



February 18, 2015

TO: Waste Management Authority

FROM: Gary Wolff, Executive Director

BY: Debra Kaufman, Senior Program Manager

RE: Countywide Integrated Waste Management Plan Factual Changes: Public Hearing and First Reading

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.

While, the state does not require that the CoIWMP be updated, a copy of the completed 5 year review report will be submitted indicating that our Agency has chosen to update facts and figures in that document.

The 5 year review report can be found here:

<http://www.stopwaste.org/sites/default/files/coiwmp%20review%20report%202015.pdf>

The proposed factual changes to the CoIWMP can be found here:

<http://www.stopwaste.org/sites/default/files/CoIWMP%20update%202014.pdf>

Since 2009, the Recycling Board has been operating as the Local Task Force, whose role is to review and provide input, as needed, on any proposed changes or amendments to the CoIWMP and also for the Review Reports. At the January 28th meeting, the Recycling Board, serving as the Local Task Force reviewed the proposed changes to the CoIWMP and reviewed the 5 year Review report and had no comments.

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 new disposal based methodology, is 71%.

No changes were made to policies, objectives, siting criteria or programs. Programmatic changes are kept current through separate updates to the strategic plan and the annual budget.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Waste Management Authority Board 1) hold a public hearing to amend the CoIWMP to include the factual changes as set forth and make other minor changes for consistency, 2) consider the attached ordinance by title only, waiving reading of the full text and 3) introduce the attached ordinance for consideration and adoption at the March 25th Board meeting.

Attachment: An Ordinance Adopting Amendments to the Countywide Integrated Waste Management Plan

ORDINANCE 2015- 01

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING AMENDMENTS
TO THE COUNTYWIDE INTEGRATED WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN

The Board of the Alameda County Waste Management Authority (“Authority”) ordains as follows:

SECTION 1 (Enactment)

The Board of the Authority does hereby enact this ordinance in full consisting of Section 1 through Section 4.

SECTION 2 (Findings)

(a) The Authority finds that the California Integrated Waste Management Act (California Public Resources Code §§ 40000 et seq.) requires the preparation and adoption of a Countywide Integrated Waste Management Plan (“CoIWMP”).

(b) The Authority finds that the Alameda County Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement for Waste Management directs that the Authority prepare, adopt, revise, amend, administer, enforce and implement the CoIWMP.

(c) The Authority finds that it adopted a CoIWMP, dated February 26, 2003, and has adopted several amendments since then.

(d) The Authority finds that in July 2009, it submitted to the California Integrated Waste Management Board (State Board) a 5 year Countywide Integrated Waste Management Plan review report that concluded the CoIWMP did not need to be changed to ensure compliance with state law. The State Board agreed with this conclusion.

(e) The Authority amended the CoIWMP to update facts and figures in 2010.

(f) The Authority finds that facts and figures needed to be updated in 2015 and amendments made in 2011 and 2013 needed to be fully incorporated

(g) The Authority finds that the Recycling Board as the Local Task Force has considered the proposed CoIWMP amendments.

(h) The Authority finds that the Authority provided all required notice and held a duly noticed public hearing on February 28th, 2015 to consider the CoIWMP amendments.

(i) The Authority finds that the CoIWMP amendments will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment, and thus the adoption of such amendments is not considered a project under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and is exempt from CEQA pursuant to Title 14 California Code of Regulations section 15061(b)(3).

SECTION 3 (Amendment of CoIWMP)

The Authority does hereby adopt the amendments to the CoIWMP as set forth in Exhibit 1 and made a part of this ordinance.

SECTION 4 (Notice and Effective Date)

This ordinance shall be posted at the Authority offices for at least thirty (30) days after its second reading by the Board and shall become effective thirty (30) days after the second reading.

Passed and adopted this ____ day of _____, 2015 by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAINING:

ABSENT:

I certify that under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of ORDINANCE NO. 2015 - 01.

GARY WOLFF
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Exhibits:

Exhibit 1: Countywide Integrated Waste Management Plan Factual Changes
<http://www.stopwaste.org/sites/default/files/CoIWMP%20update%202014.pdf>