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

Thursday, July 13, 2017

6:15 P.M.

Tour of Fremont Recycling and Transfer Station

7:00 P.M.

Regular Meeting

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Teleconference

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I. CALL TO ORDER

Dianne Martinez, President, called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

Adan Alonzo, Recycling Programs

Don Biddle, ACWMA for Peter Maass, ACWMA

Bernie Camara, Recycling Materials Processing Industry

Dianne Martinez, ACWMA

John Moore, Environmental Organization

Jim Oddie, ACWMA

Michael Peltz, Solid Waste Industry Representative

Jerry Pentin, ACWMA

Tim Rood, ACWMA

Steve Sherman, Source Reduction Specialist (via teleconference)

Toni Stein, Environmental Educator

Staff Present:

Wendy Sommer, Executive Director

Tom Padia, Deputy Executive Director

Meghan Starkey, Senior Program Manager

Teresa Eade, Senior Program Manager

Farand Kan, Deputy County Counsel

Arliss Dunn, Clerk of the Board

Others Present:

Claire Griffing, City of Albany

Jordan Figueiredo, Castro Valley Sanitary District

Jeff Krump, City of Hayward

Sally Green and Beverly Perez, Oro Loma Sanitary District

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III. ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE PRESIDENT

There were none.

IV. CONSENT CALENDAR

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| 1. | Approval of the Draft Minutes of June 8, 2017 (Tom Padia) | Action |
| 2. | Board Attendance Record (Tom Padia) | Information |
| 3. | Written Report of Ex Parte Communications (Wendy Sommer) | Information |

Board member Pentin made the motion to approve the Consent Calendar. Board member Biddle seconded and the motion carried 9-0 (Ayes: Alonzo, Biddle, Camara, Martinez, Moore, Oddie, Pentin, Rood, Stein. Nays: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Rood, Sherman)

V. OPEN PUBLIC DISCUSSION

There was none

VI. REGULAR CALENDAR

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| 1. | Municipal Panel: Member Agency Schools Programs (Meghan Starkey) | Information |
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- This item is for information only.

Meghan Starkey, Senior Program Manager, provided an overview of the staff report and introduced the panelists: Claire Griffing, City of Albany; Jordan Figueiredo, Castro Valley Sanitary District; Jeff Krump, City of Hayward; and Sally Green and Beverly Perez, Oro Loma Sanitary District. The panelists shared their experiences and insights on the opportunities and challenges of implementing recycling and organics programs and other waste reduction efforts in their schools.

A link to the staff report is available here:

[Municipal-Panel-Schools-Presentation-memo-07-13-17.pdf](#)

An audio link to the presentation and discussion is available here:

[Municipal-Presentation-audio-07-13-17](#)

President Martinez thanked Ms. Starkey and the panelists for their presentation.

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| 2. | Marin Carbon Project (Teresa Eade & Kelly Schoonmaker) | Information |
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- This item is for information only.

Teresa Eade provided an overview of the staff report and presented a PowerPoint presentation. A link to the report and the presentation is available here: [Marin-Carbon-Project-presentation-07-13-17.pdf](#)

Board member Oddie inquired about the depth of the compost coverage. Ms. Eade stated that it is one-half inch of compost but the project studies believe a similar benefit could be achieved with as little as a quarter inch application.

Board member Stein inquired if the State incentive funding became available because of the carbon project. Ms. Eade stated that the American Carbon Registry recognized the project as a protocol making it eligible for California carbon cap and trade and that the state has a Healthy Soils initiative fund. Board member Moore inquired about the origin of the compost and if it had come from one area. Ms. Eade stated the compost came from a singular source and it is very clean. The compost comes from West Marin Compost which gets its feedstock from self-haulers who bring plant debris and an adjacent dairy farm and contains no municipal collection components. Board member Oddie inquired about the volume of compost required statewide and how many tons of compost we are generating statewide. Ms. Eade stated that it

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would require 1.25 billion tons statewide but she is unsure of the number of tons that we are generating statewide. Board member Stein inquired about the agency's direction and intention for the project. Ms. Eade stated that we are going to work with the Alameda County Resource Conservation District as part of a grant from California Department of Food and Agriculture & the Healthy Soils Initiative to develop a carbon farm plan out on a portion of the Agency's 1,600 acres in the Altamont. In addition, we will promote the use of compost and the benefits of carbon sequestration to cities, developers and property owners.

Board member Stein inquired about the compost quality and how do we determine if the compost is good quality. Ms. Eade stated that the industry has clear metrics on how to measure compost quality including the US Compost Council's STA program (Seal of Testing Assurance) and OMRI (Organics Materials Review Institute) which certifies composts for use on organic farms and other model compost specifications such as from CalTrans or our agency's Bay-Friendly landscape program. The compost is tested in labs (certified by the STA program) and then the results are compared to the specifications for quality compost. The lab tests measure moisture content, organic matter, nutrient content, salts, heavy metals, Salmonella and E.coli counts and inert contamination rates (such as plastic).

Ms. Eade shared a video entitled "Kiss the Ground-The Compost Story." The video focuses on soil and compost and the cycle of carbon.

The Compost Story-full length video: <https://kisstheground.com/thecompoststory/>

The Compost Story – trailer version: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qg-lOoatlvo>

President Martinez thanked Ms. Eade for a wonderful and informative presentation.

VII. OTHER PUBLIC INPUT

There was none.

VIII. COMMUNICATIONS/MEMBER COMMENTS

There were none.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:26 p.m.