

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

**Wednesday, December 21, 2016**

**3:00 P.M.**

**StopWaste Offices**  
**1537 Webster Street**  
**Oakland, CA 94612**  
**510-891-6500**

**Teleconference:**  
**Dianne Martinez**  
**Hyatt Regency Long Beach**  
**Business Center, Cove Lounge on the Lobby Level**  
**200 South Pine Avenue**  
**Long Beach, California, USA, 90802**  
**562-491-1234**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Dan Kalb, President, WMA, called the meeting to order at 3.01 p.m.

**II. ROLL CALL**

**WMA & EC:**

County of Alameda	Keith Carson, WMA, EC
City of Alameda	Jim Oddie, WMA, EC
City of Albany	Peter Maass, WMA, EC
City of Berkeley	Jesse Arreguin, WMA, EC
Castro Valley Sanitary District	Dave Sadoff, WMA
City of Dublin	Don Biddle, WMA, EC
City of Emeryville	Dianne Martinez, WMA, EC
City of Hayward	Al Mendall, WMA, EC
City of Newark	Mike Hannon, 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 San Leandro	Deborah Cox, WMA, EC
City of Union City	Lorin Ellis, WMA, EC
City of Fremont	vacant
City of Livermore	vacant

**Staff Participating:**

Wendy Sommer, Executive Director  
Tom Padia, Deputy Executive Director  
Debra Kaufman, Senior Program Manager  
Heather Larson, Program Manager

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Tamara Galanter, Legal Counsel, Authority Board  
Arliss Dunn, Clerk of the Board

### Others Present:

Ken Lewis, Waste Management, Inc.  
Jessica Jones, Consultant, Waste Management, Inc.

### III. ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE PRESIDENTS

Wendy Sommer introduced Tamara Galanter, attending for Authority Counsel Richard Taylor.

### IV. CONSENT CALENDAR

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| 1. | <b>Approval of the Draft Minutes of November 16, 2016 (Wendy Sommer)</b>     | <b>Action</b>      |
| 2. | <b>Minutes of the November 15, 2016 Technical Advisory Group (Karen Kho)</b> | <b>Information</b> |

There was no public comment on the consent calendar.

Board member Oddie made the motion to approve the Consent calendar. Board member Mendall seconded and the motion carried 17-0.

(Ayes: Biddle, Carson, Cox, Ellis, Hannon, Kalb, Maass, Martinez, Mendall, Oddie, Pentin, Rood, Sadoff, Young. Nays: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Arreguin).

### V. OPEN PUBLIC DISCUSSION

There was none.

### VI. REGULAR CALENDAR

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| 1. | <b>First Reading and Public Hearing for Ordinance 2017-01: Amendment to the Alameda County Integrated Waste Management Plan to Include the Altamont Compost Facility in the Unincorporated Area of Livermore (Debra Kaufman)</b> | <b>Action</b> |
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Staff and the Recycling Board as LTF and the P&O committee, recommend that the WMA Board take the following actions:

Hold a public hearing and introduce and waive the first reading of the CoIWMP Amendment ordinance (Attachment A) at the December 21, 2016 meeting to:

1. Amend the CoIWMP (Exhibit 1) to include the Altamont Compost Facility at the Altamont Landfill and Resource Recovery Facility in the unincorporated Livermore area, and make additional changes for consistency
2. Find that the Altamont Compost Facility conforms to the CoIWMP as amended, and
3. Make the findings required by CEQA, and also recommend that the Authority Board direct staff to place the ordinance on the calendar for adoption at the January 25, 2017 meeting.

Debra Kaufman provided an overview of the staff report. The report is available here:

[Altamont-CoIWMP-Amendment-memo-12-21-16.pdf](#)

Board member Pentin stated that he had received an email from Donna Cabanne, a fellow member on the Community Monitor Committee, Altamont Landfill Settlement Agreement where she expressed concern that the residents on Dyer Road were not notified of the public hearing held today. Board member Pentin (as current President of the Community Monitor Committee) asked that the lead agency provide notice to the residents on Dyer Road prior to the second reading and adoption scheduled for January 25, 2017. President Kalb opened the public hearing for public comment. Jessica Jones, Consultant for Waste Management, stated that she has been working on the project for three years and Alameda County is the lead agency for the project and conducted the necessary CEQA requirements that require noticing the residents in the affected area including the residents on Dyer Road. Ms. Jones added the second phase of the project includes submitting the compost handling permit to CalRecycle which will provide additional opportunity for public comment.

