I. CALL TO ORDER
Jim Oddie, President, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL
Jillian Buckholz, Recycling Programs (teleconference)
Bernie Camara, Recycling Materials Processing Industry
Nancy Deming, Environmental Educator
Sara Lamnin, ACWMA
Peter Maass, ACWMA
Dianne Martinez, ACWMA
John Moore, Environmental Organization
Jim Oddie, ACWMA
Tim Rood, ACWMA
Matthew Southworth (Interim), Source Reduction Specialist

Absent:
Vacant, Solid Waste Industry Representative

Staff Present:
Tom Padia, Deputy Executive Director
Wendy Sommer, Executive Director
Justin Lehrer, Senior Management Analyst
Farand Kan, County Counsel
Arliss Dunn, Clerk of the Board

Others Participating:
Chris Valbusa, General Manager, Alameda County Industries (ACI)
Alexandra Saffold, Intern, City of Hayward
III. ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE PRESIDENT

President Oddie welcomed Nancy Deming to the Recycling Board. Board member Deming will be serving in the capacity of Environmental Educator. Board member Deming provided an overview of her background and experience. President Oddie recognized Matthew Southworth. Mr. Southworth will be serving as an interim appointment (Source Reduction Specialist) for Board member Sarah Vared who is on leave through the month of September.

Wendy Sommer shared an email that she received from former Board member Adan Alonzo to provide an update on the status of his health. The email presents a positive road ahead for Mr. Alonzo and he expressed his appreciation for the support received from Board members and staff.

IV. CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Approval of the Draft Minutes of June 14, 2018 (Tom Padia)
2. Board Attendance Record (Tom Padia)
3. Written Report of Ex Parte Communications (Tom Padia)
4. Grants Issued Under Executive Director Signature Authority (Wendy Sommer)

There were no public comments on the Consent Calendar. Board member Maass made the motion to approve the Consent Calendar. Board member Martinez seconded and the motion carried 9-0. The Clerk called the roll:

IV. OPEN PUBLIC DISCUSSION

There was none.

VI. REGULAR CALENDAR

1. Amendment to the Alameda County Integrated Waste Management Plan (CoIWMP) for Alameda County Industries (ACI) Transfer/Processing Expansion for facility located at 610 Aladdin Avenue in San Leandro (Anu Natarajan)

   Staff recommends that the Recycling Board acting as the Local Task Force review and comment on the proposed CoIWMP amendment, and that the Planning Committee
   - Recommend approval of the amendment to the Waste Management Authority
   - Recommend that the Waste Management Authority adopt findings that
   the proposed project conforms with the amended CoIWMP.

Anu Natarajan provided a summary of the staff report. A link to the report is available here: ACI-CoIWMP-Amendment-07-12-18. Ms. Natarajan noted that the applicant revised the application resulting in a change to the report on page 12, paragraph 2. The first bullet is revised to state: Increasing the overall permitted tonnage for the facility from 412 tons per day (tpd) to 620 tpd, along with temporary exceedances of up to 10 percent for a maximum of 20 days per year (62 tpd for up to 20 days) (i.e. deleting the temporary exceedances).

