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- Peter Maass, City of Albany, WMA, EC
- Susan Wengraf, City of Berkeley, WMA, EC
- Dave Sadoff, Castro Valley Sanitary District, WMA
- Don Biddle, City of Dublin, WMA, EC
- Dianne Martinez, City of Emeryville, WMA, EC
- Suzanne Lee Chan, City of Fremont, WMA, EC
- Laureen Turner, City of Livermore, WMA
- Luis Freitas, City of Newark, WMA, EC
- Shelia Young, Oro Loma Sanitary District, WMA
- Tim Rood, City of Piedmont, WMA, EC
- Pauline Cutter, City of San Leandro, WMA, EC

AGENDA

**MEETING OF THE
ALAMEDA COUNTY WASTE MANAGEMENT
AUTHORITY (WMA) BOARD,
AND
THE ENERGY COUNCIL (EC)**

Wednesday, November 18, 2015

3:00 P.M.

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

Meeting is wheelchair accessible. Sign language interpreter may be available upon five (5) days notice by calling 510-891-6500. Members of the public wanting to add an item to a future agenda may contact 510-891-6500.

- I. CALL TO ORDER (WMA & EC)**
- II. ROLL CALL (WMA & EC)**
- III. ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE PRESIDENTS -** *(Members are asked to please advise the board or the council if you might need to leave before action items are completed)*

Page IV. CONSENT CALENDAR (WMA & EC)

1	1. Approval of the Draft Minutes of October 28, 2015 (WMA & EC, separate Votes) (Gary Wolff & Wendy Sommer)	Action
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- V. OPEN PUBLIC DISCUSSION (WMA & EC)**
An opportunity is provided for any member of the public wishing to speak on any matter within the jurisdiction of the board or council, but not listed on the agenda. Total time limit of 30 minutes with each speaker limited to three minutes.

VI. REGULAR CALENDAR (WMA & EC)

7	1. Uniform Public Construction Cost Accounting Act Ordinance (WMA only) (Gary Wolff & Pat Cabrera) Staff recommends that the Authority Board 1) waive the second reading of the full ordinance provided in the following attachment; and adopt it. This ordinance will be effective thirty days after the date of adoption.	Action/ Public Hearing
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11	2. Pension Liability Payoff and a Related Schedule Proposal (WMA only) (Gary Wolff, Wendy Sommer & Pat Cabrera) The P&A voted 9-0 (Sadoff, Turner, Chan, absent) and the Recycling Board/ P&O voted 10-0 (Peltz absent) in favor of the recommendation stated below.	Action
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| 13 | <p>3. Legislative Priorities for 2016 (WMA only)
(Gary Wolff, Wendy Sommer, Debra Kaufman & Wes Sullens)
Staff recommends that the WMA Board review the linked memo in the staff report and confirm the Board recommended priorities including extended producer responsibility, environmentally preferable purchasing, and organics with the possibility of adding another priority as needed, for the legislative year of 2016.</p> | Action |
| | <p>4. Interim appointment(s) to the Recycling Board for WMA appointee unable to attend future Board Meeting(s) (WMA only) (Gary Wolff)
(Joint WMA, Energy Council and Recycling Board meeting, December 16th at 3:00 pm – StopWaste Offices, 1537 Webster Street, Oakland, CA)</p> | Action |
| 15 | <p>5. Update on Technical Assistance and Services Project (WMA only)
(Gary Wolff, Teresa Eade & Heather Larson)
This item is for information only.</p> | Information |
| | <p>VII. COMMUNICATIONS/MEMBER COMMENTS (WMA & EC)</p> | Information |
| | <p>VIII. ADJOURNMENT (WMA & EC)</p> | |

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
ALAMEDA COUNTY WASTE MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY (WMA) BOARD
AND
THE ENERGY COUNCIL (EC)

Wednesday, October 28, 2015

3:00 P.M.

