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**MINUTES OF THE ALAMEDA COUNTY WASTE
MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY MEETING
OF THE
PROGRAMS AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE**

Thursday, June 10, 2021

9:00 A.M.

TELECONFERENCE MEETING

Members Present:

County of Alameda	David Haubert
City of Alameda	Trish Herrera Spencer
City of Albany	Rochelle Nason (alternate)
City of Berkeley	Susan Wengraf
City of Dublin	Melissa Hernandez
City of Emeryville	Dianne Martinez, Vice Chair
City of Fremont	Jenny Kassar
City of Newark	Mike Hannon
Oro Loma Sanitary District	Shelia Young
City of Piedmont	Jen Cavanaugh
City of Pleasanton	Jack Balch
City of Union City	Emily Duncan (alternate)

Staff Present:

Wendy Sommer, Executive Director
Timothy Burroughs, Deputy Director
Pat Cabrera, Administrative Services Director
Jeff Becerra, Communications Manager
Justin Lehrer, Operations Manager
Robin Plutchok, Program Manager
Angelina Vergara, Program Manager
Adrienne Ramirez, Assistant Clerk of the Board
Arliss Dunn, Clerk of the Board

1. Convene Meeting

Vice Chair Dianne Martinez called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Timothy Burroughs explained the process that would be utilized during the meeting. A link to the process is available here: [Virtual-Meetings-Instructions](#).

2. Public Comments

There were no public comments on the remote call and no public comments were received via the public comments email address. Vice Chair Martinez announced that the Brown Act's waiver concerning open public meetings will continue past June 15 and the committee will continue to meet via teleconference until further announcements and direction from the Governors' office. Vice Chair Martinez welcomed Rochelle Nason, attending as the alternate for Board member Preston Jordan (Albany) and Emily Duncan for Board member Jaime Patiño (Union City).

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3. Approval of the Draft Minutes of May 13, 2021 (Timothy Burroughs)

There were no public comments on this item. Board member Wengraf made the motion to approve the minutes. Board member Hernandez seconded and the motion carried 12-0: The Clerk called the roll:

(Ayes: Balch, Cavanaugh, Duncan, Hannon, Haubert, Hernandez, Kassan, Martinez, Nason, Spencer, Wengraf, Young. Nays: None. Abstain: None. Absent: None).

4. Election of Chair and Vice Chair (Arless Dunn)

That the Programs and Administration Committee elect a Chair and Vice Chair for the period July 1, 2021-June 30, 2022.

Board member Wengraf nominated Vice Chair Martinez to serve as Chair, and Board member Hernandez seconded the motion. Board member Spencer nominated Board member Hernandez to serve as Vice Chair and Board member Hannon seconded the motion. The committee unanimously approved the slate of officers for the period July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2022 by a vote of 12-0. There were no public comments on this item. The Clerk called the roll:

(Ayes: Balch, Cavanaugh, Duncan, Hannon, Haubert, Hernandez, Kassan, Martinez, Nason, Spencer, Wengraf, Young. Nays: None. Abstain: None. Absent: None).

5. Reusable Food Ware Project Update (Justin Lehrer)

This item is for information only.

Justin Lehrer provided an overview of the staff report and presented a PowerPoint presentation. A link to the report and presentation is available here: [Reusable-Foodware-Update.pdf](#). An audio link to the discussion is available here: [Reusable-Foodware-Discussion](#)

The agency provided \$85,000 in grants for new pilot projects, including working with school districts to facilitate the use of reusable foodware, and for bulk food distribution. Additionally, in the last fiscal year, the agency distributed \$90,000 in grants related to reusable foodware, and there are more funds available as the agency identifies new projects. Mr. Lehrer shared that the agency in consultation with the County and City of Berkeley Environmental Health Departments developed a one-page handout that can be distributed to food service businesses informing them that reusables are safe to use. A link to the handout is available here: [Reusable-Foodware-Handout](#)

Additional time was provided for discussion and for the committee to ask clarifying questions. Vice Chair Martinez thanked staff for a very informative presentation. There were no public comments on this item.

6. Illegal Dumping Update (Jeff Becerra, Robin Plutchok & Angelina Vergara)

This item is for information only.

The work of the Alameda County Illegal Dumping Task Force is broken out into the three areas of Education, Eradication and Enforcement. Jeff Becerra, Robin Plutchok, and Angelina Vergara, provided an update on how StopWaste's efforts fit best in the Education category. A link to the staff report and PowerPoint presentation is available here: [Illegal-Dumping-Update.pdf](#). An audio link to the discussion is available here: [Illegal-Dumping-Discussion](#)

Robin Plutchok provided a walk-through of the online [Re-source tool](#), on the StopWaste website to demonstrate how the tool is helping to address some of the problem materials that are frequently

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illegally dumped. Angelina Vergara provided an overview of how the topic of illegal dumping is incorporated into our school outreach efforts. Board member Young commended staff for the development of the Re-source app and added it would also be helpful to have a handout to provide to folks to direct them to the app. Vice Chair Martinez inquired about the Governor's Clean California Initiative that allocates \$1.5 billion towards cleaning up roadways and civic areas in conjunction with CalTrans. Mr. Becerra stated that the Governor's proposal is directed towards state highways and roadways and not local jurisdictions. However, the Task Force is lobbying for additional funding for local jurisdictions. Additional time was provided for discussion and for the committee to ask clarifying questions. Vice Chair Martinez thanked staff for the update. There were no public comments on this item.

6. Member Comments

There were none.

7. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 10:08 a.m.