



Minutes of January 18, 2017 Meeting

The Sonoma County Waste Management Agency met on January 18, 2017, at the City of Santa Rosa Council Chambers, 100 Santa Rosa Avenue, Santa Rosa, California.

Present:

City of Cloverdale	Absent	City of Santa Rosa	John Sawyer
City of Cotati	Susan Harvey	City of Sebastopol	Henry Mikus
City of Healdsburg	Brent Salmi	City of Sonoma	Absent
City of Petaluma	Dan St. John	County of Sonoma	Susan Klassen
City of Rohnert Park	Don Schwartz	Town of Windsor	Deb Fudge

Staff Present:

Executive Director	Patrick Carter	Staff	Felicia Smith
Counsel	Ethan Walsh		Kristin Thigpen
Agency Clerk	Sally Evans		Courtney Scott

1. Call to Order Regular Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 8:34 a.m.

2. Agenda Approval

The motion for agenda approval was made by Henry Mikus, City of Sebastopol, and seconded by Chair John Sawyer, City of Santa Rosa.

Vote Count:

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

AYES -8- NOES -0- ABSENT -2- ABSTAIN -0-

Motion passed.

3. Public Comments (items not on the agenda)

None

4. Election of Officers

Susan Harvey, City of Cotati, motioned to approve the rotation election of officers as follows: Chair: Santa Rosa, Vice Chair: Sebastopol, and Pro-Tem: Sonoma. Deb Fudge, Town of Windsor, seconded the motion.

Vote Count:

Cloverdale	Absent	Santa Rosa	Aye
Cotati	Aye	Sebastopol	Aye

Healdsburg	Aye	City of Sonoma	Absent
Petaluma	Aye	County of Sonoma	Aye
Rohnert Park	Aye	Windsor	Aye

AYES -8- NOES -0- ABSENT -2- ABSTAIN -0-

Motion passed.

5. Consent (w/attachments)

5.1 Minutes of December 21, 2016 Regular Meeting

5.2 Approval of the First Amendment to the Agreement with ECS Refining for E-waste Transport and Recycling Services

5.3 Approval of the First Amendment to the Agreement with the County of Sonoma for the Provision of Staff Services (Executive Director)

5.4 January and February 2017 Outreach Calendar

Don Schwartz, City of Rohnert Park, requested staff return during budget discussion with information regarding any unforeseen County retirement liability for the Agency related to Agency staff services.

Board Comments:

None.

Public Comments:

None.

The motion for consent calendar approval was made by Mr. Schwartz and Seconded by Ms. Harvey.

Vote Count:

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

AYES -8- NOES -0- ABSENT -2- ABSTAIN -0-

Motion passed.

Regular Calendar

6. Presentation of a County of Sonoma Safe Medicine and Sharps Disposal Ordinance

Patrick Carter, Executive Director, provided a brief background regarding the Safe Medicine Disposal Program and a general overview of the proposed County of Sonoma extended producer responsibility Safe Medicine and Sharps Disposal Ordinance.

Mr. Carter expressed staff's support for the ordinance, as it would increase safe and convenient locations for County residents to dispose of medications and sharps, and likely result in the reduction of disposal costs for medicine and sharps to the Agency.

Brian Vaughn, Director of the Division of Health Policy, Planning and Evaluation, Sonoma County Department of Health Services, provided background regarding the Sonoma County Safe Medicine Disposal Program and an update on the work being done for a potential countywide ordinance for safe medicine disposal using the extended producer responsibility framework. Mr. Vaughn went over challenges with the current program and the benefits of a countywide Safe Medicine and Sharps Disposal extended producer responsibility ordinance.

Mr. Vaughn highlighted there was strong support for a countywide ordinance and added Alameda and additional counties and cities had adopted an ordinance and established the framework. Mr. Vaughn noted Medtronic opposes the ordinance locally and at the state level.

Mr. Vaughn noted there were no other lawsuits he was aware of regarding producer responsibility ordinances, aside from Alameda's, in which the County prevailed.

Mr. Vaughn explained the steps to continue to finalize the model ordinance were to meet with interested parties, cities, conduct public comment opportunity, and return before the County Board of Supervisors by March 2017 for consideration by the County and by all Cities.

Ms. Fudge inquired what happened to the medications and Mr. Vaughn replied they were incinerated.

Mr. Schwartz inquired if all law enforcement and fire agencies would be mandated to participate as a drop-off location and Mr. Vaughn replied no specific agency would be mandated, and noted the language was inserted to insure location variety.

Mr. Schwartz inquired regarding costs and responsibility for the program and Mr. Vaughn replied manufacturers would set up, run, and fund the program. Mr. Vaughn noted the Sonoma County Health Department's role would be to monitor compliance and would absorb part of monitor and compliance fees for the first two years.

Mr. Schwartz noted Rohnert Park would be unable to participate if the County did not indemnify them of legal challenges. Ms. Harvey also expressed liability concerns.

Mr. Vaughn noted County staff would work with City staff to determine the best approach for presenting this ordinance to City Councils for consideration, as well as program adoption negotiations.

Board Comments:

Dan St. John suggested exploring hospital participation in the Safe Medicine and Sharps Disposal Program and regarding program ordinance outreach.

Public Comment:

None.

7. Board Member Comments:

Mr. Schwartz inquired regarding the development of the project to inform and educate on the background of solid waste and hazardous waste in Sonoma County and noted he would like to see an update at the February SCWMA board meeting but was willing to allow for more time.

8. Staff Comments:

Mr. Carter acknowledged Agency staff for participating to ensure there was no hazardous waste placed in debris boxes during the Guerneville flood clean up event organized by the County. Mr. Carter noted additional support to collect hazardous waste was provided for Guerneville residents affected by the flood.

9. Next SCWMA meeting:

The next SCWMA meeting will be held on February 15, 2017

10. Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 9:20 a.m.

Submitted by:

Sally Evans