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

Wednesday, May 23, 2018

3:00 P.M.

**StopWaste Offices
1537 Webster Street
Oakland, CA 94612
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I. CALL TO ORDER

President Mike Hannon, WMA, called the meeting to order at 3:03 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL OF ATTENDANCE

City of Alameda	Jim Oddie, WMA, EC
City of Albany	Peter Maass, WMA, EC
County of Alameda	Scott Haggerty, WMA, EC
City of Berkeley	Kriss Worthington, WMA, EC
City of Dublin	Melissa Hernandez, WMA, EC
City of Emeryville	Dianne Martinez, WMA, EC
City of Hayward	Sara Lamnin, WMA, EC
City of Livermore	Bob Carling, WMA, EC
City of Oakland	Dan Kalb, WMA, EC
Oro Loma Sanitary District	Shelia Young, WMA
City of Piedmont	Tim Rood, WMA, EC
City of Pleasanton	Jerry Pentin, WMA, EC
City of Newark	Mike Hannon, WMA, EC
City of San Leandro	Deborah Cox, WMA, EC
City of Union City	Lorrin Ellis, WMA, EC

ABSENT:

Castro Valley Sanitary District	Dave Sadoff, WMA
City of Fremont	Vinnie Bacon, WMA, EC

Staff Participating:

Wendy Sommer, Executive Director
Tom Padia, Deputy Executive Director
Patricia Cabrera, Administrative Services Director
Michelle Fay, Program Manager
Richard Taylor, WMA Legal Counsel
Arliss Dunn, Clerk of the Board

Others Participating:

Bill Pollock, Program Manager, Alameda County Household Hazardous Waste Program

III. ANNOUNCEMENTS BY PRESIDENTS

There were none.

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IV. OPEN PUBLIC DISCUSSION FROM THE FLOOR

There was none.

V. CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Approval of the April 25, 2018 Draft Minutes of the Joint meeting of the WMA/EC & RB (Wendy Sommer)

There were no public comments on the consent calendar. Board member Pentin made the motion to approve the consent calendar. Board member Worthington seconded and the motion carried 13-0-1 (Ayes: Carling, Cox, Haggerty, Hannon, Hernandez, Lamnin, Maass, Martinez, Oddie, Pentin, Rood, Worthington. Nays: None. Abstained: Young. Absent: Bacon, Ellis, Kalb, Sadoff).

VI. REGULAR CALENDAR

1. Proposed FY 2018-19 Budget (Wendy Sommer & Pat Cabrera)

Staff recommends that the WMA Board adopt the WMA FY 18-19 Budget Resolution (Attachment A) and the Energy Council adopt the EC FY 18-19 Budget Resolution (Attachment B).

Pat Cabrera provided an overview of the staff report. A link to the reports is available here: [Proposed-FY-2018-2019-Budget.pdf](#).

President Hannon asked that staff provide a summary of the comments and recommendations that were provided at the April 25, 2018 joint meeting. Ms. Sommer stated that staff was asked to include in the budget the cost savings from the retirees. The information is included in the budget. Staff was also asked to indicate in the project charters the deliverables that were ongoing, carryover from the previous fiscal year, or new for the upcoming fiscal year. This information is included as well. Board member Lamnin inquired about the \$130,000 budgeted for school outreach. Ms. Cabrera stated that the \$130,000 is for bus transportation for students to tour the transfer stations at Davis Street and Fremont BLT. There was no public comment on this item.

Board member Oddie made the motion to adopt the respective WMA & EC budgets for FY 18-19. Board member Worthington seconded and the motion carried 17-0 for the WMA and 17-0 for the EC.

(WMA vote - Ayes: Carling, Cox, Haggerty, Hannon, Hernandez, Kalb, Lamnin, Maass, Martinez, Oddie, Pentin, Rood, Worthington, Young. Nays: None. Abstained: None. Absent: Bacon, Ellis, Sadoff).

(EC vote - Ayes: Carling, Cox, Haggerty, Hannon, Hernandez, Kalb, Lamnin, Maass, Martinez, Oddie, Pentin, Rood, Worthington. Nays: None. Abstained: None. Absent: Bacon, Ellis).

2. Public Hearing and Annual Adoption of Fee Collection Report for Household Hazardous Waste Fee (Pat Cabrera)

Staff recommends the following:

1. That the WMA Board hold a public hearing on the Fee Collection Report and approve the Fee Collection Report for FY 2018-19, which includes adjusting the fee downward from \$8.46 to \$7.40 per unit for FY 2018-19.
2. That the WMA Board approve opening the Livermore and Hayward facilities on Thursdays as proposed by County staff.

Pat Cabrera provided an overview of the staff report and presented a PowerPoint presentation. A link to the report and the presentation is available here: [FY-18-19-HHW-Report.pdf](#)

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Bill Pollock, HHW Program Manager and Jeanne Nader, StopWaste Program Manager were available to answer any questions.

