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AGENDA

MEETING OF THE PROGRAMS AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE (P&A)

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2026

9:00 A.M.

IN PERSON MEETING LOCATION:
STOPWASTE BOARD ROOM
1537 WEBSTER STREET, OAKLAND, CA

This meeting will be conducted in a hybrid model with participation both in-person and via teleconference:

Teleconference location #1	3300 Capitol Avenue, Building A, Fremont, CA
Teleconference location #2	806 Pierce Street, Albany, CA
Teleconference location #3	City of Dublin, 100 Civic Plaza, Dublin, CA
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Teleconference location #12	115 Dale Ave, Piedmont, CA

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1. Calling US+1 669 900 6833 and using the Webinar ID 878 2966 7955
2. Using the [Zoom](#) website or App and entering meeting code 878 2966 7955

During the meeting the chair will explain the process for members of the public to be recognized to offer public comment. The process will be described on the StopWaste website at <http://www.stopwaste.org/virtual-meetings> no later than noon, Wednesday, February 11, 2026.

The public may also comment by sending an e-mail to publiccomment@stopwaste.org. Written public comments will be accepted until 3:00 p.m. on the day prior to the scheduled meeting. Copies of all written comments submitted by the deadline above will be provided to each Board Member and will be added to the official record. Comments will not be read into the record.

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AGENDA

I. CONVENE MEETING

II. ROLL CALL OF ATTENDANCE

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Open public discussion from the floor is provided for any member of the public wishing to speak on any matter within the jurisdiction of the Programs & Administration Committee but not listed on the agenda.

Page IV. CONSENT CALENDAR

- 1 1. Approval of the Draft P&A Minutes January 8, 2026**

V. REGULAR CALENDAR

- 3 1. Implementation of the Reusable Bag Ordinance (Ordinance 2025-1) (Elese Lebsack)**
This item is for information only.

VI. MEMBER COMMENTS

VII. ADJOURNMENT – TO P&A MEETING – MARCH 12, 2026 AT 9:00 A.M.

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MINUTES OF THE ALAMEDA COUNTY WASTE
MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY MEETING
OF THE
PROGRAMS AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

THURSDAY, JANUARY 8, 2026

9:00 A.M.

IN PERSON MEETING LOCATION:
STOPWASTE BOARD ROOM
1537 WEBSTER STREET, OAKLAND, CA

Members Present

County of Alameda	David Haubert
City of Berkeley	Mark Humbert
Castro Valley Sanitary District	Dave Sadoff
City of Dublin	Jean Josey, Chair
City of Fremont	Yang Shao
City of Hayward	Daniel Goldstein
City of Newark	Matthew Jorgens
City of Piedmont	Lorrel Plimier
City of Pleasanton	Matt Gaidos

Absent

City of Albany	Jennifer Hansen-Romero
City of Oakland	Ken Houston
Oro Loma Sanitary District	Rita Duncan
Union City	Lance Nishihira

Staff Present

Timothy Burroughs, Executive Director
Alma Freeman, Communications Manager
Justin Lehrer, Administrative Services Director
Jennifer Luong, Finance Services Manager
Arliss Dunn, Clerk of the Board

Others Present

Mitesh Desai, Badawi and Associates
Ahmed Zaghoul, Badawi and Associates

I. Convene Meeting

Chair Josey called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Timothy Burroughs explained the process that would be utilized during the meeting. A link to the process is available here: [Virtual-Meetings-Instructions](#).

II. Public Comments

There were none.

III. CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Approval of the Draft Minutes of December 11, 2025

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There were no public comments for the Consent Calendar. Board member Shao moved for approval of the Consent Calendar. Board member Haubert seconded, and the motion carried 9-0. The Clerk called the roll.

(Ayes: Gaidos, Goldstein, Haubert, Humbert, Jorgens, Josey, Plimier, Sadoff, Shao. Nays: None. Absent: Duncan, Hansen-Romero, Houston, Nishihira. Abstain: None)

IV. REGULAR CALENDAR

1. Fiscal Year 2024-25 Audit Report (Justin Lehrer & Jennifer Luong)

Staff recommend that the Programs and Administration Committee review and forward the FY 24-25 audit report to the Waste Management Authority Board for acceptance and filing.

