

## StopWaste Governance: Three Boards, One Mission

StopWaste operates through three distinct governing boards and functions as one unified agency with a single strategic plan and a shared set of goals. Founded initially as the Waste Management Authority (WMA) in 1976 to help manage waste in Alameda County, the Agency has since expanded its scope to address evolving environmental issues facing communities across the County.

**1976** **The Alameda County Waste Management Authority**, established as a joint powers agency (JPA), comprises the County of Alameda, all 14 cities within the County, and two sanitary districts. As the founding board, the WMA reviews applications for long-range solid waste facility development and oversees programs in waste reduction, recycling, composting, technical assistance, and public education. The WMA also houses the Programs & Administration (P&A) Committee, which is a subset of the full board and meets separately.

**1990** **The Source Reduction and Recycling Board** was created in 1990 through the voter approved Measure D ballot initiative, which set ambitious waste reduction and landfill targets in the County. The 11-member board includes six citizen experts appointed by the Alameda County Board of Supervisors and five elected officials from the WMA. The Recycling Board oversees a wide range of programs that address waste reduction, such as recycling and composting, advancing a circular economy, and food waste prevention.

**2004** In 2004, the Agency officially rebranded as StopWaste to reflect its focus on upstream waste prevention and a holistic approach to addressing environmental issues, including outreach and education.

**2013** **The Energy Council** was formed in 2013 as a separate JPA committed to energy efficiency and clean energy. This board seeks external funding on behalf of member agencies to develop and implement programs that reduce energy demand, increase energy efficiency, promote clean and renewable resources, and build climate-resilient communities.

**Alameda County Waste Management Authority**

 **17 Elected Officials**

14 Cities • 2 Sanitary Districts • 1 County

**Funding comes primarily from landfill tipping fees**

**Energy Council**

 **15 Elected Officials**

14 Cities • 1 County

**Funded through grants and other program-specific sources**

**Recycling Board**

 **11 Board Members**

5 Elected Officials from ACWMA  
6 Board of Supervisors Appointees

**Funded through the Measure D landfill tipping fee**