



Minutes of September 21, 2016 Meeting

The Sonoma County Waste Management Agency met on September 21, 2016, at the City of Santa Rosa Council Chambers, 100 Santa Rosa Avenue, Santa Rosa, California.

Present:

City of Cloverdale	Bob Cox		City of Santa Rosa	John Sawyer
City of Cotati	Susan Harvey		City of Sebastopol	Henry Mikus
City of Healdsburg	Brent Salmi		City of Sonoma	Madolyn Agrimonti
City of Petaluma	Dan St. John		County of Sonoma	Johannes Hovertsz
City of Rohnert Park	Don Schwartz		Town of Windsor	Deb Fudge

Staff Present:

Executive Director	Patrick Carter		Staff	Felicia Smith
Counsel	Ethan Walsh			Sujata Shrivastav
Staff	Kristin Thigpen			

1. Call to Order Regular Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 8:32 a.m.

2. Agenda Approval

The motion for agenda approval was made by Bob Cox, City of Cloverdale, and seconded by Susan Harvey, City of Cotati.

Vote Count:

Cloverdale	Aye	Santa Rosa	Aye
Cotati	Aye	Sebastopol	Aye
Healdsburg	Aye	City of Sonoma	Aye
Petaluma	Aye	County of Sonoma	Aye
Rohnert Park	Aye	Windsor	Aye

AYES -10- NOES -0- ABSENT -0- ABSTAIN -0-

Motion passed unanimously.

3. Public Comments (items not on the agenda)

4. Consent (w/attachments)

- 4.1 Minutes of July 20, 2016 Special Meeting
- 4.2 Bi-annual Review and Amendment to the SCWMA Conflict of Interest Code
- 4.3 Reauthorization of Resolution for CalRecycle Grants
- 4.4 Update on SCWMA Agreements
- 4.5 Regional C&D Protocol Development RFP Results and Next Steps

The motion for consent calendar approval was made by Susan Harvey, City of Cotati, and seconded by John Sawyer, City of Santa Rosa.

Vote Count:

Cloverdale	Aye	Santa Rosa	Aye
Cotati	Aye	Sebastopol	Aye
Healdsburg	Aye	City of Sonoma	Aye
Petaluma	Aye	County of Sonoma	Aye
Rohnert Park	Aye	Windsor	Aye

AYES -10- NOES -0- ABSENT -0- ABSTAIN -0-

Motion passed unanimously.

Regular Calendar

5. Discussion and Possible Action on Request for Information for Composting Capacity of Organic Waste Processing

Patrick Carter, Executive Director, introduced the item, detailing the efforts by staff to release the Organic Waste Processing Request for Information (RFI), the RFI timeline and milestones, and the potential impacts financial of organic material delivery to a non-County-owned facility. Three scenarios for recovering lost revenue were presented, including the SCWMA member or its franchised hauled compensating the SCWMA and County for the lost revenue, requiring organic processing facilities to collect surcharges on behalf of the SCWMA and County, or for the SCWMA to alter its surcharge rate to compensate.

Board Comments:

Deb Fudge, Town of Windsor, emphasized that time was of the essence to figure out permit processes, rates, and hauling fees.

Chair Schwartz, City of Rohnert Park, asked whether R3 would assist in the evaluation of this project, as the budget for their assistance was nearly gone. Chair Schwartz asked whether on fees on these materials were required to be remitted to the County.

Mr. Carter responded that he had the authority to augment to the R3 budget for assistance and did not believe the fees were required to be collected if the material was not delivered to a County-owned facility, as residential green waste is exempt from the cities' flow commitments.

Public Comment:

Rick Downey from C&S Waste Solutions expressed that RFI appeared more like an RFQ, overreaching in terms of response. Mr. Downey expressed that he felt the JPA worked efficiently for composting organic waste, acting as a safety net when Sonoma Compost shut down. Mr. Downey encouraged the cities to pay close attention to the legal requirements for processing green waste and cautioned them to act responsibly.

Ken Wells commented that the fee charged on green waste may be considered a tax without a sufficient nexus to the service provided.

6. Attachments/Correspondence:

6.1 Outreach Calendar September-October 2016

7. Board Member Comments:

None

8. Staff Comments:

None

9. Next SCWMA meeting:

The next SCWMA meeting will be held on October 19, 2016.

10. Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 8:55 a.m.

Submitted by:

Patrick Carter