

APPROVED

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

**Wednesday, March 25, 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**

County of Alameda	David Haubert, 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 Fremont	Yang Shao, WMA, EC
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**

City of Livermore	Ben Barrientos, WMA, EC
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**Staff Participating**

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

**Others Present**

Dylan Hoffman, Shaw Yoder Antwih Schmelzer & Lange  
Olivia Thomas, Shaw Yoder Antwih Schmelzer & Lange

**III. ANNOUNCEMENTS BY PRESIDENTS**

There were none.

**IV. OPEN PUBLIC DISCUSSION FROM THE FLOOR**

There were no public comments.

**V. CONSENT CALENDAR**

**1. Approval of the Draft WMA & EC Minutes of February 25, 2026**

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 Bowen seconded.

The Clerk called the roll: WMA Vote: 19-0 EC Vote: 19-0

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

**VI. REGULAR CALENDAR**

**1. Legislative Positions for 2026 (Jennifer West)**

Staff recommend that the Board adopts 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-Positions.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 and will provide an update to the Board and possible positions on new bills in May. Staff recommended that the Board adopt the stated positions on the bills listed in the memo, with the exception of AB 1812, where staff now recommend a SUPPORT position (from WATCH).

Additional time was provided to the Board for discussion and for clarifying questions. A link to the discussion is available here: [2026-Legislative-Positions-Discussion](#). There were no public comments. President Jensen thanked Ms. West for a very informative update.

Board member Zermeño moved approval of the staff recommendation with the change from Watch to Support for both AB 1812 and SB 1266. Board member Bowen seconded, and the motion carried 19-0. The Clerk called the roll:

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

**2. Factory-Built Housing Funding Opportunity (Karen Kho)**

This item is for information only.

Timothy Burroughs introduced the item. Karen Kho provided an overview of the staff report and presented a PowerPoint presentation. A link to the staff report and the presentation is available here: [Factory-Built-Housing-Funding-Opportunity-memo.pdf](#). Ms. Kho informed the Board that StopWaste is exploring new grant funding and partnerships to expand the use of factory-built housing in the region, including modular and prefabricated construction methods that have strong potential to reduce construction waste, lower embodied carbon and improve project delivery timelines.

Additional time was provided to the Board for discussion and for clarifying questions. An audio link to the discussion is available here: [Factory-Built-Housing-Funding-Opportunity-Discussion](#). There were no public comments for this item. President Jensen thanked Ms. Kho for a very informative presentation.

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

## **APPROVED**

(The joint meeting of the Waste Management Authority Board (WMA), Energy Council (EC) and the Planning Committee & Recycling Board (PC&RB) will be held on Wednesday, April 22, 2026 at 3:00 p.m. at StopWaste, 1537 Webster St., Oakland, CA)

There were no requests for an interim appointment. Mr. Burroughs informed the Board that in consultation with committee Chair Josey, the April 9 Programs and Administration Committee meeting is cancelled.

### **VII. MEMBER COMMENTS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

Timothy Burroughs asked that all Board members save the date for the Agency's 50th anniversary event on September 30th at 4 p.m. More information will be forthcoming. Alma Freeman will send to Board members the monthly topic brief highlighting compost application to sports fields and turf grass. A link to the topic brief is available [here](#).

Dylan Hoffman, Agency Lobbyist, will investigate and report back to Director Humbert on whether SB 922 would permit local agencies to impose fees based on vehicle weight for road impact, and clarify the intent of the bill language.

### **VIII. ADJOURNMENT – TO JOINT WMA, EC, AND PC&RB MEETING APRIL 22, 2026 AT 3:00 P.M.**

The meeting was adjourned at 4:15 p.m.