



Minutes of January 19, 2011

The Sonoma County Waste Management Agency (SCWMA) met on January 19, 2011, at the City of Santa Rosa Council Chambers, 100 Santa Rosa Avenue., Santa Rosa, California

Present:

Town of Windsor	Christa Johnson, Chair (2010)
City of Cloverdale	Nina Regor
City of Cotati	Marsha Sue Lustig
City of Healdsburg	Mike Kirn, Chair (2011)
City of Rohnert Park	Linda Babonis
City of Santa Rosa	Dell Tredinnick
City of Sebastopol	Jack Griffin
City of Sonoma	Steve Barbose
County of Sonoma	Susan Klassen

Absent:

City of Petaluma

Staff Present:

Counsel	Janet Coleson
Staff	Patrick Carter
	Karina Chilcott
	Charlotte Fisher
	Henry Mikus
	Lisa Steinman
Recorder	Elizabeth Koetke

1. Call to Order/Introductions

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m.

2. Agenda Approval

Mike Kirn, Healdsburg, moved to approve the agenda. Steve Barbose, City of Sonoma, seconded. Agenda approved.

3. Attachments / Correspondence

Chair Christa Johnson, called attention to the Director's Agenda Notes and welcomed new Executive Director Henry Mikus.

4. On File with Clerk

Chair Johnson noted the resolution approved in November 2010, on file with the Clerk.

5. Public Comments (items not on the agenda)

Martin Millick, Cold Creek Compost, commented that Cold Creek Compost needs more green waste in order to compost chickens and chicken manure and currently green waste from Sonoma County is being trucked right past his facility.

6. Election of 2011 Officers

Marsha Sue Lustig, Cotati, nominated Nina Regor, Cloverdale, as Chair. Mike Kirn, Healdsburg, seconded.

Nina Regor, Cloverdale, nominated Mike Kirn as Chair, Steve Barbose, Sonoma, seconded. Petaluma absent. Motion carried unanimously.

Marsha Sue Lustig withdrew her nomination.

Gavel was passed to 2011 Chair, Mike Kirn, to lead the meeting.

Mike Kirn presented Christa Johnson with a certificate of appreciation and thanked her for her services as 2010 Chair.

Christa Johnson, Windsor, nominated Nina Regor, Cloverdale, as Vice-Chair, Marsha Sue Lustig, Cotati, seconded. Petaluma absent. Motion carried unanimously.

Susan Klassen, County, nominated Marsha Sue Lustig, Cotati, as Chair Pro Tempore, Dell Tredinnick, Santa Rosa, seconded. Petaluma absent. Motion carried unanimously.

The new officers for 2011 are; Mike Kirn, Healdsburg, Chair; Nina Regor, Cloverdale, Vice-Chair; and Marsha Sue Lustig, Cotati, Chair Pro Tempore.

Consent

- 7.1 Minutes of November 17, 2010
- 7.2 Recycling Guide 2011 Printing Contract with Graphic Enterprises, Inc.
- 7.3 Education Outreach Summary 2010
- 7.4 Eco-Desk (English and Spanish) Annual Reports 2010
- 7.5 Mandatory Commercial Recycling Measure Update from ILG webinar "Creating Enforcement and Compliance Elements for Commercial Recycling"
- 7.6 UCCE Home Compost Education and Pesticide Use Reduction Education
- 7.7 SCC Monthly Reports (August, September, October, November 2010)
- 7.8 Annual Web site Report 2010
- 7.9 Expanded Organics Outreach

Chair Mike Kirn requested that items 7.6 and 7.9 be pulled for discussion.

Nina Regor, Cloverdale, pulled the minutes, item 7.1 for a correction.

Christa Johnson, Windsor, pulled items 7.3, 7.5 and 7.8 for comments.

Marsha Sue Lustig, Cotati, moved to approve items 7.2, 7.4 and 7.7, Dell Tredinnick, Santa Rosa, seconded. Motion carried. Petaluma absent.

Item 7.1 Minutes of November 17, 2010 Nina Regor made a correction to the second page of the minutes, Item #10 the last line 'SCWMA Executive Director, Henry Mikus will serve on the SWAG representing the SCWMA.' The correction is 'SCWMA Executive Director, Henry Mikus, will serve on the SWAG Research Committee not on the full SWAG. Correction will be made.

Nina Regor, Cloverdale, moved to approve item 7.1., Marsha Sue Lustig, Cotati, seconded. County of Sonoma abstained. Petaluma absent.

Item 7.3 Education Outreach Summary 2010 Christa Johnson, commented that she appreciates all the hard work Karina Chilcott has done for outreach and education.

