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TO: Waste Management Authority (WMA) Board

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SUBJECT: Public Hearing and annual adoption of Fee Collection Report for the household hazardous waste (HHW) Fee to be collected on the property tax roll

BACKGROUND

At the May 2014 WMA meeting, the Board adopted Ordinance 2014-01: "Ordinance Establishing a Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Collection and Disposal Fee", adopting a fee of no more than \$9.55 fee per residential unit.¹ The ordinance may be viewed at: <http://www.stopwaste.org/sites/default/files/Documents/hhw-ordinance.pdf>

This will be the second year that the fee is collected and used to support existing and expanded activities at the four (Oakland, Livermore, Hayward, Fremont) HHW facilities. The fee also supports up to twelve one day HHW events around the county per year and point of purchase outreach and education. To date, two one-day events have taken place, in San Leandro and Alameda. Another six are being planned for by the end of October. Since increasing hours and days of operation in January, 2015, participation has grown by 34%. Further growth in

¹ The revenue from the \$9.55 per household fee is expected to be approximately \$5.4 million in FY15-16. These revenues, along with the annual revenue from the \$2.15 per ton HHW landfill tip fee (estimated at \$1.7 million for FY15-16), pay for the county-wide HHW program. If actual landfill tip fee revenue in FY15-16 is higher than the estimated amount, or product stewardship programs create cost savings higher than estimated when the ordinance was adopted, the \$9.55 fee will go down in FY17-18.

The reduction in fee is lagged two fiscal years, not one, after revenues are received so that audited financials of actual revenue can be used to make the fee adjustment. We currently anticipate that the fee in FY16-17 will be lower than \$9.55 per household because landfill tonnages have been higher so far in FY14-15.

participation is expected over the remainder of 2015 due to greatly increased outreach to both single- and multi-family residents that is underway.

According to law under which the fee was adopted, a Fee Collection Report (FCR) must be approved by the Board each year, prior to placing the \$9.55 parcel fee on the Alameda County property tax roll. A draft FCR was publicly noticed this month according to requirements. The purpose of the draft FCR is to allow residential property owners subject to the fee an opportunity to provide updated information about the number of units on their property, since the fee is based on the number of units. The 2015 Fee Collection Report includes changes that property owners have requested throughout the year and during the review of the 2014 FCR. The 2015 Fee Collection Report may be viewed at: <http://stopwaste.org/HHW/2015/FCR>

The names of property owners are not included in the Report to comply with law which restricts information that may be posted on the internet by government agencies.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the WMA Board hold a public hearing on the Fee Collection Report for FY15-16, and approve it with any appropriate corrections.