DATE:  June 23, 2021
TO: Waste Management Authority Board
FROM: Wendy Sommer, Executive Director
SUBJECT: Amendment to Geographical Designation and Election of WMA Officers for Fiscal Year 2021-22

SUMMARY

Waste Management Authority Board officers’ terms are on a fiscal year basis. Since the end of June concludes our fiscal year, it is time for election of new officers, effective July 1.

DISCUSSION

For the Waste Management Authority Board, geographic representation plays a role in the officer selection process, with three groupings of East County, South County and North County. It has been customary to rotate officers based on geographic grouping, and for each officer to “advance one level” each year.

In the current fiscal year, Deborah Cox (City of San Leandro) is serving as President, Shelia Young (Oro Loma Sanitary District) is the First Vice President, and Dianne Martinez (City of Emeryville) is the Second Vice President.

For many years, Oro Loma Sanitary District has been included in the East County category, even though geographically it’s closer to Hayward and San Leandro, which is considered South County. It seems reasonable to move Oro Loma Sanitary District from the East to South County designation.

Staff is proposing to update the geographic designations as follows:

- North County is defined as Alameda, Albany, Berkeley, Emeryville, Oakland, Piedmont and Unincorporated Alameda County.
- South County is defined as Fremont, Hayward, Newark, Oro Loma Sanitary District, San Leandro, and Union City.
- East County is defined as Castro Valley Sanitary District, Dublin, Livermore, and Pleasanton.
If the Board agrees to change Oro Loma Sanitary District’s designation to South County, then the next President should be from South County, the next Vice President from North County and the Second Vice President from East County.

RECOMMENDATION

That the WMA Board approve the geographic designations for officer election purposes and elect officers for Fiscal Year 2021-22.