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 Cavenaugh, 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

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:

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:
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 Cavenaugh 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) (Arliss 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:

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.