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Timothy Burroughs, Executive Director

**AGENDA**

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

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 27, 2026**

**3:00 P.M.**

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

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

Teleconference location #1 118 Glashaus Loop, Emeryville, CA

Teleconference location #2 Fremont City Hall, 3300 Capitol Ave. Building A, Fremont, CA

Teleconference location #3 Dublin City Hall, 100 Civic Plaza, Dublin, CA

Teleconference location #4 806 Pierce Street, Albany, CA

Teleconference location #5 2928 Linden Avenue, Berkeley, CA

Teleconference location #6 123 Main Street, Pleasanton, CA

Teleconference location #7 22493 Bayview Avenue, Hayward, CA

Teleconference location #8 David W. Smith City Hall, 37101 Newark Blvd., Conf. Rm 1, Newark, CA

Teleconference location #9 Heritage House, 4501 Pleasanton Ave, Pleasanton, CA

Teleconference location #10 Castro Valley Sanitary District, 21195 Center St., Castro Valley, CA

Teleconference location #11 1 Frank H. Ogawa Plaza, Oakland, CA

Teleconference location #12 34009 Alvarado-Niles Road, Union City CA

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1. Calling US+1 669 900 6833 and using the Webinar ID 881 0991 8475
2. Using the [Zoom](#) website or App and entering meeting code 881 0991 8475

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, May 27, 2026.

The public may also comment by sending an e-mail to [publiccomment@stopwaste.org](mailto:publiccomment@stopwaste.org). Written public comment 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.

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you need assistance to participate in this meeting due to a disability, please contact the Clerk of the Board at (510) 891-6517. Notification 24 hours prior to the meeting will enable the agency to make reasonable arrangements to ensure accessibility to this meeting.

## AGENDA

### I. CALL TO ORDER

### II. ROLL CALL OF ATTENDANCE

### III. ANNOUNCEMENTS BY PRESIDENTS - *(Members are asked to please advise the Board or the Council if you might need to leave before action items are completed.)*

### IV. OPEN PUBLIC DISCUSSION FROM THE FLOOR

An opportunity is provided for any member of the public wishing to speak on any matter within the jurisdiction of the Boards or Council but not listed on the agenda.

### V. CONSENT CALENDAR - The Consent Calendar contains routine items of business. Items in this section will be acted on in one motion for both the WMA and EC, unless removed by a member of either Board. Members of the WMA who are not members of the EC will vote as part of the Consent Calendar vote, but their votes will not be considered in connection with any EC items.

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1      1. **Approval of the Draft Joint WMA, EC and PC&RB Minutes of April 22, 2026**

### VI. REGULAR CALENDAR

5      1. **FY 2027 Budget Adoption (Timothy Burroughs & Justin Lehrer)**

That both the Waste Management Authority and the Energy Council hold public hearings and adopt their respective budget resolutions (Attachments A and B).

13     2. **Legislative Positions for 2026 (Jennifer West)**

Staff recommend that the Board adopts the stated positions on the bills listed in the staff report.

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

(The meeting of the Planning Committee & Recycling Board (PC&RB) will be held on Thursday, June 11, 2026 at 4:00 p.m. at StopWaste, 1537 Webster St., Oakland, CA)

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

### VIII. CLOSED SESSION (WMA only)

1. Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957  
PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION

Title: Executive Director

(confidential materials provided separately)

2. Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6

CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS

Agency Designated Representatives: Board Members Bowen, Jensen, Sadoff, and Zermeño

Unrepresented Employee: Executive Director

(confidential materials provided separately)

### IX. ADJOURNMENT – TO WMA & EC MEETING JUNE 24, 2026 AT 3:00 P.M.

**DRAFT**

**MINUTES OF THE JOINT MEETING OF THE  
ALAMEDA COUNTY WASTE MANAGEMENT  
AUTHORITY BOARD (WMA), ENERGY COUNCIL (EC),  
AND SOURCE REDUCION AND RECYLING BOARD**

**Wednesday, April 22, 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 & PC&RB**

County of Alameda	David Haubert, WMA, EC
City of Alameda	Tracy Jensen, WMA, EC, RB (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, RB (EC President)
City of Fremont	Yang Shao, WMA, EC
City of Hayward	Francisco Zermeño, WMA, EC
City of Livermore	Ben Barrientos, WMA, EC, RB
City of Newark	Matthew Jorgens, WMA, EC
Oro Loma Sanitary District	Rita Duncan, WMA, RB
City of Piedmont	Lorrel Plimier, WMA, EC
City of Pleasanton	Matt Gaidos, WMA, EC
City of San Leandro	Xouhoa Bowen, WMA, EC, RB
City of Union City	Lance Nishihira, WMA, EC
Environmental Educator	Ellen McClure, RB
Environmental Organization	Elaine Owyang RB
Recycling Materials Processing Industry	Ja'moni Brooks, RB
Recycling Program	Barun Singh, RB
Solid Waste Industry Representative	Virginia Harrington, RB
Source Reduction Specialist	Madelyn Vital, RB

