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

Wednesday, June 24, 2020

3:00 P.M.

TELECONFERENCE MEETING

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

President Rood called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. Wendy Sommer explained the process that would be utilized during the meeting. A link to the process is available here: [Virtual-Meetings-Instructions](#)

**II. ROLL CALL OF ATTENDANCE**

**WMA & EC**

County of Alameda	Keith Carson, WMA, EC
City of Alameda	Jim Oddie, WMA, EC
City of Albany	Nick Pilch, WMA, EC
City of Berkeley	Susan Wengraf, WMA, EC
Castro Valley Sanitary District	Dave Sadoff, WMA
City of Dublin	Melissa Hernandez, WMA, EC
City of Emeryville	Dianne Martinez, WMA, EC
City of Fremont	Jenny Kassan, WMA, EC
City of Livermore	Bob Carling, WMA, EC
City of Hayward	Francisco Zermeño, WMA, EC
City of Newark	Mike Hannon, WMA, EC
City of Oakland	Dan Kalb, WMA, EC
Oro Loma Sanitary District	Shelia Young, WMA
City of Piedmont	Tim Rood, WMA, EC, WMA President
City of Pleasanton	Jerry Pentin, WMA, EC
City of San Leandro	Deborah Cox, WMA, EC President
City of Union City	Emily Duncan, WMA, EC

**ABSENT:**

**None Staff Participating:**

Wendy Sommer, Executive Director  
Pat Cabrera, Administrative Services Director  
Jeff Becerra, Communications Manager  
Jennifer West, Program Manager  
Karen Kho, Principal Program Manager  
Justin Lehrer, Senior Management Analyst  
Arliss Dunn, Clerk of the Board  
Richard Taylor, WMA Legal Counsel

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**Others Present:**

Milena Fiore, ReScape California  
Teresa Martinez Gonzalez, ReScape California  
Teresa Eade, Retired Annuitant

**III. ANNOUNCEMENTS BY PRESIDENTS**

There were no announcements by the Presidents.

**IV. OPEN PUBLIC DISCUSSION FROM THE FLOOR**

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

**V. CONSENT CALENDAR**

**1. Approval of the Draft Joint WMA, EC, & RB Minutes of May 27, 2020 (Wendy Sommer)**

There were no public comments for the Consent Calendar. Board member Wengraf made the motion to approve the Consent Calendar. Board member Pentin seconded and the motion carried 18-0. The Clerk called the roll:

(Ayes: Carling, Cox, Duncan, Hannon, Hernandez, Kalb, Kassan, Martinez, Oddie, Pentin, Pilch, Rood, Sadoff, Wengraf, Young, Zermeño. Nays: None. Abstained: None. Absent: Carson).

**VI. REGULAR CALENDAR**

**1. Public Hearing and Annual Adoption of Fee Collection Report for Household Hazardous Waste Fee (Pat Cabrera)**

That the WMA Board hold a public hearing on the Fee Collection Report and approve by resolution, the Fee Collection Report for FY 2020-21.

There were no public comments on this item. Board member Young made the motion to hold a public hearing on the Fee Collection Report and approve by resolution, the Fee Collection Report for FY 2020-21. Board member Zermeño seconded and the motion carried 18-0. The Clerk called the roll:

(Ayes: Carling, Cox, Duncan, Hannon, Hernandez, Kalb, Kassan, Martinez, Oddie, Pentin, Pilch, Rood, Sadoff, Wengraf, Young, Zermeño. Nays: None. Abstained: None. Absent: Carson).

**2. Election of WMA Officers for Fiscal Year 2020-21 (Arless Dunn)**

Staff recommends that the WMA Board elect officers for Fiscal Year 2020-21.

There were no public comments on this item. Board member Pentin made the motion to advance Board member Cox to the office of President, Board member Young to the office of First Vice President, and nominated Board member Martinez to serve as Second Vice President. There were no other nominations. Board member Kalb seconded and the motion carried 18-0. The Clerk called the roll:

(Ayes: Carling, Cox, Duncan, Hannon, Hernandez, Kalb, Kassan, Martinez, Oddie, Pentin, Pilch, Rood, Sadoff, Wengraf, Young, Zermeño. Nays: None. Abstained: None. Absent: Carson).