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Board member Hannon inquired about the issues of odor impacts. Ken Lewis, Director of Operations for Waste Management, stated that the odors are mitigated through the type of process operated at the facility. The facility operates using covered aerated static piles as opposed to windrows. This process results in an 80-90% reduction in emissions. Mr. Lewis added Waste Management operates a similar facility in Novato and they have been successful with the issue of odor control. Board member Hannon inquired about the proximity of the nearest residence. Mr. Lewis stated that nearest residence for the proposed project is two miles up wind and includes Dyer Road. Board member Hannon inquired if a problem with odor does arise is there an opportunity to revisit the issue. Mr. Lewis stated that the project is regulated under a number of permits including the Alameda County Use Permit, the CalRecycle compost facility permit as enforced by the LEA (Alameda County Environmental Health), and the Air District permit. Board member Carson added the County had followed the customary CEQA guidelines with respect to properly noticing the public process. President Kalb inquired about new mitigations that were required for the project. Mr. Lewis stated that the mitigations were related to the processing operations i.e. covered composting versus windrow. Wendy Sommer asked Authority Counsel if there were any actions the agency could take with respect to Board member Pentin's request to notify the Dyer Road residents. Ms. Galanter stated that the Authority can make such a request to another agency. President Kalb closed the public hearing.

Board member Maass made the motion to approve the staff recommendation and to request that the County notify the residents on Dyer Road of the January 25, 2017 public hearing and second reading. Board member Biddle seconded and the motion carried 18-0.

(Ayes: Arreguin, Biddle, Carson, Cox, Ellis, Hannon, Kalb, Maass, Martinez, Mendall, Oddie, Pentin, Rood, Sadoff, Young. Nays: None. Abstain: None. Absent: None).

### 2. Legislative Priorities for 2017 (Debra Kaufman)

**Action**

Staff recommends that the Boards confirm the priorities outlined in the staff report for the upcoming legislative year.

Debra Kaufman provided a brief overview of the staff report. The report is available here:

[2017-Legislative-Priorities-memo-12-21-16.pdf](#)

There was no public comment on this item. Board member Oddie inquired if the agency retained a lobbyist to assist with legislative priorities. Ms. Kaufman stated yes, Justin Malan of EcoConsult. Board member Maass inquired about the agency's purpose for EPP as a legislative priority. Ms. Kaufman stated the idea is for the manufacturer to take full responsibility for the life cycle of products and that reduces local government/ratepayer cost for end-of-life disposal. Board member Sadoff inquired if there is consideration for influencing the behavior of manufacturers to modify products to make it easier to process at end of life. Ms. Kaufman stated the idea is to influence manufacturers to build in some of the cost for disposal and hopefully create an incentive to consider reducing the level of hazardous constituents in the product. President Kalb thanked Ms. Kaufman for her report and expressed appreciation for staff efforts.

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

(Ayes: Arreguin, Biddle, Carson, Cox, Ellis, Hannon, Kalb, Maass, Martinez, Mendall, Oddie, Pentin, Rood, Sadoff, Young. Nays: None. Abstain: None. Absent: None).

### 3. 2017 Meeting Schedule (Wendy Sommer)

**Action**

It is recommended that the WMA/EC, P&A Committee, and the Recycling Board/P&O Committee, each adopt their respective regular meeting schedules for 2017.

Wendy Sommer provided an overview of the 2017 meeting schedule and highlighted the following meeting dates:

March 22<sup>nd</sup> – Business Recognition Event

April 26<sup>th</sup> – Joint Meeting with Recycling Board

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August 23<sup>rd</sup> – Recess, no meeting

November 15<sup>th</sup> and December 20<sup>th</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday due to holiday scheduling

There was no public comment on this item. Board member Arreguin made a motion to approve the staff recommendation, Board member Pentin seconded and the motion carried 18-0.

(Ayes: Arreguin, Biddle, Carson, Cox, Ellis, Hannon, Kalb, Maass, Martinez, Mendall, Oddie, Pentin, Rood, Sadoff, Young. Nays: None. Abstain: None. Absent: None).

- 4. Interim appointment(s) to the Recycling Board for WMA appointee unable to attend future Board Meeting(s) (Wendy Sommer) Action**  
(P&O and Recycling Board meeting, January 12, 2017 at 4:00 pm – StopWaste, 1537 Webster St, Oakland, CA)

There were no requests for interim appointments.

- 5. PG&E Local Government Partnership: Contract Amendment (EC only) Action**  
**(Heather Larson)**  
Adopt the Resolution in Attachment B authorizing the Executive Director to amend the existing agreement with PG&E by \$600,000 to include the administration of the East Bay Energy Watch Strategic Advisory Committee and programmatic coordination in 2017.

Heather Larson provided an overview of the staff report and presented a PowerPoint presentation. The report and presentation is available here: [PGE-LGP-2017-Contract-Presentation-12-22-16.pdf](#)

Board member Hannon inquired as to why the city of Newark was not listed as a participant. Ms. Larson stated that the list only provides those jurisdictions that are participating in the Civic Spark program and that requested fellows. Newark is eligible to participate on the Strategic Advisory Committee and she believes that they have participated a few times.

There was no public comment on this item. Board member Pentin made the motion to approve the staff recommendation. President Kalb seconded and the motion carried 17-0.

(Ayes: Arreguin, Biddle, Carson, Cox, Ellis, Hannon, Kalb, Maass, Martinez, Mendall, Oddie, Pentin, Rood. Nays: None. Abstain: None. Absent: None).

- VII. COMMUNICATION/MEMBER COMMENTS Information**  
President Kalb welcomed Mayor Jesse Arreguin as the new Authority representative for the City of Berkeley.

## **VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

\* **WMA 40th anniversary commemoration**