranda of Understanding between the Waste Management Authority and the Alameda County Department of Environmental Health, and the Authority and the City of Fremont.

PLANNING

This area includes general planning assistance to the Agency, including strategic planning and priority setting, as well as providing input and assistance on environmental planning efforts and developing projections for the Alameda County waste stream to guide future fiscal planning efforts. This area also includes legislative tracking, analysis and advocacy.

- Review and update Agency priorities biannually and strategic plans as needed.
- Research issues and develop positions on solid-waste related planning documents; respond to waste-related Environmental Impact Reports.
- Align materials management with climate action goals.
- Make recommendations on amendments to the Countywide Integrated Waste Management Plan (CoIWMP).
- Update the CoIWMP to reflect current programs and direction of the Agency.
- Represent Agency priorities at the state level via legislative and regulatory processes. Monitor and analyze legislation with an emphasis on actions that amend the California Integrated Waste Management Act, Extended Producer Responsibility and other legislation affecting residents, businesses and partners in Alameda County.
- Increase external partnerships and develop greater capacity for seeking external funds.

NEW PROJECTS

- **3250 - Carbon Farm Planning:** This project will create and implement a carbon farming plan on the Authority property in the Altamont. Carbon farming methods include applying compost to rangeland, which builds soil health, improves grazing and sequesters carbon in the soil. Carbon farming shows promise as a climate adaptation strategy as well as a potential market for compost.

DISCONTINUED PROJECTS

- **3220 - Disposal Reporting:** Activities under this project have been absorbed into the Finance Department's ongoing duties.
- **3440 - Waste Characterization Study:** The 2017-18 Waste Characterization Study was completed in May, 2018. Additional analysis will be folded into project 3480 - Measurement and Analysis.

II. FINANCIAL INFORMATION

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Agency expenditures for all projects in FY 18-19 total \$30,838,103. This includes:

1. Core Budget: spending over which the Boards have significant discretion. Projects are funded by fees (see page II-3).
2. Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Program: implemented through Memoranda of Understanding with the County of Alameda and the City of Fremont.
3. Externally funded projects: funded by grants and contracts.
4. Projects partially funded by reserves.
5. Pass through projects: including mandated Measure D disbursements to member agencies, and the Recycling Board Recycled Product Purchase Preference Program.
6. Revolving Loan Fund (RLF): currently only administering existing loan; closed to new loans.

In keeping with the financial targets set by the Boards, the core budget for FY 18-19 is approximately \$10.6 million, which is \$400,000 less than the FY 17-18 core budget.

TABLE 1: AGENCY BUDGET BY CATEGORY

Category	Cost
Core Budget	\$10,594,210
HHW Program	\$6,455,669
Externally funded projects	\$8,361,282
Reserve funded projects	\$103,000
Other: Pass through projects and RLF	\$5,323,942
Total	\$30,838,103

With the exception of the HHW program we call the fee funded projects over which the Boards have significant discretion the “core,” and report both core spending and core revenues as a subset of this budget. Table 3 (on page II-7) provides a list of projects included in the core. The core excludes projects over which we do not have significant spending discretion: Measure D disbursements, the Recycling Board Recycled Product Purchase Preference Program (RPPP), about \$8.4 million of grant or other external funding that we expect to receive, and the countywide household hazardous waste program.

Core revenues are estimated to total approximately \$10.8 million, which exceeds core expenditures by approximately \$200,000. Based on revenue projections that we will update at least annually, we don’t anticipate the need for a fee increase in the near future. Through very prudent spending these past

years we have accumulated a healthy fund balance in addition to our reserves, which will provide a solid funding contingency as we work towards achieving our goals.

REVENUE

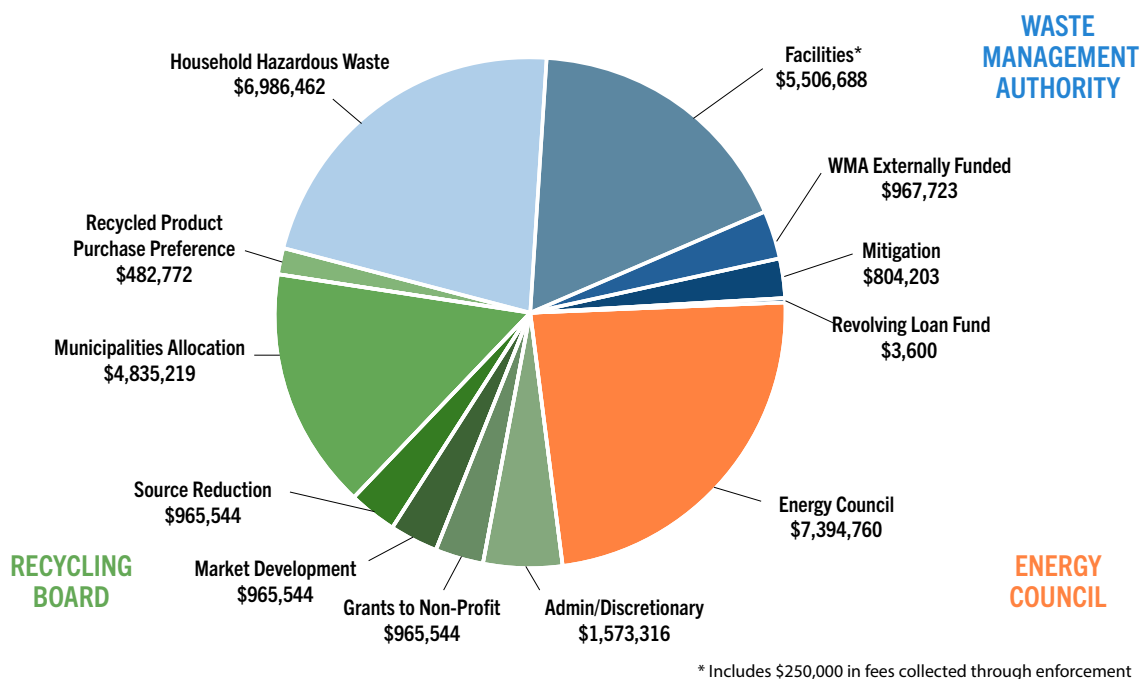
REVENUE ESTIMATES

Estimated revenue from all sources totals \$31,451,375. Revenues by source are shown in Figure 4.

The Agency continues to supplement core revenues by securing external funding, which is estimated to total \$8,311,282 in FY 18-19. Of this amount, \$7,394,760 is Energy Council funding. The remaining \$967,723 of grants, reimbursements or pass through funds to the Authority include \$150,000 for the Used Oil Recycling campaign; \$32,000 of Prop 84 grant funding for Bay-Friendly Water Efficient Landscapes Round III; \$465,723 for the CalRecycle K-12 Grant; \$20,000 for CoIWMP applications; and \$300,000 for miscellaneous grants.

The miscellaneous grants project is a “placeholder” appropriation, which implements the Board-adopted grants policy allowing the Executive Director to accept grant awards and authorize corresponding expenditures of up to \$50,000 per grant. This appropriation is an upper-end estimate of what these smaller grants might total in the upcoming fiscal year. These sources of revenue are (or in the case of the miscellaneous grants will be) tied to specific spending. Although many are multiple year projects, they are not considered part of the core budget.

FIGURE 4. REVENUE BY FUNDING SOURCE



Not included in the budget at this time is the proposed payment for the conservation easement at our property at the Altamont hills, which we estimate will range between \$1.2 million - \$1.4 million. As previously approved, a portion of those funds (approximately \$600,000) will go to the Fiscal Reserve with the balance going to the Pension Liability Reserve (see pages II-9,10).

FEES

StopWaste levies various fees that help fund compliance with state and local waste reduction mandates. These fees (with the exception of the HHW fees) fund approximately 92% of the core budget for FY 18-19 and are as follows:

- **Facility Fee** - \$4.34 per ton on all Alameda County solid waste landfilled within California. Funds countywide recycling, waste prevention and planning efforts.
- **HHW Fee** - \$2.15 per ton disposed. Levied, pursuant to AB 939, on wastes disposed in Alameda County and all wastes generated in Alameda County transferred through an in-county solid waste facility for out-of-county disposal. Additionally, in 2014 the Authority Board adopted a separate HHW annual fee (\$7.40 per residential property unit in FY 18-19) paid via property taxes to fund program continuation and expansion.
- **Measure D Landfill Surcharge** - \$8.23 per ton is collected on waste disposed at the Vasco Road and Altamont Landfills. About 55% is allocated to participating Alameda County municipalities for waste reduction efforts and about 45% for specified countywide waste reduction programs including grants to nonprofit organizations, administered by StopWaste.
- **Import Mitigation Fee** - \$4.53 per ton is collected on all wastes landfilled in Alameda County that originate out-of-county.

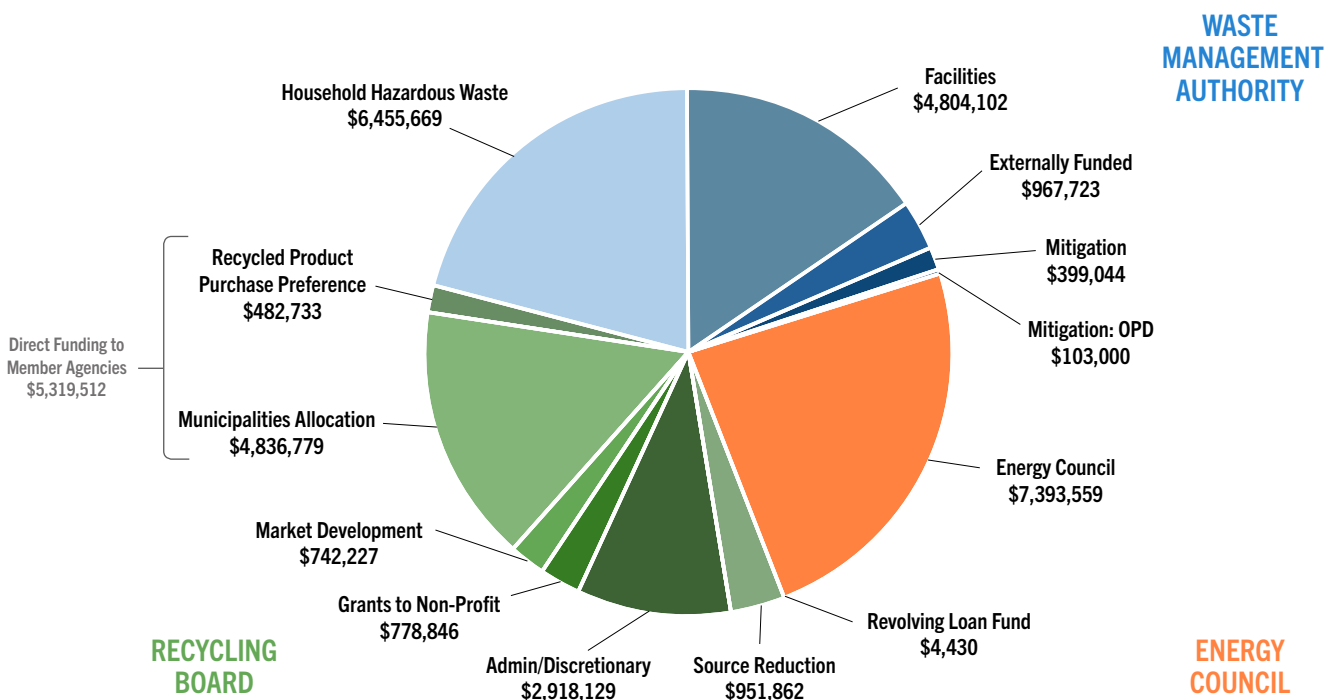
EXPENDITURES

Total expenditures for all projects in FY 18-19 are \$30,838,103 (WMA portion: \$12,729,538, RB portion: \$10,715,006, EC portion: \$7,393,559). The municipal allocation to member agencies totals \$4,836,779, and the Recycled Product Purchase Preference (RPPP) and member agency pass throughs total \$482,733. Core expenditures total \$10,594,210.

One project (Project 1220 Food Waste Reduction) is funded in part from the Organics Processing Development reserve (\$103,000). OPD funds are used for non-recurring expenses related to our increased focus on organics.

A listing of projects by funding source is also shown in the Financial Attachments section of the budget (pages III-1 – III-3). In addition, projects funded by the core budget are shown in Table 3 (page II-7). A breakdown of hard costs and staff (labor and overhead) is shown in the individual project charters.

FIGURE 5: EXPENDITURES BY FUNDING SOURCE



WORKFORCE RELATED

The Agency engaged the services of Rewards Strategy Group (RSG) to conduct a comprehensive job classification and compensation review. The consultant's findings and recommendations by the Executive Director were presented to the Programs and Administration (P&A) Committee on April 12, 2018. Changes included in this budget:

- A new salary grade structure with an eight-step salary range and 3% increments between steps (See Appendix A)
- Reclassifications and new classifications as recommended by RSG and by the Executive Director based on the needs of the Agency, not to exceed the authorized full time equivalents (FTEs) as approved through the annual budget process. The total FTEs for FY 18-19 including limited term and intermittent staff is 46.5.
- Newly adjusted salary ranges which include a 2.7% CPI increase effective the closest pay period to July 1, 2018.
- Changes to Sections 1.6, 1.6.1, 2.21, 2.2.2 B., C., and E. of the HR manual.
- Authorize staff to create or modify job descriptions as necessary.
- Changing the ED's annual review from October to July to coincide with the rest of staff.

Funding for the salary changes is incorporated in the budget and will total approximately \$270,000.

The Executive Director's salary is based on her current contract, and therefore that salary change is not included in this calculation.

Staff salaries and benefits total approximately \$7.4 million (\$5.3 million salary and \$2.1 million taxes and benefits) and represent about 24% of the Agency's total budget and about 70% of the core budget. Some staff salaries are paid from revenue outside the core, so this percentage is provided for comparison only. In addition, net salary savings from recent retirements totaled approximately \$500,000.

NON-PROJECT COSTS (OVERHEAD)

We allocate overhead across all projects in proportion to labor costs rather than labor hours. We have been doing this for four years to avoid skewing total project costs by burdening those projects that may have higher hours overall, but at a lower hourly rate.

This year's calculation of non-project costs is summarized in the following table. These costs are spread onto the labor costs (salary and benefits) as shown in project charters. Therefore, each charter separates both hard costs and labor plus overhead.

