

APPROVED

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

Wednesday, November 15, 2023

3:00 P.M.

IN PERSON MEETING LOCATION:

STOPWASTE BOARD ROOM

1537 WEBSTER STREET, OAKLAND, CA

I. CALL TO ORDER

WMA President Carling called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. Timothy Burroughs explained the process that would be utilized during the meeting. A link to the process is available here: [Virtual-Meetings- Instructions.](#)

II. ROLL CALL OF ATTENDANCE

WMA, EC & RB

City of Alameda	Tracy Jensen, WMA, EC
City of Albany	Jennifer Hansen-Romero, WMA, EC
City of Berkeley	Susan Wengraf, WMA, EC
Castro Valley Sanitary District	Dave Sadoff, WMA
City of Emeryville	David Mourra, WMA, EC
City of Fremont	Yang Shao, WMA, EC
City of Hayward	Francisco Zermeño, WMA, EC
City of Livermore	Bob Carling, WMA, EC (WMA President)
City of Newark	Mike Hannon, WMA, EC
City of Oakland	Dan Kalb, WMA, EC
Oro Loma Sanitary District	Shelia Young, WMA
City of Piedmont	Jen Cavanaugh, WMA, EC
City of Pleasanton	Jack Balch, WMA, EC
City of San Leandro	Fred Simon, WMA, EC
City of Union City	Scott Sakakihara, WMA, EC (alternate)
Environmental Educator	Eric Havel, RB
Environmental Organization	Darby Hoover, RB
Recycling Materials Processing Industry	Laura McKaughan, RB, (RB President)
Recycling Programs	Chiman Lee, RB
Solid Waste Industry Representative	Talia Wise, RB
Source Reduction Specialist	Grace Liao, RB

Absent

County of Alameda	David Haubert, WMA, EC, (EC President)
City of Dublin	Melissa Hernandez, WMA, EC
City of Union City	Jeff Wang, RB (absent from RB)

Staff Participating

Timothy Burroughs, Executive Director
Rachel Balsley, Senior Program Manager
Cassie Bartholomew, Senior Program Manager

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Kelly Schoonmaker, Senior Program Manager
Alma Freeman, Communications Manager
Michelle Fay, Program Manager
Arliss Dunn, Clerk of the Board
Adrienne Ramirez, Assistant Clerk of the Board
Richard Taylor, WMA Legal Counsel
Farand Kan, Deputy County Counsel

III. ANNOUNCEMENTS BY PRESIDENTS

There were none.

IV. OPEN PUBLIC DISCUSSION FROM THE FLOOR

Arthur Boone provided public comments.

V. CONSENT CALENDAR

1. **Approval of the Draft WMA & EC Minutes of October 25, 2023 (WMA/EC only)**
2. **Approval of the Draft PC & RB Minutes of October 12, 2023 (RB only)**
3. **Recycling Board Attendance Record (RB only)**
4. **Written Report of Ex Parte Communications (RB only)**

There were no public comments for the Consent Calendar. Board member Balch moved for approval of the Consent Calendar for the WMA and EC and Board member Young seconded. Board member Kalb moved for approval of the Consent Calendar for the PC & RB and Board member Jensen seconded. The Clerk called the roll:

WMA Vote: 15-0-1 EC Vote: 15-0-1

(Ayes: Balch, Carling, Cavanaugh, Hannon, Jensen, Kalb, Mourra, Sadoff, Shao, Simon, Wengraf, Young, Zermeño. Nays: None. Abstained: Sakakihara. Absent: Hansen-Romero, Haubert, Hernandez)

PC&RB Vote: 9-0

(Ayes: Havel, Hoover, Jensen, Kalb, Lee, McKaughan, Mourra, Simon, Wise. Nays: None. Abstained: None. Absent: Liao, Wang)

VI. REGULAR CALENDAR

1. **SB 1383/ORRO Implementation Update (Rachel Balsley, Cassie Bartholomew & Kelly Schoonmaker)**

This item is for information only.

Timothy Burroughs introduced the item concerning State law SB 1383 and the Organics Reduction and Recycling Ordinance (ORRO) that took effect on January 1, 2022, to reduce the amount of food and other compostable materials sent to landfill. Rachel Balsley, Cassie Bartholomew & Kelly Schoonmaker presented an overview of how StopWaste is supporting member agencies with various implementation activities including compliance monitoring/enforcement, reporting to CalRecycle, outreach and education, edible food recovery, recycled organics product procurement, and more. A link to the staff report and the PowerPoint presentation is available here: [SB1383/ORRO-Update-Memo.pdf](#). Additional time was provided to the Board for discussion and for clarifying questions. An audio link to the discussion is available here: [SB1383/ORRO-Update-Discussion](#).

There were no public comments for this item. President Carling thanked the Board for a very informative presentation and discussion.

2. **Compostable Plastics Conundrum (Alma Freeman & Kelly Schoonmaker)**

This item is for information only.

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Timothy Burroughs introduced the item. Alma Freeman and Kelly Schoonmaker provided an overview of the environmental and health concerns with compostable plastics and shared research and updates on existing regulations and policy underway that have implications for the acceptability, distribution, processing, and messaging of compostable plastics in California. A link to the staff report and the PowerPoint presentation is available here: [Compostable-Plastics-Update-Memo.pdf](#). Additional time was provided to the Board for discussion and for clarifying questions. An audio link to the discussion is available here: [Compostable-Plastics-Update-Discussion](#).

Arthur Boone provided public comments. President Carling thanked staff for a very informative discussion for such a complex topic.

3. Interim appointment(s) to the Recycling Board for WMA appointee unable to attend future Board Meeting(s) (Arliss Dunn) (WMA only)

(Planning Committee and Recycling Board meeting on December 14, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. The meeting will be held at StopWaste, 1537 Webster Street, Oakland, CA)

There was no action required for this item.

VII. MEMBER COMMENTS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Mr. Burroughs announced that the monthly topic brief focuses on compostable plastics and highlights the challenges and solutions discussed today. A link to the topic brief is available [here](#), and staff will forward a copy to the Board.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT – The meeting was adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

WMA & EC MEETING, DECEMBER 20, 2023 AT 3:00 P.M.

PC & RB MEETING, DECEMBER 14, 2023 AT 6:00 P.M.