Board member Moore stated that in the future it would be helpful to include a copy of the CEQA determination along with the staff report. Board member Moore stated that if the request for the increase in tonnages is to bring in more recyclables and organics then why not limit the tonnages to those types of materials. Mr. Valbusa stated that they’ve experienced growth in the overall volume of tonnages but primarily in recyclables and organics. However, they are also a solid waste facility and
handle bulky items and C&D debris as well. Board member Moore inquired about how they manage MSW. Mr. Valbusa stated that MSW is transferred directly to landfill. Board member Moore stated that if the goal is to promote diversion why wouldn’t we limit the increased tonnages to recyclable materials and cap MSW. Mr. Valbusa replied that ACI has a solid waste facility permit required by the state and they are required to handle the material but not exceed the cap. By limiting the cap to recycling and organics, it would potentially impact the diversion operations of the solid waste materials. Mr. Padia commented that China National Sword and the increased focus on organics contamination have impacted current markets and caused materials previously diverted to be considered potentially unmarketable, so there must be some flexibility for processors. Mr. Moore inquired if ACI had made any operational modifications in response to the impacts of China Sword. Mr. Valbusa stated that they have increased staffing in the MRF on the sort line to pull out contamination, slowed down the sorting belt, and adding substantial capital improvements this year by introducing new equipment to improve the efficiency for sorting, etc. Board member Maass inquired if there will be an increase in truck traffic. Mr. Valbusa stated that they are currently permitted for 193 trucks and they average approximately 100. Board member Maass commented that the City of San Leandro has approved the project. Board member Martinez added the City of San Leandro would have forwarded any public comments if they had received such comments. Ms. Natarajan commented that staff did not receive any comments from San Leandro and the item will be heard in two additional meetings prior to adoption. Board member Moore stated that he doesn’t understand what will be different than what is currently happening with respect to diversion and would like to hear more about that.

There was no public comment on this item. Board member Martinez made the motion to approve the staff recommendation. Board member Rood seconded and the motion carried 8-1. The Clerk called the roll:

2. **Five Year CoIWMP Review (Anu Natarajan)**
   Staff recommends that the Recycling Board, in its role as the Local Task Force, review the proposed 5-year review report, and provide comments (if any).

Ms. Natarajan provided an overview of the staff report. A link to the report is available here: [Five-Year-CoIWMP-Review-07-12-18](#)

There was no public comment on this item. Board member Maass stated that he was pleased to hear that the turmoil in the markets were considered but did not have a significant impact on the report. Ms. Natarajan stated that staff will be updating the CoIWMP to coincide with the agency priority setting and will provide a more comprehensive update to the Board of both the content and the format of the document.

3. **Changes to Recycling Board Rules of Procedure (Wendy Sommer & Farand Kan)**
   That the Recycling Board adopt the revisions to the Alameda County Source Reduction and Recycling Board Rules of Procedure.

Wendy Sommer and Farand Kan provided a summary of the staff report. A link to the report is available here: [Changes-Rules-of-Procedure-07-12-18](#)

Board member Lamnin inquired if section 3-8, “Votes at a Committee/Recycling Board meeting where teleconferencing is utilized will be taken by roll call” is consistent with section 4-12, Roll Call Votes. Ms. Sommer stated that sections 4-12 and 4-13 define what we mean by roll call. If the vote is unanimous there is no requirement for a roll call vote. Board member Lamnin inquired about section 4-4, E (2b),
“offer amendments or substitute motions allowing additional public comment.” Mr. Kan stated that the act is discretionary and the Board may reopen public comment if amendments or substitute motions come into play. Board member Lamnin inquired about section 4-5 (b), “Motion to Postpone – A motion to postpone indefinitely is debatable.” Mr. Kan stated that the Board could replace the word “indefinitely” with “to a date uncertain” or other appropriate phrasing to define the intent. Board member Moore stated that he is uncomfortable with the “Motion to reconsider.” For example, if the Board adopts a resolution and two months later a Board member considers it not a good idea can that be considered a motion to reconsider and be placed on the agenda for a second time. Mr. Kan stated no, the motion to reconsider is for more drastic reasons and intended to occur on the same day at the same meeting and the motion must be made by a member who voted on the prevailing side, when the item was first voted upon.

There were no public comments on this item. Board member Lamnin made the motion to approve the staff recommendation with the following revision. In section 4-5 (b), change the word “indefinitely” to the phrase “to a date uncertain.” Board member Martinez seconded and the motion carried 10-0.

