

**APPROVED**

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE  
ALAMEDA COUNTY WASTE MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY (WMA)  
AND  
THE ENERGY COUNCIL (EC)**

**Wednesday, October 22, 2014**

**3:00 p.m.**

**StopWaste Offices  
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**I. CALL TO ORDER**

President West, WMA, called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

**II. ROLL CALL**

**WMA & EC**

City of Albany	Peter Maass
County of Alameda	Keith Carson
City of Berkeley	Gordon Wozniak
Castro Valley Sanitary District	Dave Sadoff (left 3:30 p.m.)
City of Dublin	Don Biddle
City of Emeryville	Jennifer West
City of Fremont	Anu Natarajan
City of Hayward	Greg Jones
City of Newark	Luis Freitas
City of Oakland	Dan Kalb
Oro Loma Sanitary District	Laython Landis
City of Piedmont	Tim Rood
City of Pleasanton	Jerry Pentin (left 3:30 p.m.)
City of San Leandro	Pauline Cutter
City of Union City	Lorin Ellis

**Absent:**

City of Alameda	Lena Tam
City of Livermore	Lauren Turner

**Staff Participating:**

Gary Wolff, Executive Director  
Meri Soll, Senior Program Manager  
Karen Kho, Senior Program Manager  
Richard Taylor, Counsel, Authority Board  
Arliss Dunn, Clerk of the Board

**Others Participating:**

Arthur Boone,, Former Recycling Board member  
Evan Edgar, Edgar and Associates

**III. ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE PRESIDENTS**

President West announced that this is the final WMA Board meeting for Board member Natarajan and thanked her for her years of service. Board member Natarajan expressed appreciation for being a part of a regional effort and commended staff on a great job pushing various issues forward.

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**IV. CONSENT CALENDAR (WMA, EC & RB)**

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| <b>1. Approval of the Draft Joint Minutes of September 17, 2014 (WMA &amp; EC-Separate Votes) (Gary Wolff &amp; Wendy Sommer)</b> | <b>Action</b>      |
| <b>2. Legislative Status for 2014 (WMA only) (Gary Wolff, Wendy Sommer &amp; Debra Kaufman)</b>                                   | <b>Action</b>      |
| <b>3. Minutes of the September 16, 2014 Technical Advisory Group (TAG) (EC only) (Gary Wolff, Wendy Sommer &amp; Karen Kho)</b>   | <b>Information</b> |
| <b>4. Grants Under \$50,000 (WMA only) (Gary Wolff)</b>   | <b>Information</b> |

Board member Cutter made the motion to approve the Consent Calendar for the WMA Board. Board member Landis seconded and the motion carried 15-0 (Kalb, Tam and Turner absent).

Later in the meeting, Board member Natarajan made the motion to approve the Consent Calendar for the Energy Council. Board member Ellis seconded and the motion carried 17-0 (Tam absent).

**V. OPEN PUBLIC DISCUSSION (WMA & EC)**

Arthur Boone, former Recycling Board Member, commented on the State's inaction on a definition of a reusable bag and encouraged the Board to address this issue with respect to our reusable bag ordinance. Mr. Boone stated that he had written a letter to Deborah Raphael, Director, SF Dept of the Environment, informing her that Alameda County has a specific section in the 1990 Charter prohibiting the incineration of waste in Alameda County. Mr. Boone added he encourages researching how to properly dispose of pharmaceuticals. Mr. Boone's final comment related to the waste contract for the City of Oakland. Evan Edgar, Engineer, California Compost Coalition, commented on the passing of AB 1594 (Williams) ADC and AB 1826 (Chesbro) Commercial Organic Waste Recycling and commended the agency for its support.

**VI. REGULAR CALENDAR (WMA & EC)**

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| <b>1. Reusable Bag Ordinance 2012-2: Process for Potential Expansion (WMA only) (Gary Wolff, Wendy Sommer &amp; Meri Soll)</b> | <b>Action</b> |
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Staff recommends that the WMA Board adopt the proposed schedule and deliverables identified in the staff report as the process to be followed for consideration of expansion of Ordinance 2012-2.

Mr. Wolff provided a brief overview of the staff report. The report is available here:

<http://www.stopwaste.org/docs/10-22-14-Bag-packet.pdf>

Board member Wozniak inquired if there is data that shows the percentage of bags in the county deriving from small stores and restaurants. Mr. Wolff stated the data does not currently exist but it would really be useful to have. Staff will continue to research this information and hopefully the Storm water program will be able to provide this information. Board member Natarajan asked for clarification on the ability of cities to be able to adopt their own ordinance under the existing EIR. Mr. Wolff affirmed that cities can adopt their own ordinance and expand in whatever manner they prefer.

Board member Landis made the motion to approve the staff recommendation. Board member Cutter seconded and the motion carried 18-0 (Tam and Turner absent).

Special note: Board member Cutter noted that the standing agenda item to appoint an interim appointment to the Recycling Board was absent from the agenda. Board member Pentin stated that he required an interim appointment for the November 13th meeting. Mr. Wolff apologized for the omission and stated that the Board is unable to take action on the item as it is absent from the agenda. Mr. Wolff assured Board member Pentin that his seat on the Recycling Board is safe as his attendance record has no absences.

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### 2. Update on Commercial Sector and Water-Energy Nexus Priority Areas (EC only) Action (Gary Wolff, Wendy Sommer & Karen Kho)

This item is for information only.

Karen Kho provided an overview of the staff report and a powerpoint presentation. The report is available here: <http://www.stopwaste.org/sites/default/files/Documents/October%20Program%20Update.pdf>. The presentation is available here: <http://www.stopwaste.org/sites/default/files/Board%20Presentation%2010.22.14.pdf>.

Board member Wozniak commented that some of the parks in Berkeley have old irrigation systems which lead to leaks and significant water loss, and suspects that other cities experience this issue as well. Ms. Kho agreed that leaks are an issue of concern. Board member Natarajan commended staff on the approach and the priorities especially partnering with manufacturing. Ms. Natarajan indicated with respect to the \$75 million in cap and trade revenue, CalEPA does not have a clear definition of a disadvantaged community (DAC), and it appears that most of the funding will be targeted towards Southern California. Ms. Kho stated there are pockets in Emeryville, Oakland, San Leandro, and Union City designated as DACs and the grant is structured that 75% of benefit accruing to DACs can be defined by staff in the grant proposal.

Board member Cutter inquired if the program can assist municipalities with aging water line infrastructure. Ms. Kho affirmed and asked for a contact person at the city.

Board member Cutter thanked Ms. Kho for her presentation.

### VII. COMMUNICATIONS/MEMBER COMMENTS (WMA/EC)

Board member Wozniak commented that he has solar panels on his home and when the power grid goes down you are unable to use the power generated by the panels. He asked the Energy Council to look into this. Mr. Wolff stated that he understands that the law requires that for the safety of the workers, decentralized power disconnect from the grid while the workers are trying to bring the system back online, and a separate battery is required to keep the system operating. Mr. Wolff stated there may be other measures and we will look into it.

Mr. Wolff presented Board member Natarajan with a recycled content glass tray and reusable cloth bag for her service on the WMA Board.

### VIII. ADJOURNMENT (WMA/EC)

The meeting adjourned at 3:35 p.m.