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I. CALL TO ORDER

President Jerry Pentin, WMA, called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

WMA & EC

County of Alameda	Scott Haggerty, WMA, EC
City of Alameda	Jim Oddie, WMA, EC (left 4:15 pm)
City of Albany	Peter Maass, WMA, EC
City of Berkeley	Susan Wengraf, WMA, EC (arrived 3:10 pm, left 4:10 pm)
Castro Valley Sanitary District	Dave Sadoff, WMA
City of Dublin	Don Biddle, WMA, EC
City of Emeryville	Dianne Martinez, WMA, EC
City of Hayward	Greg Jones, WMA, EC
City of Livermore	Laureen Turner, WMA
City of Newark	Mike Hannon, WMA, EC
City of Oakland	Dan Kalb, WMA, EC
Oro Loma Sanitary District	Shelia Young, WMA (left 3:55 pm)
City of Piedmont	Tim Rood, WMA, EC
City of Pleasanton	Jerry Pentin, WMA
City of San Leandro	Pauline Cutter, WMA, EC
City of Union City	Lorin Ellis, WMA, EC (arrived 3:12 pm)

Absent:

City of Fremont	Suzanne Lee Chan, WMA, EC
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Staff Participating:

Gary Wolff, Executive Director
Wendy Sommer, Deputy Executive Director
Rachel Balsley, Senior Program Manager
Tom Padia, Recycling Director
Debra Kaufman, Senior Program Manager
Wes Sullens, Program Manager
Richard Taylor, Counsel, Authority Board
Arliss Dunn, Clerk of the Board

Others Participating:

Naomi Lue, Castro Valley Sanitary District
Ken Bukowski, Former Board Member

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III. ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE PRESIDENTS

There were none.

IV. CONSENT CALENDAR (WMA & EC)

- 1. Approval of the Draft Minutes of September 16, 2015 (WMA & EC-Separate Votes) (Gary Wolff) Action**
- 2. Minutes of the October 13, 2015 Technical Advisory Group (TAG) (EC only) (Gary Wolff, Wendy Sommer & Karen Kho) Information**
This item is for information only.
- 3. Grants Under \$50,000 (WMA only) (Gary Wolff) Information**

Board member Rood made the motion to approve the Consent Calendar for the WMA Board. Board member Cutter seconded and the motion carried 17-0 (Chan, Ellis and Wengraf absent).

Board member Kalb made the motion to approve the Consent Calendar for the Energy Council. Board member Rood seconded and the motion carried 14-0 (Chan, Ellis and Wengraf absent).

V. OPEN PUBLIC DISCUSSION (WMA & EC)

There was none.

VI. REGULAR CALENDAR (WMA & EC)

- 1. Uniform Public Construction Cost Accounting Act (WMA only) (Gary Wolff & Pat Cabrera) Action/
Public Hearing**
The P&A Committee by a vote of 10-0 (Carson and Turner absent) recommended that the Authority Board on October 28th: 1) waive reading of the full draft ordinance provided as Attachment A and schedule it for consideration of adoption at the November 18 WMA meeting, and 2) adopt the Resolution provided in Attachment B.

Gary Wolff provided a brief summary of the staff report. The report is available here:

<http://stopwaste.org/UPCAA/Ordinance/memo/10-28-15.pdf.pdf>. President Pentin opened the public hearing. There were no comments from the public. The public hearing was closed. Board member Hannon made the motion to waive reading of the full draft ordinance provided as Attachment A and schedule it for consideration of adoption at the November 18 WMA meeting, and 2) adopt the Resolution provided in Attachment B. Board member Haggerty seconded and the motion carried 17-0 (Chan, Ellis and Wengraf absent).

- 2. Total Compensation Study (WMA only) (Gary Wolff & Pat Cabrera) Action**
Approve the changes to Section XVII of Attachment A of the Human Resources Manual as identified in the staff report.

Gary Wolff provided a brief summary of the staff report. The report is available here:

<http://stopwaste.org/Compensation/Study/memo/10-28-15.pdf>. There was no public comment on this item. Board member Turner made the motion to accept the staff recommendation. Board member Sadoff seconded and the motion carried 18-0 (Chan and Ellis absent).

