

APPROVED

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

Thursday, October 12, 2017

4:00 P.M.

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I. CALL TO ORDER

Dianne Martinez, President, called the meeting to order at 4:02 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

Adan Alonzo, Recycling Programs
Bernie Camara, Recycling Materials Processing Industry
Peter Maass, ACWMA
John Moore, Environmental Organization
Jim Oddie, ACWMA
Tim Rood, ACWMA (teleconference)
Toni Stein, Environmental Educator
Sarah Vared, Source Reduction Specialist
Dianne Martinez, ACWMA

Absent:

Michael Peltz, Solid Waste Industry Representative
Jerry Pentin, ACWMA

Staff Present:

Tom Padia, Deputy Executive Director
Wendy Sommer, Executive Director
Meghan Starkey, Senior Program Manager
Farand Kan, Deputy County Counsel
Arliss Dunn, Clerk of the Board

Others Present:

Arthur Boone
Joshua Perez, Independent Recycling Services

III. ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE PRESIDENT

President Martinez introduced Board member Sarah Vared. Board member Vared will be serving in the capacity of Source Reduction Specialist. Board member Vared provided a brief overview of her background and stated that she is looking forward to serving on the Board.

Tom Padia distributed a one-page topic brief profiling Fixit Clinic. Fixit Clinic is one of our grantees and recently made a presentation to the Board. Board member Oddie had requested that staff provide a one-page flier highlighting Fixit Clinic that he could share with his colleagues on the Alameda City Council. Jeff Becerra, Communications Manager, plans to periodically produce one-page profiles of other grantees. The flier is attached as a matter of record.

IV. CONSENT CALENDAR

- 1. Approval of the Draft Minutes of September 14, 2017 (Tom Padia)**
- 2. Board Attendance Record (Tom Padia)**
- 3. Written Report of Ex Parte Communications (Tom Padia)**

Board member Maass made the motion to approve the Consent Calendar. Board member Rood seconded and the motion carried 8-0. The Clerk called the roll:

(Ayes: Alonzo, Camara, Maass, Moore, Oddie, Rood, Vared, Martinez. Nays: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Peltz, Pentin, Stein).

V. OPEN PUBLIC DISCUSSION

Arthur Boone informed the Board that in August, he was awarded the Lifetime Achievement Award from the National Recycling Coalition. Mr. Boone stated that the Bay Area and up to the state of Washington is the center of innovation in the recycling field and in March of each year nearly 350 people participate in a Northern California Recycling Association (NCRA) recycling update and share information. Mr. Boone stated that last week he attended a conference by National Solid Waste Association of North America and expounded on the subject of methane.

Joshua Perez provided an update on how his business is working to alleviate illegal dumping with respect to mattresses. Mr. Perez stated that his company will accept mattresses at a cost of \$30 for four mattresses. Mr. Perez stated that he is working with DR3 Mattresses as well. Mr. Perez provided an update on how he is educating his customers and refers people to other disposal and recycling services. Board member Stein inquired about how long he has been in business. Mr. Perez stated that his family has operated the company since 2014 and he joined the company last March as an office assistant but he has been in his current capacity for 8-9 months.

VI. REGULAR CALENDAR

- 1. 2017 Legislative Update (Eric Engelbart)**

This item is for information only.

Eric Engelbart provided an overview of the staff report. The report is available here:

[2017-Legislative-Update-10-12-17.pdf](#)

Board member Stein inquired about SB649 (re: wireless telecommunications facilities) and stated that there is no provision for extended producer responsibility (EPR) at the end of life and stated that the

Environmental Health Trust opposes the bill and is hoping that the Governor will veto the bill. Board member Stein added Alameda County and both the California State Association of Counties and the League of Cities oppose the bill and recommends that the agency oppose the bill as well. Board member Stein commented with respect to water recycling and water preservation that there are breakouts of Hepatitis A in San Diego and Los Angeles counties. She further added that such breakouts could be coming to the bay area and will require an increased use of washing with water and gray water if such water does not contain other products that may pose health risks.

Joshua Perez provided public comment regarding the bottle bill. Mr. Perez stated that hopefully we can make progress on the bottle bill as he has noticed an increase in litter from bottles as well as a public reluctance to recycling plastic and glass bottles. Mr. Boone commented on the low market prices for glass and added if you make glass from recycled glass it will save energy as it does not require such intense heat. Mr. Boone encourages staff to look into this issue.