The Clerk called the roll:

4. Food Service Packaging, Litter and Marine Debris (Justin Lehrer)
   This item is for information only.

Justin Lehrer provided an overview of the staff report and presented a PowerPoint presentation. A link to the report and the presentation is available here: Food-Service-Packaging-Litter-Marine-Debris-07-12-2018

Board member Rood inquired if the green compostable bags are as problematic as the other plastics in the compost stream. Board member Southworth stated that the PLA bags can be processed at newer facilities that utilize the aerated static or turned pile systems. Board member Camara added they consistently attempt to educate their customers on how to properly recycle the myriad of materials as Livermore Sanitation transports their materials to Grover and they are an older facility that cannot process the PLA bags. Ms. Sommer added that it continues to be problematic as the customer is informed that they can recycle these materials but the facility is unable to process certain materials. Mr. Padia added there is a covered aerated static pile (CASP) facility that is in process of ramping up at the Altamont Landfill. Mr. Padia added the Biodegradable Products Institute that certifies the compostable cups, forks, etc. utilizes the ASTM D6400 standard that says that the product will degrade in 180 days in active composting and most local facilities use 40-50 days for degradation, which causes a disconnect between what is certified and what occurs at local compost facilities.

Board member Martinez inquired when working with businesses with the “Reusables is Best campaign,” if we help them to calculate what they are spending on disposables versus what they could be spending. Mr. Lehrer stated yes, there are various videos and case studies in the “Rethink Disposables” campaign that assist with providing this information as well as a $500 rebate available. Board member Martinez inquired if staff has considered a web-based tool where businesses can input data for analysis. Mr. Lehrer stated that is a good idea. Board member Martinez inquired if there was consideration for developing a food-ware on request initiative akin to the straws on request ordinance. Mr. Lehrer stated that the straws on request initiative is fairly new and he has not witnessed any activity towards the food-ware on request issue. Alexandria Saffold inquired if it would be better if stores stopped issuing plastic bags and only offered paper bags. Mr. Lehrer stated that there is differing data on the impacts of manufacturing paper bags versus the cost to manufacture the less costly plastic bags; however, with respect to the issue of litter and compostability, paper bags are less of an issue in those regards. Board
member Moore commented that Annie Leonard stated that “we cannot recycle our way out of the plastics problem, and we should make the people that put these plastics into the environment clean up their own mess.” Board member Moore inquired if there is any discussion regarding governments banding together to force these companies to pay to clean up their mess. Mr. Lehrer stated that he is not aware of any litigation towards this effort but certainly, EPR (Extended Producer Responsibility) is a policy approach that holds producers responsible for the products that they are putting in the environment.

Board member Martinez inquired of President Oddie if there is an appetite at the state level for introducing legislation for an issue such as food-ware on request. President Oddie stated that his opinion is yes, as we have taken on other bans locally, i.e., plastic bags, straws, etc. the state legislature has come on board but of course there will be opposition from the targeted industries. Board member Lamnin added when there is political will for an issue it also presents an opportunity to invite the affected industries and stakeholders to the table as well. Board member Lamnin added as we are thinking about strategies for the next two years we should also think about how we are engaging the stakeholders. Ms. Natarajan stated that StopWaste is one of the very few local organizations that are partnering with the Ellen MacArthur foundation and they bring the multi-sector partners to the table to talk about solutions. In response to Board member Moore’s question, Ms. Sommer stated that there is an opportunity for doing a compelling video and social media campaign around plastics considering that one posted picture received the most hits. Board member Deming inquired about the use of plastic water bottles at the meeting. Mr. Padia stated that we prohibit plastic water bottles at meetings held at StopWaste but as a courtesy to Board members, we do provide water at the four annual evening meetings that are held at offsite facilities and all bottles are recycled. Alexandra Saffold inquired if there has been an effort to reach out to food establishments with respect to contamination in the recyclables. Mr. Lehrer stated that there are many food service operators that are on board with these efforts but it is often not a top priority and also a different challenge to manage the front of house service area; there is more opportunity to control contamination in the back of house/kitchen area.

President Oddie thanked Mr. Lehrer for his presentation and asked that the presentation be made available to the Board.

VII. OTHER PUBLIC INPUT
There was none.

VIII. COMMUNICATIONS/MEMBER COMMENTS
Board member Lamnin expressed appreciation for receiving the “How to Sort” postcard.

IX. ADJOURNMENT
The meeting adjourned at 8:34 p.m.