**ABSENT**

City of Oakland	Ken Houston, WMA, EC
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**Staff Participating**

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

**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 March 25, 2026 (WMA & EC only)**
- 2. Approval of the Draft PC & RB Minutes of March 12, 2026 (RB only)**
- 3. Recycling Board Attendance Record (RB only)**
- 4. Written Report of Ex Parte Communications (RB only)**

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

The Clerk called the roll: WMA Vote: 17-0 EC Vote: 17-0 RB Vote: 10-0

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

**VI. REGULAR CALENDAR**

- 1. Draft Fiscal Year 2027 Agency Budget (Timothy Burroughs & Justin Lehrer)**  
This item is for information only.

Timothy Burroughs and Justin Lehrer presented an overview of the draft Fiscal Year 2027 agency budget, highlighting revenue sources, expenditures, and fund balances, while explaining how the agency plans to continue advancing its three main goals: strengthening a healthy local food system that minimizes waste, building circular economy initiatives, and increasing resource efficiency in the building sector. Board members asked questions about reserves, vacancies, and cybersecurity measures, with staff providing detailed explanations about their financial planning approach and operational practices. A link to the staff report and the presentation is available here: [FY2027-Draft-Budget-memo.pdf](#).

Additional time was provided to the Board for discussion and clarifying questions. A link to the discussion is available here: [FY2027-Draft-Budget-Discussion](#). The next steps are to make any changes to the budget based on board input received at this meeting and return to the Recycling Board on May 14 and to the WMA and Energy Council on May 27 to request adoption of their respective budgets. There were no public comments.

Mr. Burroughs thanked the Board for their leadership and partnership, and thanked staff for their passion, expertise, and commitment. There were no changes or revisions to the budget. The Board acknowledged StopWaste staff for their excellent work and expressed appreciation for the Agency's proactive fiscal management, transparency, and program innovation.

- 2. 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 May 14, 2026 at 4:00 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**

President Jensen thanked Board members Bowen, Sadoff, and Zermeño for their collaboration in working with her on the process for the performance evaluation of the Executive Director. The committee will provide more information at the May WMA meeting. Board member Shao announced that the City of Fremont had a wonderful Earth Day celebration and thanked Fremont LEAF for providing public awareness towards cultivating a healthier planet. Board member Owyang thanked StopWaste staff for attending the event. Mr. Burroughs announced that his term on the SB 54 Advisory Board was ending and stated that the Agency would continue its focus on implementing SB 54 legislation. Mr. Burroughs announced the monthly topic brief highlighting some of the Agency's top impacts from 2025-26, organized by our key goals and focus areas. A link to the topic brief is available [here](#).

**VIII. ADJOURNMENT TO – PC&RB MEETING MAY 14, 2026 AT 4:00 P.M.**

**WMA&EC MEETING MAY 27, 2026 AT 3:00 P.M.**

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

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**DATE:** May 27, 2026

**TO:** Waste Management Authority (WMA) Board  
Energy Council (EC)

**FROM:** Timothy Burroughs, Executive Director  
Justin Lehrer, Administrative Services Director

**SUBJECT:** Fiscal Year 2027 Budget Adoption

**SUMMARY**

At its May 27, 2026, meeting, staff recommends that the WMA and EC Boards adopt their respective FY 2027 budget resolutions.

**DISCUSSION**

The proposed budget for FY 2027 was presented at a joint meeting of the Waste Management Authority, Energy Council, and Recycling Board on April 22, 2026. The staff memo and PowerPoint presentation from the meeting are available here: [FY 2027 Budget Presentation Memo](#).

At the April 22 meeting, the Boards did not request any changes to budgeted amounts. The combined proposed FY 2027 budget totals approximately \$42.6 million, with the following breakdown:

- WMA: \$ 18,699,094
- Energy Council: \$ 14,761,447
- Recycling Board: \$ 9,192,355

As outlined in the budget document (see Expenditures by Funding Source, page IV-I), some projects are funded using both WMA and Recycling Board funds. That is because the AB 939 Facility Fee, which funds the programs overseen by the Waste Management Authority, and the Measure D Landfill Surcharge, which funds the programs overseen by the Recycling Board, are both designed to advance efforts that reduce solid waste.

The Agency’s discretionary budget is \$8.6 million, funded primarily by tonnage fee revenue. Starting in FY 2027, approximately \$4 million in regulatory costs will be recovered through a new regulatory fee, which supports implementation of state-mandated requirements, such as compliance monitoring and enforcement efforts required to implement SB 1383 and the Reusable Bag Ordinance on behalf of our member agencies. With the adoption of the regulatory fee and continued fiscal prudence, the Agency’s financial outlook has materially improved, eliminating the need to draw on fund balance this year to balance the discretionary budget.