- 3. Funding Approval – Castro Valley Sanitary District “Less Than Weekly” Residential Garbage Collection Pilot (WMA only) (Gary Wolff & Tom Padia) Action**
Staff recommends that the Authority Board authorize the Executive Director to finalize a funding agreement with the Castro Valley Sanitary District for its LTW pilot project, subject to approval as to form by legal counsel, for an amount up to \$200,000 (payment of actual expenses incurred), with funds to come from Project #3420, Residential Organics Recovery Pilots, in the FY 15/16 budget.

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Gary Wolff provided an overview of the staff report. The report is available here: <http://stopwaste.org/CVSan/Pilot/memo/10-28-15.pdf>. Board member Sadoff, as a Board member of CVSan, recused himself from this item.

Board member Wengraf asked for an explanation regarding whether the State Health Code prevents garbage collection every other week. Mr. Wolff stated that there are contradictions between the State Code governing public health and the regulations from CalRecycle. The code states the local health department can allow less frequent service if that is consistent with local public health. The regulations from Cal Recycle state a jurisdiction must have weekly collection. The agency has a legal opinion from our Attorney's that states that the Code takes precedence over the regulation. CVSan consulted with the local health department, who had no objections because the garbage truck will drive the route each week and will collect all carts set out. If CVSan chooses to provide every other week service after the pilot is completed they will then need formal approval from the health department and will need to go through a Prop 218 process for the rates for that service structure. Board member Wengraf inquired if there will be data regarding volume of waste upon completion of the pilot study. Mr. Wolff stated yes, the total waste on the two pilot routes will be measured and calculated and we will be able to compare them against the rest of the City to see if weights in the garbage trucks are lower than in other routes, and also measured against weights a year prior on those same routes. Mr. Wolff added the agency will do pre, middle, and post pilot benchmark work on the percentage of recyclables and organics in garbage in CVSan during the pilot. Board member Wengraf inquired if other pilot could be conducted in other jurisdictions. Mr. Wolff stated yes, we can fund pilots to explore new ways of reducing organics in garbage in other jurisdictions upon request through funding from the organics reserve.

Board member Turner stated that she doesn't see how it is possible to have a 1/6 savings with the same fixed costs and the trucks driving the same route and she would like to see the actual hard costs at the end of the pilot. Also the pilot will not reflect the actual benefit of every other week service as the trucks will still be driving the route each week. Additionally, she would like the data to include any customer complaints or health department related issues. Board member Turner added she is pleased that the pre, middle and post data is being collected and thinks the area is small enough to conduct such a pilot and considers it a great plan. Naomi Lue, CVSan and Peter Deibler, HF&H Consultants, both confirmed that actual cost data will be gathered and that staff from Waste Management and/or HF&H will be riding the trucks and writing down every address on the route if the truck stops or not to gather accurate statistics during the pilot.

Board member Haggerty asked for clarification on the intent of the \$200,000. Mr. Wolff stated the \$200,000 is for data collection and analysis as well as assistance for homeowners such as a variety of free bags to try out in the kitchen or in the green carts, promotional and outreach material to encourage less than weekly set-out, and other technical assistance to residents. Board member Haggerty inquired if there has been collaboration with public health regarding any possible rodent issues. Mr. Wolff stated that there were no concerns from the public health department with respect to rodents as the trucks will be picking up every week for every resident that sets their bins out for collection. Naomi Lue stated that they met directly with the health department and that because the organics bins were being collected weekly, public health was comfortable with the pilot. They will also be working with the health department on a frequently asked questions (FAQs) document to quickly address any customer issues. Tom Padia added that a letter from public health was included as a link in the staff report, which stated "ACDEH is confident that CVSan will address the concerns of other local and state agencies in this pilot as well and wish the best for a successful implementation."

