MINUTES OF THE JOINT MEETING OF THE ALAMEDA COUNTY WASTE MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY BOARD (WMA), THE ENERGY COUNCIL (EC), AND THE SOURCE REDUCTION AND RECYCLING BOARD (RB)

Wednesday, January 28, 2015

3:00 p.m.

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I. CALL TO ORDER

First Vice President (WMA), Pauline Cutter, called the meeting to order at 3:04 p.m., and introduced and welcomed the new Board members. The new Board members are: Mayor Trish Spencer (Alameda), Councilmember Susan Wengraf (Berkeley), Councilmember Dianne Martinez (Emeryville), Vice Mayor Suzanne Lee Chan (Fremont), Shelia Young (Oro Loma Sanitary District), and Adan Alonzo (Recycling Programs).

II. ROLL CALL WMA, EC & RB

County of Alameda Keith Carson, WMA, EC (arrive 3:12 p.m., left 4:4:15 p.m.)

City of Alameda Trish Spencer, WMA, EC
City of Albany Peter Maass, WMA, EC, RB

City of Berkeley Susan Wengraf, WMA, EC (left 4:35 p.m.)

Castro Valley Sanitary District Dave Sadoff, WMA

City of Dublin Don Biddle, WMA, EC (left 4:30 p.m.)

City of Emeryville Dianne Martinez, WMA, EC
City of Fremont Suzanne Lee Chan, WMA, EC
City of Hayward Greg Jones, WMA, EC, RB

City of Newark Luis Freitas, WMA, EC (left 4:20 p.m.)

City of Oakland

Oro Loma Sanitary District

City of Piedmont

City of Pleasanton

City of San Leandro

City of Union City

Dan Kalb, WMA, EC

Shelia Young, WMA

Tim Rood, WMA, EC, RB

Jerry Pentin, WMA

Pauline Cutter, WMA, EC

Lorrin Ellis, WMA, EC, RB

Environmental Educator Toni Stein, RB (arrive 3:20 p.m.)

Environmental Organization Daniel O'Donnell, RB

Recycling Materials Processing Industry Minna Tao, RB (arrive 4:05 p.m.)

Recycling Programs Adan Alonzo, RB

Solid Waste Industry Representative Source Reduction Specialist

Michael Peltz, RB (arrive 3:25 p.m. via teleconference) Steve Sherman, RB (arrive 3:30 p.m. via teleconference)

Absent:

City of Livermore Laureen Turner, WMA

Staff Participating:

Gary Wolff, Executive Director
Wendy Sommer, Deputy Executive Director
Debra Kaufman, Senior Program Manager
Richard Taylor, Counsel, Authority Board
Audrey Beaman, County Counsel
Arliss Dunn, Clerk of the Board

III. ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE PRESIDENTS

Recycling Board President O'Donnell announced the availability of grant funds to non-profits for waste reduction projects in Alameda County and encouraged Board members to take and distribute fliers to organizations in their respective districts. The application deadline is March 19, 2015 at 5:00 p.m.

IV. CONSENT CALENDAR (WMA, EC & RB)

1. Approval of the Draft Minutes of November 19, 2014 (WMA & EC-Separate Votes) (Gary Wolff)

Action

- 2. Prop 84 Integrated Regional Water Management Grant, Round 2 Action Resolution to Accept Grant (WMA only) (Gary Wolff, Teresa Eade & Wendy Sommer)

 Adopt the Resolution attached.
- 3. Approval of the Draft Minutes of December 11, 2014 (RB only) (Gary Wolff & Wendy Sommer)

Action

4. Recycling Board Attendance Record (RB only) (Gary Wolff & Wendy Sommer)

Information

5. Written Report of Ex Parte Communications (RB only) (Gary Wolff & Wendy Sommer)

Information

6. Minutes of the December 16, 2014 Technical Advisory Group (TAG) (EC only) (Gary Wolff & Wendy Sommer)

Information

Board member Freitas made the motion to approve item #1 of the Consent Calendar for the WMA Board. Board member Pentin seconded with the correction noted below and the motion carried 17--0 (Carson and Turner absent).

(Correction: Board member Biddle volunteered to serve as an interim appointment, not Board member Pentin).

Board member Kalb made the motion to approve the Consent Calendar for the Energy Council. Board member Ellis seconded and the motion carried 16-0 (Carson absent).

Board member Jones made the motion to approve the Consent Calendar for the Recycling Board. Board member Ellis seconded and the motion carried 7-0 (Peltz, Sherman, Stein, and Tao absent).

Board member Sadoff made the motion to approve item #2 of the Consent Calendar for the WMA Board. Board member Pentin seconded and the motion carried 17-0 (Carson and Turner absent).

V. OPEN PUBLIC DISCUSSION (WMA, EC & RB)

Ken Bukowski stated that he video records this meeting and other regional meetings and they are available at www.regional-video.com.

VI. REGULAR CALENDAR (WMA, EC & RB)

Change in Officers for Fiscal Year 2014-2015 (WMA only) (Gary Wolff) Staff recommends that the Authority Board 'advance' Board members Cutter and Pentin to the positions of President and First Vice President, and elect a Second Vice President for North County.

Mr. Wolff summarized the staff report. The report is available here: http://www.stopwaste.org/sites/default/files/meeting/Election%20of%20Officers.pdf

Board member Pentin made the motion to advance First Vice President Cutter to the office of President. Board member Biddle seconded and the motion carried 19-0 (Turner absent). Board member Ellis made the motion to advance Board member Pentin to office of First Vice President. Board member Sadoff seconded and the motion carried 19-0 (Turner absent). Board member Maass made the motion to elect Board member Kalb to the office of Second Vice President. Board member Wengraff seconded and the motion carried 19-0 (Turner absent).