Discretionary fund balances are projected to total \$14.7 million, and reserves are projected to total \$9.2 million at the end of FY 2027. Based on the Agency's annual fiscal forecast, this represents an appropriate level of contingency funding to support advancing our mission today while also providing the means to plan for future needs and revenue volatility.

Appendix C of the linked budget document includes a summary of FY 2025 budget to actual amounts, the current year budget (FY 2026) and the proposed FY 2027 budget.

The WMA budget resolution approving the FY 2027 budget also includes authorization of the Agency's salary schedule and authorized positions (no increase in authorization/staffing) and new or augmented contracts for the coming fiscal year.

The Recycling Board adopted its FY 2026 budget at its meeting held on May 14, 2026.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

That both the Waste Management Authority and the Energy Council hold public hearings and adopt their respective budget resolutions (Attachments A and B).

Attachment A: WMA Budget Resolution

Attachment B: EC Budget Resolution

Attachment C: [FY 2027 Annual Budget](#)

**ATTACHMENT A**

**ALAMEDA COUNTY WASTE MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY  
RESOLUTION #WMA 2026-01**

**MOVED:  
SECONDED:**

**AT THE MEETING HELD MAY 27, 2026**

**THE ALAMEDA COUNTY WASTE MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY AUTHORIZES ADOPTION OF  
THE FISCAL YEAR 2027 BUDGET; PROJECT CONTRACTS; AND AUTHORIZED POSITIONS AND  
SALARY SCHEDULE**

**WHEREAS**, a preliminary budget for Fiscal Year 2027 has been developed that incorporates programs and projects based on guidance provided by the Board and consistent with the Countywide Integrated Waste Management Plan and Recycling Plan; and,

**WHEREAS**, this budget was presented at the joint meeting of the Alameda County Waste Management Authority, the Alameda County Source Reduction and Recycling Board, and the Energy Council held on April 22, 2026, for review and comment; and,

**WHEREAS**, legal notice of the public hearing on the budget has been provided, and the matter scheduled on the May 27, 2026, Alameda County Waste Management Authority Board agenda for adoption.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Alameda County Waste Management Authority (WMA) Board hereby:

1. Adopts the WMA’s portion of the Fiscal Year 2027 Budget with expenditures totaling \$18,699,094, and authorizes staff to proceed with its administration, programs and operations in accordance with the adopted budget, effective July 1, 2026.
2. Authorizes the attached salary schedule and authorized positions.
3. Authorizes the following new or augmented contracts and/or spending authority subject to approval as to form by Legal Counsel, and consistent with the WMA’s purchasing policy:

**Administrative Overhead (OH) (includes general OH, accounting, human resources, information systems and board administration)**

<u>Shute, Mihaly and Weinberger, LLP</u> Authority counsel, charged against multiple projects as appropriate	\$ 150,000
<u>Alliance Insurance Services</u> Agency insurance coverage	\$ 150,000
<u>Building Reserve and Maintenance TBD</u> Various services related to maintaining and upgrading the Agency board room and facilities	\$ 100,000
<u>CDW Logistics</u> Information technology purchases, e.g., replacement laptops	\$ 100,000
<u>Tyler Technologies, Inc.</u>	\$ 109,000

Annual license, maintenance, and support for financial system	
<b><u>Agency Communications</u></b>	
<u>Gigantic Ideas Studio</u> Communications strategy support	\$ 35,000
<u>Zero Company Performance Marketing, Inc.</u> Online digital advertising including targeted searches, banners, social media	\$ 30,000
<b><u>Food Waste Reduction</u></b>	
<u>Gigantic Ideas Studio</u> Grants program promotion; design and programmatic planning support	\$ 35,000
<u>Zero Company Performance Marketing, Inc.</u> Online digital advertising including targeted search, banners, social media and video	\$ 10,000
<b><u>Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Facilities</u></b>	
<u>Zero Company Performance Marketing, Inc.</u> Online media buy to promote HHW facilities/events – digital/mobile ads; video on various platforms	\$ 45,000
<b><u>Packaging and Foodware</u></b>	
<u>Gigantic Idea Studio</u> Reusable foodware promotion and outreach	\$ 50,000
<u>Environmental Innovations</u> Reusable Foodware for businesses TA and funding consultant	\$ 80,000
<b><u>SB 1383 Implementation</u></b>	
<u>Cascadia Consulting Group</u> Business and multifamily technical assistance. Includes additional technical assistance for and funded by the City of Oakland	\$ 135,000
<u>Jesse Tieger Consulting</u> Business and multifamily technical assistance. Includes additional technical assistance for and funded by the City of Oakland	\$ 95,000
<u>Gigantic Ideas Studio</u> Marketing and outreach assistance	\$ 25,000
<u>Clean Streams Field Study Services TBD</u> TBD contractor for contamination research project; RFP early FY 27	\$ 100,000
<b><u>Schools Engagement</u></b>	
<u>Royal Coach Tours</u> Bus service for field trips	\$ 92,000
<b><u>Used Oil Recycling (externally funded)</u></b>	
<u>Zero Company Performance Marketing, Inc.</u> Online digital advertising including targeted search, banners, social media and video	\$ 20,000
<u>Gigantic Ideas Studio</u> Riders Recycle motor oil and filter event outreach	\$ 20,000