Board member Cutter stated that she would like to see special bags for dog waste and other issues of the sort addressed as not to contaminate the green waste. Mr. Wolff stated this issue as well as soiled diapers is all addressed as part of the technical assistance provided. Board member Oddie inquired how staff arrived at the 8-10% savings in collection cost if the routes will be the same. Mr. Wolff stated that this is a

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range of possibilities if a true every other week system were implemented in the future. Mr. Wolff added the savings could derive from both labor and capital because trucks and drivers would be needed to only drive the routes every other week. Board member Oddie inquired if there has been discussion with labor unions. Mr. Wolff stated that we did not have discussions with the labor unions because any change in services or prices would be discussed during the franchise agreement negotiations period, not during the pilot. Mr. Wolff added that the public is not being deprived of services during the pilot as they can still continue the same level of services, but are just being asked and encouraged to set out their garbage every other week.

Board member Kalb stated that he supports the pilot but to be a true pilot you should have the same value to the rate payer during the pilot as they would receive if the service is adopted. Mr. Wolff stated that this issue was discussed with CVSan and it was determined that there are complications with determining a true rate structure during the pilot as there may be varying services provided during the actual franchise negotiation process that could affect the outcome of the rate. That is, CVSan can't say now what the rates would be in the next franchise, so there is no way to conduct a true pilot as stated by Board member Kalb. Board member Rood inquired if participating household will receive incentives such as a larger cart at no cost, free cart liners, free garbage baggets for extras, vouchers for free drop-off of C&D materials or bags of free compost. Mr. Wolff stated the staff recommendation is framed to allow the Executive Director to finalize the funding agreement with CVSan and our position is that there should be no incentives, but more technical assistance, in the pilot. Offering incentives will cloud the statistical analysis of data.

Board member Mass inquired if multi-family residents are included in the pilot. Mr. Wolff stated no, there will be two single family test routes. Tom Padia added the problem is multi-family may have 3-4 time a week pick up and residents don't know the exact pick up days as they take their collection to a central bin. Board member Maass inquired if there has been any downside information reported from other test cities. Mr. Wolff stated that Portland reported that they had some decrease in customer satisfaction and Seattle elected to not implement every other week service due to customer concern regarding items not suitable for the green cart but not wanting to leave them in the garbage bin for two weeks. There were no public health issues reported.

Ken Bukowski stated that he supports the pilot as it will educate the public on how to sort the smelly items from the regular garbage. Board member Young inquired about the completion date for the project. Mr. Wolff stated the pilot runs from June 2016 – December 2016 and the final analysis report should be available by Spring 2017. A presentation of results to the Board is part of the work program included in the pilot.

Board member Haggerty made the motion to approve the staff recommendation. Board member Biddle seconded and the motion carried 17-1 (Sadoff, recused) (Oddie, no) (Chan, absent).

- 4. Interim appointment(s) to the Recycling Board for WMA appointee unable to attend future Board Meeting(s) (WMA only) Action**
(P&O and Recycling Board meeting, November 12th at 7:00 pm – Castro Valley Public Library, 3600 Norbridge Ave, Castro Valley, CA 94546)

President Pentin and Board member Rood requested an interim appointment for the November 12th meeting. Board member Biddle stated that he would attend as the interim appointment for President Pentin. Board member Young stated that she would attend as the interim appointment for Board member Rood. Board member Haggerty made the motion to approve the interim appointments. Board member Turner seconded and the motion carried 19-0 (Chan absent).

- 5. CLOSED SESSION:**
CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION
Pursuant to subdivision (d) (4) of Government Code Section 54956.9
(one case; confidential materials mailed separately)

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The Board voted 15-4 to initiate litigation. Board members Cutter and Kalb voted no. Attorney Richard Taylor stated that once the litigation has been initiated any member of the public can request and receive information on the item.

6. Business Assistance Project – Fiscal Year 2014-15 Highlights (WMA only) Information
(Gary Wolff, Rachel Balsley & Michelle Fay)

This item is for information only

Rachel Balsley provided an overview of the staff report and a PowerPoint presentation. The combined report and presentation is available here: <http://stopwaste.org/TA/Presentation/10-28-15.pdf>

Board member Turner inquired if staff reached out to business countywide equitably. Ms. Balsley stated yes, a third of the businesses were proactively targeted and it also depended upon if the haulers and the city representatives wanted to work with the Business Assistance program. Ms. Balsley added the City of Livermore would like Livermore Sanitation Services staff to be the primary technical assistance provider, which is why our statistics show so little concentration in Livermore.