Christa Johnson, Town of Windsor, moved to approve this item, Linda Babonis, Rohnert Park, seconded. Motion approved. Petaluma absent.

7.5 Mandatory Commercial Recycling Measure Ms. Johnson pulled this item to discuss the implementation date at the local level.

Staff was given direction to bring this item back to a future meeting to discuss whether the SCWMA Board would want to consider a county-wide ordinance or individual ordinances for each jurisdiction. If the Board decided to go with individual ordinances at the jurisdiction level, similar language would be used.

Public Comment

Ken Wells, Guiding Sustainability/Sierra Club Representative on the AB 939 Local Task Force (LTF), said some parameters had been assigned to the AB 939 Local Task Force regarding apartments and enforcement, the LTF intends to come back to the SCWMA with the information from that assignment.

Christa Johnson, Windsor, moved to approve this item. Steve Barbose, Sonoma, seconded. Motion carried. Petaluma absent.

7.6 University of California Cooperative Extension (UCCE) Home Compost Education and Pesticide Use Reduction Education Program Report 2009-2010 Mike Kirn expressed appreciation for the work UCCE does. Paul Vossen, UCCE, gave a brief presentation.

Marsha Sue Lustig, Cotati, moved to approve this item. Linda Babonis, Rohnert Park, seconded. Motion carried. Petaluma absent.

7.8 Annual Web site Report 2010 Christa Johnson, Windsor, acknowledged staff's good work on this project.

Public Comment

Connie Cloak, C2 Alternative Services, commented when she's out in the community she hears wonderful things about the website.

Christa Johnson, Windsor, moved to approve. Susan Klassen, County, seconded. Motion carried. Petaluma absent.

7.9 Expanded Organics Outreach Ms. Lustig requested this item be pulled and asked Patrick Carter to give a short presentation.

Patrick Carter reported in the 2007 Waste Characterization Study it was concluded 36% of the material sent to landfills was compostable. A recent analysis by the AB 939 LTF Organics Subcommittee concluded that over 25,000 tons of compostable food and yard debris currently being sent for disposal could be processed at existing diversion facilities.

Sonoma Compost Company contacted staff with a proposal to increase diversion with the assistance of SCWMA and the county's two garbage haulers.

Staff is pursuing a revision of the compost site's permit which currently allows 12,000 tons per day of food material at the site. Revising the permit to allow acceptance of up to 10% of the incoming yard material would raise the limit to approximately 30 tons per day or 10,000 tons of additional diversion a year.

Nina Regor, Cloverdale, commented that any additional costs or costs for advertising should be paid by the contractor, not SCWMA or individual jurisdictions.

Public Comments

Robert Hillman, Re-energy, said their company can process materials with anaerobic digestion and also create green energy. He expressed an interest in meeting with local stakeholders.

Nina Regor, Cloverdale, moved to approve the item with the amendment that Sonoma Compost Company pay for any incremental costs associated with the outreach. Christa Johnson, Windsor, seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Petaluma absent.

Regular Calendar

8. Presentation by Goodwill

Charlie Stamps, Goodwill Industries of the Redwood Empire (GIRE) gave a presentation about the work that GIRE does and the partnership with SCWMA for e-waste collection events.

9. City of Sonoma Outhaul Discussion

In December 2010, the City of Sonoma's franchised garbage hauler, Sonoma Garbage Collectors (SGC) was dealing with some financial issues. At the December 1, 2010 meeting, City of Sonoma Council voted to allow the hauler to haul approximately half of their solid waste to another county for a cost reduction. At the same time the vote included language allowing SCWMA to continue collection of the surcharge. Staff was requested to draft an agreement. Since there was not a precedent set for this type of agreement, staff contacted the City of Sonoma and requested a letter explaining the situation.

Susan Klassen, County of Sonoma, said the original issue was the City of Sonoma asked the SCWMA to enter into an agreement with the garbage hauler, instead of an agreement similar to the City of Petaluma where the City collects the surcharge from SGC then pays SCWMA.

Carol Giovanatto, Assistant City Manager for City of Sonoma, said there was an initial misunderstanding, but the City of Sonoma is willing to enter into an agreement where the garbage hauler pays the City of Sonoma the SCWMA surcharge, which the City will pass on to SCWMA. It is proposed the agreement would have a two year term.

Steve Barbose, Sonoma, described the long-term relationship the City of Sonoma has with SGC. Since SGC would like to purchase a replacement truck and lack the funds, they proposed to divert 50% of their solid waste for a limited time to Napa County. During the two-year agreement, SGC should be able to save the funds to purchase a new truck.