**Passed and adopted this 27th day of May 2026, by the following vote of the WMA Board:**

**AYES:**

**NOES:**

**ABSTAIN:**

**ABSENT:**

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Arliss Dunn, Clerk of the Board

Monthly Salary Ranges and Authorized Positions  
 FY 27\*  
 Authorized Positions 50.0 FTE\*\*

Grade	Classification	Step 1	Step 2	Step 3	Step 4	Step 5	Step 6	Step 7	Step 8
19	Executive Director	<b>Per Contract: \$25,798 to be approved at WMA 6/24/26</b>							
18	Vacant	\$ 20,493	\$ 21,108	\$ 21,736	\$ 22,391	\$ 23,064	\$ 23,754	\$ 24,469	\$ 25,204
	Administrative Services Director								
17	Deputy Executive Director	\$ 19,061	\$ 19,634	\$ 20,221	\$ 20,828	\$ 21,455	\$ 22,097	\$ 22,761	\$ 23,444
16	Vacant	\$ 17,734	\$ 18,263	\$ 18,810	\$ 19,375	\$ 19,957	\$ 20,556	\$ 21,173	\$ 21,807
	Operations Manager								
15	Principal Program Manager	\$ 16,496	\$ 16,988	\$ 17,500	\$ 18,026	\$ 18,564	\$ 19,120	\$ 19,695	\$ 20,286
14	Senior Technology Officer	\$ 15,345	\$ 15,805	\$ 16,279	\$ 16,769	\$ 17,268	\$ 17,786	\$ 18,322	\$ 18,872
	Communications Manager								
	Senior Management Analyst								
13	Senior Program Manager	\$ 14,273	\$ 14,702	\$ 15,142	\$ 15,597	\$ 16,064	\$ 16,548	\$ 17,045	\$ 17,556
	Administrative Services Manager								
	Financial Services Manager***								
12	Legislative and Regulatory Affairs	\$ 13,278	\$ 13,675	\$ 14,087	\$ 14,507	\$ 14,946	\$ 15,390	\$ 15,855	\$ 16,330
	Management Analyst III								
11	Program Manager III	\$ 12,352	\$ 12,720	\$ 13,104	\$ 13,497	\$ 13,901	\$ 14,319	\$ 14,747	\$ 15,192
	Clerk of the Board								
	Management Analyst II								
	Program Manager II								
10	Web and Design Manager II	\$ 11,489	\$ 11,835	\$ 12,189	\$ 12,555	\$ 12,931	\$ 13,319	\$ 13,719	\$ 14,133
	Accountant II								
9	Web and Design Manager I	\$ 10,687	\$ 11,010	\$ 11,339	\$ 11,680	\$ 12,029	\$ 12,389	\$ 12,762	\$ 13,145
	Accountant I								
	Management Analyst I								
8	Program Manager I	\$ 9,943	\$ 10,241	\$ 10,545	\$ 10,866	\$ 11,191	\$ 11,524	\$ 11,871	\$ 12,228
	Executive Assistant/Assistant Clerk of the								
7	Board	\$ 9,248	\$ 9,527	\$ 9,810	\$ 10,107	\$ 10,407	\$ 10,724	\$ 11,044	\$ 11,375
6	Principal Program Services Specialist	\$ 8,602	\$ 8,861	\$ 9,126	\$ 9,403	\$ 9,684	\$ 9,974	\$ 10,275	\$ 10,583
	Senior Administrative Assistant								
5	Senior Program Services Specialist	\$ 8,004	\$ 8,244	\$ 8,492	\$ 8,744	\$ 9,008	\$ 9,278	\$ 9,556	\$ 9,844
	Administrative Assistant II								
4	Program Services Specialist II	\$ 7,447	\$ 7,668	\$ 7,899	\$ 8,134	\$ 8,380	\$ 8,631	\$ 8,890	\$ 9,156
	Administrative Assistant I								
3	Program Services Specialist I	\$ 6,926	\$ 7,132	\$ 7,345	\$ 7,567	\$ 7,795	\$ 8,029	\$ 8,271	\$ 8,517
2	Vacant	\$ 6,443	\$ 6,636	\$ 6,837	\$ 7,040	\$ 7,251	\$ 7,468	\$ 7,694	\$ 7,923
1	Inspector	\$ 5,994	\$ 6,172	\$ 6,356	\$ 6,551	\$ 6,743	\$ 6,948	\$ 7,156	\$ 7,371
	Intermittent Hourly Rates	\$ 22.70							\$ 136.49

\* Salary increase effective June 21, 2026

\*\* Includes regular, limited term, and intermittent positions, with 44 FTEs filled and no plans to recruit for the remaining 6 FTEs. at this time. Does not include any future positions that may be required due to grant/external funding. Those positions will be approved as part of the grants/external funding process.