2. Interim appointment(s) to the Recycling Board for WMA appointee unable to attend future Board Meeting(s) (WMA only) (Gary Wolff)

(P&O and Recycling Board meeting, February 12th at 4:00 pm - StopWaste Offices, 1537 Webster St., Oakland, CA)

Mr. Wolff explained the Interim Appointment process to the new Board members. Any WMA member is eligible to serve as an interim appointment for any WMA member requesting such an appointment. The Board of Supervisors must appoint an interim appointment for Board of Supervisor appointees. Recycling Board members absent two meetings in a row or more than three meetings in a calendar year are automatically dismissed from the Recycling Board. Board members may attend via teleconference by providing the location information to staff.

Board member Ellis requested an interim appointment for the P&O and RB meeting on February 12th. There were no volunteers available. Board member Ellis will attend via teleconference.

3. Countywide Integrated Waste Management Plan Factual Changes (RB only) Action (Gary Wolff, Wendy Sommer & Debra Kaufman)

Staff recommends that the Recycling Board review the proposed changes to the ColWMP, and the 5-year review report, and provide comments (if any).

Debra Kaufman provided an overview of the staff report. The report is available here: http://www.stopwaste.org/sites/default/files/meeting/rb%20factual%20changes%20coiwmp%202015.pdf

Board member Sadoff inquired if staff looked at remaining airspace with respect to the 34 years of landfill capacity. Ms. Kaufman stated, yes, each landfill was asked to provide information on their current remaining airspace. However, future years of airspace will depend on rates of compaction and actual fill rates.

There were no actionable comments on this item.

4. Overview of our Agency: Past, Present, Future (WMA, EC & RB) (Gary Wolff)

Information

Gary Wolff provided a powerpoint presentation about the past, present, and future of the organization. The powerpoint presentation is available here: http://www.stopwaste.org/file/2129/download?token=TOf9YPvw

An video recording of the presentation is available at the following url: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Bph7tEyjK2k&t=22m15s

Board member Kalb inquired about the new mattress recycling program. Mr. Wolff stated that as part of the agency supported EPR legislation, State legislation passed last year (SB 254 – Hancock), which requires mattress manufacturers to create a statewide stewardship plan for discarded mattresses. StopWaste has provided a

\$25,000 grant to DR3, a local non-profit mattress recycler that we have supported for year, to implement a pilot project. As part of the work, DR3 will coordinate with cities public works to identify hot spots where abandoned mattresses are often found, then tag them with a unique identifier. Financial incentives—or bounties—will be made available to small business waste haulers and recyclers, often referred to as the "mosquito fleet." The bounty varies by mattress size: King - \$12; Queen - \$10; Full - \$8; Twin - \$6. In April, data collected from the pilot program will used by the Stewardship Organization to decide if they would like to include a "deposit refund system" in their proposal to CalRecycle. Board member Kalb stated that there should be an incentive to not illegally dump the mattress in the first place and questioned if this is included in the current project. Mr. Wolff stated that the results of the pilot project may persuade the stewardship group to propose that each mattress have a deposit at purchase to fund a rebate when the mattress is at its end of life. However, StopWaste does not have the power to decide on a mattress stewardship plan for the state.

Board member Cutter inquired as to the responsible party ticketing the mattresses. Mr. Wolff responded that some of the folks in the Stewardship group i.e. Rebecca Jewell, Waste Management, and Terry McDonald, DR3 are responsible for the outreach efforts. Board member Cutter inquired about the contact person for reporting a mattress. Mr. Wolff stated he will accept any calls or emails and forward to the appropriate person.

Board member Stein commented that it appears in the presentation that there is a clear end of life emphasis with respect to waste diversion and not an emphasis on the life cycle of materials and how it affects diversion with respect to post consumer recycled content as well as push to ensure that legislation is passed so that post consumer recyclables are included for all State purchases, and that it is extended to all counties and cities. Board member Stein added with respect to recycled content purchasing, it is indicated in the presentation as being very important, yet including a mandatory requirement for recycled content at purchase doesn't appear in the picture. Additionally, we need to review the issue of sanitation and the effects on public health in our recycling message. Mr. Wolff responded that as the Boards review the individual projects over the next few months they can decide if there is a sufficient emphasis on recycled content purchasing and extended producer responsibility, and that within Bay-Friendly Landscaping worker health is very important. In the project that includes reducing the purchasing and creation of household hazardous waste (which is a waste reduction project) there's an emphasis on the reduction and purchasing of toxic pesticides, which is both a human health and environmental issue. Board member Stein inquired if is feasible to impose a mandatory program for recycled content in purchases made in the County. Mr. Wolff responded that the program already exists with respect to purchases by the County. The County Charter currently includes that about 5% of Measure D funds is specifically for product purchasing either recycled content or environmentally preferred purchasing. This program also allows member agencies to piggyback on open purchase orders to buy products that meet the specification of the Counties EPP policies. Twice a year, GSA staff (Carolyn Bloede and Karen Cook) host a workshop for member agency purchasing staff to share their insights on environmentally preferred purchasing.

VII. COMMUNICATIONS/MEMBER COMMENTS (WMA, EC & RB)

Information

Board member Chan commented that the City of Huntington Beach is the first City in the nation to start the process of eliminating their plastic bag ban.

Board member Maass inquired as to the status of the Alameda County Community Choice Aggregation (CCA) feasibility study. Ms. Sommer responded that the Board of Supervisors' Transportation and Planning Committee is meeting on February 2nd to discuss the stakeholder and technical committee structure and composition for the CCA process.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT (WMA/EC)

The meeting adjourned at 4:40 p.m.