**3. Election of Energy Council Officers for Fiscal Year 2020-21 (Arless Dunn)**

Staff recommends that the Energy Council elect officers for Fiscal Year 2020-21.

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There were no public comments on this item. Board member Pentin made the motion to advance Board member Hernandez to the office of President, Board member Kalb to the office of First Vice President, and nominated Board member Kassan to serve as Second Vice President. There were no other nominations. Board member Rood seconded and the motion carried 18-0. The Clerk called the roll: (Ayes: Carling, Cox, Duncan, Hannon, Hernandez, Kalb, Kassan, Martinez, Oddie, Pentin, Pilch, Rood, Wengraf, Zermeño. Nays: None. Abstained: None. Absent: Carson).

#### **4. Vacancy on the Recycling Board (Arliiss Dunn)**

That the WMA Board fill the vacancy on the Recycling Board.

There were no public comments on this item. Board member Oddie nominated Board member Kalb to fill the WMA vacancy on the Recycling Board. Board member Kalb accepted the nomination. Board member Wengraf seconded and the motion carried 18-0. The Clerk called the role: (Ayes: Carling, Cox, Duncan, Hannon, Hernandez, Kalb, Kassan, Martinez, Oddie, Pentin, Pilch, Rood, Sadoff, Wengraf, Young, Zermeño. Nays: None. Abstained: None. Absent: Carson).

#### **5. Sustainable Landscapes in Alameda County - Final Report (Jennifer West)**

This item is for information only.

Jennifer West provided an overview of the staff report and presented a PowerPoint presentation. A link to the memo and the presentation is available here: [Sustainable-Landscapes-Final-Report-06-24-20.pdf](#). Ms. West distributed the topic brief for the month of June on Sustainable Landscapes, available here: [Sustainable-Landscapes-Topic-Brief](#). Ms. West also provided an overview of the Sustainable Landscapes website, available here: [Sustainable-Landscapes-2020-report](#).

Ms. West acknowledged Teresa Eade for her leadership on the project and for her contributions when she returned as a part-time retired annuitant for the culmination of the project. Ms. Eade penned a note expressing her appreciation in working with member agency staff that have used ReScape California standards to build sustainable landscapes in the county, and stated that she enjoyed working with Jennifer West. Ms. West introduced Milena Fiore, Executive Director, ReScape California. Ms. Fiore expressed appreciation for the ACWMA in appointing ReScape California as the designee for the Landscape Programs and provided an overview of how they plan to continue to encourage public agencies and landscape professionals in Alameda County and beyond to engage with ReScape California. Teresa Martinez Gonzales, Senior Manager, ReScape California, announced that on August 20, 2020, ReScape would be hosting a virtual orientation for Alameda County staff of each jurisdiction to connect with their team and learn about how ReScape can support the jurisdictions and communities. The orientation will include information about landscape trainings, resources to update and refresh cities' regenerative landscape resolution, policy or ordinance, and explore ways to work together to address climate change and environmental workforce equity.

President Rood inquired if ReScape was an existing organization and if they had a larger geographic focus. Ms. Fiore stated that the original name was the Bay-Friendly Coalition and the name was changed to ReScape California to reflect their reach beyond the Bay Area. President Rood commented that it is good to see this work becoming institutionalized and it is reminiscent of Build it Green's practices and how it began locally and became imbedded in the CalGreen Building code. Ms. Fiore stated that the rated landscape program is modeled on the LEED Building Rating system. Ms. Sommer reminded the Board that some of their cities have not implemented California's Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance (WELO) and this is a good opportunity to touch base with their staff to ensure that they are in compliance with WELO. Board member Hernandez inquired if a city is required to be a part of the program to be rated. Ms. Martinez Gonzalez stated that she is encouraging the jurisdictions

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to attend the meeting in August to study the practices and ordinances in each jurisdiction as well as to work together to implement the rating system in each of their jurisdictions. Ms. Martinez Gonzalez added there are nominal fees associated with the rated landscape program that are mainly application fees. Ms. Sommer clarified that a fee will ensue if the landscape project is being rated by a third party rater, such as ReScape. However, some cities have trained raters on staff. Ms. Eade stated that it is not the case with Dublin. They would need to complete the scorecard and meet the verification requirements. Ms. Eade added she would encourage them to get the full recognition and rating for the landmark landscape projects.