TABLE 2: NON-PROJECT COSTS

Non-Project Category	Cost
General Overhead (includes IT, HR, Accounting and Finance, contract administration, general legal assistance, insurance, facility management, etc.)	\$3,292,745
Recycling Board Administration	\$100,616
Waste Management Authority Administration	\$151,084
Leave (vacation, sick leave, holiday, etc.)	\$988,121
Other non-project hours (non-project staff meetings, time spent on general activities such as preparing evaluations, reviewing contracts, etc.)	\$168,269
Total	\$4,700,835

TABLE 3: CORE BUDGET

Project	Hard Costs	Labor & Overhead	Total
1020 Landscape Services And Partnerships	71,500	298,424	369,924
1150 Bay-Friendly Water Efficient Landscape Prop 84	-	60,919	60,919
1200 Packaging	140,000	200,449	340,449
1220 Food Waste Reduction	468,400	794,150	1,262,550
1250 Reusable Bag Ordinance Implementation	21,000	202,102	223,102
1260 Compost And Mulch	107,000	138,853	245,853
1350 Building Services And Partnerships	92,500	271,130	363,630
2040 Competitive Grants	235,500	114,048	349,548
2090 Mandatory Recycling Implementation	728,000	1,313,089	2,041,089
2110 Construction & Demolition Debris Recycling	34,000	134,357	168,357
2420 Business Assistance Supporting Activities	150,000	79,612	229,612
3210 Property Management	85,500	81,961	167,461
3230 Technical Advisory Committee	3,200	80,739	83,939
3240 Fee Enforcement	44,000	86,432	130,432
3250 Carbon Farm Planning Implementation	10,000	25,496	35,496
3410 General Planning	56,500	250,613	307,113
3460 Five Year Audit	-	9,504	9,504
3480 Measurement And Analysis	74,550	332,443	406,993
3510 General Agency Communication	103,000	1,233,488	1,336,488
3530 Legislation	114,000	234,076	348,076
3570 Community Based Outreach	110,200	536,032	646,232
3580 Schools Based Community Outreach	283,800	1,183,643	1,467,443
Total Core Projects	\$2,932,650	\$7,661,560	\$10,594,210

FUND BALANCES AND RESERVES

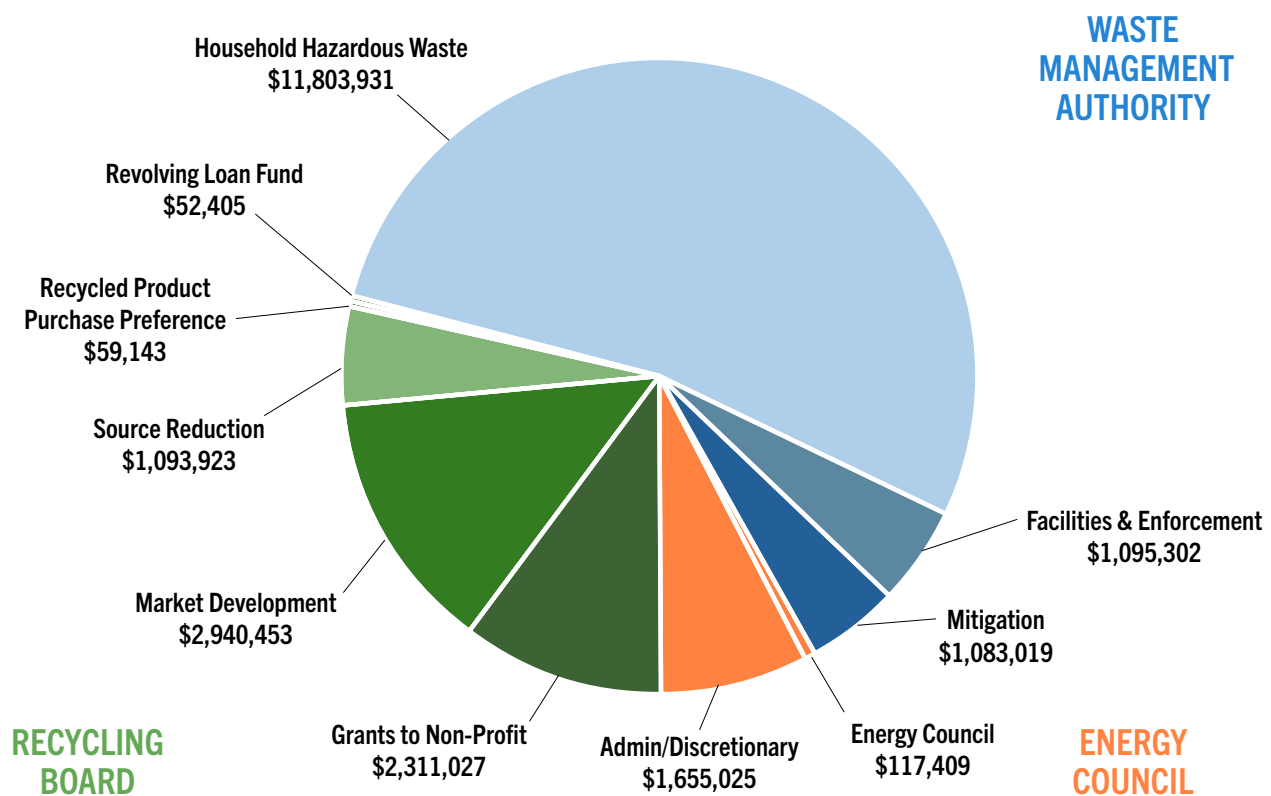
The Agency's available resources consist of both fund balances and reserves. Core fund balances are generally discretionary and can be used to help balance the budget although they are not needed this year. Reserves are funds that are set aside for specific purposes, although they can also be used to fund projects if those projects have a nexus to that particular reserve. At the end of FY 18-19 we estimate that core fund balances and reserves will total approximately \$17.4 million, which is equivalent to more than 1.6 times our core budget. Once the conservation easement funding is received, this amount will total approximately \$19 million.

FUND BALANCES

The Agency's fund balances available at year end are projected to total \$22,211,638. Of this amount, the Authority fund balance is projected to total \$13,982,251 (of which \$11,803,931 are HHW fees), the Recycling Board fund balance is projected to total \$8,111,978 and the Energy Council fund balance is projected to total \$117,409. These fund balances should allow the Agency to fund core operations for the next several years as we continue to address both our programmatic and long-term fiscal goals.

We use the term "fund balance available" to refer to the funding available for Agency operations. Our term differs from the technical accounting term in that we do not include encumbrances (which we view as spent) or the unfunded liability figure (which is considered a long-term liability, since we make at a minimum the required annual payment that is included in the budget).

FIGURE 6: FUND BALANCES AS OF JUNE 30, 2019



RESERVES

Agency reserves will total approximately \$7.2 million at the end of FY 18-19. Agency reserves, including the fiscal reserve are designated for a specific purpose and are as follows:

TABLE 4: PROPOSED RESERVES FY 18-19

Reserves	Balance
Organics Processing Development Reserve	\$5,589,699
Pension Liability Reserve	\$0
Fiscal Reserve	\$1,512,987
5 Year Audit/Other Studies Reserve	\$50,000
Building Maintenance Reserve	\$50,000
Total	\$7,202,686

THE ORGANICS PROCESSING DEVELOPMENT RESERVE

The Organics Processing Development (OPD) Reserve, established in 1998 for the development or advancement of in-county organics processing capacity or facilities, will have a balance of \$5.6 million at the end of FY 18-19. Multiple facilities have gone through the ColWMP amendment and conformance finding process and are in various stages of development with no need of Agency financing. Given that, the Agency will continue to allocate some portion of the OPD funds (\$103,000 in FY 18-19) toward projects that promote increased participation in existing residential and commercial organics waste reduction programs.

Focusing more on organics diversion is consistent with the Agency's waste reduction goals, since approximately 30% by weight of Alameda County's residential and commercial garbage is compostable organics. Additionally, there are several statewide and national initiatives focused on getting organics out of the landfill, creating additional synergies for our increased efforts on organics related projects in FY 18-19.

PENSION LIABILITY RESERVE

The Pension Liability Reserve was established in 2015 to partially offset the Agency's unfunded pension liability. This reserve will be restored for a total of approximately \$600,000 to \$800,000 once the Agency receives payment for the conservation easement.

FISCAL RESERVE

The Fiscal Reserve was established to offset any declines in revenue that could occur during the year. This reserve will be replenished by an additional \$600,000 once the Agency receives payment for the conservation easement.

In addition, we are establishing two new reserves:

FIVE-YEAR AUDIT/OTHER STUDIES RESERVE

This reserve funds the periodic Recycling Board five-year audit and other studies that may be required on an infrequent basis. Funding for this reserve came from available fund balance. The need to supplement this reserve will be revisited annually.

BUILDING MAINTENANCE RESERVE

This reserve funds any capital costs related to the Agency's building. The Agency budgets for repairs and other costs related to the building in the annual operating budget. Given that the building is now more than 11 years old, it is fiscally prudent to maintain a reserve for larger capital repairs. Funding for this reserve came from available fund balance. The need to supplement this reserve will be revisited annually.

Estimated fund balances available and schedules of reserves are shown on pages III-4 – III-7.

III. FINANCIAL ATTACHMENTS

PROJECTS BY FUNDING SOURCE - CORE FUNDED - FY 18-19

Total	Waste Management Authority						Energy Council	Recycling Board						
	Facilities & Enforcement	Mitigation : OPD	Mitigation	Externally Funded	Benchmark Fee	HHW	Energy Council	Municipality Allocation	RLF	Admin/Discretionary	Grants to Non-Profit	Source Reduction	Market Development	Recycled Product Price
21		24	22	23	28	40	27	29	30 + 31	32	33	34	35	
Dollars in thousands: (000)														
Core														
Core Funded														
1020 - Landscape Services and Partnerships	\$ 369,924	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 122	\$ 248	\$ -
1150 - Bay-Friendly Water Efficient Landscape Prop 84	\$ 60,919	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$ -	\$ 52	-
1200 - Packaging	\$ 340,449	34	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	20	\$ 153	\$ 133	-
1220 - Food Waste Reduction	\$ 1,262,550	25	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	732	-	\$ 442	\$ 63	-
1250 - Reusable Bag Ordinance Implementation	\$ 223,102	22	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	112	-	89	-	-
1260 - Compost and Mulch	\$ 245,853	25	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	221	-
1350 - Building Services And Partnerships	\$ 363,630	172	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	36	10	145	-	-
2040 - Competitive Grants	\$ 349,548	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	325	-	25	-
2090 - Mandatory Recycling Implementation	\$ 2,041,089	408	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,633	-	-	-	-
2110 - Construction & Demolition Debris Recycling	\$ 168,357	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2420 - Business Assistance Supporting Activities	\$ 229,612	92	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	138	-	-	-	-
3210 - Property Management	\$ 167,461	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
3230 - Technical Advisory Committee	\$ 83,939	84	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
3240 - Fee Enforcement	\$ 130,432	130	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
3250 - Carbon Farm Planning & Implementation	\$ 35,495	35	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
3410 - General Planning	\$ 307,113	249	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
3460 - Five Year Audit	\$ 9,504	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10	-	-	-
3480 - Measurement And Analysis	\$ 406,993	41	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	366	-	-	-
3510 - General Agency Communication	\$ 1,336,488	1,056	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	267	13	-	-	-
3530 - Legislation	\$ 348,076	313	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	36	-	-	-
3570 - Community Based Outreach	\$ 646,232	646	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
3580 - Schools Based Community Outreach	\$ 1,467,443	1,467	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Core Projects	\$ 10,594,210	4,804	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,918	779	952	742	-

Total

PROJECTS BY FUNDING SOURCE - NON-CORE FUNDED - FY 18-19

	Waste Management Authority						Energy Council	Recycling Board						
	Facilities & Enforcement	Mitigation : OPD	Mitigation	Externally Funded	Benchmark Fee	HHW	Energy Council	Municipality Allocation	RLF	Admin/Discretionary	Grants to Non-Profit	Source Reduction	Market Development	Recycled Product Price
Total	21	24	22	23	28	40	27	29	30 + 31	32	33	34	35	
Dollars in thousands: (,000)														
Externally Funded														
1153 - Bay-Friendly Water Eff. Landscape Prop 84 Rd III	\$ 32,000	-	-	32	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1347 - BayREN (Bay Regional Energy Network)	\$ 6,019,444	-	-	-	-	6,019	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1348 - PG&E Local Government Partnership	\$ 715,623	-	-	-	-	716	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1349 - Energy Council Incubator	\$ 122,500	-	-	-	-	122	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1355 - Multifamily Challenge Grant	\$ 535,993	-	-	-	-	536	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1411 - CalRecycle K - 12 Grant	\$ 465,723	-	-	466	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2311 - Used Oil Recycling Grant	\$ 150,000	-	-	150	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
3021 - Miscellaneous Small Grants Administration	\$ 300,000	-	-	300	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
3416 - CoIWMP Amendments Application	\$ 20,000	-	-	20	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	\$ 8,361,282	-	-	968	-	7,394	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
HHW														
2312 - Household Hazardous Waste Facilities	\$ 6,455,669	-	-	-	-	6,456	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	\$ 6,455,669	-	-	-	-	6,456	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other														
1210 - Recycled Product Purchase Preference	\$ 482,733	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	483
2030 - Revolving Loan Fund	\$ 4,430	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-
2220 - RB Municipalities (Measure D 50%)	\$ 4,836,779	-	-	-	-	-	4,837	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	\$ 5,323,942	-	-	-	-	-	4,837	4	-	-	-	-	-	483
OPD Funded Expenditure														
1220 - Food Waste Reduction	\$ 103,000	-	103	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	\$ 103,000	-	103	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Project Expenditures	\$ 30,838,103	\$ 4,804	\$ 103	\$ 399	\$ 968	\$ -	\$ 6,456	\$ 7,394	\$ 4,837	\$ 4	\$ 2,918	\$ 779	\$ 952	\$ 742 \$483

REVENUE BY FUNDING SOURCE - FY 18-19

Total														
Waste Management Authority						Energy Council	Recycling Board							
21	Facilities & Enforcement	Mitigation : OPD	Mitigation	Externally Funded	Benchmark Fee	HHW	Energy Council	Municipality Allocation	RLF	Admin/Discretionary	Grants to Non-Profit	Source Reduction	Market Development	Recycled Product Price
28	23	22	24	22	23	28	40	27	29	30 + 31	32	33	34	35
Dollars in thousands: (000)														

REVENUE

Tonnage revenues	10,048,139	5,342	-	362	-	-	-	-	1,448	966	966	966	-
Property and Other revenues	482,700	-	-	433	-	50	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
HHW Fees	6,836,462	-	-	-	6,836	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Energy Council (Externally Funded)	7,343,560	-	-	-	-	7,344	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WMA Externally Funded revenues	967,723	-	-	-	968	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
RB Municipalities (Measure D 50%) (Proj. 2220)	4,827,719	-	-	-	-	-	4,828	-	-	-	-	-	-
Recycled Product Purchase Pref. (Measure D 5%) (Proj 1210)	482,772	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	483
Interest	462,300	165	-	10	-	150	8	4	125	-	-	-	-
Total Revenues	\$ 31,451,375	\$ 5,507	\$ -	\$ 804	\$ 968	\$ 6,986	\$ 4,835	\$ 4	\$ 1,573	\$ 966	\$ 966	\$ 966	\$ 483

Excess Of Revenue Over Expenditure

\$ 613,272	\$ 703	\$ (103)	\$ 405	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 531	\$ 1	\$ (2)	\$ (1)	\$ (1,345)	\$ 187	\$ 14	\$ 223	\$ 0
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FUND BALANCE AVAILABLE SUMMARY - FY 18-19

Total																			
Waste Management Authority						Energy Council	Recycling Board												
21	Facilities & Enforcement					Mitigation : OPD	Mitigation	Externally Funded	Benchmark Fee	HHW	Energy Council	Municipality Allocation	RLF	Admin/Discretionary	Grants to Non-Profit	Source Reduction	Market Development	Recycled Product Price	35
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																			35
																			Dollars in thousands; (000)

Transfers (In)/Out of Reserves

18/19 From OPD Reserve to Fund Waste Prevent-Inst/Food Service (1220)	\$ 103,000	\$ -	\$ 103	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
16/17 Unspent OPD Funds - Return back to Reserves	(154,394)	-	-	(154)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Closed PO1600077 - OPD Return Back To Reserves	(49,257)	-	-	(49)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
New 5 Year Audit/Study Reserve Created	(50,000)	-	-	(5)	-	-	-	-	(45)	-	-	-	-
New Building Maintenance Reserve Created	(50,000)	-	-	(5)	-	-	-	-	(45)	-	-	-	-
Total Net Transfers	\$ (200,651)	\$ -	\$ 103	\$ (214)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (90)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

Fund Balance Available

Beginning Fund Balance Available 7/1/17	\$ 20,820,914	\$ 1,163	\$ -	\$ 41	\$ 10,292	\$ 114	\$ 2	\$ 70	\$ 3,953	\$ 1,808	\$ 1,094	\$ 2,166	\$ 55
Projected Adjustments For Actuals (Revenue) 17/18 (net)	1,356,688	745	-	(54)	269	-	-	-	172	(29)	127	127	-
Excess of Expenditures Over Revenue Budget 17/18	(274,869)	(1,368)	-	791	712	2	-	-	(945)	345	(141)	324	4
RLF Loan Repayment	41,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	41	-	-	-	-	-
Other adjustments	(186,714)	(265)	-	(214)	306	-	-	(100)	(90)	-	-	100	-
Projected Fund Balance Available 7/1/18	\$ 21,757,019	\$ 276	\$ -	\$ 892	\$ -	\$ 117	\$ 2	\$ 11	\$ 3,090	\$ 2,124	\$ 1,080	\$ 2,717	\$ 59