\*\*\* Serves as Agency's Treasurer pursuant to the Agency's investment policy and applicable state law.

**ATTACHMENT B**

**ENERGY COUNCIL  
RESOLUTION #EC 2026-01**

**MOVED:  
SECONDED:**

**AT THE MEETING HELD MAY 27, 2026  
THE ENERGY COUNCIL AUTHORIZES ADOPTION OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2027  
BUDGET**

**WHEREAS**, a preliminary budget for Fiscal Year 2027 has been developed that incorporates Energy Council priorities and external funding agreements; and,

**WHEREAS**, this budget was presented at the joint meeting of the Alameda County Waste Management Authority, the Alameda County Source Reduction and Recycling Board and the Energy Council held on April 22, 2026, for review and comment; and,

**WHEREAS**, legal notice of the budget hearing has been provided, and the matter scheduled on the May 27, 2026, Energy Council agenda for adoption.

- **NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Energy Council hereby adopts the Energy Council's portion of the Annual Budget for Fiscal Year 2027 with expenditures totaling \$14,761,447 and authorizes staff to proceed with Energy Council administration, programs and operations in accordance with the adopted budget, effective July 1, 2026.

**Passed and adopted this 27th day of May 2026 by the following vote:**

**AYES:**

**NOES:**

**ABSTAIN:**

**ABSENT:**

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Arliss Dunn, Clerk of the Board

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**DATE:** May 27, 2026  
**TO:** Waste Management Authority and Energy Council  
**FROM:** Jennifer West, Program Manager  
**SUBJECT:** Legislative Positions for 2026

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**SUMMARY:**

Each year, staff bring a list of bills to the board in March and May for positions to be taken in line with the Agency's legislative priorities.

The California State Legislature has passed its first major deadlines of the year. Legislative policy committee hearings have wrapped up, and fiscal committees held their Suspense hearings on May 14, 2026. An update on the outcomes of this Legislative Session will be provided in the fall of 2026.

**DISCUSSION:**

At its January 2026 meeting the Waste Management Authority adopted three legislative priorities for 2026:

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

Working with Jason Schmelzer and Dylan Hoffman of Shaw Yoder Antwih Schmelzer and Lange (our contract lobbyist in Sacramento), we are tracking and contributing input on selected bills throughout the legislative process.

The Legislative Analysts' Office (LAO) released a report that outlines the scale of the state's recent fiscal challenges. According to the LAO, California has increased annual spending by approximately \$100 billion since the 2019-20 fiscal year, largely driven by rising costs to maintain existing programs in education, Medi-Cal, developmental services, childcare, and in-home supportive services. Despite these increases, revenues have not kept pace, resulting in projected structural deficits in the range of \$20 to \$30 billion annually over the next several years.

The May revise upgrades the state's fiscal outlook relative to the Governor's January budget, which projected a \$2.9 billion deficit and considerable deficits in future years as well. Due largely to higher-than-anticipated capital gains revenue, the May revise projects \$16 billion more in revenue than expected. The Governor remains cautious, opting to use this revenue increase to help address anticipated future budget deficits. As such, the May revise does not propose any significant new ongoing spending and, in fact, cuts spending by nearly \$2 billion from the initial January budget.

Costs to the state agencies for each bill can be better understood at this point in the session, with financial analyses of bills available from the Appropriations Committees. That said, costs to local governments must be inferred as they are not typically listed in those fiscal analyses. If known, staff can expand on expected cost implications for local governments for bills in greater detail at the May board meeting.

The bills listed below are ones we recommend the Board take action on at this meeting, either taking a new position or changing a position. For the bills considered at the [January](#) and [March](#) board meetings, please see the memos from those packets. There is also a table at the end of this memo to track the bills we have taken positions on already.

