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

Wednesday, January 28, 2026

3:00 P.M.

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

I. CALL TO ORDER

President Jensen called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.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. ROLL CALL OF ATTENDANCE

WMA & EC

City of Alameda	Tracy Jensen, WMA, EC (President)
City of Albany	Jennifer Hansen-Romero, WMA, EC
City of Berkeley	Mark Humbert, WMA, EC
Castro Valley Sanitary District	Dave Sadoff, WMA
City of Dublin	Jean Josey, WMA, EC
City of Emeryville	David Mourra, WMA, EC (EC President)
City of Hayward	Francisco Zermeño, WMA, EC
City of Newark	Matthew Jorgens, WMA, EC
City of Oakland	Ken Houston, WMA, EC
Oro Loma Sanitary District	Rita Duncan, WMA
City of Piedmont	Lorrel Plimier, WMA, EC
City of Pleasanton	Matt Gaidos, WMA, EC
City of San Leandro	Xouhoa Bowen, WMA, EC
City of Union City	Lance Nishihira, WMA, EC

ABSENT

County of Alameda	David Haubert, WMA, EC
City of Fremont	Yang Shao, WMA, EC
City of Livermore	Ben Barrientos, WMA, EC

Staff Participating

Timothy Burroughs, Executive Director
Justin Lehrer, Administrative Services Director
Alma Freeman, Communications Manager
Jennifer West, Program Manager
Arliss Dunn, Clerk of the Board
Richard Taylor, WMA Legal Counsel

Others Present

Garth Schultz, R3 Consulting Group
Dylan Hoffman, Shaw Yoder Antwih Schmelzer and Lange
Olivia Thomas, Shaw Yoder Antwih Schmelzer and Lange

III. ANNOUNCEMENTS BY PRESIDENTS

President Jensen welcomed new Board member, Lance Nishihira from Union City. Board member Nishihira introduced himself and expressed his commitment to contributing to the Board's mission.

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IV. OPEN PUBLIC DISCUSSION FROM THE FLOOR

There were no public comments.

V. CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Approval of the Draft WMA & EC Minutes of December 17, 2025

2. Annual Audit for Fiscal Year 2024-25 (Justin Lehrer & Jennifer Luong)

That the WMA Board and Energy Council review, accept and file the Fiscal Year 2024-25 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report.

There were no public comments for the Consent Calendar. Board member Zermeño moved approval of the Consent Calendar for the WMA & EC, and Board member Josey seconded. Board member Harrington moved approval of the Consent Calendar for the RB, and Board member Jensen seconded.

The Clerk called the roll: WMA Vote: 13-0 EC Vote: 12-0

(Ayes: Bowen, Duncan, Gaidos, Hansen-Romero, Humbert, Jensen, Jorgens, Josey, Mourra, Nishihira, Plimier, Sadoff, Zermeño. Nays: None. Abstained: None. Absent: Barrientos, Haubert, Houston, Shao)

VI. REGULAR CALENDAR

1. Regulatory Fee Ordinance (Timothy Burroughs)

Following the public hearing, introduce and waive the first reading of Ordinance 2026-01 – An Ordinance Establishing a Regulatory Fee – and direct staff to place the ordinance on the consent calendar for adoption at the next regular meeting of the Board on February 25, 2026.

Timothy Burroughs provided an overview of the proposed regulatory fee ordinance. Garth Schultz, R3 Consulting Group, was present to answer any questions. The proposed regulatory fee ordinance seeks to recover costs associated with implementing state solid waste laws, particularly SB 1383 and SB 1053. The fee, which would take effect July 1, 2026, would generate approximately \$4.1 million annually by adding charges to solid waste bills, with single-family accounts paying \$0.30 per month and multifamily/commercial accounts paying \$1.10 per weekly cubic yard. A link to the staff report and presentation is available here: [Regulatory-Fee-Ordinance-Memo.pdf](#).

Additional time was provided to the Board for discussion and for clarifying questions. A link to the discussion is available here: [Regulatory-Fee-Ordinance-Discussion](#). President Jensen opened the public hearing, there were no public comments, and the public hearing was closed. President Jensen thanked staff for a very informative presentation.

Board member Zermeño moved for approval of the staff recommendation. Board member Nishihira seconded, and the motion carried 13-0. The Clerk called the roll:

(Ayes: Bowen, Duncan, Gaidos, Hansen-Romero, Humbert, Jensen, Jorgens, Josey, Mourra, Nishihira, Plimier, Sadoff, Zermeño. Nays: None. Abstained: None. Absent: Barrientos, Haubert, Houston, Shao)

2. 2026 Legislative Priorities (Jennifer West)

Staff recommend that the Board adopt the 2026 priorities to guide our legislative work and adopt the stated positions on the bills listed in the staff report.

Timothy Burroughs introduced the item. Jennifer West provided an overview of the 2026 legislative priorities. A link to the staff report and the presentation is available here: [2026-Legislative-Priorities-memo.pdf](#). Dylan Hoffman and Olivia Thomas, Agency lobbyists, were present to answer any questions. Ms. West informed the Board that staff will continue to track and advocate for bills throughout the legislative session, with updates to be provided to the board in March and May.

Staff recommend that the Board adopt the following priorities (listed below) for the 2026 Legislative

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Session, which are the same as last year's priorities and align with our Agency's budget priorities.

1. Build healthy food systems
2. Support a thriving circular economy
3. Accelerate innovation in the construction sector

Additional time was provided to the Board for discussion and for clarifying questions. A link to the discussion is available here: [2026-Legislative-Priorities-Discussion](#).

There were no public comments on this item. President Jensen thanked staff for a very informative report. Board member Nishihira moved for approval of the staff recommendation. Board member Bowen seconded, and the motion carried 16-0. The Clerk called the roll.

(Ayes: Bowen, Duncan, Gaidos, Hansen-Romero, Houston, Humbert, Jensen, Jorgens, Josey, Mourra, Nishihira, Plimier, Sadoff, Zermeño. Nays: None. Abstained: None. Absent: Barrientos, Haubert, Shao)

3. Appointment to the Recycling Board (Timothy Burroughs)

Staff recommend that the WMA Board fill the vacancy on the Recycling Board.

Timothy Burroughs introduced the item. Board member Sadoff nominated Board member Duncan to serve as the WMA appointee to the Recycling Board. There were no other nominations. Board member Zermeño seconded. There were no public comments for this item.

The motion carried 16-0. The Clerk called the roll:

(Ayes: Bowen, Duncan, Gaidos, Hansen-Romero, Houston, Humbert, Jensen, Jorgens, Josey, Mourra, Nishihira, Plimier, Sadoff, Zermeño. Nays: None. Abstained: None. Absent: Barrientos, Haubert, Shao)

4. Interim appointment(s) to the Recycling Board for WMA appointee unable to attend future Board Meeting(s) (Timothy Burroughs) (WMA only)

(Planning Committee and Recycling Board meeting on February 12, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. The meeting will be held at StopWaste, 1537 Webster Street, Oakland, CA)

There were no requests for an interim appointment.

VII. MEMBER COMMENTS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

There were none.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT TO: WMA & EC MEETING – FEBRUARY 25, 2026 AT 3:00 P.M.

The meeting was adjourned at 04:12 p.m.