

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
PLANNING AND ORGANIZATION COMMITTEE  
AND  
ALAMEDA COUNTY RECYCLING BOARD**

**Thursday, July 13, 2017**

**6:15 P.M.**

**Tour of Fremont Recycling and Transfer Station**

**7:00 P.M.**

**Regular Meeting**

**41149 Boyce Road  
Fremont, CA 94538  
Phone (510) 252-0500**

**Teleconference  
Steve Sherman  
3141 Lewiston Avenue  
Berkeley, CA 94705  
510-773-2776**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Dianne Martinez, President, called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

**II. ROLL CALL**

Adan Alonzo, Recycling Programs  
Don Biddle, ACWMA for Peter Maass, ACWMA  
Bernie Camara, Recycling Materials Processing Industry  
Dianne Martinez, ACWMA  
John Moore, Environmental Organization  
Jim Oddie, ACWMA  
Michael Peltz, Solid Waste Industry Representative  
Jerry Pentin, ACWMA  
Tim Rood, ACWMA  
Steve Sherman, Source Reduction Specialist (via teleconference)  
Toni Stein, Environmental Educator

**Staff Present:**

Wendy Sommer, Executive Director  
Tom Padia, Deputy Executive Director  
Meghan Starkey, Senior Program Manager  
Teresa Eade, Senior Program Manager  
Farand Kan, Deputy County Counsel  
Arliss Dunn, Clerk of the Board

**Others Present:**

Claire Griffing, City of Albany  
Jordan Figueiredo, Castro Valley Sanitary District  
Jeff Krump, City of Hayward  
Sally Green and Beverly Perez, Oro Loma Sanitary District

**III. ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE PRESIDENT**

There were none.

**IV. CONSENT CALENDAR**

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| <b>1. Approval of the Draft Minutes of June 8, 2017 (Tom Padia)</b> | <b>Action</b>      |
| <b>2. Board Attendance Record (Tom Padia)</b>                       | <b>Information</b> |
| <b>3. Written Report of Ex Parte Communications (Wendy Sommer)</b>  | <b>Information</b> |

Board member Pentin made the motion to approve the Consent Calendar. Board member Biddle seconded and the motion carried 9-0 (Ayes: Alonzo, Biddle, Camara, Martinez, Moore, Oddie, Pentin, Rood, Stein. Nays: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Rood, Sherman)

**V. OPEN PUBLIC DISCUSSION**

There was none

**VI. REGULAR CALENDAR**

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| <b>1. Municipal Panel: Member Agency Schools Programs (Meghan Starkey)</b> | <b>Information</b> |
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- This item is for information only.

Meghan Starkey, Senior Program Manager, provided an overview of the staff report and introduced the panelists: Claire Griffing, City of Albany; Jordan Figueiredo, Castro Valley Sanitary District; Jeff Krump, City of Hayward; and Sally Green and Beverly Perez, Oro Loma Sanitary District. The panelists shared their experiences and insights on the opportunities and challenges of implementing recycling and organics programs and other waste reduction efforts in their schools.

A link to the staff report is available here:

[Municipal-Panel-Schools-Presentation-memo-07-13-17.pdf](#)

An audio link to the presentation and discussion is available here:

[Municipal-Presentation-audio-07-13-17](#)

President Martinez thanked Ms. Starkey and the panelists for their presentation.

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| <b>2. Marin Carbon Project (Teresa Eade &amp; Kelly Schoonmaker)</b> | <b>Information</b> |
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- This item is for information only.

Teresa Eade provided an overview of the staff report and presented a PowerPoint presentation. A link to the report and the presentation is available here: [Marin-Carbon-Project-presentation-07-13-17.pdf](#)

Board member Oddie inquired about the depth of the compost coverage. Ms. Eade stated that it is one-half inch of compost but the project studies believe a similar benefit could be achieved with as little as a quarter inch application.

Board member Stein inquired if the State incentive funding became available because of the carbon project. Ms. Eade stated that the American Carbon Registry recognized the project as a protocol making it eligible for California carbon cap and trade and that the state has a Healthy Soils initiative fund. Board member Moore inquired about the origin of the compost and if it had come from one area. Ms. Eade stated the compost came from a singular source and it is very clean. The compost comes from West Marin Compost which gets its feedstock from self-haulers who bring plant debris and an adjacent dairy farm and contains no municipal collection components. Board member Oddie inquired about the volume of compost required statewide and how many tons of compost we are generating statewide. Ms. Eade stated that it

would require 1.25 billion tons statewide but she is unsure of the number of tons that we are generating statewide. Board member Stein inquired about the agency's direction and intention for the project. Ms. Eade stated that we are going to work with the Alameda County Resource Conservation District as part of a grant from California Department of Food and Agriculture & the Healthy Soils Initiative to develop a carbon farm plan out on a portion of the Agency's 1,600 acres in the Altamont. In addition, we will promote the use of compost and the benefits of carbon sequestration to cities, developers and property owners.

Board member Stein inquired about the compost quality and how do we determine if the compost is good quality. Ms. Eade stated that the industry has clear metrics on how to measure compost quality including the US Compost Council's STA program (Seal of Testing Assurance) and OMRI (Organics Materials Review Institute) which certifies composts for use on organic farms and other model compost specifications such as from CalTrans or our agency's Bay-Friendly landscape program. The compost is tested in labs (certified by the STA program) and then the results are compared to the specifications for quality compost. The lab tests measure moisture content, organic matter, nutrient content, salts, heavy metals, Salmonella and E.coli counts and inert contamination rates (such as plastic).

Ms. Eade shared a video entitled "Kiss the Ground-The Compost Story." The video focuses on soil and compost and the cycle of carbon.

The Compost Story-full length video: <https://kisstheground.com/thecompoststory/>

The Compost Story – trailer version: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qg-lOoatlvo>

President Martinez thanked Ms. Eade for a wonderful and informative presentation.

**VII. OTHER PUBLIC INPUT**

There was none.

**VIII. COMMUNICATIONS/MEMBER COMMENTS**

There were none.

**IX. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 8:26 p.m.