## StopWaste Bill Positions:

Sponsor	Actively working on a bill with an Author
Support	Support positions can range from signing joint support letters, submitting our own support letters, testifying in committees, and/or providing input on bill language
Watch, Support if Amended	Letters of support with recommended amendments; indicates that bill language and details are still evolving, and we will continue to watch and provide input and take a support/oppose position when appropriate
Oppose Unless Amended	Letters of opposition unless the measure includes recommended amendments to address concerns
Oppose	Opposition to bill

## Support a Thriving Circular Economy

### **\*NEW POSITION [SB 955 \(Blakespear\) Beverage containers: supermarkets: reverse vending machines](#)**

SB 955 would change state recycling laws to restore the effectiveness of California’s recycling system in two ways. First, it would update the definition of “supermarket” by removing the bakery/deli requirement and increasing the annual sales threshold from \$2 million to \$5 million to account for inflation. This ensures large grocery retailers are properly included in the recycling framework and closes existing participation gaps. Second, it would strengthen the definition of “collection service” by requiring that convenience zones demonstrate the capacity to collect 100% of recyclable beverage containers sold within that zone. Retailers and cooperatives would retain flexibility in how they meet this requirement and would have to provide the capacity to fully serve consumers and refund CRV deposits. This can include using reverse vending machines, drop-off sites, curbside programs, or any alternative or combination to meet a zone’s need.

Agency position: Recommend changing position from Watch to Support

Support: Circular CRV (Sponsor), CA Grocers Association, Rural County Representatives of CA (RCRC), PET Recycling Corp of CA, Container Recycling Institute, Mings Resources – East Bay

Opposition: Olyns

### **\*NEW [SB 1031 \(Blakespear\) Solid waste: compostable products](#)**

This bill would update compostable plastic labelling requirements so compostable plastics are distinguishable in the solid waste stream.

Agency position: Recommend Support

Support: California Compost Coalition, Californians Against Waste

Opposition: California Manufacturers and Technology Association, California Restaurant Association, California Retailers Association

### **\*NEW [SB 1048 \(Becker\) – State Seal of Climate Literacy](#)**

This bill establishes the voluntary State Seal of Climate Literacy (SSCL) to be affixed to the diploma of qualifying high school graduates and requires the Superintendent of Public Instruction (SPI) to recommend criteria under which participating local educational agencies (LEA) may award said seal to qualified students and requires participating LEAs to collect and annually submit to the California Department of Education (CDE) specified data related to SSCL participation.

Agency position: Recommend Support

Support: City and County of San Francisco, Climate Action Pathways for Schools, Oakland Goes Outdoors, State Superintendent of Public Instruction Tony Thurmond, Sustainable Marin Schools, Ten Strands, USGBC

Opposition: None

### **\*REMOVE [SB 1266 \(Stern\) Greenhouse gases: endangerment findings](#)**

This bill was gutted and amended and now concerns copper theft. Recommend: Removing Support, no position

## Accelerate Innovation in the Construction Sector

### **\*NEW [AB 1704 \(Gonzalez\) Greenhouse gases: embodied carbon building materials](#)**

Requires the Air Resources Board (ARB) to determine whether the cost of building materials with lower embedded carbon have reached cost parity with conventional building materials and to delay implementation of specified requirements to reduce the greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions of building materials and implementation of an embodied carbon trading system for building materials for at least five years, not to exceed 10 years, if parity is not achieved.

Agency Position: Recommend Oppose

Support: Associated General Contractors of California, California Building Industry Association, California Manufacturers and Technology Association, Housing Action Coalition

Opposition: American Council for an Energy-Efficient Economy, Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC), Sierra Club California, USGBC-CA (United States Green Building Council, California Chapter)

### **\*NEW [SB 1359 \(Stern\) – Gas Transition Responsibility and Electrification Act](#)**

This bill would implement policies to transition away from the gas utility system, including requiring the gas corporation’s obligation to furnish service to be interpreted consistent with the state’s greenhouse gas (GHG) emission reduction mandates and policies promoting building electrification, and requiring the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) before approving a capital investments of over \$10 million of natural gas corporation infrastructure to require specified findings.

Agency Position: Recommend Support

Support: 350 Bay Area Action, California League of Conservation Voters, Climate Reality Project, Los Angeles Chapter, Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC), Physicians for Social Responsibility - San Francisco Bay, San Francisco Baykeeper, Sierra Club California

Opposition: California Hydrogen Business Council (CHBC), Clean Energy, Pacific Gas & Electric Company (PG&E)

## **Bills and positions that StopWaste has taken**

These are bills that the staff presented and that the board has taken action on at previous meetings.