Ending Fund Balance Available

RLF Loan Repayment	42,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	42	-	-	-	-	-
Less Net Reserves Transfers/Adjustments	(200,651)	117	103	(214)	-	-	-	-	(90)	-	-	-	-
Excess Revenue	613,272	703	(103)	405	-	531	1	(2)	(1,345)	187	14	223	0
Ending Fund Balance Available	\$ 22,211,640	\$ 1,095	\$ -	\$ 1,083	\$ -	\$ 11,804	\$ 117	\$ 0	\$ 52	\$ 2,311	\$ 1,094	\$ 2,940	\$ 59
Core Fund Balance	\$ 10,178,750	\$ 1,095	-	\$ 1,083	-	-	-	-	-	\$ 1,655	\$ 2,311	\$ 2,940	\$ 59
Other Fund Balance	\$ 12,032,889	-	-	-	\$ -	\$ 11,804	\$ 117	\$ 0	\$ 52	-	-	-	-
WMA Fund Balance	\$ 13,982,252	\$ 1,095	\$ -	\$ 1,083	\$ -	\$ 11,804	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
RB Fund Balance	\$ 8,111,977	-	-	-	-	-	\$ 0	\$ 52	\$ 1,655	\$ 2,311	\$ 1,094	\$ 2,940	\$ 59
EC Fund Balance	\$ 117,409	-	-	-	-	-	\$ 117	-	-	-	-	-	-

FUND BALANCE AVAILABLE - WASTE MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY - FY 18-19

	BEG. FUND BALANCE JULY 1, 2017	NET ACTIVITY FY2017/18	ADJUST- MENTS	BEG. FUND BALANCE JULY 1, 2018	PROJECTED REVENUES	PROJECTED EXPENDITURES	TRANSFERS	ESTIMATED FUND BALANCE JUNE 30, 2019
Facility Operators Fee	\$ 1,163,420	\$ (622,759)	\$ (265,076)	(a) \$ 275,585	\$ 5,506,688	\$ (4,804,102)	\$ 117,131	\$ 1,095,302
Benchmark Fee	41,341	194	75,596	(b) 117,131	-	-	(117,131)	\$ -
Externally Funded	(306,417)	-	306,417	(a) -	967,723	(967,723)		\$ -
Mitigation	368,724	736,438	(213,651)	(c) 891,511	804,203	(502,044)	103,000 (d)	\$ 1,083,019
HHW Fees	10,292,306	980,833		11,273,139	6,986,462	(6,455,669)		\$ 11,803,931
Authority Total	\$ 11,559,374	\$ 1,094,706	\$ (96,714)	\$ 12,557,366	\$ 14,265,076	\$ (12,729,538)	\$ 103,000	\$ 13,982,252

- (a) Close deficit Projects to Fund Balance.
 (b) Closed Purchase Orders.
 (c) Transfer to reserves - \$154k - Unspent 16/17 OPD funding.
 - \$49k Closed out prior year purchase order.
 - \$5k New Reserve 5 Year Audit.
 - \$5k New Building Maintenance Reserve.
 (d) Transfer \$103k from Organics Processing Development (OPD) reserves.

FUND BALANCE AVAILABLE - RECYCLING BOARD - FY 18-19

		BEG. FUND BALANCE JULY 1, 2017	NET ACTIVITY FY2017/18	ADJUST- MENTS	BEG. FUND BALANCE JULY 1, 2018	PROJECTED REVENUES	PROJECTED EXPENDITURES	LOAN PRINCIPAL REPAID	ESTIMATED FUND BALANCE JUNE 30, 2019
RECYCLING BOARD	***								
Discretionary****	15%	\$ 3,952,795	\$ (772,957)	\$ (90,000)	(a) \$ 3,089,838	\$ 1,573,316	\$ (2,918,129)	\$ -	\$ 1,655,025
Grants to Non-Profits	10%	1,807,551	316,778		2,124,329	965,544	(778,846)		2,311,027
Source Reduction	10%	1,094,326	(14,085)		1,080,241	965,544	(951,862)		1,093,923
Market Development	10%	2,166,006	451,131	100,000	(b) 2,717,137	965,544	(742,227)		2,940,453
Recycled Prod. Purch. Prefer.	5%	54,754	4,350		59,104	482,772	(482,733)		59,143
Municipality Allocation	50%	1,560	-		1,560	4,835,219	(4,836,779)		-
Recycling Board Total		\$ 9,076,993	\$ (14,784)	\$ 10,000	\$ 9,072,209	\$ 9,787,939	\$ (10,710,576)	\$ -	\$ 8,059,572
Revolving Loan		\$ 70,235	\$ 41,000	\$ (100,000)	(e) \$ 11,235	\$ 3,600	\$ (4,430)	\$ 42,000	\$ 52,405

** 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.

(a) New reserves for 5 Year Audit & Building Maintenance Reserve.

(b) Transfer excess funds to Market Development.

FUND BALANCE AVAILABLE - ENERGY COUNCIL - FY 18-19

	BEG. FUND BALANCE JULY 1, 2017	NET ACTIVITY FY2017/18	ADJUST- MENTS	BEG. FUND BALANCE JULY 1, 2018	PROJECTED REVENUES	PROJECTED EXPENDITURES	TRANSFERS	ESTIMATED FUND BALANCE JUNE 30, 2019
Energy Council	\$ 114,312	\$ 1,897	\$ -	\$ 116,209	\$ 7,394,760	\$ (7,393,559)	\$ -	\$ 117,409
Energy Council Total	\$ 114,312	\$ 1,897	\$ -	\$ 116,209	\$ 7,394,760	\$ (7,393,559)	\$ -	\$ 117,409

SCHEDULE OF RESERVES - WASTE MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY - FY 18-19

	BALANCE JUNE 30, 2017	LUMP SUM PENSION LIABILITY PAYMENT APRIL 4, 2018	TRANSFERS IN UNUSED PRIOR YEAR FUNDS	PROJECTED BALANCE JULY 1, 2018	TRANSFERS IN	TRANSFERS OUT	BALANCE JUNE 30, 2019
RESERVES							
Organics Processing Development	\$ 5,489,048	\$ -	\$ 203,651	\$ 5,692,699	\$ -	\$ (103,000)	\$ 5,589,699
Pension Liability Reserve	100,000	(100,000)		-			-
Fiscal Reserve	1,405,019	(587,013)		818,006			818,006
5 Year Audit/Study				-	50,000		50,000
Building Maintenance Reserve				-	50,000		50,000
Sub-total	\$ 6,994,067	\$ (687,013)	\$ 203,651	\$ 6,510,705	\$ 100,000	\$ (103,000)	\$ 6,507,705

CONTRACTUALLY COMMITTED RESERVES

Wmac Transportation Improvement Program (Tip)	3,441,987	(3,441,987)		-			-
Sub-total	3,441,987	(3,441,987)		-	-	-	-

SCHEDULE OF RESERVES - RECYCLING BOARD - FY 18-19

	BALANCE JUNE 30, 2017	TRANSFERS IN	BALANCE JULY 1, 2018	TRANSFERS IN	TRANSFERS OUT	BALANCE JUNE 30, 2019
Fiscal Reserve	\$ 694,981	\$ -	\$ 694,981	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 694,981
Total	\$ 694,981	\$ -	\$ 694,981	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 694,981

IV. PROJECT CHARTERS

1020 - LANDSCAPE SERVICES AND PARTNERSHIPS

Project #: 1020

Project Manager: Jennifer West

DESCRIPTION

Focuses on the built urban landscape to reduce the generation of waste, recycle construction waste and plant debris and incorporate recycled compost and mulch. Promotes strategic use of organic material in the landscape to build soil health, sequester carbon, create landscapes that are more resilient to climate change and conserve water and resources.

Partners with member agencies, landscape professionals and nonprofits, supporting innovative sustainable landscaping policies and standards. Provides technical assistance, grants and professional trainings to member agencies.

FY 17-18 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Increased Bay-Friendly Rated Landscapes to 71 within Alameda County, covering 328 acres and using approximately 14,020 tons of recycled compost and mulch.
- Increased use of sheet mulching with cardboard, compost and mulch to 39 projects covering 42 acres.
- Provided Technical Assistance to 31 landscape projects and awarded four grants.
- Provided 38 member agency staff scholarships to professional trainings and qualification, increasing total number of member agency qualified staff to 398.
- Finalized and distributed Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance (WELo) implementation tools and updated webpage for member agency staff.
- Served on ReScape California Advisory Board.
- Supported the launch of Bay-Friendly Rated Landscape Scorecard Version Four.

FY 18-19 ACTIVITIES

- Promote Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance toolkit and provide technical assistance. (C)
- Promote scholarships and technical assistance to member agencies through e-news, case studies and an annual report. (O)
- Manage existing grants and technical assistance to member agencies on Bay-Friendly landscape projects. Promote Bay-Friendly as a pathway to WELo compliance and develop model materials and policy for member agencies. (O)
- Sponsor ReScape CA. (O)
- Provide trainings and scholarships for member agency staff on Bay-Friendly Qualified Professional trainings. (O)
- Manage project, conduct program evaluation and develop recommendations to determine the future of Project 1020. (N)

PROJECT COST, FY 18-19

<u>Hard Costs</u>	<u>Labor Plus Overhead Costs</u>	<u>Total Cost</u>	<u>FTEs</u>
\$71,500	\$298,424	\$369,924	1.22

FUNDING SOURCE, FY 18-19

<u>(33) RB Source Reduction</u>	<u>(34) RB Market Development</u>
\$122,075	\$247,849

FY 18-19 Activities: (C) - Carried over (O) - Ongoing (N) - New

1150 - BAY-FRIENDLY WATER EFFICIENT LANDSCAPE PROP 84

Project #: 1150

Project Manager: Kelly Schoonmaker

DESCRIPTION

Provides administrative support for Prop 84 grant funded projects related to agency goals in regionalizing Bay-Friendly landscape standards and trainings and increasing use of compost and mulch. Supports the Energy Council's goal for water and energy nexus projects. Participates in the Bay Area Integrated Regional Planning group with water agencies, flood control agencies, watershed, habitat based non profits and resource conservation districts.

FY 17-18 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Completed annual report of Round I of Prop 84 funding.
- Completed final report of Prop 84 Round II program implementation.
- Completed activities for Prop 84 Round III, including Lawn to Garden Marketplace run by StopWaste and administration of the regional water rebates with 12 partner water agencies Bay Area wide.

FY 18-19 ACTIVITIES

- Serve on the Bay Area Integrated Regional Water Management Planning Coordinating Committee to seek out external funding and to leverage agency projects Bay Area wide with other key stakeholders. (C)
- Provide support to implementation of Round 2 and 3 not covered in project 1153, such as grant administration and reporting, managing BKi and communication with water agencies, and monitoring rebate reallocations, grant and match funds. (C)

PROJECT COST, FY 18-19

<u>Hard Costs</u>	<u>Labor Plus Overhead Costs</u>	<u>Total Cost</u>	<u>FTEs</u>
\$0	\$60,919	\$60,919	0.34

FUNDING SOURCE, FY 18-19

<u>(21) Facilities</u>	<u>(24) Mitigation</u>	<u>(34) RB Market Development</u>
\$4,264	\$4,873	\$51,781

FY 18-19 Activities: (C) - Carried over (O) - Ongoing (N) - New

1153 - BAY-FRIENDLY WATER EFFICIENT LANDSCAPE PROP 84 ROUND III

Project #: 1153

Project Manager: Lisa Pontecorvo

DESCRIPTION

Offers long-term water savings through a suite of water conservation programs designed to improve water use efficiency throughout the San Francisco Bay Area region.

Administers the Bay Area Program (Round III Drought Round) on behalf of a team of 12 participating agencies, and manages the grant agreement in coordination with Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) and Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC). ABAG received a total of \$32 million from the Department of Water Resources, of which the Bay Area Regional Drought Relief Conservation Program receives \$6.0 million. \$5.7 million is passed through to water agencies for rebates.

The Conservation Program implements water use efficiency Best Management Practices, which include landscape rebates, toilet/urinal rebates and direct installation, and lawn-to-garden education.

FY 17-18 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Apportioned and distributed grant reimbursement checks to water agencies.
- Managed consultants, communication with water agencies, rebate reallocations, and grant reporting.
- Convened in-person meetings with 12 participating agencies.
- Implemented regional Healthy Soils Lawn to Garden Marketplace working with stakeholders and retailers to promote consumer resources and rebates for sheet mulching lawns.
- Continued outreach to partner retailers, including display maintenance, site visits, and stakeholder meetings.
- Maintained and updated Lawn to Garden website.
- Completed Proposition 84 audit. California Department of Finance Office of State Audits and Evaluations concluded grant expenditures claimed and matching funds expended complied with grant agreement requirement, and grant deliverables were completed as specified in the grant agreement.

FY 18-19 ACTIVITIES

- Complete all grant deliverables and write Project Completion Report.
- Administer grant and reporting on behalf of 12 participating agencies.

PROJECT COST, FY 18-19

<u>Hard Costs</u>	<u>Labor Plus Overhead Costs</u>	<u>Total Cost</u>	<u>FTEs</u>
\$32,000	\$0	\$32,000	0.00

FUNDING SOURCE, FY 18-19

(22) Externally Funded
\$32,000

FY 18-19 Activities: (C) - Carried over (O) - Ongoing (N) - New

1200 - PACKAGING

Project #: 1200

Project Manager: Justin Lehrer

DESCRIPTION

Focuses on waste prevention, reuse, and improved recyclability of packaging materials manufactured, sold, and discarded in Alameda County, with an emphasis on packaging that supports food waste reduction goals. Provides education, technical assistance, and financial support to businesses and institutions, as well as engagement with industry and other stakeholders to support policy and standards development in support of sustainable packaging.

FY 17-18 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Worked with a major e-commerce retailer to perform life-cycle analysis of packaging alternatives for customer shipments.
- Reached over 100 businesses to offer education about the benefits of reusable transport packaging and provide implementation assistance when needed. Awarded a total of \$15,000 to three qualified reusables projects.
- Developed reusable plastic container retention and sanitation guides for small scale distributors in English, Spanish, and Chinese.
- Implemented “Rethink Disposable” campaign reaching 31 businesses, which led to four sites keeping a projected 109,000 individual single-use disposable food ware products out of the landfill and off the streets.
- Developed new before/after ReThink Disposable business case study flyer and service ware guide to improve outreach. Conducted targeted “outreach blitzes” in two commercial corridors with a high concentration of food businesses.

FY 18-19 ACTIVITIES

- Compile, evaluate and document best packaging practices for delivery of prepared food and meal kits. (N)
- Promote new food service ware toolkit to food service providers, member agencies, school districts and other relevant end-users of single-use disposables. (N)
- Provide sponsorship and participate in the BayROC working group to plan regional media campaigns aligned with Packaging project goals. (O)
- Oversee delivery of ReThink Disposable program to Alameda County businesses and development of case studies. (O)
- Administer grants, rebates, and incentives for projects that reduce packaging at the source, utilize reusable packaging, and support increased recycling of packaging, with an emphasis on food and beverage related packaging. (O)
- Provide technical assistance in support of sustainable packaging strategies, with an emphasis on food and beverage-related opportunities. (N)
- Supervise and coordinate technical assistance, media and outreach for Reusable Transport Packaging. (O)

PROJECT COST, FY 18-19

<u>Hard Costs</u>	<u>Labor Plus Overhead Costs</u>	<u>Total Cost</u>	<u>FTEs</u>
\$140,000	\$200,449	\$340,449	0.75

FUNDING SOURCE, FY 18-19

<u>(21) Facilities</u>	<u>(32) RB Grant to Non Profit</u>	<u>(33) RB Source Reduction</u>	<u>(34) RB Market Development</u>
\$34,045	\$20,000	\$153,202	\$133,202

FY 18-19 Activities: (C) - Carried over (O) - Ongoing (N) - New

1210 - RECYCLED PRODUCT PURCHASE PREFERENCE

Project #: 1210

Project Manager: Rachel Balsley

DESCRIPTION

Provides technical assistance and oversight to the Alameda County General Services Agency (GSA) to implement Measure D-required programs and Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). Also provides technical expertise and resources on recycled content and Environmentally Preferable Purchasing (EPP) to member agencies and other interested public agencies.

