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

Thursday, August 9, 2018

4:00 P.M.

StopWaste Offices  
1537 Webster Street  
Oakland, CA 94612  
510-891-6500

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Jim Oddie, President, called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

**II. ROLL CALL**

Jillian Buckholz, Recycling Programs  
Bernie Camara, Recycling Materials Processing Industry  
Nancy Deming, Environmental Educator  
Dan Kalb (Interim), ACWMA  
Sara Lamnin, ACWMA  
Dianne Martinez, ACWMA  
John Moore, Environmental Organization  
Jim Oddie, ACWMA  
Tim Rood, ACWMA  
Matthew Southworth (Interim), Source Reduction Specialist

**Absent:**

Vacant, Solid Waste Industry Representative

**Staff Present:**

Tom Padia, Deputy Executive Director  
Wendy Sommer, Executive Director  
Meri Soll, Senior Program Manager  
Meghan Starkey, Senior Management Analyst  
Angela Vergara, Program Manager  
Farand Kan, County Counsel  
Arliss Dunn, Clerk of the Board

**Others Participating:**

Terry McDonald, DR3 Recycling  
Jordan Figueiredo, Castro Valley Sanitary District  
Barbara Lee, Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District  
Natasha Neves, Oro Loma Sanitary District  
Andreea Simion, Oro Loma Sanitary District  
Arthur Boone  
Toni Stein

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### III. ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE PRESIDENT

President Oddie stated that he may need to leave at 4:30 and Board member Martinez had agreed to chair the meeting in his absence.

### IV. CONSENT CALENDAR

1. **Approval of the Draft Minutes of July 12, 2018 (Tom Padia)**
2. **Board Attendance Record (Tom Padia)**
3. **Written Report of Ex Parte Communications (Tom Padia)**

There were no public comments on the Consent Calendar. Board member Martinez made the motion to approve the Consent Calendar. Board member Moore seconded and the motion carried 6-0.

(Ayes: Camara, Deming, Moore, Martinez, Oddie, Southworth. Nays: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Buckholz, Kalb, Lamnin, Rood. Vacant: Solid Waste Industry Representative).

### IV. OPEN PUBLIC DISCUSSION

Arthur Boone provided public comments regarding the proposed mixed-waste processing facility at the Davis Street Transfer Station. Mr. Boone distributed a handout entitled "The Evolution of Mixed Waste Processing Facilities 1970-Today (copy of the handout is attached)."

### VI. REGULAR CALENDAR

#### 1. **DR3 Mattress Recycling – Facility Relocation Support (Meri Soll)**

Provide a \$57,500 one-time grant to The Society of St. Vincent de Paul (nonprofit entity operating as DR3) to offset facility relocation costs from Oakland to Livermore.

Meri Soll provided an overview of the staff report. A link to the report is available here: [DR3-Funding-Request-08-09-18.pdf](#). Mr. Terry McDonald, DR3 Recycling, was present to answer questions.

Board member Kalb stated that the funds are intended for grants to non-profits and inquired about the status of DR3 Recycling. Mr. McDonald stated that DR3 Recycling is a dba of the Society of St. Vincent De Paul, which is a non-profit. Board member Kalb stated that he is concerned that the relocation to Livermore will create a decrease in the number of mattresses recycled in North County. Mr. McDonald stated that they are working with the Mattress Recycling Council (MRC) to locate a magnet facility in Oakland to mitigate any potential decrease in mattress recycling in North County. Mr. McDonald added it is difficult to find a warehouse processing facility near the 880 corridor and those that are available do not have sufficient yard space. Board member Kalb inquired about the timeline for the magnet facility in Oakland. Mr. McDonald stated that he is still working with MRC to locate a site. Board member Kalb recommended that Mr. McDonald reach out to the Oakland Department of Environmental Services to assist in finding a location. Mr. Padia stated that Steve Lautze, City of Oakland Economic Development, was assisting with attempting to find a location in Oakland. Mr. Padia added that he is pleased that they were able to find a location in Alameda County and there is another mattress recycler located in San Leandro. President Oddie stated the Mattress Recycling Bill was authored by Senator Loni Hancock and he is also concerned that Oakland would be losing the facility. He added that he is pleased to know that there are ongoing efforts to find another location in Oakland. Board member Moore stated that it is a

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struggle to find facilities especially for industrial uses and inquired if there were suitable facilities but had zoning issues. Mr. McDonald stated there were no zoning issues but the building owners expressed concerns about fires and mattress deconstruction as an industry and required additional insurance and a policy in case of abandonment.

There was no public comment on this item. Board member Martinez made the motion to approve the staff recommendation. Board member Southworth seconded and the motion carried 7-0.

(Ayes: Camara, Deming, Kalb, Martinez, Moore, Oddie, Southworth. Nays: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Buckholz, Lamnin, Rood. Vacant: Solid Waste Industry Representative).

### **2. Municipal Panel: Member Agency Schools Programs (Meghan Starkey)**

This item is for information only.

Meghan Starkey provided an overview of the staff report and introduced the panelists: Jordan Figueiredo, Castro Valley Sanitary District; Barbara Lee, Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District; Natasha Neves, Oro Loma Sanitary District; and Andreea Simion, 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. Staff Angelina Vergara provided comments on the agency's efforts regarding the schools program. (Board members Rood and Lamnin arrived during the presentation). A link to the staff report and the CVSan PowerPoint presentation is available here: [Municipal-Panel-Schools-08-09-18.pdf](#)

A link to the StopWaste Schools Program Overview is available here:  
<http://www.stopwaste.org/recycling/schools>

An audio link to the presentation and discussion is available here:  
[Municipal-Panel-Presentation-08-09-18](#)

### **VII. OTHER PUBLIC INPUT**

Toni Stein expressed her concerns regarding the proposed anaerobic digester at the Davis Street Transfer Station in San Leandro. Ms. Stein stated that the potential air quality and high odor issues are significant. Ms. Stein stated that Zero Waste Energy Development located at Zanker Road, has contracted with Davis Street to do the anaerobic digestion and since 2014, has received over 3,000 complaints regarding odors that have not been addressed. Ms. Stein stated that she is concerned about the odor impacts when transporting the materials.

### **VIII. COMMUNICATIONS/MEMBER COMMENTS**

There were none. Board member Buckholz arrived during member comments.

### **IX. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 4:53 p.m.