Board member Kalb inquired about any assistance that is being provided by haulers to inform businesses about the Business Assistance program. Ms. Balsley stated that we have varying relationships with the haulers and some are more active at referring businesses to the program, others prefer to do more on their own, and others refer people to the ordinance helpline for ordinance related questions or have a particular question regarding their violation letter. Ms. Balsley added staff provides bill inserts to haulers but she doesn't believe that there is a broad based approach by haulers to provide information to its customers. Board member Kalb inquired if more broad based action by haulers would be of value to the issue of compliance. Ms. Balsley stated yes, but the biggest violation is having no recycling service, so in many cases it's simply businesses working with their service provider in providing recycling services.

Board member Hannon inquired if we are missing a target by not requiring multi-family units to start at 3 units or more. Ms. Balsley stated in many cases the franchise agreement defines multi-family as either 4 or 5 units, and in most cases 5 units or more. Our ordinance matches the State requirement in AB341 which defines multi-family at 5 units or more and businesses with 4 or more cubic yards. Board member Hannon stated that we should legislatively consider looking at redefining multi-family at 3 units or more.

Board member Pentin thanked Ms. Balsley for the presentation.

7. Final Legislative Status for 2015 (WMA only) Information
(Gary Wolff, Debra Kaufman & Wes Sullens)

This item is for information only.

Debra Kaufman and Wes Sullens summarized the staff report. The report is available here: <http://stopwaste.org/Leg/Update/10-28-15.pdf>.

There were no questions on this item. Board member Pentin thanked staff for the report.

VII. COMMUNICATION/MEMBER COMMENTS (WMA & EC) Information

Board member Cutter stated that if possible it would be helpful for staff to provide a handout of the PowerPoint presentations that are being presented at the meeting.

Board member Maass thanked Mr. Wolff for providing the response to the NY Times editorial "Reign of Recycling" (included in the Board package). Board member Maass stated that he was aggravated as well and discovered that the article was pulled from the website possibly due to negative feedback received.

Board member Kalb inquired if staff will be checking in with the jurisdictions to get their input prior to the P&A Committee's upcoming discussion regarding Legislative Priorities for 2016. Debra Kaufman stated that

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she will be attending the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) meeting next week and this item is on the agenda.

Gary Wolff reminded the Board of the December 10th Build it Green annual event. Wendy Sommer stated that StopWaste would be receiving an award for our partnership with Build it Green and our setting standards for the green-building industry.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT (WMA & EC)

The meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.



DATE: November 10, 2015
TO: Alameda County Waste Management Authority Board
FROM: Gary Wolff, Executive Director
BY: Pat Cabrera, Administrative Services Director
SUBJECT: Uniform Public Construction Cost Accounting Act Ordinance

BACKGROUND

The Uniform Public Construction Cost Accounting Act (UPCCAA) allows for a more streamlined and efficient contracting process for small public works projects. In order for the Agency to be subject to the UPCCAA it must adopt an ordinance and a resolution, both of which were presented to the WMA last month. The prior memo can be found at <http://stopwaste.org/UPCCAA/Ordinance/memo/10-28-15.pdf.pdf>

At the October 28, 2015 WMA board meeting, the Board chose to waive the first reading of the full draft ordinance, schedule it for consideration of adoption on November 18th, and adopted the resolution by a vote of 17-0. The ordinance is now being presented for second reading and adoption.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Authority Board 1) waive the second reading of the full ordinance provided in the following attachment; 2) hold a public hearing, and 3) adopt the ordinance. The ordinance will take effect thirty days after the date of adoption.