FY 17-18 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Worked with Alameda County GSA to implement the MOU and provided Measure D Recycled Product Price Preference funds to undertake recycled product and EPP activities.
- Worked with Alameda County GSA on the Alameda County Public Agencies Green Purchasing Roundtable to develop tools, resources and host periodic meetings. Topics in FY 17-18 included an east county-focused workshop for implementing EPP programs and an all-county roundtable event highlighting opportunities to leverage purchasing to meet climate action goals.
- Updated EPP resources including the Traffic Control Products Fact Sheets and Guide to Green Maintenance and Operations.
- Assisted the City of Alameda with development of a proposed EPP policy.
- GSA researched and developed green and recycled-content bid specifications, and supported implementation of the following County contracts valued at \$23 million: janitorial chemicals and papers, Santa Rita Jail inmate food services and toner and ink.
- GSA presented to webinar and in-person audiences totaling an estimated 500 people on green purchasing topics including sustainable food purchasing contract strategies, climate friendly purchasing tools and strategies, and general best practices in green purchasing.

FY 18-19 ACTIVITIES

- Assist member agencies with EPP Policy adoption and implementation, including the updating of EPP resources and supporting the Alameda County Green Purchasing Roundtable meetings. (O)
- Provide funding, assistance, and oversight for Alameda County GSA staffing to undertake recycled product and EPP activities in the county and to assist member agencies with the same, as per the MOU. (O)

PROJECT COST, FY 18-19

<u>Hard Costs</u>	<u>Labor Plus Overhead Costs</u>	<u>Total Cost</u>	<u>FTEs</u>
\$462,988	\$19,745	\$482,733	0.08

FUNDING SOURCE, FY 18-19

(35) RB RPP

\$482,733

FY 18-19 Activities: (C) - Carried over (O) - Ongoing (N) - New

1220 - FOOD WASTE REDUCTION

Project #: 1220

Project Manager: Cassie Bartholomew

DESCRIPTION

Supports the reduction of food waste generated in food service establishments, households and schools through training, technical assistance and support for food service providers; establishing food share and /or donation in commercial kitchens and cafeterias; and Stop Food Waste residential campaign.

FY 17-18 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Smart Kitchen Initiative (SKI)

- Developed Food Donation Guide for Businesses.
- Recovered 3,219 pounds of prepared food for donation through partnership with the Eat Real.
- Awarded three Food Recovery Grants to Food Recovery organizations.

Smart Cafeteria Initiative (SCI)

- Trained AUSD staff on district-wide food share policy, issued food share supplies to 10 schools and launched 1st Stop Food Waste School Challenge in OUSD.
- Reached 250 students and their families through 4Rs SAP Food Rescuer Action Project.
- Awarded a \$500,000 grant from CalRecycle to support SCI implementation.

Stop Food Waste Campaign

- Launched interactive tabling activities and community outreach kits for Member Agencies, events, and other food waste reduction outreach throughout the region and country.
- Presented at 35 community events, reaching 1,600 residents through workshops, presentations, trainings, and farmers markets.
- Piloted first outreach event paired with SFW consumer-facing business materials at Eat Real.
- Partnered with Edible East Bay to promote SFW campaign.
- Developed video series to increase reach of SFW campaign.

FY 18-19 ACTIVITIES

- Oversee and evaluate impact of Stop Food Waste media and outreach campaign. (O)
- Identify new partnerships and approaches to strengthen food recovery (food donation) in county. (C)
- Recruit and train SKI businesses upon request, evaluate SKI approach and align with food recovery priority/goal. (O)
- Manage Stop Food Waste Community Outreach grantees. (N)
- Support three school district food share and/or donation programs. (O)

PROJECT COST, FY 18-19

<u>Hard Costs</u>	<u>Labor Plus Overhead Costs</u>	<u>Total Cost</u>	<u>FTEs</u>
\$571,400	\$794,150	\$1,365,550	4.05

FUNDING SOURCE, FY 18-19

<u>(21) Facilities</u>	<u>(31) RB Discretionary</u>	<u>(33) RB Source Reduction</u>	<u>(34) RB Market Development</u>	<u>(24) Mitigation</u>
\$25,251	\$732,279	\$441,892	\$63,127	\$103,000

FY 18-19 Activities: (C) - Carried over (O) - Ongoing (N) - New

1250 - REUSABLE BAG ORDINANCE IMPLEMENTATION

Project #: 1250

Project Manager: Meri Soll

DESCRIPTION

Implements the expanded reusable bag ordinance adopted by the WMA Board in 2016. Provides outreach and technical assistance to the 14,000 affected stores and eating establishments. Progressive enforcement with inspections conducted on non-compliant entities, based on complaints made from the general public and in field observations.

FY 17-18 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Developed and distributed letters and outreach materials to 14,000 affected entities to inform them of the newly expanded law and compliance requirements.
- Conducted technical assistance visits to over 1,500 affected stores and eating establishments.
- Developed progressive inspection protocol for new complaint based inspection process.
- Conducted store surveys at 100 affected entities and collected and analyzed bag purchasing data to assess the impacts of ordinance, which shows consumer behavior continuing to trend in the right direction.

FY 18-19 ACTIVITIES

- Collect and report bag purchasing data from external partners. (O)
- Continue store inspections. (O)
- Respond to complaints and inquiries by the general public. (O)
- Manage bag compliance issues including working with bag vendors and manufacturers. Coordinate with CalRecycle compliant bag listing as needed. (O)
- Direct parking lot surveys and store observations to assess ordinance effectiveness. (O)

PROJECT COST, FY 18-19

<u>Hard Costs</u>	<u>Labor Plus Overhead Costs</u>	<u>Total Cost</u>	<u>FTEs</u>
\$21,000	\$202,102	\$223,102	1.00

FUNDING SOURCE, FY 18-19

<u>(21) Facilities</u>	<u>(31) RB Discretionary</u>	<u>(33) RB Source Reduction</u>
\$22,310	\$111,551	\$89,241

FY 18-19 Activities: (C) - Carried over (O) - Ongoing (N) - New

1260 - COMPOST AND MULCH

Project #: 1260

Project Manager: Kelly Schoonmaker

DESCRIPTION

Focuses on increasing the availability, access to and quality of local, recycled bulk compost and mulch. Through a combination of strategic partnerships and in-house efforts, this project provides education to landscape professionals, public agencies, and home gardeners; promotes local compost and mulch vendors and producers; and works to create, support and enforce policies that increase the availability and use of quality compost and mulch.

FY 17-18 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Trained approximately 300 public and private landscape professionals on the use of compost and mulch.
- Conducted one-day Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance (WELo) workshops in partnership with PG&E, leveraging the requirements of the ordinance to educate landscape professionals and public agency staff about the use of compost and mulch.
- Reduced the number of WELo workshops to one by sharing our curriculum with other organizations, including USGBC North Bay/Sonoma County Water District, Los Angeles Metropolitan Water District, and California Landscape Contractors Association (CLCA). CLCA offered five WELo workshops (including three in the Bay Area) based on our curriculum highlighting the importance of compost and mulch in water conservation.
- Directly reached 130 people through StopWaste Environmental Educator Training (SWEET), schools, and partner lawn parties, garden maintenance workshops in Alameda, Berkeley, Fremont, Livermore, Oakland, and San Leandro. Converted over 20,000 square feet of lawn, using 45 cubic yards of compost and 100 cubic yards of mulch. Diverted 20 tons of green waste from landfill, saving over 250,000 gallons of water per year.
- Began carbon farm planning for WMA Property in partnership with the Alameda County Resource Conservation District, who received a grant from the Department of Water Resources to create and pilot carbon farm plans in the county. Planning will continue into next fiscal year, followed by implementation of a pilot project on WMA Property.

FY 18-19 ACTIVITIES

- Provide education on compost and mulch use to 500 public agency staff and landscape industry professionals through ten “Lunch and Learns” and three larger workshops. (O)
- Cultivate partnerships through participation in groups such as the California Organics Recycling Council, as well as sponsorships, grants and/or collaborations with other industry organizations and partners, such as EBMUD and PG&E. (O)
- Monitor and engage in advocacy on state codes, regulations and policies relating to compost and mulch, such as the CA Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance and SB 1383 Short Lived Climate Pollutants Act Rulemaking. (O)
- Update, maintain, and promote online resources for compost, mulch, sheet mulching, and WELo compliance. (O)

PROJECT COST, FY 18-19

<u>Hard Costs</u>	<u>Labor Plus Overhead Costs</u>	<u>Total Cost</u>	<u>FTEs</u>
\$107,000	\$138,853	\$245,853	0.57

FUNDING SOURCE, FY 18-19

<u>(21) Facilities</u>	<u>(34) RB Market Development</u>
\$24,585	\$221,268

FY 18-19 Activities: (C) - Carried over (O) - Ongoing (N) - New

1347 - BAYREN (BAY REGIONAL ENERGY NETWORK)

Project #: 1347

Project Manager: Karen Kho

DESCRIPTION

The Bay Area Regional Energy Network is a partnership between the Agency, Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) and eight other county representatives in the Bay Area. Since 2013 BayREN has designed and administered regional energy efficiency programs with energy utility ratepayer funding. The Agency represents the interests of Alameda County jurisdictions within BayREN. The Energy Council Technical Advisory Group provides ongoing input into BayREN's regional programs and pilots, and prioritizes local outreach activities. This is a multi-year program that is authorized by the California Public Utilities Commission and is contracted annually.

FY 17-18 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Implemented regional multifamily program, with average project energy savings of 15 percent. Provided incentives to 579 units in Alameda County and to a total of 5,195 in the Bay Area region.
- Conducted multifamily outreach in Alameda County, including four property owner workshops (Berkeley, Livermore, Newark and Oakland) and two direct mail campaigns, two feature length articles and two "Green Sheet" appearances in East Bay Rental Housing magazine.
- Conducted single family outreach throughout Alameda County, including five homeowner events and eight realtor/contractor events.
- Scheduled two local trainings on new energy code and promoted quarterly regional forums on green building and energy policy.
- Supported local governments in considering Residential Energy Assessment and Disclosure policies.
- Enrolled 37 new Home Energy Score assessors and provided quality assurance for 695 scores.
- Co-financed four multifamily upgrade projects with regional lender California Community Reinvestment Corporation.

FY 18-19 ACTIVITIES

- Lead the Home Energy Score program in partnership with BayREN. (O)
- Manage the operations of the regional multifamily rebate program and financing programs. (O)
- Represent Alameda County jurisdictions in nine-county regional partnership. (O)
- Conduct local outreach in Alameda County for the single-family, multifamily, codes and standards and financing programs. (O)
- Provide regulatory assistance to ABAG to support BayREN programs and funding opportunities. (O)
- Participate in California Public Utilities Commission regulatory proceedings and evaluation studies on behalf of the multifamily program. (O)

PROJECT COST, FY 18-19

<u>Hard Costs</u>	<u>Labor Plus Overhead Costs</u>	<u>Total Cost</u>	<u>FTEs</u>
\$5,459,500	\$559,944	\$6,019,444	3.48

FUNDING SOURCE, FY 18-19

(40) Energy Council
\$6,019,444

FY 18-19 Activities: (C) - Carried over (O) - Ongoing (N) - New

1348 - PG&E LOCAL GOVERNMENT PARTNERSHIP

Project #: 1348

Project Manager: Jennifer West

DESCRIPTION

Convenes the East Bay Energy Watch Strategic Advisory Committee (EBEW SAC), which is the advisory body of a two-county Local Government Partnership funded by PG&E. Supports strategic planning, tracks and provides updates on California Public Utility Commission (CPUC) and California Energy Commission (CEC) regulatory activities, and administers stipends and pass-through funding to local governments. Helps ensure policy coordination, equitable resource allocation and communication among Alameda County local governments, and between Alameda and Contra Costa Counties.

Provides recommendations to the SAC on how to enrich programmatic offerings to small-medium businesses, municipalities and residential sectors operating in both Alameda and Contra Costa Counties. Conducts Green House Gas (GHG) Data Inventory support and innovative pilot programs in both Alameda and Contra Costa Counties. Supports and delivers programmatic outreach.

FY 17-18 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Administered East Bay Energy Watch Strategic Advisory Committee.
- Managed Strategic Energy Resource pilot programs.
- Issued local government stipends totaling \$60,000.
- Coordinated small commercial incentive programs with Green Business program.

FY 18-19 ACTIVITIES

- Coordinate EBEW program activity with BayREN, East Bay Community Energy and the Energy Council and StopWaste. (O)
- Participate in CPUC and CEC regulatory proceedings. (O)
- Execute agreements and administer pass-through funding to consultants and local governments in Alameda and Contra Costa Counties from PG&E. (O)
- Conduct strategic planning and provide technical oversight on pilot projects funded through Strategic Energy Resources. (O)
- Convene East Bay Energy Watch Strategic Advisory Committee of jurisdictions in Alameda and Contra Costa Counties. (O)

PROJECT COST, FY 18-19

<u>Hard Costs</u>	<u>Labor Plus Overhead Costs</u>	<u>Total Cost</u>	<u>FTEs</u>
\$582,000	\$133,623	\$715,623	0.73

FUNDING SOURCE, FY 18-19

(40) Energy Council
\$715,623

FY 18-19 Activities: (C) - Carried over (O) - Ongoing (N) - New

1349 - ENERGY COUNCIL INCUBATOR

Project #: 1349

Project Manager: Karen Kho

DESCRIPTION

This project supports strategic planning, proposal development and pilot projects for Energy Council priority areas. The two-year list of priorities will be revisited this fiscal year in conjunction with the Energy Council Technical Advisory Group. Administrative charges that are specific to the Energy Council are also housed in this project.

FY 17-18 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Supported member agencies with analysis of Climate Action Plan 1.0 debrief and facilitated conversations regarding 2.0 plans
- Convened a local government forum on fuel switching with Green Cities California.
- Coordinated with East Bay Community Energy staff.

FY 18-19 ACTIVITIES

- Serve on the Board of the Local Government Sustainable Energy Coalition. (O)
- Support member agencies with the energy portions of their Climate Action Plans. (O)
- Facilitated priority setting for the next two-year period. (N)

PROJECT COST, FY 18-19

<u>Hard Costs</u>	<u>Labor Plus Overhead Costs</u>	<u>Total Cost</u>	<u>FTEs</u>
\$67,244	\$55,256	\$122,500	0.27

FUNDING SOURCE, FY 18-19

(40) Energy Council
\$122,500

FY 18-19 Activities: (C) - Carried over (O) - Ongoing (N) - New

1350 - BUILDING SERVICES AND PARTNERSHIPS

Project #: 1350

Project Manager: Miya Kitahara

DESCRIPTION

Promotes material use efficiency and circularity in the built environment by influencing planning, design, construction and maintenance. Partners with building industry organizations to ensure that materials management issues are addressed in current research, rating systems and other market transformation tools. Provides technical and policy assistance to member agencies and supports local climate action planning and implementation. Advances industry understanding of the climate change impacts of materials in the built environment.

FY 17-18 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Produced local government primer on material optimization and circularity in the built environment in partnership with Arup and Ellen MacArthur Foundation.
- Produced member agency tools to facilitate inclusion of consumption-based (waste prevention) greenhouse gas emissions strategies in climate action planning.
- Assisted the City of Alameda and County of Alameda in developing climate adaptation measures for inclusion in their Hazard Mitigation, Climate Action, or General Plans.
- Delivered conference presentations on embodied carbon emissions in materials to elevate the importance of materials management as a climate action strategy.
- Maintained industry partnership with Built It Green and served on Board.
- Maintained key partnership with US Green Building Council and initiated strategic partnership with Carbon Leadership Forum.