Board member Sadoff inquired if there are different ratings for different geographical areas or is it a uniform rating system. Ms. Fiore stated that it is a uniform prescriptive rating system. Ms. Martinez Gonzalez added it could be different among regions for example a choice of a plant or different irrigation practices would be tailored to the locality. Board member Duncan inquired if a jurisdiction would receive notification if out of compliance with WELO. Ms. West stated that the NRDC has filed lawsuits against jurisdictions across the state that have not reported on WELO, however Alameda County jurisdictions have done pretty well although are not at 100%. Ms. West added she would be happy to share with jurisdictions if they have filed their reports. President Rood stated that the City of Piedmont has a staff person that is a Bay-Friendly (now ReScape) Rated landscape architect and they have implemented some water conservation projects but they don't appear to have gone through the third party certification and he would welcome an orientation with his city staff. Board member Hannon asked that staff provide notification to the Board regarding any ordinances or documentation that the jurisdictions are not responsive to. There were no public comments on this item. President Rood thanked staff for the report and presentation.

6. **Interim appointment(s) to the Recycling Board for WMA appointee unable to attend future Board Meeting(s) (Arliiss Dunn) (WMA only)**  
(Planning Committee and Recycling Board meeting, July 9, 2020 at 7:00 pm. Teleconference meeting)

There were no requests for an interim appointment.

**EC President Deborah Cox chaired the EC item.**

7. **BayREN 2020-22 Contract Amendment #1 (Karen Kho) (EC only)**

Adopt a Resolution authorizing the Executive Director to enter into a 2020 contract amendment of \$100,000 for Bay Area Regional Energy Network (BayREN) and other related actions.

Karen Kho provided a summary of the staff report. A link to the report is available here: [BayREN-Contract-Amendment.pdf](#). There were no public comments on this item. Board member Rood made the motion to approve the staff recommendation. Board member Zermeño seconded and the motion carried 18-0. The Clerk called the role:

(Ayes: Carling, Cox, Duncan, Hannon, Hernandez, Kalb, Kassan, Martinez, Oddie, Pentin, Pilch, Rood, Wengraf, Zermeño. Nays: None. Abstained: None. Absent: Carson).

## VII. MEMBER COMMENTS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Ms. Sommer announced that the Hayward, Livermore, and Oakland Household Hazardous Waste facilities have reopened on an appointment basis and to call 800-606-6606 to schedule an appointment. Ms. Sommer added the Fremont location has been open during COVID-19. Ms. Sommer announced that the Alameda County Public Health Department has revised their order to allow reusable bags to be

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brought into stores as long as they are not touching employees or other customers. The City of Berkeley has not revised their order. Ms. Sommer added the state Executive Order has already expired for single use bags. Staff will provide an update to the Board in July as there is still confusion as stores are continuing to reject customers for bringing in reusable bags. We will also inform the stores that it is permissible for customers to bring in reusable bags.

**The board adjourned to closed session at 4:19 p.m. and returned to open session at 4:58 p.m.**

There were no public comments on the remote call and no public comments were received via the public comments email portal for the closed session item.

**VIII. CLOSED SESSION (WMA only)**

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957  
PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION  
Title: Executive Director  
(confidential materials mailed separately)

**IX. CLOSED SESSION (WMA only)**

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6  
CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS  
Agency Designated Representatives: Board Members Cox, Rood, Sadoff, and Young  
Unrepresented Employee: Executive Director

There was nothing to report from the closed session.

**X. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.