

APPROVED

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

Wednesday, January 26, 2022

3:00 P.M.

TELECONFERENCE MEETING

I. CALL TO ORDER

Vice President Martinez called the meeting to order at 3:02 p.m. Vice President Martinez expressed condolences on behalf of the Board to President Young on the recent passing of her husband. Staff will send flowers on behalf of the Agency and the Board. 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

County of Alameda	David Haubert, WMA, EC
City of Alameda	Trish Herrera Spencer, WMA, EC
City of Albany	Preston Jordan, WMA, EC
City of Berkeley	Susan Wengraf, WMA, EC
City of Dublin	Melissa Hernandez, WMA, EC
City of Emeryville	Dianne Martinez, WMA, EC
City of Fremont	Jenny Kassan, WMA, EC
City of Hayward	Francisco Zermeño, WMA, EC
City of Livermore	Bob Carling, WMA, EC
City of Newark	Mike Hannon, WMA, EC
City of Oakland	Dan Kalb, WMA, EC (EC President)
City of Piedmont	Jen Cavanaugh, WMA, EC
City of Pleasanton	Jack Balch, WMA, EC
City of San Leandro	Deborah Cox, WMA, EC

ABSENT

City of Union City	Jaime Patiño, WMA, EC
Castro Valley Sanitary District	Dave Sadoff, WMA
Oro Loma Sanitary District	Shelia Young, WMA (President)

Staff Participating

Timothy Burroughs, Executive Director
Pat Cabrera, Administrative Services Director
Jeff Becerra, Communications Manager
Justin Lehrer, Operations Manager
Karen Kho, Principal Program Manager
Kelly Schoonmaker, Program Manager
Arliss Dunn, Clerk of the Board
Adrienne Ramirez, Assistant Clerk of the Board
Richard Taylor, WMA Legal Counsel

Others Participating

Joe Paulo, Jess Ranch

Professor Rebecca Ryals, UC Merced

Ian Howell, Alameda County Resource Conservation District (ACRCD)

Tom Kelly, KyotoUSA

III. ANNOUNCEMENTS BY PRESIDENTS

There were none.

IV. OPEN PUBLIC DISCUSSION FROM THE FLOOR

Tom Kelly, Executive Director, KyotoUSA provided public comments regarding his concerns about the increased emission intensity of EBCE's (East Bay Community Energy) default product - Bright Choice. Vice Chair Martinez stated that this subject was set to be discussed at the next EBCE Board meeting on February 16.

V. CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Approval of the Draft WMA & EC Minutes of December 15, 2021

2. Resolution regarding meeting via teleconference to promote social distancing, pursuant to AB 361
Adopt Resolution WMA# 2022-01.

3. Annual Audit for Fiscal Year 2020-21

That the WMA Board and Energy Council review, accept and file the Fiscal Year 2020-21 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report.

4. Resolution regarding meeting via teleconference to promote social distancing, pursuant to AB 361
Adopt Resolution EC# 2022-01.

There were no public comments for the Consent Calendar. Board member Jordan moved approval of the Consent Calendar and Board member Wengraf seconded. The motion carried 17-0: The Clerk called the roll:

(Ayes: Balch, Carling, Cavanaugh, Cox, Hannon, Haubert, Hernandez, Jordan, Kalb, Kassan, Martinez, Spencer, Wengraf, Zermeño. Nays: None. Abstained: None. Absent: Patiño, Sadoff, Young)

VI. REGULAR CALENDAR

1. Altamont Property Overview and Carbon Farming Update (Kelly Schoonmaker)

This item is for information only.

Timothy Burroughs introduced the item and Kelly Schoonmaker provided an overview of the staff report and presented a PowerPoint presentation. A link to the report and the presentation is available here: [Altamont-Property-Update-memo.pdf](#). Ms. Schoonmaker acknowledged Agency staff also working on the project: Ben Cooper, Elese Lebsack, Jeanne Nader, and Trevor Probert. Ms. Schoonmaker introduced Agency partners Professor Rebecca Ryals, UC Merced; and Ian Howell, ACRDC. Professor Ryals presented a PowerPoint presentation illustrating the data collected on Agency property that outline significant carbon sequestration benefits from carbon farming. A link to the presentation is available here:

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[Presentation-Carbon-Farming](#). Additional time was provided for Board discussion and clarifying questions. An audio link to the discussion is available here: [Property-Update-discussion](#). Board members Cavanaugh and Jordan requested that staff place a future item on the agenda to include a financial analysis of the property. Board member Hannon also requested additional information about revenues associated with the property.

There were no public comments on this item. Vice President Martinez thanked staff and the presenters for an informative presentation.

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

(Planning Committee and Recycling Board meeting on February 10, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. The meeting will be held via teleconference)

There were no requests for an interim appointment.

3. BayREN 2020-22 Contract Amendment #5 (Karen Kho) (EC only)

Adopt the attached Resolution authorizing the Executive Director to enter into a contract amendment for Bay Area Regional Energy Network (BayREN) and other related actions.

EC President Kalb chaired the item. Karen Kho provided an overview of the staff report. A link to the report is available here: [BayREN-Contract-Amendment-memo.pdf](#). Additional time was provided to the Board for discussion and clarifying questions. An audio link to the discussion is available here: [BayREN-Contract-Amendment-Discussion](#).

There were no public comments on this item. Board member Cox moved approval of the staff recommendation and Board member Zermeño seconded. The motion carried 19-0. The Clerk called the roll:

(Ayes: Balch, Carling, Cavanaugh, Cox, Hannon, Haubert, Hernandez, Jordan, Kalb, Kassan, Martinez, Spencer, Wengraf, Zermeño. Nays: None. Abstained: None. Absent: Patiño)

VII. MEMBER COMMENTS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Mr. Burroughs announced the January topic brief highlighting the carbon farming work at the Altamont property. A link to the topic brief is available here: [Carbon Farming](#). Mr. Burroughs announced that the grant cycle for waste prevention grants is now open. There is \$700,000 in grant funding available and the Agency held a webinar and received significant interest. The deadline to apply is February 25. Mr. Burroughs asked the Board to share the information with their networks. A link to the website is available here: [Waste-Prevention-Grants](#)

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 4:23 p.m.