FY 18-19 ACTIVITIES

- Coordinate Energy Council Technical Advisory Group and prioritize policy issues. (O)
- Assist member agencies to integrate materials management into climate action planning for greenhouse gas emissions mitigation and climate change resiliency. (O)
- Maintain or initiate strategic industry partnerships to promote concepts of material optimization and embodied carbon. (N)
- Assist member agencies to operationalize circular economy principles in the built environment. (N)
- Maintain industry partnership with Built It Green and serve on Board. (O)

PROJECT COST, FY 18-19

<u>Hard Costs</u>	<u>Labor Plus Overhead Costs</u>	<u>Total Cost</u>	<u>FTEs</u>
\$92,500	\$271,130	\$363,630	1.04

FUNDING SOURCE, FY 18-19

<u>(21) Facilities</u>	<u>(31) RB Discretionary</u>	<u>(32) RB Grant to Non Profit</u>	<u>(33) RB Source Reduction</u>
\$171,815	\$36,363	\$10,000	\$145,452

FY 18-19 Activities: (C) - Carried over (O) - Ongoing (N) - New

1355 - MULTI-FAMILY CHALLENGE GRANT

Project #: 1355

Project Manager: Ben Cooper

DESCRIPTION

Advances key strategies connected to the Existing Buildings Energy Efficiency Action Plan specific to the multifamily sector, in order to realize the significant savings embedded in the multifamily sector. There are more than 2.4 million existing multifamily dwelling units in California, which represents 23 percent of California total housing units. In addition, according to the Low-Income Barriers Study (CEC 2016) over 47 percent of low-income residents in California live in multifamily units.

The project will accelerate multifamily building upgrades by 1) enabling broader consideration of multifamily energy assessment ordinances; 2) ensuring that AB 802 benchmarking and disclosure is feasible in the multifamily sector; and 3) leveraging market-based mechanisms for building energy transparency and financing.

This project is funded by a California Energy Commission Local Government Challenge grant focused on “Accelerating Multifamily Building Upgrades.”

FY 17-18 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Provided benchmarking technical assistance to multifamily building owners throughout the Bay Area.
- Convened technical task forces to review potential Low Cost Assessment Tools.
- Initiated Rental Housing Potential Study that will assess multifamily rental inspection policies across the state as a point of entry for energy efficiency assessments.
- Initiated policy assistance to the cities of Berkeley, Hayward and Oakland.

FY 18-19 ACTIVITIES

- Develop recommendations to improve tenant access to energy efficiency data. (C)
- Complete Rental Housing Potential Study. (C)
- Develop Low Cost Assessment Tool and piloted its use in the City of Berkeley. (C)
- Complete report on housing finance coordination. (C)
- Develop Multifamily Benchmarking Best Practices Guide. (C)
- Provide policy assistance to the cities of Hayward and Oakland. (C)

PROJECT COST, FY 18-19

<u>Hard Costs</u>	<u>Labor Plus Overhead Costs</u>	<u>Total Cost</u>	<u>FTEs</u>
\$212,500	\$323,493	\$535,993	1.96

FUNDING SOURCE, FY 18-19

(40) Energy Council
\$535,993

FY 18-19 Activities: (C) - Carried over (O) - Ongoing (N) - New

1411 - CALRECYCLE K-12 GRANT

Project #: 1411

Project Manager: Cassie Bartholomew

DESCRIPTION

CalRecycle Food Waste Prevention and Rescue Grant's K-12 Smart Cafeteria Initiative will reduce wasted food in Oakland and Livermore Unified school cafeterias, address hunger and lower overall greenhouse gas emissions through the expansion of existing school food share tables in school cafeterias and the establishment of new food waste prevention and rescue projects to donate edible food to feed people and reduce the amount of California-generated food materials being sent to landfill.

FY 17-18 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

This is a new project for FY18-19.

FY 18-19 ACTIVITIES

- Partner with Oakland Unified School District, Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District and All In to End Hunger to implement the Alameda County's K-12 Schools Smart Cafeteria Initiative. (N)
- Establish food donation through All In's food recovery program, providing a sustainable career pathway for individuals with barriers to employment, empowering them to help reduce food insecurity in their communities. (N)
- Implement school-wide challenges that include plate waste studies and waste audits, classroom curriculum, and outreach into student's households to reduce the disposal of edible food to landfill through prevention, donation and composting residuals. (N)

PROJECT COST, FY 18-19

<u>Hard Costs</u>	<u>Labor Plus Overhead Costs</u>	<u>Total Cost</u>	<u>FTEs</u>
\$453,611	\$12,112	\$465,723	0.08

FUNDING SOURCE, FY 18-19

(22) Externally Funded

\$465,723

FY 18-19 Activities: (C) - Carried over (O) - Ongoing (N) - New

2030 - REVOLVING LOAN FUND

Project #: 2030

Project Manager: Meri Soll

DESCRIPTION

Since 1995, the RLF has distributed close to \$7 million in loan funding to 50 businesses. This “gap financing” was created to support small and medium sized businesses engaged in source reduction and recycling activities that divert waste from Alameda County landfills. The RLF program was discontinued at the end of FY 16-17, due to lack of demand for funding. We will continue to service the remaining loan recipient until loan has been paid down, estimated to be completed 2021.

FY 17-18 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Retained loan servicing company.

FY 18-19 ACTIVITIES

- Ensure loan recipient’s loan is serviced on a timely basis. Review loan servicing documents. (O)

PROJECT COST, FY 18-19

<u>Hard Costs</u>	<u>Labor Plus Overhead Costs</u>	<u>Total Cost</u>	<u>FTEs</u>
\$300	\$4,130	\$4,430	0.01

FUNDING SOURCE, FY 18-19

(29) RB Revolving Loans

\$4,430

2040 - COMPETITIVE GRANTS

Project #: 2040

Project Manager: Meri Soll

DESCRIPTION

Provides funding for qualified organizations to implement programs with diversion impacts in Alameda County. Grants offered include:

Reuse Operating Grants - Up to \$20,000 to support ongoing reuse activities. For-profit entities may apply for grants if they operate a re-use entity.

Competitive Grants - \$20,000-\$45,000 to support one-time larger projects.

Mini-Grants - Up to \$5,000 to all types of businesses, municipalities, and non profits for projects incorporating the 4Rs.

Charity Thrift Grants - Up to \$15,000 to thrift stores operating in Alameda County (to offset the cost of illegal dumping at their facilities).

FY 17-18 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Hosted stakeholder meeting for reuse, repair and recovery organizations to develop networking opportunities and better understand the industry.
- Streamlined grant application to enable potential grantees to complete one central application.
- Conducted outreach activities to solicit grant applicants.
- Issued grant application for FY17-18 funding. Completed site tours to potential grantees to assess capacity and alignment with program goals.
- Processed and managed grant funding agreements for several different grant focus areas, ensuring deliverables and schedules were properly met.
- Anticipate distributing \$200,000 in grants by end of FY 17/18.

FY 18-19 ACTIVITIES

- Promote grant program via updated mailing lists, grassroots outreach and social marketing websites. (O)
- Review all grant applications. Distribute applications to appropriate staff members for review and comment. Conduct site tour and follow up activities for potential grantees. (O)
- Conduct quarterly stakeholder meetings to develop networking opportunities for non profits involved with similar missions, with a focus on reuse/repair/recovery infrastructure in Alameda County. (N)
- Coordinate selected grantees to provide updates to Recycling Board (as requested). (O)
- Complete funding agreements with selected grant recipients. Monitor grant funding agreements to ensure deliverables are being met and on schedule. Visit applicants periodically. (O)

PROJECT COST, FY 18-19

<u>Hard Costs</u>	<u>Labor Plus Overhead Costs</u>	<u>Total Cost</u>	<u>FTEs</u>
\$235,500	\$114,048	\$349,548	0.39

FUNDING SOURCE, FY 18-19

<u>(32) RB Grant to Non Profit</u>	<u>(34) RB Market Development</u>
\$324,548	\$25,000

FY 18-19 Activities: (C) - Carried over (O) - Ongoing (N) - New

2090 - MANDATORY RECYCLING IMPLEMENTATION

Project #: 2090

Project Manager: Rachel Balsley

DESCRIPTION

Implements Mandatory Recycling Ordinance 2012-01 (MRO). Ordinance covers multi-family buildings with five or more units, commercial accounts, and in-county transfer stations and landfills. Also implements WMA Ordinance 2008-01 (Plant Debris Landfill Ban) countywide. As of July, 2018, all but one member agency will be fully-opted in to both Phase 1 and 2 of the Ordinance, covering both recyclables and organics.

FY 17-18 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Conducted over 11,000 inspections of covered commercial and multi-family accounts.
- Mailed ordinance notification and warning letters to covered account holders based on violations found during inspections, as well as general enforcement letters to other commercial accounts.
- Issued more than 300 citations to covered account holders for violations found during inspections, with approval of jurisdictions' representatives.
- Reached out to more than 800 commercial accounts with waste reduction and compliance technical assistance. Priority given to accounts requesting assistance or receiving enforcement letters.
- Provided assistance to multi-family properties implementing organics collection upon request.
- Continued outreach regarding Phase 2 requirements, including direct mail to newly covered accounts and those with new requirements as of July 1, 2017 or January 1, 2018 (Fremont, Newark, and Union City).

FY 18-19 ACTIVITIES

- Reach out to covered accounts, haulers, member agencies, chambers and associations regarding MRO requirements and support materials. (O)
- Conduct activities to enforce the MRO requirements, including conducting routine inspections and sending enforcement letters. (O)
- Provide technical assistance to at least 600 businesses and multi-family properties to help them divert recyclables and organics and comply with the MRO. (O)

PROJECT COST, FY 18-19

<u>Hard Costs</u>	<u>Labor Plus Overhead Costs</u>	<u>Total Cost</u>	<u>FTEs</u>
\$728,000	\$1,313,089	\$2,041,089	6.05

FUNDING SOURCE, FY 18-19

<u>(21) Facilities</u>	<u>(31) RB Discretionary</u>
\$408,218	\$1,632,871

FY 18-19 Activities: (C) - Carried over (O) - Ongoing (N) - New

2110 - CONSTRUCTION & DEMOLITION DEBRIS RECYCLING

Project #: 2110

Project Manager: Meri Soll

DESCRIPTION

Offers technical assistance to member agencies to support Construction & Demolition Debris (C&D ordinance and code implementation, including incorporating Green Halo (a web based C&D tracking tool) into jurisdiction permitting systems. Acts as a liaison with both regional entities and member agencies and processing facilities to encourage third party certifications at mixed C&D facilities used by Alameda County contractors. Coordinates with local C&D facilities regarding diversion reporting. Provides technical assistance and outreach to the construction industry to increase jobsite recycling and deconstruction activities. Works with the building material reuse industry to promote reuse.

FY 17-18 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Hosted C&D working group meetings to provide support to member agencies regarding CALGreen building code C&D recycling requirements.
- Continued to work with regional entities and mixed C&D facilities to promote importance of a comprehensive third party facility certification program for the region.
- Developed incentive program for mixed C&D processing facilities to receive third party certification. Three facilities signed on for incentive program.
- Worked with jurisdictions to require use of third party certified facilities.

FY 18-19 ACTIVITIES

- Provide support to C&D industry regarding best practices and resources to divert C&D. (O)
- Coordinate with regional entities on third party facility certification issues. (O)
- Outreach to facilities/site tours to solicit mixed C&D facilities to participate in 3rd party certification Incentive Program. (O)

PROJECT COST, FY 18-19

<u>Hard Costs</u>	<u>Labor Plus Overhead Costs</u>	<u>Total Cost</u>	<u>FTEs</u>
\$34,000	\$134,357	\$168,357	0.43

FUNDING SOURCE, FY 18-19

(24) Mitigation

\$168,357

FY 18-19 Activities: (C) - Carried over (O) - Ongoing (N) - New

2220 - MEASURE D DISBURSEMENT

Project #: 2220
Project Manager: Meri Soll

DESCRIPTION

Provides appropriations from the Recycling Fund to qualifying municipalities. As per County Charter requirements, 50 percent of fund revenues are disbursed quarterly to participating agencies based on population. Funds are designated for the continuation and expansion of municipal recycling programs.

FY 17-18 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Disbursed funds in a timely manner.
- Received annual expenditure reports from all 16 member agencies.

FY 18-19 ACTIVITIES

- Review Member Agency Annual Data Reports to determine compliance with Board standards and assess eligibility of all participating agencies. (O)
- Solicit and receive Measure D Annual Expenditure reports from all participating agencies; evaluate reports for compliance with eligibility spending and fund accumulation policies adopted by the Recycling Board. (O)
- Make all quarterly disbursements in a timely manner. (O)

PROJECT COST, FY 18-19

<u>Hard Costs</u>	<u>Labor Plus Overhead Costs</u>	<u>Total Cost</u>	<u>FTEs</u>
\$4,836,779	\$0	\$4,836,779	0.00

FUNDING SOURCE, FY 18-19

(27) RB Municipalities
\$4,836,779

2311 - USED OIL RECYCLING GRANT

Project #: 2311

Project Manager: Robin Plutchok

DESCRIPTION

Coordinates countywide media campaign to promote recycling and proper disposal of used motor oil and filters. Member agencies contribute a percentage of their CalRecycle Used Oil Block Grant funds towards a countywide effort. By working together, member agencies are able to provide consistent messaging, avoid duplication and leverage funding.

FY 17-18 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Coordinated member agency working group to plan and implement campaign.
- Implemented countywide media campaign promoting recycling and proper disposal of used motor oil and filters with funds from member agency CalRecycle block grants.
- Coordinated efforts with Contra Costa County.
- Participated in regional Rider's Recycle program, promoting motor oil recycling to motorcycle riders.
- Increased web traffic during campaign period from an average of 150 visitors per month to over 8,000.

FY 18-19 ACTIVITIES

- Implement countywide media campaign promoting used oil and filter recycling with funds contributed from member agency block grant funds. (O)
- Coordinate with member agencies to ensure receipt of block grant contributions. (O)

PROJECT COST, FY 18-19

<u>Hard Costs</u>	<u>Labor Plus Overhead Costs</u>	<u>Total Cost</u>	<u>FTEs</u>
\$150,000	\$0	\$150,000	0.00

FUNDING SOURCE, FY 18-19

(22) Externally Funded

\$150,000

FY 18-19 Activities: (C) - Carried over (O) - Ongoing (N) - New

2312 - HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE FACILITIES

Project #: 2312

Project Manager: Pat Cabrera

DESCRIPTION

Provides administration of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Authority and the Alameda County Department of Environmental Health for the operation of the countywide Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) and Small Quantity Generator Program, which includes drop-off facilities in Oakland, Hayward and Livermore. Provides promotional and marketing support for the Countywide Household Hazardous Waste Program including facilities and one day events. Also provides for administration of the MOU between the Authority and the City of Fremont for funding for their HHW facility.

FY 17-18 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Promoted program through direct mail, targeted online media buys and social media.
- Updated the HHW website which resulting in a doubling of page visits for the facilities and one day events
- Hosted 10 one day events serving an estimated 4,800 households.
- Alameda County facilities planning on serving approximately 52,000 households this year.
- Fremont expected to significantly exceed performance goal of 13,000 households per year.
- Worked with County Assessor to implement HHW fee on property taxes, and sent bills to property owners who are exempt from property taxes.

