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**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
PLANNING & ORGANIZATION COMMITTEE  
AND  
ALAMEDA COUNTY RECYCLING BOARD**

**Thursday, June 9, 2016  
4:00 p.m.**

**StopWaste Offices  
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**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Dianne Martinez, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, called the meeting to order at 4:01 p.m.

**II. ROLL CALL**

Adan Alonzo, Recycling Programs  
Bernie Larrabe, Recycling Materials Processing Industry  
Peter Maass, City of Albany  
Dianne Martinez, City of Emeryville  
Daniel O'Donnell, Environmental Organization  
Jerry Pentin, City of Pleasanton  
Steve Sherman, Source Reduction Specialist  
Toni Stein, Environmental Educator  
Shelia Young, Oro Loma Sanitary District, for Tim Rood, City of Piedmont

**Members Absent:**

Greg Jones, City of Hayward  
Michael Peltz, Solid Waste Industry Representative

**Staff Present:**

Wendy Sommer, Executive Director  
Tom Padia, Deputy Executive Director  
Pat Cabrera, Administrative Services Director  
Angelina Vergara, Program Manager  
Rachel Lowy, Student Action Project Associate  
Debra Kaufman, Senior Program Manager  
Audrey Beaman, County Counsel  
Chinwe Omani, Executive Assistant for Clerk of the Board

**Others Present:**

Tom DelConte, General Manager, Vision Recycling  
Student Representatives from Bay Farm School, Alameda  
Michelle Kuttner, Bay Farm School and Go Green Program

**III. ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE PRESIDENT**

There were none.

**IV. CONSENT CALENDAR**

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| <b>1. Approval of the Draft Joint Minutes of May 12, 2016 (Wendy Sommer)</b> | <b>Action</b>      |
| <b>2. Board Attendance Record (Wendy Sommer)</b>                             | <b>Information</b> |

**3. Written Report of Ex Parte Communications (Wendy Sommer) Information**

Board member Pentin made the motion to approve the Consent Calendar. Board member Alonzo seconded and the motion carried 7-0-1 (Jones, Peltz, & Stein absent) (Young abstained).

**V. OPEN PUBLIC DISCUSSION**

There was none.

**VI. REGULAR CALENDAR**

The agenda was reordered to hear item #3 before item #2.

- 1. Proposed FY 2016/17 Budget (Wendy Sommer & Pat Cabrera) Action/  
Adopt the FY 16/17 Budget as it pertains to the RB and as outlined in the Public Hearing  
attached Resolution.**

Vice President Martinez opened the public hearing. There were no public comments on this item and the public hearing was closed. Pat Cabrera announced that Board members received a thorough presentation and discussion of the proposed budget at the April joint WMA/RB/EC meeting and the WMA Board adopted its portion of the budget at their May 25<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Board member Pentin made the motion to adopt the FY 2016-2017 budget as it pertains to the Recycling Board and as outlined in the attached resolution. Board member Maass seconded and the motion carried 8-0 (Jones, Peltz, and Stein absent).

- 2. 4Rs (Reduce, Reuse, Recycle, Rot) Student Action Project Presentation Information  
(Angelina Vergara).**

This item is for information only.

Angelina Vergara provided a brief overview of the staff report and presented a PowerPoint presentation. The presentation is available here: [4Rs-Memo-06-09-16.pdf](#)

Ms. Vergara introduced student representatives and their parents from Bay Farm School in Alameda, Michelle Kuttner (Bay Farm School teacher and Go Green Program Leader), and Rachel Lowy (StopWaste Student Action Project Lead Associate). An audio of the presentation is available here: [4Rs Student Presentation](#)

Board members were enthusiastic in their support of the program and thanked the students for their lively and impressive presentation.

- 3. Amendment to the Alameda County Integrated Waste Management Plan to include the Vision Recycling Compost Operation/Facility in the unincorporated Area of Livermore (Debra Kaufman) Action**

Staff recommends that the Planning & Organization Committee and the Recycling Board (in its role as Local Task Force) recommend to the Authority Board that it hold a first reading of the CoIWMP Amendment ordinance (Attachment A) at the June 22 meeting to (1) amend the CoIWMP (Exhibit 1) to include the Vision Recycling Compost Facility in the unincorporated Livermore area, and make additional changes for consistency, (2) find that the Vision Recycling Compost Facility conforms to the CoIWMP as amended, and (3) make the findings required by CEQA, and also recommend that the Authority Board hold a public hearing and second reading of the CoIWMP Amendment ordinance and adopt the ordinance at the July 27 meeting.

Debra Kaufman provided an overview of the staff report. The report is available here: [CoIWMP-Vision-Recycling-06-09-16.pdf](#)

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Tom DelConte stated as a lifelong resident of Alameda County he is pleased to see the opportunity for a composting facility in in the county. Board member Sherman stated that this is a significant step in the materials processing arena and we should continue to pursue opportunities to build up organics recovery and processing in-county. Board member Sherman added that having the ability to handle lawn trimmings and wood scraps locally is very important to ensure the ongoing ability to process and use the material. Board member Sherman inquired about the available markets for the material. Mr. DelConte responded that the vision of Vision Recycling is to move compost back into local soil. He added some of the materials may go outside of the local market but they have great relationships with the local landscaping community. Rachel Lowy thanked Vision Recycling for the compost and mulch they have donated to Lawn to Garden activities, including Student Action Projects.

Board Member Sherman made the motion to approve the staff recommendation. Board member Pentin seconded and the motion carried 8-0 (Jones, Peltz & Stein absent).

**VII. OTHER PUBLIC INPUT**

There was none.

**VIII. COMMUNICATIONS/MEMBER COMMENTS**

Wendy Sommer announced that this was the final meeting for County Counsel Audrey Beaman. Ms. Sommer thanked Ms. Beaman for her invaluable support.

**IX. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 4:53pm