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**MINUTES OF THE ALAMEDA COUNTY WASTE
MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY MEETING
OF THE
PROGRAMS AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE**

Thursday, December 10, 2020

9:00 A.M.

TELECONFERENCE MEETING

Members Present:

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| City of Alameda | Jim Oddie |
| City of Albany | Nick Pilch |
| County of Alameda | Scott Haggerty (alternate) |
| City of Berkeley | Susan Wengraf |
| City of Dublin | Melissa Hernandez |
| City of Emeryville | Dianne Martinez |
| City of Newark | Mike Hannon |
| Oro Loma Sanitary District | Shelia Young |
| City of Piedmont | Tim Rood |
| City of Pleasanton | Jerry Pentin |
| City of Union City | Emily Duncan, Chair |

Members Absent:

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| City of Fremont | Jenny Kassin |
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Staff Present:

Wendy Sommer, Executive Director
Timothy Burroughs, Deputy Director
Pat Cabrera, Administrative Services Director
Jeff Becerra, Communications Manager
Justin Lehrer, Operations Manager
Nisha Patel, Management Analyst
Arliss Dunn, Clerk of the Board

Others Participating:

Jason Schmelzer, Shaw Yoder Antwih Schmelzer & Lange
Priscilla Quiroz, Shaw Yoder Antwih Schmelzer & Lange

1. Convene Meeting

Chair Emily Duncan called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Wendy Sommer explained the process that would be utilized during the meeting. A link to the process is available here: [Virtual-Meetings-Instructions](#)

2. Public Comments

There were no public comments on the remote call and no public comments were received via the public comments email address.

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3. Approval of the Draft Minutes of October 8, 2020 (Pat Cabrera)

There were no public comments on this item. Board member Young made the motion to approve the draft minutes of October 8, 2020. Board member Wengraf seconded and the motion carried 11-0. The Clerk called the role:

(Ayes: Duncan, Haggerty, Hannon, Hernandez, Martinez, Oddie, Pentin, Pilch, Rood, Wengraf, Young. Nays: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Kassan).

4. 2021 Meeting Schedule (Arliss Dunn)

It is recommended that the Programs & Administration Committee adopt the regular meeting schedule for 2021.

Clerk Arliss Dunn presented the item. A link to the 2021 Meeting Schedule is available here: [2021-Meeting-Schedule.pdf](#). There were no public comments on this item. Board member Oddie made the motion to adopt the regular meeting schedule for 2021. Board member Wengraf seconded and the motion carried 11-0. The Clerk called the role:

(Ayes: Duncan, Haggerty, Hannon, Hernandez, Martinez, Oddie, Pentin, Pilch, Rood, Wengraf, Young. Nays: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Kassan).

5. 2021 Legislative Priorities (Jeff Becerra)

Discuss legislative priorities for calendar year 2021 and provide a recommendation to the Waste Management Authority for adoption at its December 16 meeting. The staff recommendation is to join efforts with partners to introduce and support legislation seeking to modify SB 1383 implementation timelines.

Jeff Becerra provided an overview of the staff report. A link to the report is available here: [2021-Legislative-Priorities.pdf](#). The agency's lobbyists, Jason Schmelzer and Priscilla Quiroz, were present and available to answer any questions.

Board member Pilch inquired if the current version of the Recycling and Plastic Pollution Reduction Act ballot legislation is stronger than the previous version and what is the likelihood of its passage. Mr. Becerra stated that the legislation appears to have the required number of signatures to appear on the ballot and he believes that the current language in the bill is stronger as it requires 25% less single use plastic by 2030, and it imposes a fee on producers. Board member Hannon inquired if there is local representation on the Statewide Commission on Recycling Markets and Curbside Recycling, and further inquired about the implementation date for SB 1383. Board member Hannon commended staff on their efforts to delay implementation on the enforcement requirements. Mr. Becerra stated that there are several local representatives on the Recycling Commission such as Supervisor Richard Valle, Jeff Donlevy, Ming's Recycling, and Heidi Sanborn, California Product Stewardship Council, among others. Mr. Burroughs replied with regard to SB 1383, jurisdictions would need to adopt an ordinance or other form of enforcement measure by January 1, 2022; however, there will be a two-year buffer until actual enforcement efforts would need to begin.

There were no public comments on this item. Board member Hannon made the motion to approve the staff recommendation. Board member Young seconded and the motion carried 11-0. The Clerk called the role:

(Ayes: Duncan, Haggerty, Hannon, Hernandez, Martinez, Oddie, Pentin, Pilch, Rood, Wengraf, Young. Nays: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Kassan).

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6. Landfill Tonnage and Associated Revenue (Pat Cabrera & Nisha Patel)

This item is for information only.

Pat Cabrera provided an overview of the staff report. A link to the report is available here: [Tonnage-Revenue-Report.pdf](#).

Board member Young asked for clarification regarding the reduction in revenue as attributable to the Davis Street Organics Material Processing Facility (OMRF). Ms. Cabrera stated that the OMRF is starting to ramp up and we factored in modest declines in revenue that we've included in the projections. Chair Duncan inquired if the shelter-in-place is affecting the tonnages. Ms. Cabrera stated that it appears that increases in tonnages from the residential sector during the shelter-in-place are being offset by the number of businesses that are closing or are not operational.

There were no public comments on this item. Chair Duncan thanked staff for the report.

7. Contract/Vendor Authorization (Pat Cabrera)

That the Programs and Administration Committee recommend that the WMA Board approve the contracts, vendors and/or spending authority as listed in the staff report.

Pat Cabrera provided an overview of the staff report. A link to the report is available here: [Contract-Vendor-Authorization.pdf](#).

Board member Pilch remarked that given the financial hardships to public transportation it is unfortunate that we need to shift from advertising on the transit agencies to online advertising.

There were no public comments on this item. Board member Pilch made the motion to approve the staff recommendation. Board member Pentin seconded and the motion carried 11-0. The Clerk called the role:

(Ayes: Duncan, Haggerty, Hannon, Hernandez, Martinez, Oddie, Pentin, Pilch, Rood, Wengraf, Young. Nays: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Kassan).

8. Member Comments

Board member Pilch announced that the Albany City Council announced a temporary representative to the WMA as this would be his last meeting. The Council will appoint a new representative at their December 21 meeting. Board member Pilch expressed his appreciation for serving on the board. Board member Rood announced that he would no longer serve as the representative from Piedmont effective January 2021. Board member Rood expressed his appreciation for his six year tenure as a board member. Board member Pentin announced that he would no longer serve as the representative from the City of Pleasanton and expressed his appreciation for serving an eight year tenure on the board. Board member Oddie also expressed his appreciation for serving on the board for six years and particularly to Board member Pentin for helping him to acclimate to the board. Ms. Sommer extended her gratitude and appreciation to all of the departing board members and added a special recognition to Board member Pentin as he was the presiding President when she assumed the role of Executive Director. She further thanked him for his oversight and genuine appreciation of the issues that StopWaste is fighting for.

9. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:50 a.m.