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

Thursday, July 9, 2015

4:00 P.M.

**Tesla Factory Tour
45500 Fremont Boulevard
Fremont, CA 94538**

5:30 P.M.

**Fremont Transfer Station
41149 Boyce Road
Fremont, CA 94538
(510) 252-0500**

I. CALL TO ORDER - Tesla Factory, 45500 Fremont Blvd, Fremont

The group convened at the Tesla Motors Customer Delivery Center. Mateo Fabersunne, a Factory Tour Program Associate, began the tour at 4:10 P.M.

Attendees:

Board members: Greg Jones, Daniel O'Donnell, Michael Peltz, Jerry Pentin, Tim Rood, Toni Stein, Steve Sherman, and Minna Tao. Staff members: Justin Lehrer, Tom Padia, Wendy Sommer, and Gary Wolff. County Counsel: Audrey Beaman.

II. TOUR: Tesla Factory

Justin Lehrer shared that Tesla received a grant from StopWaste's Use Reusables project to support their conversion from disposable cardboard and foam packaging to reusable steel racks. The company has a goal to use all reusable packaging and has thousands of parts that can each be analyzed for opportunities to reduce packaging waste. Mr. Fabersunne fielded questions and took the group on a tram tour of the assembly line, sub-assembly, and parts storage areas of the facility, describing each phase of the preparation and assembly process.

III. RECESS (travel between tours by personal auto)

The Tesla tour ended at 5:30 p.m. and the meeting resumed at the Fremont Transfer Station.

IV. RESUME MEETING – Fremont Transfer Station, 41149 Boyce Rd, Fremont

President O'Donnell called the meeting to order at 5:45 p.m. Board member Alonzo welcomed everyone to the Transfer Station.

Present:

Board members: Adan Alonzo, Greg Jones, Daniel O'Donnell, Michael Peltz, Jerry Pentin, Tim Rood, Toni Stein, Steve Sherman, and Minna Tao. Staff members: Tom Padia, Wendy Sommer, Gary Wolff, and Arliss Dunn. County Counsel: Audrey Beaman.

Absent:

Board members: Lorrin Ellis, and Peter Maass.

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE PRESIDENT

♦ Board member Acknowledgement – Minna Tao

Wendy Sommer thanked Board member Tao for her thoughtful and insightful comments during her term on the Board as the Recycling Materials Processing Industry representative and her dedication to the recycling field. As a token of appreciation, outgoing Board member Tao was presented with a recycled content serving tray and a Certificate of Appreciation for her tenure on the Recycling Board. Board member Tao stated that her job in San Francisco made it extremely challenging to attend RB meetings, but she will continue to support the agency’s good work.

Tom Padia announced that the vacancy announcement for the Recycling Materials Processing Industry is available on the StopWaste website. Applications should be submitted to Supervisor Scott Haggerty’s office. The applicant must live in Alameda County and two members of the same company cannot serve simultaneously. The vacancy is open until filled.

President O’Donnell announced that the Bay Friendly Coalition will be presenting a movie “Symphony of the Soil” at the New Parkway Theatre in Oakland on Sunday, July 12th 12:30 – 2:30 p.m. Fliers were distributed. Ms. Sommer stated that the producer of the movie, Deborah Koons Garcia (the widow of Jerry Garcia), will be present at the showing.

VI. CONSENT CALENDAR

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| 1. Approval of the Draft Minutes of June 11, 2015 (Wendy Sommer) | Action |
| 2. Board Attendance Record (Wendy Sommer) | Information |
| 3. Written Report of Ex Parte Communications | Information |
- Board member Rood made the motion to approve the Consent Calendar. Board member Stein seconded and the motion carried 9-0 (Ellis and Maass absent).

VII. OPEN PUBLIC DISCUSSION

Ken Pianin, Solid Waste Manager for the City of Fremont, welcomed the Board to the City.

VI. REGULAR CALENDAR

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| 1. Grants to Nonprofits Program – Additional Funds Request (RB only)
(Wendy Sommer, Tom Padia & Meri Soll) | Action |
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- Staff recommends amending Project 2040 Grants to Nonprofit budget for FY 15/16
By adding \$92,000 from the Grants to Nonprofits fund balance.

Tom Padia presented the staff report. The report [is available here](#).

Board members voted to approve the increase to the Grants to Nonprofit budget for FY 15/16 by \$92,000 with the stipulation that staff come back to the Board with policy options and recommendations for setting limits on the number of years a non-profit may receive grants from us. Board members voiced concerns that some recurring grant recipients may rely on our funding every year to augment their annual budget and directed staff to encourage grant recipients to seek other sources of funding. There’s a concern with the long-term impact of our core budget as worthy applications continue to increase. Staff will return to the Board at a future date with a policy discussion

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and recommendation on criteria and filters that could be included when reviewing applications, such as geography, repeat applications, cost, impact, need, etc.

Board member Jones made the motion to approve the staff recommendation. Board member Pentin seconded and the motion carried 9-0 (Ellis and Maass absent)

2. Tour: Fremont Recycling and Transfer Station

Board member Alonzo led the tour of the Transfer Station and the Household Hazardous Waste Facility, explaining the various processes and materials flow.

VII. OTHER PUBLIC INPUT

There was none.

VIII. COMMUNICATIONS/MEMBER COMMENTS

Board member Alonzo acknowledged the resignation of Gary Wolff and inquired about the transition process. Mr. Wolff stated that his tenure lasts through December and the WMA Board, as the hiring body, is scheduled to meet in closed session to discuss this issue. More information will be forthcoming in the next month or two.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:40 p.m.