<b>Bill</b>	<b>Author</b>	<b>Topic</b>	<b>StopWaste position</b>	<b>Board Action date</b>
<a href="#">SB 353</a>	Alvarado-Gil	Tax Credits – Food Banks	Support	2025
<a href="#">AB 762</a>	Irwin	Disposable Vape Ban	Support	2025
<a href="#">SB 881</a>	McNerney	Tax Credits – Food Banks	Support	Jan 2026
<a href="#">SB 501</a>	Allen	Medium Battery Recycling	Support	Jan 2026
<a href="#">SB 222</a>	Wiener	Heat Pump Permitting	Support	Jan 2026
<a href="#">AB 1734</a>	Stefani	Food Insecurity Survey	Support	March 2026
<a href="#">AB 1812</a>	Aguiar-Curry	Compostable Products	Support	March 2026
<a href="#">AB 2253</a>	Boerner	Recycle Content Claims in products	Support	March 2026
<a href="#">AB 2313</a>	Berman	Home Energy Choice Act	Support	March 2026
<a href="#">AB 2667</a>	Hadwick	Vapes Processing and Transport	Support	March 2026
<a href="#">SB 758</a>	Umberg	Nitrous Oxide not for sale in retail	Support	March 2026
<a href="#">SB 922</a>	Laird	Vehicle Impact Fees for Haulers	Support	March 2026
<a href="#">SB 936</a>	Blakespear	Nitrous Oxide size restrictions	Support	March 2026
<a href="#">SB 1180</a>	Allen	SB 54 Mitigation Fund	Support	March 2026
<a href="#">SB 1218</a>	Arreguin	Illegal Dumping Violation Penalties	Support	March 2026

## **Bills that the board took a position on that have died since March**

- AB 1618 (Rogers) – Food Insecurity Survey (Support)
- AB 2462 (Pellerin) – Recalled Products Handling (Support)
- AB 2226 (Rubio) – Repeal Ban on Plastic Produce Bags (Opposed)
- SB 875 (Wiener) – Public Utilities (Support)

**Next Steps/Key Dates**

- **May:** Board receives status update on bills and provides direction as appropriate
- **May 29, 2026:** Bills must pass off the floor in the house of origin
- **June 15, 2026:** Legislature must pass the state budget
- **August 31, 2026:** Deadline for bills to pass the Legislature
- **September 30, 2026:** Deadline for Governor to sign or veto bills

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends that the Boards adopt the stated positions on the bills listed above.

**June 2026**  
**Meetings Schedule**

**Alameda County Waste Management Authority, the Energy Council, Source Reduction & Recycling Board, and Programs and Administration Committee**  
(Hybrid meetings are held at StopWaste Offices unless otherwise noted)

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11  <b>9:00 A.M.</b> <b>Programs &amp; Administration Committee</b> <b>Key Items:</b> 1. Election of Chair and Vice Chair 2. Solar Panel recycling <hr/> <b>4:00 P.M.</b> <b>Planning Committee &amp; Recycling Board</b> <b>Key Items:</b> 1. Solar Panel recycling	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24  <b>3:00 P.M.</b> <b>Waste Management Authority &amp; Energy Council,</b> <b>Key Items:</b> 1. Election of officers WMA 2. Election of Officers EC 3. Annual ED evaluation 4. HHW outreach update and annual HHW Fee approval	25	26	27
28	29	30				

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**Energy Council**  
**TECHNICAL ADVISORY GROUP (TAG)**  
**Tuesday, April 21, 2026 – 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm (hybrid meeting)**

**Attendance (in person unless noted):**

County of Alameda: Ali Abbors, Naomi Schroeder, Vanessa Le, Jenna Mackouse (Fellow, virtual)  
City of Alameda: Danielle Mieler  
City of Albany: Michelle Plouse, Aleesha Siddiqui (Fellow)  
City of Berkeley: Marna Schwartz, Valerie Nguyen, Mia Loo (Fellow)  
City of Emeryville: Violet Rice (Fellow), Matt Anderson (virtual)  
City of Fremont: Allyn McAuley (virtual), Maddi Martin (virtual)  
City of Hayward: Erik Pearson, Mireille Vargas, Stephanie Dumont, Melany Chavez Ugalde (Fellow)  
City of Oakland: Shayna Hirshfield Gold  
City of Piedmont: Emma Grossman (Fellow), Deniz Ergun (virtual)  
City of San Leandro: Kimberly Anderson  
City of Union City: Mayank Patel, Meliya Soller (Fellow), Todd Storti (virtual)  
Guests: Michael Rochmes, USGBC-CA (virtual)  
StopWaste: Jennifer West, Emily Alvarez, Natalia Guerrero, Robin Plutchok (virtual), Maria Hart (virtual)

**Welcome & Introductions**

**Ask TAG!**

- Sustainability Service Corps has openings for additional Fellows for next year, if interested
  - Several jurisdictions plan on having Fellows next year
- Sea Level Rise (SLR) effort - Ali Abbors, Alameda County
  - Are other jurisdictions interested in a one-day SLR planning convening?
    - Might not be the TAG member, connect with others in your jurisdiction working on this
    - Interest from: San Leandro, Berkeley, City of Alameda, Oakland
- SF Climate Week events
  - Oakland staff are on a panel on contractors on the frontlines sponsored by [Revalue.iO](#), prioritizing contractors in conversations about the energy transition
  - City of Alameda staff presenting on a panel on SLR
  - County of Alameda staff are going to a SPUR event on circular economy
  - Natalia (StopWaste) will be tabling in San Leandro with staff about BayREN and electrification at the San Leandro Farmers' Market
  - Berkeley Electrification Fair at the Brower Center
- BayREN HPWH Permitting Pilot – Emily (StopWaste)
  - Opportunity to join a BayREN pilot on simplifying and increasing consistency of HPWH permitting between jurisdictions
  - Technical assistance provided by TRC, does require staff time commitment

**USGBC-CA Building Performance Standards – Michael Rochmes, USGBC-CA**

- Provided an intro to USGBC-CA, an independent non-profit working on green building in California. [LEED certification for buildings is led by USGBC (national).]

