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TO: Alameda County Source Reduction and Recycling Board

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RE: Countywide Integrated Waste Management Plan Factual Changes

BACKGROUND

Every five years Cal Recycle requests a five year review report be submitted indicating whether the Countywide Integrated Waste Management Plan (CoIWMP) needs to be updated. Our last five year review was submitted to Cal Recycle in 2009, which was followed up by a factual update conducted in 2010. The state requirement is to look at the document to be sure that the programs included will ensure compliance with the state mandated 50% diversion goal, and to show 15 years of landfill capacity. Both in 2009 and currently, all of our cities exceed the 50% diversion goal, now expressed in pounds per person, and the County has significantly more than 15 years of landfill capacity. Therefore, the state does not require that the CoIWMP be updated, although a completed 5 year review report does need to be submitted. A copy of the completed 5 year review report can be found at: <http://www.stopwaste.org/sites/default/files/coiwmp%20review%20report%202015.pdf>

Our review of the current Countywide Integrated Waste Management Plan, however, found a number of outdated facts and figures which have been updated. While the update is not required by the state, since the Agency and stakeholders use the CoIWMP for various purposes, it is worthwhile to update the information.

The proposed changes to the CoIWMP can be found at: <http://www.stopwaste.org/file/2058/download?token=aMVJZHUh>. Since 2012, the Recycling Board has been operating as the Local Task Force under state law, whose role is to review and provide input, as needed, on any proposed changes or amendments to the CoIWMP and 5-year review reports. This meeting serves as an opportunity to receive comments from the Recycling Board. At the February WMA meeting, we will hold a public hearing and first reading on the changes, with a second reading and adoption scheduled for March.

DISCUSSION:

Changes that were made to the document include updating diversion and disposal numbers, and disposal sites. The CoIWMP was updated further with respect to solid waste transfer and collection information, transfer station information, disposal and diversion numbers, remaining disposal capacity and fully integrating previous CoIWMP amendments made to reflect new transfer stations or facility changes. Remaining landfill capacity for Alameda County is conservatively estimated to be approximately 34 years, compared to 40 years in 2009. This will depend on actual rates of fill and landfill compaction rates. The Countywide diversion rate, estimated using the state's current disposal based methodology is 71%.

No changes were made to policies, objectives, siting criteria or implementation language. Most changes in implementation of the plan can be made through the annual budget.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Recycling Board review the proposed changes to the CoIWMP, and the 5-year review report, and provide comments (if any).