President Martinez thanked Mr. Engelbart for his presentation.

2. Alameda County Operational Area Emergency Management Organization (Meghan Starkey)

Staff recommends that the Planning Committee recommend that the WMA Board adopt the attached Resolution to Join the Alameda County Operational Area Agreement.

Meghan Starkey provided an overview of the staff report. The report is available here:

[Alameda-County-Operational-Area-Agreement-10-12-17.pdf](#)

Board member Maass inquired if staff was aware of the disposal efforts after the Oakland Hills fire. Ms. Starkey stated she doesn't have specific knowledge regarding the hills fire but the intensity of the fire didn't leave much debris. Board member Maass recommended that we study the aftermath of the Napa fire to see how they handle debris management. Ms. Starkey stated that we have also looked at debris management after the San Bruno fires and other recent fires. Board member Stein inquired if staff would be doing any outreach to establish adequate point persons. Ms. Starkey stated that the city's Public Information Officer is the responsible person in these situations. Board member Stein inquired about the value to the agency for being involved. Ms. Starkey stated that we would act as a resource for other public agencies who may be in need of our assistance for issues such as proper debris management following a declared disaster or emergency.

Board member Oddie stated that the City of Alameda developed their disaster plan a year ago and recently hired a consultant to further refine the plan. He inquired as to how the city would receive notification of the debris management plan. Ms. Starkey stated that she is consulting with TAC and encouraged elected officials to direct staff to prioritize the issue. Board member Alonzo stated that as a private facility, they would like to be a resource but stringent restrictions when dealing with fire debris will prove difficult as most transfer stations with a solid waste permit cannot accept ash or other hazardous materials. Mr. Padia stated that in a declared disaster, the state has the authority to temporarily suspend a number of restrictions for facilities such as hours of operation, total volumes per day, load checking, etc. and may allow facilities to accept debris and other non-hazardous waste that is not consistent with the terms of their existing permit or the design and operation standards of their facility. Board member Stein stated that she supports more discussion regarding coordination between city, state and local government for proactivity prior to a disaster. Board member Maass inquired about any financial implications to the agency if we were to join the agreement. Ms. Starkey stated there would be minimal obligation and cost to the agency as it would be primarily staff time providing assistance to TAC members.

Board member Stein made the motion to approve the staff recommendation. Board member Oddie seconded and the motion carried 9-0. The Clerk called the roll:
(Ayes: Alonzo, Camara, Maass, Moore, Oddie, Rood, Stein, Vared, Martinez. Nays: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Peltz, Pentin).

3. Mattress Product Stewardship Update (Tom Padia)

This item is for information only.

Tom Padia provided an overview of the staff report. The report is available here:
[Mattress-Product-Stewardship-Update-10-12-17.pdf](#)

Board member Stein stated that Arlene Blum, Green Science Policy Institute, was successful in labeling of mattresses that contain flame retardants to enable the public to make an informed decision when purchasing a mattress. There's also the issue of toxicity and worker safety when handling toxic products. Board member Stein stated that it would be useful to include some type of declaration regarding safety when handling certain products. Mr. Padia stated that he had spoken with Ms. Blum some time ago and she indicated the primary concern was with sofa cushions and not mattresses. Board member Stein inquired about the methods for recycling the mattresses. Mr. Padia stated that our role in the lobbying during the development of the legislation was to ensure that there was a focus on reuse when recovering the mattresses. At DR3 in Oakland, an element of their business model is that they won't have to spend significant time tearing apart a certain percentage of incoming mattresses but rather sell them to a mattress recovery facility.

Mr. Boone commented that with respect to extended producer responsibility (EPR), the manufacturers are not interested in used products and it would be a major change to have manufacturers concerned about the end of life of their products.

President Martinez thanked Mr. Padia for his report.

4. Planning Committee/Recycling Board Meeting Time (Tom Padia)

That all current members of the Recycling Board indicate whether or not a change in 2018 to 3:00 p.m. afternoon meeting times would be acceptable to them.

Tom Padia provided an overview of the staff report. The report is available here:
[PC-RB-Committee-Meeting-Time-10-12-17.pdf](#)

The Board by consensus decided to leave the meeting time at 4:00 pm.

VII. OTHER PUBLIC INPUT

Joshua Perez thanked the Board for the opportunity to attend the Board meetings to learn and share information.

VIII. COMMUNICATIONS/MEMBER COMMENTS

There was none.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m.