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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE ALAMEDA COUNTY WASTE MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY BOARD (WMA) AND ENERGY COUNCIL (EC)

Wednesday, March 22, 2023 3:00 P.M.

IN PERSON MEETING LOCATION: STOPWASTE BOARD ROOM 1537 WEBSTER STREET, OAKLAND, CA

I. CALL TO ORDER

First Vice President Carling called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. Timothy Burroughs explained the process that would be utilized during the meeting. A link to the process is available here: <u>Virtual-Meetings-Instructions</u>.

II. ROLL CALL OF ATTENDANCE

WMA & EC

County of Alameda David Haubert, WMA, EC
City of Alameda Tracy Jensen, WMA, EC

City of Albany Jennifer Hansen-Romero, WMA, EC

Castro Valley Sanitary District Dave Sadoff, WMA

City of Dublin Melissa Hernandez, WMA, EC
City of Emeryville David Mourra, WMA, EC
City of Hayward Francisco Zermeño, WMA, EC

City of Livermore Bob Carling, WMA, EC, RB (WMA First Vice President)

City of Newark Mike Hannon, WMA, EC

City of Oakland Treva Reid, WMA, EC, RB (alternate)

Oro Loma Sanitary District Shelia Young, WMA
City of Piedmont Jen Cavenaugh, WMA, EC

City of Pleasanton Jack Balch, WMA, EC (EC President)

City of San Leandro Fred Simon, WMA, EC
City of Union City Jeff Wang, WMA, EC

ABSENT:

City of Berkeley Susan Wengraf, WMA, EC
City of Fremont Yang Shao, WMA, EC

Staff Participating

Timothy Burroughs, Executive Director
Pat Cabrera, Administrative Services Director
Alma Freeman, Communications Manager
Justin Lehrer, Operations Manager
Jennifer West, Program Manager
Candis Mary-Dauphin, Program Manager

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Arliss Dunn, Clerk of the Board

Adrienne Ramirez, Assistant Clerk of the Board

Richard Taylor, WMA Legal Counsel

Others Participating:

Pricilla Quiroz, Shaw Yoder Antwih Schmelzer & Lange Mayor Lily Mei, City of Fremont

III. ANNOUNCEMENTS BY PRESIDENTS

There were none.

IV. OPEN PUBLIC DISCUSSION FROM THE FLOOR

Arthur Boone provided public comments. There were no other public comments.

V. CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Approval of the Draft WMA & EC Minutes of February 22, 2023

There were no public comments for the Consent Calendar. Board member Haubert moved approval of the Consent Calendar and Board member Cavenaugh seconded.

The Clerk called the roll: WMA Vote: 15-0-3 and EC Vote: 14-0-3.

(Ayes: Balch, Carling, Cavenaugh, Hannon, Hansen-Romero, Haubert, Hernandez, Jensen, Mourra, Sadoff, Shao, Simon, Wang, Young, Zermeño. Nays: None. Abstained: Reid. Absent: Shao, Wengraf)

VI. REGULAR CALENDAR

1. Disposable Food Service Ware Reduction and Reuse Model Ordinance (Justin Lehrer)

Staff recommend that the WMA review the model Disposable Food Service Ware Reduction and Reuse Ordinance and direct staff to share it, along with related resources, with Member Agencies and to provide interested Member Agencies with the support described.

Timothy Burroughs introduced the item and Justin Lehrer provided a summary of the staff report. A link to the report is available here: <u>FSW-Model-Ordinance-memo.pdf</u>. Additional time was provided to the Board for discussion and clarifying questions. An audio link to the discussion is available here: <u>FSW-Model-Ordinance-Discussion</u>

Connie Cox, Use-a-Bag, A Lotta Bag, provided public comments on the remote call. There were no other public comments.

Board member Mourra moved to approve the staff recommendation to direct staff to share the Model Ordinance, along with its related resources, with Member Agencies and to provide interested Member Agencies support as outlined in the staff report. Board member Haubert seconded, and the motion carried 18-0. The Clerk called the roll. (Ayes: Balch, Carling, Cavenaugh, Hannon, Hansen-Romero, Haubert, Hernandez, Jensen, Mourra, Reid, Simon, Wang, Zermeño. Nays: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Shao, Wengraf)

2. Legislative Positions for 2023 (Jennifer West)

Staff recommend that the Boards adopt the stated positions on the bills listed in the staff report.

Timothy Burroughs introduced the item and Jennifer West presented the proposed legislative bill positions for 2023. A link to the staff report is available here: 2023-Legislative-Positions-memo.pdf

Additional time was provided to the Board for discussion and clarifying questions. An audio link to the discussion is available here: <u>2023-Legislative-Positions-Discussion</u>. Board member Balch proposed a friendly amendment to the staff recommendation that *SB 244 - Right to Repair Act* be changed to a "watch position."

There were no public comments on this item. Board member Zermeño moved to approve the amended staff recommendation to change SB 244 to a "watch" position. Board member Hernandez seconded, and the motion carried 18-0. The Clerk called the roll. (Ayes: Balch, Carling, Cavenaugh, Hannon, Hansen-Romero, Haubert, Hernandez, Jensen, Mourra, Reid, Simon, Wang, Zermeño. Nays: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Shao, Wengraf)

3. Update on StopWaste Equity and Empowerment Initiatives (Candis Mary-Dauphin)

This item is for information only.

Timothy Burroughs introduced the item and Candis Mary-Dauphin summarized the staff report and presented

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an update on StopWaste' Equity and Empowerment Initiatives and how they are now being applied as well as an introduction to the Agency Equity Plan currently underway. A link to the report and the presentation is available here: Equity-Update-memo.pdf

Additional time was provided to the Board for discussion and clarifying questions. An audio link to the discussion is available here: <u>Equity-Update-Discussion</u>. Board members commended Ms. Mary-Dauphin for a very thoughtful and inspiring presentation and stated that they were looking forward to hearing the outcomes and how the staff will measure success. There were no public comments on this item.

4. Interim appointment(s) to the Recycling Board for WMA appointee unable to attend future Board Meeting(s) (Arliss Dunn) (WMA only)

(The April 13 meeting of the Planning Committee & Recycling Board will not be held in lieu of the joint meeting of the WMA, EC, & RB on Wednesday, April 26, 2023 at 3:00 p.m. The meeting will be held at StopWaste, 1537 Webster St., Oakland, CA)

There was no action required for this item.

VII. MEMBER COMMENTS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Mr. Burroughs shared the following announcements:

- The monthly topic brief highlights the model foodware ordinance. A link to the topic brief is available here.
- The most recent grant round closed with tremendous success. The agency received 100 applications with 50 new applicants. We will announce the new grantees on May 18.
- Staff will be providing an Earth Day toolkit for Board members to share with their networks.
- The April 13 P&A meeting is cancelled in lieu of the joint meeting of the WMA, EC, & RB on April 26.

Board member Balch notified members that the remote location in Pleasanton would not be available for the April 26 meeting at StopWaste as he plans to attend the meeting in person. Board member Haubert stated that the Heritage House location in Pleasanton would still be available.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT – TO JOINT WMA, EC & RB MEETING APRIL 26, 2023 AT 3:00 P.M. The meeting adjourned at 4:47 p.m.