FY 18-19 ACTIVITIES

- Plan on expanding operations (opening an additional day) at the Livermore and Hayward facility to address capacity issues and/or to help increase participation. (N)
- Manage the legal and operational relationships with the four HHW facilities as per the terms of the MOU. (O)
- Ensure timely delivery of data to the assessor's office for the HHW fee to appear on the property tax bills and continue collection of the fee from property owners that are exempt from property taxes or did not receive a bill. (O)
- Continue to promote one events and the facilities through direct mail, targeted online media buys and social media. (O)

PROJECT COST, FY 18-19

<u>Hard Costs</u>	<u>Labor Plus Overhead Costs</u>	<u>Total Cost</u>	<u>FTEs</u>
\$6,293,898	\$161,771	\$6,455,669	0.49

FUNDING SOURCE, FY 18-19

(28) HHW Fees
\$6,455,689

FY 18-19 Activities: (C) - Carried over (O) - Ongoing (N) - New

2420 - BUSINESS ASSISTANCE SUPPORTING ACTIVITIES

Project #: 2420

Project Manager: Rachel Balsley

DESCRIPTION

Provides indoor food scraps bins worth up to \$500 per site to businesses and multi-family properties through the Free Indoor Food Scraps Bin Program. (This project previously also housed the sub-projects of the development of new diversion support materials for high organics-generating business sectors and the provision of support for waste stream diversion infrastructure projects at public schools. Schools diversion infrastructure has been moved to Schools Outreach Project as of FY 18-19.)

FY 17-18 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Approved over 800 businesses and multi-family properties for free indoor food scrap bins.
- Completed development of support materials specific to high organics-generating business sectors.
- Supported priority partner school districts with assistance or diversion infrastructure.

FY 18-19 ACTIVITIES

- Provide free indoor food scraps bins to eligible businesses and multi-family properties. (O)

PROJECT COST, FY 18-19

<u>Hard Costs</u>	<u>Labor Plus Overhead Costs</u>	<u>Total Cost</u>	<u>FTEs</u>
\$150,000	\$79,612	\$229,612	0.39

FUNDING SOURCE, FY 18-19

<u>(21) Facilities</u>	<u>(31) RB Discretionary</u>
\$91,845	\$137,767

FY 18-19 Activities: (C) - Carried over (O) - Ongoing (N) - New

3021 - MISCELLANEOUS SMALL GRANTS ADMINISTRATION

Project #: 3021
Project Manager: Patricia Cabrera

DESCRIPTION

Allows for the expenditure of miscellaneous grants that are less than \$50,000. In 2010, the Authority Board adopted a policy that allows the Executive Director or designee to accept individual grants up to \$50,000 without Board approval. The policy also allows the Executive Director to expend up to the individual grant amount (not to exceed \$50,000) provided that an appropriation to expend miscellaneous grants is budgeted. This appropriation of \$300,000 is an estimate of what these smaller grants may total in the upcoming fiscal year, and will be adjusted in subsequent fiscal years as needed.

FY 17-18 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- No grants received in FY16/17.

FY 18-19 ACTIVITIES

PROJECT COST, FY 18-19

<u>Hard Costs</u>	<u>Labor Plus Overhead Costs</u>	<u>Total Cost</u>	<u>FTEs</u>
\$300,000	\$0	\$300,000	0.00

FUNDING SOURCE, FY 18-19

(22) Externally Funded
\$300,000

3210 - PROPERTY MANAGEMENT

Project #: 3210

Project Manager: Kelly Schoonmaker

DESCRIPTION

Provides property management services and oversight for Authority-owned property in the Altamont Hills in eastern Alameda County. Management and oversight includes property maintenance, lease development, cattle grazing licensing, revenue collection and enhancement and other land-related activities with the objective of preserving the natural assets in a public trust, generating revenue and managing risk.

FY 17-18 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Maintained property and managed leases and cattle grazing licenses.
- Completed lease renewals and new licenses.
- Completed Conservation Easement Development.

FY 18-19 ACTIVITIES

- Represent the WMA as Property Manager in all transactions and in management of WMA Property. (O)
- Oversee property maintenance and manage easements, leases, and licenses on WMA property. (O)
- Collect revenue from lessees and licensees. (O)
- Oversee carbon farming project on Agency property, including planning, implementation of pilot project, and seeking funding for project expansion. (O)

PROJECT COST, FY 18-19

<u>Hard Costs</u>	<u>Labor Plus Overhead Costs</u>	<u>Total Cost</u>	<u>FTEs</u>
\$85,500	\$81,961	\$167,461	0.29

FUNDING SOURCE, FY 18-19

(24) Mitigation

\$167,461

FY 18-19 Activities: (C) - Carried over (O) - Ongoing (N) - New

3230 - TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Project #: 3230
Project Manager: Meghan Starkey

DESCRIPTION

Provides staffing and coordination for the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC), comprised of staff from the Waste Management Authority’s member agencies. Provides information to member agencies on franchise terms and contracts.

FY 17-18 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Held monthly meetings of the TAC.
- Solicited input on implementation of Agency projects, including the reusable bag ordinance, mandatory recycling ordinance and benchmark report.
- Provided regular updates to TAC on agency programs of interest.
- Convened monthly meetings of sub-group to review draft regulations for SB1383 and facilitate member agency input to CalRecycle in coordination with StopWaste input.

FY 18-19 ACTIVITIES

- Provide regular updates to TAC on Agency programs. (O)
- Facilitate regular meetings of the TAC sub-group regarding implementation of SB1383. (O)
- Solicit input on initiatives of the Agency, including implementation of priority projects. (O)
- Facilitate monthly TAC meetings. (O)

PROJECT COST, FY 18-19

<u>Hard Costs</u>	<u>Labor Plus Overhead Costs</u>	<u>Total Cost</u>	<u>FTEs</u>
\$3,200	\$80,739	\$83,939	0.26

FUNDING SOURCE, FY 18-19

(21) Facilities
\$83,939

3240 - FEE ENFORCEMENT

Project #: 3240

Project Manager: Todd High

DESCRIPTION

Implements ACWMA Ordinance 2009-01 (Facility Fee) and other-fee related ACWMA ordinances.

FY 17-18 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Processed reports and payments from haulers reporting tons from Alameda County that were disposed of in non-Alameda County facilities.
- Conducted investigations and initiated enforcement against haulers not reporting or remitting Facility Fees.

FY 18-19 ACTIVITIES

- Represent Authority on statutory fee administration and authorization to regulated parties, governmental entities, legal counsels, CalRecycle and other parties, as needed. (O)
- Manage hauler landfill data and coordinate same with the Disposal Reporting System. (O)
- Investigate fee avoidance and work to bring hauler into compliance. (O)

PROJECT COST, FY 18-19

<u>Hard Costs</u>	<u>Labor Plus Overhead Costs</u>	<u>Total Cost</u>	<u>FTEs</u>
\$44,000	\$86,432	\$130,432	0.38

FUNDING SOURCE, FY 18-19

(21) Facilities

\$130,432

FY 18-19 Activities: (C) - Carried over (O) - Ongoing (N) - New

3250 - CARBON FARM PLANNING & IMPLEMENTATION

Project #: 3250
Project Manager: Kelly Schoonmaker

DESCRIPTION

Focuses on carbon farm planning on WMA property in the Altamont Pass area. Elements included in this project: development of carbon farm plan and management of the implementation of associated pilot projects on the property in collaboration with the Alameda County Resource Conservation District (ACRCD), education and outreach on compost to ACRCD and partners to support carbon farming in Alameda County.

FY 17-18 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Organized lectures on compost science, benefits, and uses for ACRCD, Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS), and partners.
- Conducted site visits to property for ACRCD, NRCS, Carbon Cycle Institute staff and advisors.
- Initiated carbon farm planning process.

FY 18-19 ACTIVITIES

- Oversee activities related to carbon farming on WMA property, including education to partners. (N)
- Provide support to carbon farming activities on WMA property. (N)

PROJECT COST, FY 18-19

<u>Hard Costs</u>	<u>Labor Plus Overhead Costs</u>	<u>Total Cost</u>	<u>FTEs</u>
\$10,000	\$25,495	\$35,495	0.10

FUNDING SOURCE, FY 18-19

(21) Facilities
\$35,495

3410 - GENERAL PLANNING

Project #: 3410

Project Manager: Anu Natarajan

DESCRIPTION

Provides general planning assistance to the agency, including strategic planning and priority-setting, as well as researching issues, developing positions on solid-waste related planning documents, responding to waste-related Environmental Impact Reports, assisting with climate work related to solid waste, and providing planning assistance on other topics. Develops projections for Alameda County waste stream to guide future fiscal planning efforts. Considers and makes recommendations on amendments to the Countywide Integrated Waste Management Plan (CoIWMP).

FY 17-18 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Incorporated guiding principles approved by Boards (results of mid-point assessment of Strategic Workplan 2020) into budget and projects.
- Processed two CoIWMP amendments (Altamont and Davis St. facilities).
- Participated in rulemaking with CalRecycle on SB 1383 (Short-Lived Climate Pollutants) and AB 901 (Disposal and Recycling Facility Reporting Program).

FY 18-19 ACTIVITIES

- Outline an Outreach/Engagement Plan and strategically expand partnerships and external funding opportunities for specific Agency work. (N)
- Assist up to six member agencies to include upstream material consumption related strategies in their climate action plans. (O)
- Respond to local, regional and state plans that address and reinforce agency priorities. (O)

PROJECT COST, FY 18-19

<u>Hard Costs</u>	<u>Labor Plus Overhead Costs</u>	<u>Total Cost</u>	<u>FTEs</u>
\$56,500	\$250,613	\$307,113	0.87

FUNDING SOURCE, FY 18-19

<u>(21) Facilities</u>	<u>(24) Mitigation</u>
\$248,762	\$58,351

FY 18-19 Activities: (C) - Carried over (O) - Ongoing (N) - New

3416 - COIWMP AMENDMENTS APPLICATION

Project #: 3416

Project Manager: Anu Natarajan

DESCRIPTION

Considers and makes recommendations on amendments to the Countywide Integrated Waste Management Plan (CoIWMP), as proposed by private industry and others.

FY 17-18 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- One amendment was proposed in FY17-18, and is under review as of April 2018.

FY 18-19 ACTIVITIES

- Submit proposed amendments to the Authority Board for review and approval. (O)
- Submit non-disposal facility element amendments to the Recycling Board for review. (O)
- Process applications for amendments to the CoIWMP in accordance with adopted procedures and legal requirements. (O)

PROJECT COST, FY 18-19

<u>Hard Costs</u>	<u>Labor Plus Overhead Costs</u>	<u>Total Cost</u>	<u>FTEs</u>
\$20,000	\$0	\$20,000	0.00

FUNDING SOURCE, FY 18-19

(22) Externally Funded

\$20,000

FY 18-19 Activities: (C) - Carried over (O) - Ongoing (N) - New

3460 - FIVE YEAR AUDIT

Project #: 3460

Project Manager: Meri Soll

DESCRIPTION

Provides for a five-year financial, compliance and programmatic Recycling Board Audit, as per Measure D. Financial audit occurs in two phases (three years/two years intervals), while Program Audit is conducted separately, covering all five years. Audit covers both StopWaste and the member agencies. Next financial audit and Compliance audit RFP to be released in Summer 2019, contract award in Fall of 2019. Phase I = FY 16/17, FY 17/18, and FY 18/19. Phase 2 = FY 19/20 and FY 20/21. Next Program Review will be in the Fall of 2021.

FY 17-18 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Managed both HF&H (programmatic audit) and Crowe Horwath contracts (financial audit) for adherence to schedule and budget and work with member agency staff.
- Developed on-line reporting system for cities to enter financial and programmatic data, which greatly reduces the need for on-site review resulting in reduction of time spent by city staff and consultants to review data.
- Final report, recommendations, new protocols and complete presentation provided to Recycling Board.
- Recommendations implemented at staff level.

FY 18-19 ACTIVITIES

- Release draft RFP for Financial and Compliance Audit Summer of 2019 for Phase I (FY 16-17, 17-18 and 19-20). (N)

PROJECT COST, FY 18-19

<u>Hard Costs</u>	<u>Labor Plus Overhead Costs</u>	<u>Total Cost</u>	<u>FTEs</u>
\$0	\$9,504	\$9,504	0.04

FUNDING SOURCE, FY 18-19

(32) RB Grant to Non Profit

\$9,504

FY 18-19 Activities: (C) - Carried over (O) - Ongoing (N) - New

3480 - MEASUREMENT AND ANALYSIS

Project #: 3480

Project Manager: Meghan Starkey

DESCRIPTION

Provides ongoing measurement and analysis of progress towards agency goals. Identifies appropriate measures and/or indicators to assess progress towards Board approved interim goals and program evaluation. Conduct sampling based field studies.

FY 17-18 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Designed study to test effectiveness of Mandatory Recycling Ordinance in food generating businesses.
- Sampled food waste generating businesses in three separate periods:
- Compared Dublin and Livermore to see if there was a statistical difference between composition of garbage in food waste generating businesses. (Livermore is covered by Mandatory Recycling Ordinance, Dublin is not).
- Conducted two of three planned sets of samples for Newark and Union City, to see if there are statistical differences in before and after implementation of organics requirements. (Third sampling period will be scheduled after enforcement begins July 1, 2018.)
- Supported development of agency indicators and internal use of data to inform program design.
- Developed scope for Food Waste Prevention Studies and began estimating total edible food being wasted in Alameda County.
- Develop phone survey to determine impact of Food Waste Prevention campaign; survey to be administered in September, 2018.

Through Project 3440 - Waste Characterization Study (now discontinued):

- Conducted two seasons of sampling at landfills and transfer stations for commercial, roll off and self-haul loads.
- Used data from Benchmark Sampling to allocated waste types for single and multifamily residential sectors.
- Final Report published in May 2018.

FY 18-19 ACTIVITIES

- Conduct phone survey in September 2018 to evaluate impact of Food Waste Reduction campaign. (C)
- Estimate edible food waste in Alameda County and analyze potential recovery by sector. (N)
- Scope and begin field work for measuring contamination in residential and commercial organics streams. (N)
- Conduct two to three sampling periods in MRO covered businesses, including sampling for Newark/Union City after start of enforcement for organics requirements. (O)

PROJECT COST, FY 18-19

<u>Hard Costs</u>	<u>Labor Plus Overhead Costs</u>	<u>Total Cost</u>	<u>FTEs</u>
\$74,550	\$332,443	\$406,993	1.09

FUNDING SOURCE, FY 18-19

<u>(21) Facilities</u>	<u>(32) RB Grant to Non Profit</u>
\$40,699	\$366,294

FY 18-19 Activities: (C) - Carried over (O) - Ongoing (N) - New

3510 - GENERAL AGENCY COMMUNICATION

Project #: 3510

Project Manager: Jeff Becerra

DESCRIPTION

Provides general oversight, coordination and technical assistance to agency in areas of public relations, advertising, customer research and communications. Includes broad audience resources such as websites, social media, customer service and the RecycleWhere online search tool.

FY 17-18 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Responded to approximately 150 requests per month for recycling assistance via phone and email.
- Produced quarterly electronic newsletters to keep stakeholders up to date on key Agency activities.
- Educated residents, businesses and schools with easy to understand waste reduction information via website, telephone hotline, and RecycleWhere online search tool.
- Recognized five businesses through the annual StopWaste Business Efficiency Awards.

FY 18-19 ACTIVITIES

- Expand reach of agency programs through sponsorships. (O)
- Educate residents, businesses and schools with easy to understand waste reduction information via website, phone hotline and RecycleWhere online search tool. (O)
- Recognize outstanding businesses for their significant achievement in waste reduction. (O)
- Produce quarterly electronic newsletters to keep stakeholders up to date on key agency activities. (O)

PROJECT COST, FY 18-19

<u>Hard Costs</u>	<u>Labor Plus Overhead Costs</u>	<u>Total Cost</u>	<u>FTEs</u>
\$103,000	\$1,233,488	\$1,336,488	4.91

FUNDING SOURCE, FY 18-19

<u>(21) Facilities</u>	<u>(30) RB Administration</u>	<u>(32) RB Grant to Non Profit</u>
\$1,056,191	\$267,298	\$13,000

FY 18-19 Activities: (C) - Carried over (O) - Ongoing (N) - New

3530 - LEGISLATION

Project #: 3530

Project Manager: Anu Natarajan

DESCRIPTION

Promotes agency priorities at state level through legislative and regulatory processes. Promotes Agency programmatic priorities via strategic advocacy efforts.

FY 17-18 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Provided input on the development of regulations for SB 1383 and AB 901.
- Provided support for greenhouse gas reduction funding for CalRecycle and for organics processing infrastructure.
- Participated in the discussion around AB 45 on household hazardous waste, and recommended Extended Producer Responsibility solution.
- Participated in California Product Stewardship Council discussions and efforts.

