



Date: September 10, 2014
TO: Waste Management Authority Board
FROM: Gary Wolff, Executive Director
SUBJECT: WMA Vacancies on the Recycling Board

BACKGROUND

Mayor Halliday of Hayward has left the WMA Board due to other pressing duties (welcome Board member Jones!). She also served on the Recycling Board, so there is now a vacancy on the Recycling Board that can be filled by the WMA.

Any member of the WMA Board that has not already served on the Recycling Board is eligible to serve. Each appointment is for a two-year term, and there is a term limit of four years in total. WMA Board members West, Cutter, Kalb, Carson, Tam, Maass, Sadoff, Freitas, Rood, and Jones are eligible to fill the vacancy. However, members West and Tam will be leaving the WMA Board after the November elections, and other eligible members have previously been unavailable to serve.

Board members Natarajan and Wozniak also serve on the Recycling Board, but will be leaving after the November WMA meeting. Their terms on the Recycling Board have or soon will expire, but County Counsel has advised for decades that Recycling Board members may carry over beyond the expiration of their term pending a replacement appointment. Both members Natarajan and Wozniak have agreed to carry over through the November Recycling Board meeting. I requested that they do so in order to ensure 'institutional memory' on the Board when it reviews two previous decisions of the Recycling Board. I suggest that replacement appointments for these two positions be made at the November WMA meeting, or later if necessary or appropriate.

As background for these decisions, the Recycling Board also serves as the Planning and Organization (P&O) Committee of the WMA. This means it reviews County Integrated Waste Management Plan (CoIWMP) amendments and long-term planning issues, and any potential changes in StopWaste organizational structure. It also has direct authority over a significant part of the agency budget.

The Board usually meets on the second Thursday of the month. Seven of those meetings are from 4-6 p.m. at the StopWaste office. Five meetings are from 7-9 p.m., one in each Supervisorial District, in order to foster public engagement. In addition to the five WMA members appointed to

the Recycling Board by the WMA Board, there are six citizen experts in various aspects of solid waste management appointed by the Board of Supervisors (i.e., environmental education, materials processing, environmental organizations, source reduction, solid waste industry, and recycling programs). A new environmental educator is joining the Board at this meeting (welcome, Board member Stein!).

The County Charter requires monthly meetings, and members who miss two meetings in a row or more than three in a calendar year are automatically dismissed from the Board. However, interim appointments may be made by the WMA Board, when a Recycling Board member who is also on the WMA Board knows of a schedule conflict in advance.

RECOMMENDATION

Make an appointment to the Recycling Board now, and schedule other possible replacement appointments on the November WMA meeting agenda.