



Date: July 15, 2015
TO: Waste Management Authority Board
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SUBJECT: WMA Vacancy on the Recycling Board

BACKGROUND

The County Charter (Measure D) states that: "Recycling Board members shall attend at least three fourths (3/4) of the regular meetings within a given calendar year. At such time as a member has been absent from more than one fourth (1/4) of the regular meetings in a calendar year, or from two (2) consecutive such meetings, her or his seat on the Recycling Board shall be considered vacant." Interim appointments may be made by the Authority Board, when a Recycling Board member who is also on the Authority Board knows of a schedule conflict in advance. Board Member Ellis missed the last two Recycling Board meetings and therefore, his seat is automatically vacated.

The Recycling Board also serves as the Planning and Organization (P&O) Committee of the WMA. This means it reviews County Integrated Waste Management Plan (CoIWMP) amendments and long-term planning issues, and any potential changes in StopWaste organizational structure. It also has direct authority over a significant part of the agency budget.

The Board usually meets on the second Thursday of the month. Seven of those meetings are from 4-6 p.m. at the StopWaste office. Five meetings are from 7-9 p.m., one in each Supervisorial District, in order to foster public engagement. In addition to the five WMA members appointed to the Recycling Board by the WMA Board, there are six citizen experts in various aspects of solid waste management appointed by the Board of Supervisors (i.e., environmental education, materials processing, environmental organizations, source reduction, solid waste industry, and recycling programs).

Any member of the Authority Board that has not already served on the Recycling Board is eligible to serve. Each appointment is for a two-year term, and members may be reappointed to one additional consecutive two-year term, for a total of four years.

RECOMMENDATION

Appoint a WMA member to the Recycling Board.