President Hannon opened the public hearing. There were no public comments on this item and the public hearing was closed. Board member Carling asked for clarification regarding increasing capacity at the Livermore facility. Mr. Pollock stated that the plan is to increase capacity to accept more vehicles and products. Board member Haggerty commented that the HHW fee will sunset in 2024 and inquired if there has been any discussion regarding going back to voters. Ms. Sommer stated that yes there has been discussion and staff is planning to bring the item to the Board at the November priority setting session. Ms. Sommer added the fee was not part of a ballot process but was done under Prop 218. Richard Taylor added the HHW fee is a property related fee under Prop 218 that is not required to go to a vote of the people but requires a landowner protest process. Board member Kalb inquired if the HHW fee is lowered can it be raised again without exceeding the \$9.55 cap. Ms. Cabrera stated that the fee resets back to \$9.55 per residential unit per year every fiscal year and is then adjusted based on the formula adopted in the ordinance. Board member Maass inquired if household participation with respect to medicines and prescription drugs are included in the statistics. Mr. Pollock stated that medicines and prescription drugs collected at kiosks are not included in the statistics; however, the medicines and prescription drugs that are brought to the HHW facilities are. Board member Maass commented that there were problems with controlled substances at the drop-off sites and asked for an update on the issue. Mr. Pollock stated that the HHW facilities are restricted from accepting controlled substances and they are considering no longer accepting medicines and prescription drugs at the fixed facilities. However, controlled substances are accepted at the one-day events because there is police presence at the events as well as product stewardship and reverse distributors onsite that can legally take away the drugs.

Board member Haggerty made the motion to approve Item #1 of the staff recommendation. Board member Pentin seconded and the motion carried 18-0. Board member Haggerty made the motion to approve Item #2 of the staff recommendation. Board member Rood seconded and the motion carried 18-0.

(Ayes: Carling, Cox, Ellis, Haggerty, Hannon, Hernandez, Kalb, Lamnin, Maass, Martinez, Oddie, Pentin, Rood, Worthington, Young. Nays: None. Abstained: None. Absent: Bacon, Sadoff).

3. 2018 Priority Setting (Wendy Sommer)

That the Authority Board approve the priority setting process and timeline described in the staff report.

Wendy Sommer provided an overview of the staff report. A link to the report is available here: [2018-Priority-Setting.pdf](#)

Board member Lamnin commented that given that the agency's focus is on behavior change, is there a process for our grantees or for the community to provide input. Ms. Sommer stated that we try to glean information from residents through the TAC as they are our eyes and ears for the constituents. Board member Lamnin stated that it would be a good idea to extend this opportunity to the grantees as well and to include inserts in bills with concrete questions to glean specific information. Board member Rood commented with respect to the priority setting schedule and planning that staff should be cognizant regarding the upcoming elections in November and possible changes in the Board composition. President Hannon stated that he agrees that it is important to transition from a ten year plan to a two year plan and asked that staff provide a historical perspective on some of the ideas and priorities that the Board set on a ten year basis that we were successful in accomplishing as well as any items that we were unable to accomplish

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as the Board may feel that they are still important enough to try and complete. Ms. Sommer stated that major success would be the Mandatory Recycling Ordinance and the Reusable Bag Ordinance. Ideas that were not successful or proved to be ineffective and unnecessary were the Franchise Task Force; the Ready, Set, Recycle Contest; the Advanced Disposal Fee; and planned investment in facilities. President Hannon thanked Ms. Sommer for the summary. There was no public comment on this item.

Board member Ellis made the motion to approve the staff recommendation. Board member Worthington seconded and the motion carried 18-0.

(Ayes: Carling, Cox, Ellis, Haggerty, Hannon, Hernandez, Kalb, Lamnin, Maass, Martinez, Oddie, Pentin, Rood, Worthington, Young. Nays: None. Abstained: None. Absent: Bacon, Sadoff).

4. Reappointment to the Recycling Board – Board member Jim Oddie (Wendy Sommer)

Staff recommends that the Waste Management Authority Board reappoint Board member Oddie to a two-year term on the Recycling Board ending June 21, 2020.

There was no public comment on this item. Board member Worthington made the motion to accept the staff recommendation. Board member Martinez seconded and the motion carried 18-0.

(Ayes: Carling, Cox, Ellis, Haggerty, Hannon, Hernandez, Kalb, Lamnin, Maass, Martinez, Oddie, Pentin, Rood, Worthington, Young. Nays: None. Abstained: None. Absent: Bacon, Sadoff).

5. Interim appointment(s) to the Recycling Board for WMA appointee unable to attend future Board Meeting(s) (Wendy Sommer)

(Planning Committee and Recycling Board meeting, June 14, 2018 at 4:00 pm, StopWaste Offices, 1537 Webster Street, Oakland, CA)

There were none.

VII. MEMBER COMMENTS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Ms. Sommer introduced Alma Freeman, new Communications Program Manager. Ms. Freeman will be replacing Judi Ettlinger as she will be retiring at the end of the month. Ms. Sommer announced that Deputy Director Tom Padia was recognized as one of two CRRRA Recyclers of the Year. Ms. Sommer thanked the city of Hayward for opposing AB 1912 and stated that StopWaste will be opposing the legislation as well. AB 1912 in essence says that if a JPA is dissolved then the member agencies will be responsible for the retirees and their pensions. Mr. Taylor added regardless whether the JPA dissolves, each member agency would have to agree to take on a portion of our debt and in the event that we did dissolve, the other member agencies would have to include it in their accounting debt towards their unfunded pension liabilities. Ms. Sommer added the League of Cities is opposing this as well.

Michelle Fay, Program Manager, announced that the 2018 StopWaste Business Efficiency Awards will be held at the June 27, 2018 WMA/EC Board meeting. Networking and light refreshments will be served prior to the start of the meeting at 2:30 p.m. We received nominations from member agency staff, haulers, StopWaste staff and our consultants. We selected five business awardees representing Castro Valley Sanitary District, and the cities of Emeryville, Oakland, and Livermore. Ms. Fay will share the link for more information about the businesses via email. Ms. Fay added staff is also working on new recognition opportunities for residents.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:38 p.m.