Attachment: UPCCA Ordinance

ORDINANCE #2015 -03

**AN ORDINANCE
TO PROVIDE FOR INFORMAL BIDDING PROCEDURES
UNDER THE
UNIFORM PUBLIC CONSTRUCTION COST ACCOUNTING ACT
(CALIFORNIA PUBLIC CONTRACT CODE § 22000 ET SEQ.)**

The Board of the Alameda County Waste Management Authority ordains as follows:

SECTION 1 (Enactment)

The Board of the Authority does hereby enact this ordinance in full consisting of Section 1 through Section 6.

SECTION 2 (Informal Bid Procedures)

Public projects, as defined by section 22002 of the California Public Contract Code (“Code”), and in accordance with the terms of section 22032 of the Code, may be let to contract by informal procedures as set forth in sections 22032-22035 of the Code.

SECTION 3 (Contractors List)

The Authority shall develop and maintain a list of contractors identified according to categories of work in accordance with section 22034 of the Code and criteria promulgated from time to time by the California Uniform Construction Cost Accounting Commission (“Commission”).

SECTION 4 (Notice Inviting Informal Bids)

(a) Where a public project subject to the informal bid procedures pursuant to Section 2 is to be performed, a notice inviting informal bids shall be mailed to all contractors for the category of work to be bid, as shown on the list developed in accordance with Section 3 not less than 10 calendar days before bids are due. The notice inviting informal bids shall describe the project in general terms, how to obtain more detailed information about the project, and state the time and place for the submission of bids.

(b) If there is no list of qualified contractors maintained by the Authority for the particular category of work to be performed, the notice inviting bids shall be sent to all construction trade journals as specified by the Commission in accordance with Section 22036 of the Code.

(c) If the product or service is proprietary in nature such that it can be obtained only from a certain contractor or contractors, the notice inviting informal bids may be sent exclusively to such contractor or contractors.

SECTION 5 (Award of Contracts)

The Executive Director is authorized to award informal contracts pursuant to this Ordinance for contracts that do not exceed \$175,000. Expenditures in non emergency situations that exceed \$50,000 per vendor/contractor per fiscal year also require Board approval. If all bids received are in excess of one hundred seventy-five thousand dollars (\$175,000), the Authority Board may, by adoption of a resolution by a four-fifths vote, award the contract, at one hundred eighty-seven thousand five hundred dollars (\$187,500) or less, to the lowest responsible bidder, if the Board determines the cost estimate of the Authority staff was reasonable.

SECTION 6 (Notice and Effective Date)

This ordinance was introduced and first reading waived on October 28, 2015 and adopted on November 18, 2015. It shall be posted at the Authority Office for at least thirty (30) days after its adoption by the Board and shall become effective thirty (30) days after the adoption.

Passed and adopted this __ day of _____, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAINING:

I certify that this is a full, true and correct copy of ORDINANCE NO. 2015-03 which is on file in the Authority Office and that it was passed and adopted on the date indicated above.

**GARY WOLFF
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

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November 13, 2015

TO: Waste Management Authority (WMA) Board

FROM: Gary Wolff, Executive Director
Wendy Sommer, Deputy Executive Director

SUBJECT: Pension Liability Payoff and a Related Schedule Proposal

BACKGROUND:

Staff committed during the budget process in April and May 2015 to bring back a plan for paying more toward our agency pension liability. Because funds that could be used for pension payments could also be used for other purposes, a full memo providing a framework for decision making on this and related financial management topics was provided to the Programs and Administration (P&A) Committee and the Recycling Board/ Planning and Organization (P&O) Committee on November 12th. The full memo is available at: <http://stopwaste.org/Pension/Payoff/Proposal/2016/memo.pdf>.

The P&A voted 9-0 (Sadoff, Turner, Chan, absent) and the Recycling Board/ P&O voted 10-0 (Peltz absent) in favor of the recommendation stated below.