FY 18-19 ACTIVITIES

- With input from Board, monitor, analyze, and respond to legislation and regulations. (O)
- Continue and expand working relationships with established regional, state and/or national organizations. (O)

PROJECT COST, FY 18-19

<u>Hard Costs</u>	<u>Labor Plus Overhead Costs</u>	<u>Total Cost</u>	<u>FTEs</u>
\$114,000	\$234,076	\$348,076	0.83

FUNDING SOURCE, FY 18-19

<u>(21) Facilities</u>	<u>(32) RB Grant to Non Profit</u>
\$312,576	\$35,500

FY 18-19 Activities: (C) - Carried over (O) - Ongoing (N) - New

3570 - COMMUNITY BASED OUTREACH

Project #: 3570

Project Manager: Jeanne Nader

DESCRIPTION

Provides training and oversight for the agency's general outreach activities, including "train the trainer". Supports agency's priorities (organics and upstream focus areas) in messaging about the entire food cycle to residential audiences, and identifies potential partners to extend StopWaste's messages to residents. Coordinates closely with Schools Community Based Outreach to leverage collaborative opportunities between youth and the community. Collects both quantitative and qualitative data on outreach activities, and provides periodic reports to the Boards and stakeholders.

FY 17-18 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Completed the second annual SWEET (StopWaste Environmental Educator Training) in fall 2017. All 16 participants successfully completed a lawn to garden party, educating 80 community members.
- Ran three SWEET content modules - part of the ongoing project content training for SWEET grads and Master Composter alumni, building a volunteer base for community tabling and presentations. Modules included: Food Waste Reduction, Composting and Edible Gardening to represent all facets of the food cycle. Expected participation at modules is 40 educators.
- Developed and implemented a training program for StopWaste outreach staff that includes best practices for outreach and community engagement.
- Piloted an urban carbon farming project with four farms throughout Alameda County, in which educators teach farm staff how to test soil for organic matter, carbon, provide technical assistance on on-site compost systems and collaborate on community education.
- Presented the food cycle and distributed Stop Food Waste and lawn to garden tools at up to 20 community presentations and workshops sponsored by partner organizations.
- Reach up to 1,000 people at community and Earth Day tabling events.
- Completed the last public Lawn to Garden Party and How to Maintain your Garden workshop in spring 2018 with expected attendance of up to 80 participants.

Expanded the popular www.lawntogarden.org website with a "lawn to food" page to educate edible gardeners on the use of compost and mulch for growing food with links to stop food waste.

- Expected to initiate two community outreach grants with non-profit community organizations, who will engage at least 20 members in the food waste challenge and reporting results in a community wide event.

FY 18-19 ACTIVITIES

- Refine and implement the train the trainer program for field outreach, both internal staff and external volunteers. (O)
- Coordinate and implement countywide community outreach to support the food cycle and upstream priorities. (O)
- Identify and cultivate community leaders for expanded outreach to support the food cycle through community outreach grants. (O)

PROJECT COST, FY 18-19

<u>Hard Costs</u>	<u>Labor Plus Overhead Costs</u>	<u>Total Cost</u>	<u>FTEs</u>
\$110,200	\$536,032	\$646,232	3.00

FUNDING SOURCE, FY 18-19

(21) Facilities

\$646,232

FY 18-19 Activities: (C) - Carried over (O) - Ongoing (N) - New

3580 - SCHOOLS BASED COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Project #: 3580

Project Manager: Angelina Vergara

DESCRIPTION

Educates students in waste reduction behaviors, and supports their actions and influence on behaviors at school, at home, and in their community. This project provides education to students, families, parent communities, teachers, school leaders, school district staff, and environmental education partners.

FY 17-18 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Provided 140 educational tours promoting 4Rs behaviors at home and at school to 8,400 students and 1,800 teachers and chaperones.
- Over 300 students, chaperones, families and teachers participated in the StopFoodWaste Challenge.
- 4Rs Student Action Project- K-12 reached 12,000 students, teachers, family members, and residents directly and indirectly through schoolwide organics recycling action and food waste reduction action projects.
- Partnered with Cal Athletics on the campus Zero Waste initiative contributing to UC Berkeley winning the 2018 Pac-12 Zero Waste Challenge. Over 70 student, teachers and family members volunteered to support proper sorting behaviors.

FY 18-19 ACTIVITIES

- Collect qualitative and quantitative data on community outreach and provide periodic report to the Board, member agencies, and stakeholders. (O)
- Administer StopWaste Educator Technical Assistance, StopWaste Teacher Network Stipends, and Action Kit Program, and provide technical assistance as needed for K-12 School Partners. (O)
- Refine, develop, oversee, evaluate the strategic plan for schools-based community outreach. (O)
- Implement Schools-Based Outreach Programs, Educational Tours, 4Rs & SWAP Action Project, and StopWaste Teacher Network, which includes family outreach, and operations and maintenance of education centers at Fremont and Davis Street Transfer Stations. (O)

PROJECT COST, FY 18-19

<u>Hard Costs</u>	<u>Labor Plus Overhead Costs</u>	<u>Total Cost</u>	<u>FTEs</u>
\$283,800	\$1,183,643	\$1,467,443	8.44

FUNDING SOURCE, FY 18-19

(21) Facilities

\$1,467,443

FY 18-19 Activities: (C) - Carried over (O) - Ongoing (N) - New

V. APPENDIXES

APPENDIX A - CLASSIFICATION, GRADE, AND SALARY STEP STRUCTURE

GRADE	CLASSIFICATION								
17	Executive Director	Surveyed Median: \$20,417 (no CPI adjustment), Per contract: \$19,924							
		Step 1	Step 2	Step 3	Step 4	Step 5	Step 6	Step 7	Step 8
16	vacant	15,859	16,335	16,825	17,330	17,850	18,385	18,937	19,505
15	Administrative Services Director	14,753	15,196	15,651	16,121	16,605	17,103	17,616	18,144
	Deputy Executive Director	14,753	15,196	15,651	16,121	16,605	17,103	17,616	18,144
14	vacant	13,724	14,135	14,559	14,996	15,446	15,909	16,387	16,878
13	Principal Program Manager	12,766	13,149	13,544	13,950	14,368	14,799	15,243	15,701
12	vacant	11,876	12,232	12,599	12,977	13,366	13,767	14,180	14,605
11	Senior Program Manager	11,047	11,378	11,720	12,071	12,433	12,806	13,191	13,586
	Senior Management Analyst	11,047	11,378	11,720	12,071	12,433	12,806	13,191	13,586
10	Information Systems (IS) Manager	10,276	10,585	10,902	11,229	11,566	11,913	12,270	12,639
	Financial Services Manager	10,276	10,585	10,902	11,229	11,566	11,913	12,270	12,639
	Legislative and Regulatory Affairs Manager	10,276	10,585	10,902	11,229	11,566	11,913	12,270	12,639
9	Program Manager III	9,559	9,846	10,141	10,446	10,759	11,082	11,414	11,757
	Management Analyst III	9,559	9,846	10,141	10,446	10,759	11,082	11,414	11,757
8	Program Manager II	8,892	9,159	9,434	9,717	10,008	10,309	10,618	10,937
	Clerk of the Board	8,892	9,159	9,434	9,717	10,008	10,309	10,618	10,937
	Management Analyst II	8,892	9,159	9,434	9,717	10,008	10,309	10,618	10,937
7	Webmaster	8,272	8,520	8,776	9,039	9,310	9,590	9,877	10,174
6	Program Manager I	7,695	7,926	8,163	8,408	8,661	8,920	9,188	9,464
	Accountant	7,695	7,926	8,163	8,408	8,661	8,920	9,188	9,464
	Management Analyst I	7,695	7,926	8,163	8,408	8,661	8,920	9,188	9,464
5	Executive Assistant	7,158	7,373	7,594	7,822	8,056	8,298	8,547	8,803
4	vacant	6,659	6,858	7,064	7,276	7,494	7,719	7,951	8,189
3	Senior Program Services Specialist	6,194	6,380	6,571	6,768	6,971	7,181	7,396	7,618
	Senior Administrative Assistant	6,194	6,380	6,571	6,768	6,971	7,181	7,396	7,618
2	Program Services Specialist II	5,762	5,935	6,113	6,296	6,485	6,680	6,880	7,086
	Administrative Assistant II	5,762	5,935	6,113	6,296	6,485	6,680	6,880	7,086
1	Program Services Specialist I	5,360	5,521	5,686	5,857	6,033	6,214	6,400	6,592
	Administrative Assistant I	5,360	5,521	5,686	5,857	6,033	6,214	6,400	6,592

FY 18-19 Activities: (C) - Carried over (O) - Ongoing (N) - New



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DATE: June 14, 2018

TO: Planning Committee/Recycling Board

FROM: Tom Padia, Deputy Executive Director

BY: Miya Kitahara, Program Manager

SUBJECT: Circular economy principles for materials management

SUMMARY

At its May 23, 2018 meeting, the WMA Board adopted a process and timeline for its fall Priority Setting, which will update guiding principles to inform the Agency's focus, work plan and budget for the next two years. This report and presentation on Circular Economy Principles are the first in a series of presentations to provide context and background for a thoughtful decision-making process.

DISCUSSION

In its 2016-2018 priorities, the Board adopted a guiding principle that *StopWaste's non-mandatory projects will emphasize waste prevention over management of discards*. Based on this direction, the Agency shifted its focus more towards waste prevention, which addresses reducing and reusing materials as well as decisions made farther "upstream" in the supply chain to redesign products and systems to maximize material efficiency and recovery. This direction toward a deeper waste reduction is captured by the concept of a circular economy.

Circular Economy

Recent trends indicate a readiness in the market and industry for innovative solutions that focus on strategies higher on the material management hierarchy with product redesign, reduction, reuse and repair. These strategies increase the economic utility and productivity of materials consumed.

In the traditional waste management system, materials move through a take-make-dispose linear model where they are manufactured from raw resources, consumed and ultimately, sent to landfill. A circular economy aims to eliminate waste and "close the loop," not only by addressing what is done with materials coming out of the economy, but by influencing materials throughout their lifecycles.

Guiding principles that govern the circular economy framework include:

1. Design out waste and pollution.
2. Keep products, components, and materials at their highest value and in use.
3. Regenerate natural systems.

Circular economy principles are not all new concepts, but they are receiving renewed attention from the business community and other government entities. For example, Oregon's Department of Environmental Quality (ORDEQ) found that despite their great strides towards recycling and proper waste management practices, total consumption continues to grow and total waste disposal has not decreased. ORDEQ has shifted its focus to materials management across the full life cycle of materials and products, which also addresses upstream lifecycle greenhouse gas emissions and other environmental impacts. Other indicators of this trend include ICLEI's 2018 World Congress agenda that sets forth circular economy as one of five pathways to achieving sustainability in cities, and leading brands, retailers, and packaging companies announcing commitments to 100% reusable, recyclable, or compostable packaging by 2025 through the Ellen MacArthur Foundation's Circular Economy 100 network.

The circular economy framework presents upstream solutions to prevent waste while offering co-benefits including:

- **Resiliency** to address market disruptions (China's National Sword), and supply chain limitations.
- **Economic opportunity and innovation** for local businesses and organizations to create repair/refurbish, resale/reuse, and sharing models.
- **Reduced lifecycle environmental impacts** related to the extraction and production of virgin materials. Also addresses community exposure to toxic chemicals, aiming to design them out of the system.

Below is a snapshot of the work currently in progress at StopWaste that lends itself to the concept of circularity within the various topics areas: organics, packaging and built environment.

Organics

The organics team has shifted significant program resources in its non-mandatory projects from a focus on separating food waste into the green bin to preventing waste of food. Examples include the Stop Food Waste media campaign; outreach and technical assistance to business, community, and schools; and food rescue and recovery pilots currently underway that redistribute surplus food to food-insecure individuals in the county.

The compost and mulch project focuses on closing the organics cycle to ensure biological nutrients are returned to beneficial use in agriculture and landscaping, providing multiple benefits, including soil and crop resiliency, carbon sequestration, and local economic opportunities.

The organics team has also been working on identifying and addressing sources of contamination in the organics stream such as food service ware, and improving compost quality.

Packaging

StopWaste has for several years emphasized reusable packaging to reduce the need to produce and consume new packaging materials. Initiatives include the Reusable Bag Ordinance, Reusable transport packaging project, and Rethink Disposables campaign supporting food service establishments switching over to reusable food ware.

StopWaste's packaging team provides technical assistance to brand owners and packaging developers. The assistance includes guidance on the How2Recycle label, and designing for circularity and lower lifecycle impacts. Emerging potential focus areas include e-commerce packaging and meal kits, which both represent a growing source of wasted packaging.

Built Environment

StopWaste's Built Environment projects also influence multiple stages in the materials lifecycle. Work on green building and landscaping ordinances, CALGreen codes, and rating systems like LEED and GreenPoint Rated influence the design and build stage; the Recycled Product Purchasing Project addresses purchases during a building's use phase; and the construction and demolition (C&D) project recovers materials at the building's end of life.

To identify additional opportunities, StopWaste has recently completed a primer that will help its member agencies and other local governments understand how circular economy principles apply to the built environment. The primer presents circularity strategies at four scales where local governments play a role: community, building, component, material; with an emphasis on optimizing use of the existing built environment.

StopWaste has begun knowledge sharing among member agency staff and industry partners to promote concepts of designing buildings for disassembly, reuse, and lower embodied carbon.

Grants to Nonprofits

The focus of this year's grants to nonprofits is repair/reuse, which targets organizations that are important to waste prevention in the county. Ten of the 13 grants were awarded to organizations that are an important part of developing a more robust local circular economy in Alameda County - leveraging our grant funds to support worthy reuse and repair projects.

Upcoming Opportunities to Engage

On October 15-16 in Oakland, the Ellen MacArthur Foundation is hosting its semi-annual Acceleration Workshop of Circular Economy 100 members, a global network of corporations, academic institutions, and governments advancing circular economy. StopWaste has been an EMF member since 2017, and will help organize the workshop. StopWaste board members and other elected officials from around the Bay Area will have opportunities to participate in the workshop.

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DATE: June 14, 2018

TO: Planning Committee/Recycling Board

FROM: Tom Padia, Deputy Director

BY: Meghan Starkey, Senior Management Analyst

SUBJECT: Municipal Panel: Adequate Space for Recycling/Enclosures

SUMMARY

Once per quarter, StopWaste staff assembles a panel of representatives from the member agencies to speak on a topic of interest to the Recycling Board. The topic for the June Municipal Panel is Adequate Space for Recycling. Representatives from Berkeley, Dublin, Fremont and San Leandro will participate in this panel.

DISCUSSION

Having adequate space for recycling and compost containers (both indoors and out) is a challenge for multifamily and commercial properties, especially when multiple tenants share service and/or enclosures. While the mandatory recycling ordinance stipulates that tenants have access to services (recycling and composting, depending on ordinance phase), onsite physical constraints, municipal code requirements, adequate planning during development and type of collection services can all constrain the ability of regulated parties to comply. If space for recycling is an afterthought, then it's a problem for the rest of the life of that space.

During this panel, participants will share their experience and insights in working with property owners, tenants, service providers and other city staff members to ensure adequate space for recycling and composting. The panelists will share the current issues and solutions from their perspectives as front line staff, whose job it is to help ensure adequate space for recycling and composting.

Often, member agency recycling staff members are a formal part of the development process, responsible for checking plans or working with service providers. At this point, it is critical to ensure that an adequate amount of space is dedicated for recycling/composting, that it is located in a convenient place for tenants, accessible by service providers and compliant with state and local regulations on this topic. Frequently, including adequate space for recycling can compete with other priorities for the site (such as parking or ground floor retail) or simply be overlooked as less important. Mixed use buildings or those with chutes are common occurrences that require special

consideration. Remodels of existing properties may provide another opportunity to ensure adequate space, one with its own set of challenges (including cost). Once plans are approved or a project is built, it can be very difficult to get compliance after the fact.

