

APPROVED

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

**Wednesday, December 20, 2023
3:00 P.M.**

***IN PERSON MEETING LOCATION:*
STOPWASTE BOARD ROOM
1537 WEBSTER STREET, OAKLAND, CA**

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

County of Alameda	David Haubert, WMA, EC, (EC President)
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 Dublin	Melissa Hernandez, WMA, EC
City of Emeryville	David Mourra, WMA, EC
City of Hayward	Daniel Goldstein, WMA, EC (alternate)
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	Jeff Wang, WMA, EC

Absent

City of Fremont	Yang Shao, WMA, EC
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Staff Participating

Timothy Burroughs, Executive Director
Pat Cabrera, Administrative Services Director
Alma Freeman, Communications Manager
Kelly Schoonmaker, Senior Program Manager
Jennifer West, Program Manager
Heather Larson, Program Manager
Arliss Dunn, Clerk of the Board
Richard Taylor, WMA Legal Counsel

Others Present

Jason Schmelzer, Shaw Yoder Antwih Schmelzer and Lange

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 Joint WMA, EC, and PC&RB Minutes of November 15, 2023

Board member Cavanaugh requested to remove Item V. 2, Request to Adopt Juneteenth as a Paid Agency Holiday, from the Consent Calendar for further discussion. There were no public comments for the Consent Calendar. Board member Cavanaugh moved for approval of the Draft Joint WMA, EC, and PC&RB Minutes of November 15, 2023, and Board member Hernandez seconded.

The Clerk called the roll: WMA Vote: 16-0 and EC Vote: 15-0.

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

VI. REGULAR CALENDAR

1. Request to Adopt Juneteenth as a Paid Agency Holiday

That the WMA Board approve adding Juneteenth as a paid Agency holiday.

An audio link to the discussion is available here: [Juneteenth-Holiday-Discussion](#). Board members discussed adopting Juneteenth as a paid Agency holiday and also directed staff to schedule a future discussion regarding the Agency's staff paid leave policy.

There were no public comments on this item. Board member Balch moved approval of the staff recommendation, and Board member Young seconded. The motion carried 19-0. The Clerk called the roll: (Ayes: Balch, Carling, Cavanaugh, Goldstein, Hannon, Hansen-Romero, Haubert, Hernandez, Jensen, Kalb, Mourra, Sadoff, Simon, Wang, Wengraf, Young. Nays: None. Abstained: None. Absent: Shao)

2. Efforts to make changes to SB 1383 procurement requirements (Kelly Schoonmaker & Jennifer West)

Direct staff to continue to work with state and local stakeholders to pursue possible changes to the SB 1383 procurement requirements, including Agency sponsorship of legislation designed to increase local government flexibility in meeting the requirements, reduce local government costs, and continue advancing the methane-reduction goals in SB 1383.

Timothy Burroughs introduced the item. Kelly Schoonmaker and Jennifer West provided an overview of the staff report and presented a PowerPoint presentation. A link to the report and the presentation is available here: [Leg-Procurement-Memo.pdf](#). Jason Schmelzer, Agency Lobbyist, was present to answer questions. Ms. Schoonmaker and Ms. West provided the Board with an update on this legislative work and requested Board approval to continue to pursue possible changes to the SB 1383 procurement requirements, including through Agency sponsorship of legislation designed to increase local government flexibility in meeting the requirements, reduce local government costs, and continue advancing the methane-reduction goals in SB 1383. The Board was provided additional time for discussion and for clarifying questions. An audio link to the discussion is available here: [Leg-Procurement-Discussion](#).

There were no public comments for this item. President Carling thanked staff for their hard work and efforts and added the jurisdictions would appreciate any possible improvements to SB 1383 procurement requirements. Board member Haubert moved approval of the staff recommendation, and Board member Wang seconded. The motion carried 19-0. The Clerk called the roll: (Ayes: Balch, Carling, Cavanaugh, Goldstein, Hannon, Hansen-Romero, Haubert, Hernandez, Jensen, Kalb, Mourra, Sadoff, Simon, Wang, Wengraf, Young. Nays: None. Abstained: None. Absent: Shao)

3. 2024 Meeting Schedule (Timothy Burroughs)

That the Waste Management Authority Board (WMA) and the Energy Council (EC) approve the 2024 meeting schedule.

Timothy Burroughs provided a brief overview of the staff report. A link to the report is available here: [2024-Meeting-Schedule-memo.pdf](#). There were no public comments on this item.

Board member Sadoff moved approval of the 2024 Meeting Schedule. Board member Jensen seconded, and the motion carried 19-0. The Clerk called the roll:

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

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

(Planning Committee & Recycling Board, Thursday, January 11, 2024 at 4:00 p.m. The meeting will be held at StopWaste, 1537 Webster Street, Oakland, CA)

There was no action required for this item.

Energy Council President Haubert chaired the item.

5. Electricity Rates and StopWaste Role in Energy Supply Issues (Heather Larson & Karen Kho)

That the Energy Council discuss the role of StopWaste in energy supply advocacy and provide direction to staff.

Timothy Burroughs introduced the item. Heather Larson provided an overview of the staff report and presented a PowerPoint presentation. A link to the staff report and the presentation is available here: [Electrical-Rates-Presentation.pdf](#). Ms. Larson summarized the challenges associated with current rate structures, described the regulatory landscape governing electricity supply and delivery, and discussed StopWaste's current activities and potential role in advancing a distributed energy resources (DER) grid of the future. Additional time was provided to the Board for discussion and for clarifying questions. An audio link to the discussion is available here: [Electrical-Rates-Discussion](#).

Arthur Boone provided public comments. The Board provided direction to staff to leverage existing Agency resources and partnerships with other agencies to identify opportunities to engage in efforts that address the high cost of electricity and other electricity supply challenges that affect communities' ability to advance electrification. President Haubert thanked staff for a very informative presentation.

VII. MEMBER COMMENTS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Board member Young announced the passing of former City of Fremont Mayor Gus Morrison. Board members Young and Sadoff asked that the meeting adjourn in his memory.

Mr. Burroughs announced that the monthly topic brief highlights edible food recovery at food generating businesses. A link to the topic brief is available [here](#).

VIII. ADJOURNMENT – TO WMA & EC MEETING – JANUARY 24, 2024 at 3:00 P.M.

The meeting was adjourned in memory of former City of Fremont Mayor, Gus Morrison, at 4:25 p.m.