- Looking at practical and scalable ways to reduce emissions from large buildings → Building Performance Standards (BPS)
  - BPS: regulate energy or carbon/emission performance for existing buildings using actual data and not modeling, triggered by a time expectation, and not from pulling a permit or making an improvement
- There is a report due in August 2026 directing the CA Energy Commission to look at BPS
  - We anticipate their strategy will be to work with AB 802 (2015) covered buildings
  - Legislation would be needed to implement recommendations from that report
- USGBC-CA launched the Building Performance Hub
  - The goal is to demystify the requirements of BPS
  - The Hub includes policy guidance, model policies, and case studies
- Model policy based on AB 802 requirements applied to smaller buildings than the threshold
  - Benchmarking must be submitted annually with third party verification every 5 years
  - Two performance metrics: onsite GHG emissions per sf (GHGI) and site energy efficiency (EUI)
    - Targets begin 5 years in and increase in stringency
  - Define which buildings the policy applies to by size or occupancy
  - Flexible compliance options, including: exemptions for properties facing financial distress, percent improvement reduction over their baseline vs. fixed target based on building type, development of a building performance action plan to demonstrate long term strategic decarbonization plan
- Albany: Has there been thought given to how BPS could apply to smaller buildings?
  - Even 20k sf buildings are often more difficult and very challenging to administer
  - For smaller buildings, a policy may be more prescriptive, like AC to Heat Pump
- Hayward participated in the cohort, presented an overview and likely approach to their sustainability committee -- they are developing a benchmarking program to move into BPS
  - If you are interested, it is helpful to join the group
  - Common theme was consistency across cities/counties

#### **Legislative Update – Jennifer West, StopWaste**

- Provided an overview on the bills we are tracking and supporting/opposing
- Construction Sector Innovation-related items:
  - AB 2313 - Support gas customers' opportunity to electrify when a lateral line is planned for replacement, potentially provide funding to switch
  - SB 222 - Support HPWH permit streamlining
  - SB 875 - Support the ability of local jurisdictions to municipalize their utility
  - SB 1266 - Support - GHGs are dangerous
- More bills will be presented in May for the Board's consideration
- Budget ask: more funding for TECH Clean CA?
  - Sign on letter available
  - Feedback from TAG is that more funding would be helpful

#### **BayREN EASE Home Program – Natalia Guerrero, StopWaste**

- Reminder of program eligibility: 120% or below area median income (AMI) single-family homes built before 2010
  - Use pre-vetted contractors and have a minimum of one eligible core measure (ducts, attic insulation). The program covers 80% of the cost
- In the first program year, BayREN upgraded 74 homes in Alameda County

- Average project cost was \$5,535
- Initial survey of 900 homes regionally shows that we are reaching the equity communities that the program is meant to target
  - Many homes have systems that are past their useful life
  - 12% have knob and tube (K+T) wiring
- Biggest lead source is local organizations (community partnerships and local governments)
- Tried a combination of community partnerships and broad marketing and outreach
  - Worked with Oakland Community Land Trust (OakCLT) to upgrade 12 of their 20 homes. We received connections to other CLTs
  - SL2050 is an organization focused on improving air quality and community resilience in San Leandro. We worked with them to host an in-person event and distributed information to their membership
  - Hayward included EASE Home flyer in their trash bill inserts, produced 10 leads
- We will be testing new outreach methods in 2026, including bus ads, NextDoor ads and traditional methods like tabling at community events and mailers, as well as new/continuing community partnerships
- Lessons learned: electrification costs are often too high for people to be interested without more significant rebates, scope of certain measures can become too expensive or too much work (such as mold remediation or wall insulation), K+T wiring is a big challenge especially in Alameda County
- Program changes: adding induction as a core measure, introducing K+T remediation rebate, allowing for larger scopes with larger co-payments (20% but no longer a \$1k cap)
- Strategic electrification pilot: follow up with previous participants prioritizing those with near end-of-life equipment and in health burden zones
  - Provide 80% cost coverage for induction and 50% for heat pumps
- Hope to serve 126 homes in 2026
  - Outreach done in 3 sprint cycles per year, goal for 70 leads for cycle
- Potential groups to target: seniors, residential care centers, home childcare centers