Two years ago, the Agency developed general space guidelines for designers (<http://www.recyclingrulesac.org/docs/SpaceGuidelinesforRecycOrg.pdf>). These guidelines are intended to supplement, not replace, working with local staff members and planning departments.

When working with existing properties, member agency staff members encounter a host of issues, which vary greatly in large part depending on the nature of the built environment and local regulations. When cities have trash and recycling enclosures requirements (such as in parking lots of strip malls) storm water regulations provide an additional layer of complexity. Often, additional and new types of bins need to go into an enclosure that wasn't designed to hold them all. The issues of responsibility between property and business owners (especially who would be responsible for paying for any upgrades), shared service and the unique demands of food businesses come into play. In both the commercial and multifamily sector, member agency staff and service providers need to work closely with each other to provide operational solutions to these challenges.

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BRIEF

China halts all US scrap imports for 1 month in surprise move

By Cole Rosengren • May 4, 2018

Dive Brief:

- The Chinese government has suspended China Certification and Inspection Group (CCIC) North America for one month, halting inspections and certificate issuance from May 4 through June 4, according to a notice from the Institute of Scrap Recycling Industries.
- The Chinese government will continue to accept shipments sent before May 3 that contain CCIC certificates, but without guarantee of entry. Those shipments will be subject to 100% inspection that could include further lab testing, which may cost upward of \$20,000, according to Recycling Today.
- Because CCIC NA is believed to be the only pre-shipment inspection company to receive an import license since February, this effectively shuts down all scrap exports to the country. In a statement, ISRI said "there is no doubt this will severely impact U.S. scrap exports to China" and pledged to work "aggressively" on learning more.

Dive Insight:

This is the latest, and perhaps most direct, escalation in China's crackdown on the scrap trade since its initial ban of 24 select categories in July 2017. In the months since, the country's new 0.5% contamination standard for all materials, and ban on mixed paper and plastics, has roiled recycling markets around the world. Multiple U.S. states continue to feel the effects and the industry's largest companies have begun talking about ways to change their business models as a result.

While this is all still very unsettled, there had been a sense that the situation may have begun to improve in April and a new normal might be setting in. Companies are finding some new markets in Southeast Asia and remained hopeful that China would change course after the price of buying virgin pulp grew too steep. Based on this news — and last month's announcement

of a ban on 32 other industrial scrap categories — it's hard to tell whether such optimism is still going to pan out.

National Waste & Recycling Association President and CEO Darrell Smith said the news was a concern, and that companies needed more time to respond. However, he still maintained the upbeat tone he's been projecting on the issue.

"I remain optimistic that the waste handlers in the United States will find solutions to this bump in the road as they investigate new markets, develop new technological innovations, encourage new uses domestically for recyclables, and use this as an opportunity to educate the American people about the importance of getting the trash out of the recyclables stream," he said in a statement emailed to Waste Dive. "The American people love to recycle, and the market will find a way."

The Solid Waste Association of North America said it was in contact with the relevant federal agencies about this issue and was also very concerned.

"I wonder whether it is a coincidence that the Chinese shut down CICC the same week that Treasury Secretary Mnuchin, USTR Robert Lighthizer and White House Trade Adviser Peter Navarro are in Beijing for bilateral trade negotiations with high-level Chinese officials. As I stated at last week's Investors Summit, I am concerned that the recycling issue is caught up in larger trade conflicts between China and the United States," CEO David Biderman wrote in an email to Waste Dive.

With so many changes at play around tariffs and other trade restrictions, the scrap industry may not be able to escape the mounting political tensions between Washington and Beijing. Before this news, China had already cut back its scrap imports precipitously, and even all of the Southeast Asian markets combined weren't seen as big enough to fill that demand.

Now that options have been further limited, more stockpiling, temporary disposal, program changes and processing price increases may be on the horizon for U.S. recyclers in the months ahead.

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China chaos lifts U.S. fiber giants – for now (<https://resource-recycling.com/recycling/2018/05/08/china-chaos-lifts-u-s-fiber-giants-for-now/>)

Posted on May 8, 2018

by Colin Staub (<https://resource-recycling.com/recycling/author/colinstaub/>)

China's import shifts have meant plummeting OCC prices, a fact that's been a boon to the bottom line of U.S. mill owners. But paper executives aren't expecting the scenario to necessarily become the new norm.

Resource Recycling analyzed recent quarterly earnings calls from six of the largest publicly traded recovered fiber consumers in North America: Cascades, Graphic Packaging, International Paper, Packaging Corporation of America, Sonoco and WestRock.



These companies consume millions of tons of recovered fiber annually. Old corrugated containers (OCC), which they use in large volumes to produce new containerboard, account for much of the mill operators' recycled-material purchasing. But they also consume other grades in smaller amounts.

As [Chinese import changes](https://resource-recycling.com/recycling/2018/02/13/green-fence-red-alert-china-timeline/) (<https://resource-recycling.com/recycling/2018/02/13/green-fence-red-alert-china-timeline/>) have unfolded over the last nine months, OCC prices [have fallen considerably](https://resource-recycling.com/recycling/2018/04/10/what-depressed-occ-means-for-the-recycling-industry/) (<https://resource-recycling.com/recycling/2018/04/10/what-depressed-occ-means-for-the-recycling-industry/>). And according to executives on the earnings calls, domestic mill operators have enjoyed the fallout, with some seeing millions of dollars worth of feedstock savings during the first quarter of 2018 alone.

The National Sword initiative from China has also left huge tonnages of mixed paper looking for a home. While U.S. mills currently take in relatively small tonnages of this mixed material, at least one company has started making significant investments to start handling more.

At the same time, leaders say they likely have a limited window of opportunity to take advantage of significantly boosted recovered fiber supply. That's because demand for fiber packaging globally seems destined to continue to grow, so the economic balance will likely be restored sooner rather than later.

It's important to note that the paper executives made their comments before China's May 3 announcement that it was [implementing a month-long shutdown of China Certification and Inspection Group's North American arm](https://resource-recycling.com/recycling/2018/05/08/sword-takes-another-big-swipe-at-u-s-scrap-exports/). (<https://resource-recycling.com/recycling/2018/05/08/sword-takes-another-big-swipe-at-u-s-scrap-exports/>) a move that is expected to freeze U.S. scrap shipments to China over the coming weeks.

OCC prices generate savings, surplus fills mills

The profit benefits being seen by fiber companies amid low OCC pricing were most clearly articulated by Graphic Packaging, which produced nearly 1.1 million tons of containerboard at five domestic mills in 2017.

In the first quarter of 2018, Graphic saw its recycled fiber costs drop \$3 million, Stephen Scherger, senior vice president and chief financial officer, said during an [April 24 call](https://seekingalpha.com/article/4165388-graphic-packaging-holdings-gpk-ceo-michael-doss-q1-2018-results-earnings-call-transcript?part=single) (<https://seekingalpha.com/article/4165388-graphic-packaging-holdings-gpk-ceo-michael-doss-q1-2018-results-earnings-call-transcript?part=single>).

Graphic manufactures containerboard entirely from recovered fiber. It buys about 1 million tons of secondary fiber per year, half of which is OCC and double-lined kraft paper. Executives noted that if OCC was to stay at its current price of \$75 per ton for the entire year, the company's total 2018 OCC expenditure would come in a whopping \$20 million below initial projections.

Meanwhile, a leader at packaging producer Cascades, which consumes more than 2.4 million tons of a variety of recovered fiber grades annually at its North American mills, said the price situation for recycled feedstock could even get better.

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“OCC has been in abundant supply in North America, even during February, when generation is typically at its slowest,” said Luc Langevin, president and chief operating officer, in the company’s [March 1 earnings call](https://www.cascades.com/media/multiuploader_images/24/39/25/RetranscriptionQ42017_1.pdf) (https://www.cascades.com/media/multiuploader_images/24/39/25/RetranscriptionQ42017_1.pdf). “Near term, OCC pricing could potentially continue to decline. This is certainly good news for Cascades as a whole.”

Barry Saunders, senior vice president and chief financial officer for Sonoco, said his company is anticipating OCC prices falling another \$10 in May.

But while China’s National Sword policy has given domestic OCC buyers plenty to smile about, executives noted the profitability equation is nuanced.

For example, Cascades and some other players in the sector also operate materials recovery facilities. And the lowered OCC pricing is hurting revenue of the recycling side.

“Inventories are very good at our mills, but it will make it harder for the recovery sub-segment to replicate last year’s outstanding Q1 performance,” Cascade’s Langevin said.

And for some end users, other market factors countered the low feedstock prices. For instance, WestRock, Graphic Packaging and International Paper all said increased costs from the [tight freight market](https://resource-recycling.com/recycling/2018/01/23/freight-market-drives-costs-industry/) (<https://resource-recycling.com/recycling/2018/01/23/freight-market-drives-costs-industry/>) nearly offset the savings they have enjoyed from lower OCC costs.

Absorbing mixed paper

As China’s import policies continue to affect global flows of recycled fiber more significantly, a major question mark is whether mills in the North America will be able to take in loads of mixed paper. This material has of late been reported to have [virtually no value](https://resource-recycling.com/recycling/2018/04/10/markets-continue-to-hobble-paper-values/) (<https://resource-recycling.com/recycling/2018/04/10/markets-continue-to-hobble-paper-values/>) for MRF operators because China made up such a significant portion of global demand, and the country has shut off that flow entirely.

In the plastics recycling sector, there have been recent reports of domestic reclaimers [adjusting to take in material](https://resource-recycling.com/plastics/2018/01/31/e-plastics-market-shift-spawns-domestic-processing-plant/) (<https://resource-recycling.com/plastics/2018/01/31/e-plastics-market-shift-spawns-domestic-processing-plant/>) that was previously destined to China as well as news of [processors from China angling to open operations](https://resource-recycling.com/plastics/2018/04/04/chinese-firms-open-up-on-their-u-s-recycling-plans/) (<https://resource-recycling.com/plastics/2018/04/04/chinese-firms-open-up-on-their-u-s-recycling-plans/>) in North America.

Could a similar phenomenon unfold in mixed paper? Fiber executives said it would be an uphill climb.

Mark Kowlzan, CEO of Packaging Corporation of America (PCA), pointed out that fiber feedstock is just one component of the cost for a facility, and that labor, energy and transportation also have to be factored in when considering conversions or new investments.

“You have a significant number of costs that have to go into the analysis to tell somebody whether they can make a project make sense financially,” Kowlzan said. “And so, you have to believe that with the lack of conversions so far that have truly taken place that the math just doesn’t work in many cases.”

Nonetheless, Sonoco says it is set to spend millions of dollars to absorb some of the flood of material no longer headed for China.

“We’re making investments in our mill system so that we can take advantage of more loose paper,” Sonoco CEO Robert Tiede said in an [April 19 call](https://sonoco.gcs-web.com/static-files/be3a9073-3403-4752-8d55-be352c188c87) (<https://sonoco.gcs-web.com/static-files/be3a9073-3403-4752-8d55-be352c188c87>). He noted Sonoco “made a strategic decision to invest \$60 million to \$70 million into our mill system.”

The company has invested in “best-in-class machines,” he said. Work on those improvements is already in progress, he said, but it is part of a wider three-year process for the company to improve its mills throughout North America.

The company anticipates the improvements will generate \$25 million in net earnings over the next three years.

‘We’re going to see [China] come back’

Company leaders avoided making too many cut-and-dry predictions on material pricing, pointing to China as a wild card that could change things at any time.

“You have a market which has that significant a player impacting prices; it’s just hard to see where prices are going to go,” said WestRock CEO Steve Voorhees on an [April 27 earnings call](https://seekingalpha.com/article/4167071-westrock-companys-wrk-ceo-steve-voorhees-q2-2018-results-earnings-call-transcript?part=single) (<https://seekingalpha.com/article/4167071-westrock-companys-wrk-ceo-steve-voorhees-q2-2018-results-earnings-call-transcript?part=single>). “So we’re going to stay flexible and be able to adapt where the market goes.”

But many of the fiber executives did say they expect the current supply and demand phenomenon to be relatively short lived.

Tiede of Sonoco hypothesized that recovered fiber shipments would eventually rise back up as the Asian giant’s manufacturing sector demands additional feedstock to meet increasing capacity.

A legal petition seeking to block a major Waste Management trash-sorting facility in the San Francisco Bay Area has been denied.

‘Sword’ takes another big swipe at U.S. scrap exports (<https://resource-recycling.com/recycling/2018/05/08/sw-takes-another-big-swipe-at-u-s-scrap-exports/>)

China has ratcheted up inspection requirements for recyclables imported from the U.S., requiring every load to be opened for inspection and shutting down the only organization providing pre-shipment approval in the U.S.

Municipalities and others shine a light on compost (<https://resource-recycling.com/recycling/2018/05/08/municipalities-and-others-shine-a-light-on-compost/>)

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Report: Gasification yields improve with plastic feedstock (<https://resource-recycling.com/recycling/2018/05/08/report-gasification-yields-improve-with-plastic-feedstock/>)

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SWANA: 23 collection worker deaths in 2017 (<https://resource-recycling.com/recycling/2018/05/01/swana-23-collection-worker-deaths-in-2017/>)

Collection-related fatalities made up nearly two-thirds of all waste and recycling industry deaths last year, according to figures from the Solid Waste Association of North America.

Company moves forward on \$90 million beneficiation plant (<https://resource-recycling.com/recycling/2018/05/01/company-moves-forward-on-90-million-beneficiation-plant/>)

A glass recycling company backed by a billionaire is betting big it can significantly lift U.S. glass recycling through the use of technology and rail transportation.

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"As I think about China in totality, I think about the thirst of those new machines that are going in and the magnitude of input that has to go in there," Tiede said. "I've got to believe that over a period of time, we're going to see them come back into the marketplace."

Glenn Landau, senior vice president and chief financial officer of International Paper (IP), predicted on IP's April 23 earnings call (<https://seekingalpha.com/article/4166486-international-paper-ip-q1-2018-results-earnings-call-transcript?part=single>) that there will be "strong demand for recovered fiber" in the future. That prediction, he noted, assumes that global growth continues, because corrugated box packaging will play a large role in facilitating that commerce growth.

The American Forest & Paper Association told Resource Recycling that its 2017 projection for U.S. containerboard capacity was 38.4 million short tons, slightly up from the actual 2016 capacity of 38.2 million tons.

Landau said the sector's growth will place pressure on OCC over time. Ultimately, that would logically lead to a more valuable commodity, IP Chairman and CEO Mark Sutton noted.

"If you believe in global growth of fiber based packaging, then you understand that OCC is going to become more and more valuable," Sutton said.

Thomas Hassfurther, PCA's executive vice president of corrugated products, said that Chinese manufacturers are going to have to continue obtaining fiber to run their paper mills, "one way or another." China has a few options to do so, he said. The country can relax import regulations to allow more OCC in, or mills can pay more to suppliers to facilitate capital improvements for recycling facilities, allowing them to produce higher quality product.

Alternatively, Chinese mills can buy more linerboard, which is used in containerboard manufacturing. Producers can buy finished linerboard instead of consuming OCC to create it themselves, but doing so adds considerable expense. Hassfurther said this is definitely happening, as linerboard imports are up substantially.

China is also working to bolster its own domestic collection system, but Hassfurther pointed out OCC collected inside China is selling for about four times the price of U.S.-imported material.

Whichever route proves most popular, Hassfurther said he sees the current market as temporary.

"I think it's bound to go back up, but impossible for me to predict," he said. "I just think that it will find its level and it will level out at a certain point that makes sense for all the parties that are involved."

Sonoco's Tiede said his company expects OCC prices and exports to China will be down "lower for longer" compared with previous market disruptions. But he also noted that the last time he made a forecast on OCC prices, it was proven wrong the next day.

Some of the information for this article was gleaned via call transcripts made available by the fiber companies, and other details were obtained through market reporting outlet Seeking Alpha. Fiber expert Bill Moore of Moore & Associates provided a list of the largest recovered fiber consumers in North America.

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