Minutes of the January 15, 2020 Meeting

The Sonoma County Waste Management Agency met on January 15, 2020, at the City of Santa Rosa Council Chambers, 100 Santa Rosa Avenue, Santa Rosa, California.

Board Members Present:
City of Cloverdale  Marta Cruz  City of Santa Rosa  Absent
City of Cotati  Susan Harvey  City of Sebastopol  Henry Mikus
City of Healdsburg  Larry Zimmer  City of Sonoma  Madolyn Agrimonti
City of Petaluma  Patrick Carter  County of Sonoma  Susan Gorin
City of Rohnert Park  Don Schwartz  Town of Windsor  Bruce Okrepkie

Staff Present:
Executive Director: Leslie Lukacs
Counsel: Ethan Walsh
Staff: Xinci Tan, Karina Chilcott, Sloane Pagal, Thora Collard, Courtney Scott
Agency Clerk: Janel Perry

1. Call to Order Regular Meeting
   Closed session was called to order at 8:00 a.m.

2. Closed Session:
   PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT
   Title: Executive Director

3. Adjourn Closed Session at 8:46 a.m.
   Call to Order Regular Meeting
   Regular meeting was called to order at 8:52 a.m.
   Introductions
   There were no reportable actions.

4. Agenda Approval

5. Public Comments (items not on the agenda)
   P. Mitchell- against Llano Road site for new compost facility - distributed letter at meeting.

6. Election of Officers
   Motion: Approval of the following officers:
   County of Sonoma – Chair
   Town of Windsor - Vice Chair
   City of Cloverdale - Chair Pro Tempore

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First: City of Cotati - Susan Harvey  
Second: City of Healdsburg - Larry Zimmer  

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Motion passed.

Consent (w/attachments)

7.1 Minutes of the November 20, 2019 Regular Meeting
7.2 November, December 2019, January, and February 2020 Outreach Calendar
7.3 Annual Review of SCWMA Rules of Governance

Board Comments:
- Item 7.3 moved to Regular Calendar

Action Items:
- Review public access for outreach activities with organizations we engage with

Public Comments:
None

John Sawyer arrived at 9:10 a.m.

Motion: For approval of all items on the consent calendar except 7.3  
First: City of Cotati-Susan Harvey  
Second: City of Cloverdale-Marta Cruz  

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Motion passed.
Regular Calendar

7.3 Annual Review of SCWMA Rules of Governance

Board Comments:
• Request that agendas are provided seven days prior to meeting (when possible)

Action Items:
• Change name from SCWMA to Zero Waste Sonoma on Board packet items
• Clarify and reword Rules of Governance rule #17

Public Comments:
None

8. Potential Office Move/Approval to Enter into Lease Negotiations [Lukacs]

Board Comments:
Discussion regarding the actual need for more office space and the financial impact to the agency.

Action Items:
• Provide comps
• Review tenant improvements
• Show five year financial impact

Public Comments:
None

Summary: The Agency pays the County of Sonoma a proportional share of TPW’s overhead charges to lease space. Staff is at capacity at the current office location and will be at over capacity when hiring a summer intern and/or additional staff. Staff proposed that the Board approves entering into a lease negotiation for new office space at SOMO Village in Rohnert Park. No motion was made on the item and the Board requested that staff provide information on alternative commercial lease locations, clarify tenant improvements costs, and clarify financial impacts.

9. Discussion and Possible Action on the FY 20-21 Draft Work Plan [Collard]

Board Comments:
Add a timeline to work plan/strategic plan

Public Comments:
Ken Wells - Important to continue Refuel Your Fun past grant funding and look into making retailers/producers responsible for taking back their products. Clerical change to Page 18, change 1 gallon to 1 pound. Waste characterization study-in favor of measuring and monitoring programs.

Summary: A Work Plan was presented for consideration and approval by the Board. Staff recommended that the Board provide feedback and consider approval of the FY 20-21 Work Plan as a guide for the FY 20-21 Draft Budget. The Board discussed the Work Plan and it will be included as a consent item in the February 19th Board agenda for approval.
10. Strategic Planning Session [Lukacs]

**Board Comments:**
One long day session if preferable to three short sessions

**Action Items:**
- Send out doodle poll starting late March for board member date availability
- Find a room which provides a better format for this meeting, with windows and outdoor patio and catering

**Public Comments:**
None

**Summary:** Staff proposed hiring a professional facilitator to lead three strategic planning work sessions to define the direction of the Agency and to prepare accordingly. The Board approved participating in a one-day strategic planning session in March and April.

11. North County HHW Facility Progress Report [Scott]

**Board Comments:**
- Where does this fall with increased housing possibility in the Airport area, will this cause future frictions with neighborhoods if residential neighborhoods mix with commercial?
- Would RFP be for just one site?

**Action Items:**
- Inform electives and city management in impacted jurisdictions of this project and provide outreach
- Look for additional funding sources, such as EPR
- Research if Airport Zoning Plan will impact “target zone”

*John Sawyer left at 10:58 a.m.*
*Bruce Okrepkie left at 11:17 a.m.*

**Public Comments:**
NONE

**Summary:** Over the last several years, Zero Waste Sonoma (ZWS) staff and the Board expressed concern that the northern portion of Sonoma County has less access to household hazardous waste (HHW) programs. In an effort to address these concerns, ZWS entered into an agreement with Sweetser & Associates, Inc. on August 18, 2017 to perform an expansion analysis of the HHW program which was provided to the Board on June 20, 2018. The board received a status report on siting a permanent HHW facility in Northern Sonoma County and asked the Board to provide direction to staff for next steps and approve the creation of an RFP for a Site Feasibility Study. The Board passed a motion for staff to develop a RFP for a Site Feasibility Study. The Board requested the following action items for staff: 1) Reach out to jurisdictions where a facility might be located,
2) investigate EPR funding sources to pay for facility, and 3) research if the new Airport Zoning plan will impact our target area

**Motion:** To direct staff to 1) develop RFP and include other off site options and bring draft and scope of work for board to review and comment, 2) have staff work with particular board members to inform the most affected communities of the status of the situation, 3) explore other options for funding opportunities such as extended producer responsibility (including household hazardous waste and e-waste), and 4) research airport specific plan for zoning.

**First:** City of Rohnert Park - Don Schwartz  
**Second:** City of Petaluma - Patrick Carter

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Motion passed.

12. **Boardmember Comments** – NO ACTION  
   Comments were received by the Board.

13. **Executive Director Report** – NO ACTION  
   Executive Director will email report to Board members and post on website.

14. **Staff Comments** – NO ACTION  
   None

15. **Next SCWMA meeting:** February 19, 2020

16. **Adjourn 11:36 am**

Submitted by: Janel Perry