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

Wednesday, December 16, 2020
3:00 P.M.

TELECONFERENCE MEETING

I. CALL TO ORDER

President Cox 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
City of Alameda
City of Albany
City of Berkeley
Castro Valley Sanitary District
City of Dublin
City of Emeryville
City of Hayward
City of Livermore
City of Newark
City of Oakland
Oro Loma Sanitary District
City of Piedmont
City of San Leandro
City of Union City

Scott Haggerty, WMA, EC (alternate)
Malia Vella, WMA, EC
Rochelle Nason, WMA, EC (alternate)
Susan Wengraf, WMA, EC
Dave Sadoff, WMA
Melissa Hernandez, WMA, EC (President)
Dianne Martinez, WMA, EC
Francisco Zermeño, WMA, EC
Bob Carling, WMA, EC
Mike Hannon, WMA, EC
Dan Kalb, WMA, EC
Shelia Young, WMA
Tim Rood, WMA, EC
Deborah Cox, WMA (President), EC
Emily Duncan, WMA, EC

ABSENT:
City of Fremont
City of Pleasanton

Jenny Kassan, WMA, EC
Jerry Pentin, WMA, EC

Staff Participating:
Wendy Sommer, Executive Director
Timothy Burroughs, Deputy Director
Pat Cabrera, Administrative Services Director
Jeff Becerra, Communications Manager
Justin Lehrer, Operations Manager
Michelle Fay, Program Manager
Arliss Dunn, Clerk of the Board
Richard Taylor, WMA Legal Counsel

Others Participating:
2020 StopWaste Business Efficiency Awardees
III. ANNOUNCEMENTS BY PRESIDENTS
President Cox thanked staff for the special holiday cookie delivery.

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 November 18, 2020 (Wendy Sommer)

2. Amended and New Conflict of Interest Codes (Pat Cabrera)
   That the Waste Management Authority (Attachment A) and the Energy Council (Attachment B) each adopt their respective resolutions stating their amended Conflict of Interest Code.

3. Contract/Vendor Authorization (Pat Cabrera)
   That the WMA Board approve the contracts, vendors and/or spending authority listed in the staff report, as recommended by the P&A Committee.

4. 2021 Meeting Schedule (Arliss Dunn)
   That the Waste Management Authority Board and the Energy Council adopt the regular meeting schedule for 2021.

5. Reappointment to the Recycling Board – Board member Zermeño (Wendy Sommer)
   That the Waste Management Authority Board reappoint Board member Zermeño to a two-year term on the Recycling Board ending January 22, 2023.

There were no public comments for the Consent Calendar. Board member Hannon made the motion to approve the Consent Calendar. Board member Zermeño seconded and the motion carried 17-0. The Clerk called the roll:

VI. REGULAR CALENDAR

1. 2021 Legislative Priorities (Jeff Becerra)
   That the Waste Management Authority adopt as its legislative priority for 2021 joining efforts with other partners to introduce and support legislation seeking to modify SB 1383 implementation timelines as long as the relief is not prolonged or excessive in nature.

Jeff Becerra provided an overview of the staff report. A link to the report is available here: 2021-Legislative-Priorities.pdf. The agency’s lobbyists, Jason Schmelzer and Priscilla Quiroz, were present and available to answer any questions.

Mr. Becerra stated that the 2020 Legislative Priorities were presented to the P&A Committee (P&A), and the Planning Committee and Recycling Board (PC&RB). The PC&RB asked that staff modify the recommendation to clarify that the legislation seeking to modify SB 1383 implementation timelines not be prolonged or excessive in nature.

There were no public comments for this item. Board member Zermeño made the motion to approve the staff recommendation. Board member Young seconded and the motion carried 17-0. The Clerk
2. Priority Setting for Fiscal Years 2021-22 and 2022-23 (Wendy Sommer, Timothy Burroughs & Justin Lehrer)

That the WMA/EC Boards adopt the aims and guiding principles to be used for program design and budgetary planning for fiscal years 21-22 and 22-23.

Timothy Burroughs provided an overview of the staff report. A link to the report is available here: Priority_Setting-FYS-21-23-and-22-23.pdf

Board member Carling commented that the “Mindset” aim suggested a negative approach and suggested that staff reword the phrase to project a more positive objective. Staff concurred with Board member Carling and will re-phrase the Aim to project a more positive approach. Board member Carling asked for clarification regarding capacity. Mr. Burroughs provided the example that one of the requirements of SB 1383 is the procurement of organics products, such as compost and mulch, and the agency does not have the capacity to purchase compost and mulch for the member agencies but can provide assistance in understanding the requirements and how to achieve them in a more cost effective way.

There were no public comments for this item. Board member Carling made the motion to approve the staff recommendation with the suggestion to modify the wording regarding the “Mindset” aim. Board member Zermeño seconded and the motion carried 18-0. The Clerk called the roll:

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

(Planning Committee and Recycling Board meeting, January 14, 2021, 4:00 p.m. Meeting will be held via teleconference).

There were no requests for an interim appointment.

VII. 2020 STOPWASTE BUSINESS EFFICIENCY AWARDS (Michelle Fay)

Awards – This item is for information only – Recognizing Awardees

Board President Cox and Executive Director Sommer led the awards ceremony and introduced the businesses and award recipients.

2020 Award recipients:
Alameda & Castro Valley Natural Grocers
Excellence in Waste Prevention & Reuse

Claremont Hotel Club & Spa – Oakland/Berkeley
Excellence in Food Waste Reduction

First Street Alehouse, Livermore
Excellence in Recycling & Composting
Surplus Service – Fremont
Excellence in Waste Prevention & Reuse

Click here to watch a recording of the awards program.

VIII. MEMBER COMMENTS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
Ms. Sommer announced the December Topic Brief “Honoring Businesses for Waste Prevention - December 2020.” A link is available here: December-2020-Awardees.pdf
Ms. Sommer also announced her intentions to retire from the agency at the end of the current fiscal year.

IX. ADJOURNMENT
The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m.