RECOMMENDATION

That the WMA:

1. Approve the proposed changes to reserves, and \$0.6 million payment to PERS, when the mid-year budget revisions are brought before them on December 16, 2015.
2. Approve the framework schedule for staff to follow in concept, with budget amounts to be discussed as part of the Agency’s budget development process.
3. Direct staff to bring before the WMA Board a discussion of a pension funding target (e.g., some percentage of total pension liability; noting that the actual funded percentage will fluctuate around the target due to changes in market value, even after any chosen target level has been achieved).

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November 13, 2015

TO: Waste Management Authority Board

FROM: Gary Wolff, Executive Director
Wendy Sommer, Deputy Executive Director

BY: Debra Kaufman, Senior Program Manager
Wes Sullens, Program Manager

SUBJECT: Legislative Priorities for 2016

Background

On November 12, 2015, the Programs and Administration Committee and the Planning and Organization Committee/Recycling Board heard a presentation on proposed legislative priorities for 2016.

The report submitted to the P&A and the P&O/RB can be found at:
<http://stopwaste.org/Leg/Priorities/2016.pdf>

Committee Action

The P&A Committee and the P&O Committee/RB reviewed and recommended the proposed priorities of extended producer responsibility and organics, including the investigation of a possible additional priority related to a landfill weighmaster requirement, depending on the outcome of staff research on partners and expressed need. The P&A Committee also decided to keep open the possibility of adding other priorities if the need arises during the year. The RB/P&O Committee voted to add an additional priority of Environmentally Preferable Purchasing.

The P&A voted 9-0 in favor of making organics, extender producer responsibility, and any other issue that is deemed necessary as our legislative priorities for 2016. The Recycling Board/ P&O voted 10-0 in favor of these priorities plus an additional priority of environmentally preferable purchasing.

At the P&A meeting, Board member Kalb inquired about the status of three bills that are expected to become two year bills and staff agreed to include information on that in this memo, which follows.

AB 1159 (Gordon): This was the primary Extended Producer Responsibility bill for the year related to sharps and batteries and the author held it in the Assembly Appropriations committee and made it a two year bill after it passed the Assembly Natural Resources and the Assembly Environmental Safety and Toxic Materials Committees.

AB 45 (Mullin). This bill prioritized funding for door-to-door collection of household hazardous waste and had no producer responsibility aspect. Our Agency, along with many other local governments opposed this bill. The bill got held in the Assembly Appropriations committee after passing out of the Assembly Local Government and Environmental Safety and Toxic Materials Committees.

AB 1063 (Williams). This bill provided an additional funding mechanism for CalRecycle via an increased landfill tip fee and a generator fee. The bill was held in the Senate Environmental Quality Committee at the request of the Author after having passed the Assembly.

Staff will monitor these bills and will include information on them in the April update.

Recommendation

Staff recommends that the WMA Board review the linked memo and confirm the Board recommended priorities including extended producer responsibility, environmentally preferable purchasing, and organics with the possibility of adding another priority as needed, for the legislative year of 2016.



DATE: November 10, 2015

TO: Waste Management Authority Board

FROM: Gary Wolff, Executive Director

BY: Teresa Eade, Senior Program Manager
Heather Larson, Senior Program Manager

SUBJECT: Update on Technical Assistance and Services Project

BACKGROUND

The Technical Assistance and Services project (project 1020 in the budget) works with Member Agencies to support the agency’s Strategic Plan goal that 90% of the permitted building and landscape projects in the county meet Green Building and Bay-Friendly Landscape standards. It also supports the Product Decision’s Material Targets in compost, mulch and green building materials. This project specifically provides:

- Technical Assistance on green building and landscaping policies and standards both in adoption and implementation.
- Technical assistance and grants on Bay-Friendly Rated landscape projects and lawn to landscape conversions.
- Training and education opportunities to Member Agency staff related to green building and sustainable landscaping.

DISCUSSION

Staff will update the Board on the key accomplishments and tasks of this project. In 2005 the first Bay-Friendly Rated Landscape project was completed and in 2008 Member Agencies adopted both green building (LEED) and Bay Friendly policies for civic projects. Most member agencies have subsequently adopted green building leadership standards (LEED, Green Points, or Green Point Rated) for commercial and residential projects, and Bay Friendly Basics for all private landscape projects requiring a municipal permit.