Timothy Burroughs introduced the item. Jennifer Luong provided an overview of the staff report. A link to the report is available here: [FY24-25-Audit-Report-Memo.pdf](#). Ms. Luong acknowledged administrative and finance staff for their efforts in managing the Agency's finances to ensure a clean audit with no exceptions or recommendations for improvements in internal controls. Mitesh Desai and Ahmed Zaghloul from Badawi and Associates were available to answer any questions.

Additional time was provided to the Board for discussion and for clarifying questions. An audio link to the discussion is available here: [FY24-25-Audit-Discussion](#). There were no public comments for this item. Chair Josey commended staff for their efforts in managing the agency's finances and extended congratulations for a clean audit report.

Board member Haubert moved for approval that the P&A Committee review and forward the FY 24-25 audit report to the Waste Management Authority Board for acceptance and filing. Board member Sadoff seconded, and the motion carried 8-0. The Clerk called the roll:

(Ayes: Gaidos, Goldstein, Haubert, Humbert, Jorgens, Josey, Plimier, Sadoff. Nays: None. Absent: Duncan, Hansen-Romero, Houston, Nishihira, Shao. Abstain: None)

V. MEMBER COMMENTS

There were none.

VI. ADJOURNMENT – TO P&A MEETING – FEBRUARY 12, 2026 AT 9:00 A.M.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:25 a.m.



DATE: February 12, 2026

TO: Programs and Administration Committee
Planning Committee/Recycling Board

FROM: Elese Lebsack, Program Manager

SUBJECT: Implementation of the Reusable Bag Ordinance (Ordinance 2025-1)

SUMMARY

On May 28, 2025, the Waste Management Authority (WMA) Board adopted amendments to the Alameda County Reusable Bag Ordinance (RBO) to align with State law SB 1053, which bans plastic bags at point of sale at state regulated stores (primarily grocery, convenience, drug, and liquor stores) as of January 1, 2026. Over the last eight months, staff conducted outreach for implementation of the updated RBO and continued to gather annual data about customer bag use and bag purchasing by stores. At the February 12 board meetings, StopWaste staff will provide an overview of the bag rules, current implementation activities, and annual bag use and purchasing data.

DISCUSSION

In 2012, the WMA adopted a countywide “Ordinance Regulating the Use of Carryout Bags and Promoting the Use of Reusable Bags,” known as the “Reusable Bag Ordinance” (Ordinance 2012-2). The ordinance banned flimsy plastic bags and required a 10-cent charge at point of sale for both paper bags and compliant reusable plastic bags at around 1,500 grocery, drug, pharmacy, convenience, and liquor stores. In 2016, the WMA adopted Ordinance 2016-2 amending the RBO to apply to a total of roughly 14,000 retail stores and restaurants in Alameda County with the same rules (with the exception of restaurants, which are permitted to provide recycled-content paper bags at no charge). Last year, the WMA adopted Ordinance 2025-1 amending the RBO to incorporate requirements of State law SB 1053 which bans all types of film plastic bags – including the previously allowed thick plastic bags – at the original set of stores that sell food or alcohol, starting January 1, 2026, while maintaining the same bag rules for restaurants and retail stores not covered by SB 1053.

In August 2025, StopWaste sent an initial outreach letter to more than 1,500 stores that sell food and/or alcohol notifying them about the change in requirements with ample time for stores to use up their stock of plastic bags. A follow-up letter to the same stores was mailed in November 2025 along with postcard-size signage that stores could display to notify customers of the changes starting in January 2026. Staff also updated the RBO website www.ReusableBagsAC.org with new graphics and details about the bag rules with translated letters and postcards in Spanish, Chinese, Korean, and Vietnamese.

Because the RBO also covers restaurants and retail stores not covered by the State law, staff conducted outreach to more than 11,000 businesses in early February 2026 to remind these stores that their local bag rules remain in effect: no thin plastic bags are allowed at point of sale and customers must be charged 10 cents for paper bags and compliant thick plastic or reusable bags. Slightly different rules apply to restaurants, which are allowed to provide recycled-content paper bags at no charge.

Moving forward, StopWaste staff will continue monitoring and analyzing bag purchasing data to evaluate the impact and effectiveness of state and local bag laws, as well as changes in consumer behavior around bringing their own reusable bags. Staff will present some of those preliminary data findings at the presentation. In addition,

StopWaste will provide education and compliance assistance to stores, continue to conduct complaint-based enforcement, and coordinate with jurisdictions.

RECOMMENDATION

This item is for information only.