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

Thursday, June 14, 2018

4:00 P.M.

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I. CALL TO ORDER

Jim Oddie, President, called the meeting to order at 4:02 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

Jillian Buckholz, Recycling Programs
Bernie Camara, Recycling Materials Processing Industry
Sara Lamnin, ACWMA
Peter Maass, ACWMA
Dianne Martinez, ACWMA
John Moore, Environmental Organization
Jim Oddie, ACWMA
Tim Rood, ACWMA (teleconference)
Sarah Vared, Source Reduction Specialist

Absent:

Toni Stein, Environmental Educator
Vacant, Solid Waste Industry Representative

Staff Present:

Tom Padia, Deputy Executive Director
Wendy Sommer, Executive Director
Pat Cabrera, Administrative Services Director
Miya Kitahara, Program Manager
Justin Lehrer, Senior Program Manager
Meghan Starkey, Senior Program Manager
Audrey Beaman, Deputy County Counsel
Arliss Dunn, Clerk of the Board

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Others Participating:

Heidi Obermeit, City of Berkeley
Rebecca Parnes, City of Dublin
Lori Marra, City of Fremont
Tonya Alves-Richardson, City of San Leandro
Arthur Boone

III. ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE PRESIDENT

There were none.

IV. CONSENT CALENDAR

1. **Approval of the Draft Minutes of May 10, 2018 (Tom Padia)**
2. **Board Attendance Record (Tom Padia)**
3. **Written Report of Ex Parte Communications (Tom Padia)**
4. **Grants Issued Under Executive Director Signature Authority (Wendy Sommer)**

There were no public comments on the Consent Calendar. Board member Maass made the motion to approve the Consent Calendar. Board member Martinez seconded and the motion carried 9-0. (Ayes: Buckholz, Camara, Lamnin, Maass, Moore, Martinez, Oddie, Rood, Vared. Nays: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Stein. Vacant: Solid Waste Industry Representative).

IV. OPEN PUBLIC DISCUSSION

Arthur Boone provided public comment. Mr. Boone commented that the courts ruled that the litigation against the WMA was denied. Mr. Boone further commented that Waste Management, Inc. recently revised their previous proposal and the proposal now before the Air Board does not involve any anaerobic digestion, it will be an indoor aerobic compost operation which will negate any issues of methane production. Mr. Boone added his concern is with the ineffectiveness of mixed-waste processing.

VI. REGULAR CALENDAR

1. **Proposed FY 2018-19 Budget (Wendy Sommer & Pat Cabrera)**
Staff recommends that the Recycling Board adopt the RB FY 18-19 Budget Resolution (Attachment A).

Pat Cabrera provided an overview of the staff report. A link to the report is available here: [Proposed-FY18-19-Budget.pdf](#)

There was no public comment on this item. Board member Lamnin made the motion to adopt the Recycling Board FY 18-19 budget. Board member Martinez seconded and the motion carried 8-0 (Ayes: Buckholz, Camara, Lamnin, Maass, Moore, Martinez, Oddie, Vared. Nays: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Rood, Stein. Vacant: Solid Waste Industry Representative).

2. **Circular Economy Principles for Materials Management (Miya Kitahara)**
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Miya Kitahara presented an overview of the staff report and presented a PowerPoint presentation. The report and the presentation is available here: [Circular-Economy-Presentation-06-14-18.pdf](#)

Ms. Sommer stated that this is the first in a series of informational items designed to prepare staff and the Board for the priority setting session in the fall and the presentation on the Circular Economy is intended to provide insight to the Board on how staff is implementing these approaches into our day-to-day projects, and to also assist in reaffirming these approaches when we have the priority setting session in the fall. Additionally, staff will be offering attendance to the upcoming conferences for Board members that are interested in attending.

Board member Maass inquired with respect to Built Environments and future-proofing whether there are projects in the bay area undertaking this goal. Ms. Kitahara stated that there is a project in Walnut Creek that is designed so that the parking structure can become retail or multi-family in the future. Another project is the Chartwell School in Seaside, CA. They designed the school for deconstruction and to be able to use the space differently as the needs of the school evolve. Board member Maass commented that there is a trend in education for schools to be built to use space in different ways. Board member Maass inquired if there has been discussion within the MacArthur foundation regarding the differences in the economic structure of Europe and the United States and the impact that a consumer driven economy may have on achieving circularity in the United States. Ms. Kitahara stated yes, especially on the non-corporate observer and there is difficulty in translating circular economy to the US. Justin Lehrer added, in terms of translating across countries, the USA is in the minority with Extended Producer Responsibility in terms of countries adopting more producer responsibility for consumer packaging. Belgium has a system where they assess fees to producers for the packaging that they put into the marketplace and the fees vary according to the packaging being produced. Packaging that is not designed for recyclability is assessed a disrupter fee. This type of Producer Responsibility is also spreading to Canada. Board member Martinez inquired about the incentive for companies that have agreed to produce products with more recyclability as it can help inform the Board during the priority setting process. Mr. Lehrer stated that the vast majority of companies that have made these commitments are operating in both Europe and the USA and they are on-board with EPR in Europe but are resistant in the US. President Oddie inquired with respect to business-to-business packaging if we have reached out to the Port of Oakland or companies such as FedEx or UPS to broaden our reach outside of the county. Mr. Lehrer stated FedEx and UPS are members of the Sustainable Packaging Coalition and we are participating in the dialogues that include these companies.

President Oddie thanked Ms. Kitahara and Mr. Lehrer for the presentation and discussion.

3. Municipal Panel: Adequate Space for Recycling/Enclosures (Meghan Starkey)

This item is for information only.

Meghan Starkey provided an overview of the staff report and introduced the panelists: Heidi Obermeit, City of Berkeley; Rebecca Parnes, City of Dublin; Lori Marra, City of Fremont; and Tonya Alves-Richardson, City of San Leandro. The panelists shared their experience and insights in working with property owners, tenants, service providers and other city staff members to ensure adequate space for recycling and composting, as well as the current issues and solutions from their perspectives as front line staff, whose job it is to help ensure adequate space for recycling and composting.

A link to the staff report is available here: [Municipal-Panel-Recycling-Enclosures-06-14-18.pdf](#)

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An audio link to the discussion is available here: [Municipal-Panel-Discussion-06-14-18](#)

There was no public comment on this item. President Oddie thanked Ms. Starkey and the panelists for their presentation.

VII. OTHER PUBLIC INPUT

There was none.

VIII. COMMUNICATIONS/MEMBER COMMENTS

President Oddie announced that Board member Stein had completed her second two-year term on the Recycling Board and this was her final meeting. President Oddie thanked Ms. Stein, in her absence, for her service.

Board member Lamnin inquired if the agency hosts an event for grantees that would provide an opportunity for them to network with each other. Ms. Sommer stated yes, twice a year the agency hosts an event for grantees to network and to provide input as to the kinds of grants that would be useful for them. Selected grantees also provide periodic presentations to the Board. Board member Lamnin suggested as encouragement to the grantees that staff provide the media posts that are provided to the Board also to the grantees. Ms. Sommer stated that is a good idea.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.