Member Agencies have helped to lead the state in implementing sustainable landscape & building practices. The early adoption of green building and sustainable landscaping policies in Alameda

County demonstrated that such policies could transform the market, and were very influential in moving California to become the first state in the nation to adopt a mandatory green building code in 2011. Green practices have been proven cost effective, are now mainstream, and have been added to the building code, including recent advancements to outdoor water conservation and landscape design pioneered through Bay-Friendly policies.

Staff will give a project update presentation highlighting:

- Member Agency Policies and the 2015 Model Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance (MWELO)
- Top achieving Member Agency Bay-Friendly Landscapes
- Bay-Friendly Rated Landscapes projects in Alameda County by Member Agency
- Key metrics achieved in waste diversion, water savings and GHG reduction by Member Agency
- Member Agency staff trainings

Staff will then respond to questions and feedback from the Board.

RECOMMENDATION

This item is for information only.

**December 2015
Meetings Schedule**

**Alameda County Waste Management Authority, The Energy Council, & Source Reduction and
Recycling Board**

(Meetings are held at StopWaste unless otherwise noted)

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
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6	7	8	9	10 CANCELLED 9:00 AM Programs & Administration Committee <hr/> CANCELLED 4:00 PM Planning & Organization Committee /Recycling Board	11	12
13	14	15	16 3:00 PM WMA, EC & RB Meeting Key Items: 1. Election of Officers-RB 2. 2016 Meeting Schedule - WMA, EC & RB 3. Midyear Budget Adjustments – WMA, EC & RB 4. Reusable Bag Expansion Update – WMA & RB 5. DROPS Grant Acceptance - WMA	17	18	19
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By caring; providing for patients

and Steve O'Brien, M.D.

While he was recuperating from a heart attack at Sutter Health's Alta Bates Summit Medical Center, Ed Stump is homeless. He didn't have a place to live when he was discharged.

Patricia Brown needed a home near her hospital stay for kidney dialysis and other medical appointments and taking medications.

After a hospitalization, the most vulnerable in our communities have a safe place to recuperate. Now, Ed and Patricia are among 55 patients recovering with dignity and getting access to resources to help guide them out of homelessness.

A partnership between Alta Bates Summit and LifeLong Medical Care, a nonprofit organization offering primary health and social services to underserved Alameda, Contra Costa and San Francisco Bay Area patients upon

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> Reducing food waste

Spectra by Comcast Spectator, the provider of food services and hospitality to both Oakland's O.co Coliseum and the Alameda County Fairgrounds, has kicked off its participation in the Smart Kitchen Initiative, a program by Alameda County public agency StopWaste.

A voluntary program to reduce food waste, the Smart Kitchen Initiative measures pre-consumer food waste generated in the kitchen and uses the results to adjust kitchen routines such as food prep, ordering, and production. A key component of the initiative is the LeanPath smart food waste meter, consisting of an integrated scale, camera and customized touchscreen interface to enable automated food waste data collection.

"Across many of our Spectra properties we make proactive efforts to maintain sustainability practices in food, lighting, waste, etc.," said Spectra's Jay Satenspiel, regional vice president. "The Smart Kitchen Initiative will augment our ability to identify and reduce food waste in a focused and data-driven way."

Launched with a series of pilot sites in 2014, StopWaste's Smart Kitchen Initiative funds the provision of specialized food waste tracking equipment and training to medium and large-scale institutional kitchens and food service providers in Alameda County. The goal is to help reduce the amount of edible food going to landfill from the county. Besides environmental impacts, wasted food is also a source of significant revenue loss. Pre-consumer food waste alone is estimated to cost the U.S. out-of-home restaurant and food service industry \$9-23 billion annually.

The overall goal of the program is a 25 percent reduction in pre-consumer food waste, in addition to participating businesses saving money on food purchases and improving operational efficiency.

Visit the Smart Kitchen Initiative page for additional information about this program. For more information about Spectra visit SpectraExperiences.com. ■