Christa Johnson, Windsor, suggested the City of Sonoma pay SCWMA legal fees to draft this agreement.

Chair Mike Kirn gave direction to staff to prepare an agreement between SCWMA and the City of Sonoma that captures the SCWMA surcharge for the material diverted out of county, including provisions for cost recovery for staff time associated with the preparation of the agreement and provisions within the agreement for any increases in the surcharge or modifications thereto as SCWMA contemplates a different methodology to capture administrative costs going forward.

Janet Coleson, Agency Counsel, questioned whether counsel should draft the agreement or if the City of Sonoma should draft the agreement.

Nina Regor, Cloverdale, recommended that Agency Counsel draft the agreement so it would be consistent with the City of Petaluma's agreement.

Janet Coleson asked for clarification as to whether to include staff time in the cost of the entire endeavor or whether legal time should be separated from staff time.

Christa Johnson, Windsor, was in favor of full cost recovery.

Chair Kirn concurred with full cost recovery.

Susan Klassen, County, asserted that this portion of the outhaul began December 1, 2010, she requested the effective date on the Agreement be retroactive to December 1, 2010 for a seamless transition.

10. Carryout Bags

Patrick Carter gave his monthly legislative update regarding single-use bags.

At the November SCWMA meeting, staff was given direction to return to the January 2011 meeting with a draft letter to send to local businesses in an effort to discourage single bag use. Staff received several letters from the public supporting this action.

Public Comment

Connie Cloak, C2 Alternative Services, offered translation services to translate the letter into Spanish.

Tim Smith, resident and former chair of the SCWMA, commented that according to the California Product Stewardship Council (CPSC) Sonoma County is well-regarded as a leader in the State of California and this would be another opportunity to lead.

Ken Wells, Guiding Sustainability, suggested that staff be directed to draft a countywide ordinance.

Mary Munat, Green Mary, presented information about a public forum on single-use bags which is scheduled for February 2, 2011 at the City of Santa Rosa Council Chambers from 8:45 to 11:00 a.m. Redwood Empire Disposal and Sonoma Compost Company are two of the sponsors. Supervisor Mike McGuire will moderate the forum.

Boardmember Comments

Nina Regor, Cloverdale, requested that an estimate of staff time required to draft an ordinance be included with this item when it comes back to the Board.

Marsha Sue Lustig, Cotati, requested that an additional fact sheet be included with the letter.

Susan Klassen, County, supports sending the letter and anticipates the responses from businesses. She commented that this project is not in the current Work Plan or budget so gathering as much information as possible about staff costs associated with drafting an ordinance and any costs associated with the environmental process is important.

11. Construction & Demolition (C&D) Pilot Project

Charlotte Fisher explained at the November SCWMA meeting that a letter from the County of Sonoma was presented to the Board regarding an Amended and Restated Agreement between the County and Redwood Empire Disposal. One component of that Agreement is a pilot project involving construction and demolition (C&D) debris boxes. The debris boxes would be taken to the Sonoma and Healdsburg transfer stations for sorting. The assumption is that 25% of the debris in the C&D boxes is wood waste. These debris boxes are currently taken out of county for processing. The pilot project will examine the feasibility of sorting and processing by having Redwood Empire Disposal sort materials and bring them to the County system. The first Amendment to this Agreement has a two-year term with 2 scheduled increases.

Public Comment

Tim Smith, on behalf of Industrial Carting and Global Materials Recovery Services, presented a letter to the Board which suggested this item go out for Request For Proposal and requested this item be

postponed.

Lisa Hardin, Industrial Carting and Global Materials Recovery Services, explained they are one of two fully permitted C&D recycling facilities. They would like the opportunity to bid on this item and welcomed visitors to their sites.

Boardmember Discussion

Nina Regor, Cloverdale, asked Agency Counsel about SCWMA's specific role and responsibility as it relates to the County's franchise.

Janet Coleson, Agency Counsel, explained this is a pilot project being done by the County of Sonoma and this Amendment to the Agreement covers any cost shortfalls to the SCWMA. This pilot is being run by the County and the Amendment has not been approved by the County Supervisors yet.

Susan Klassen, County, explained the pilot project was an aspect of negotiation with the Redwood Empire Disposal franchise agreement. That franchise agreement is already in place and the pilot program is part of that. Any questions about going to bid or providing C & D diversion at the transfer stations should be directed to the Board of Supervisors. The Agreement was conceived to insure the SCWMA gets the benefit of the surcharge and doesn't incur any additional costs.

Jack Griffin, Sebastopol, moved to approve this item. Dell Tredinnick, Santa Rosa, seconded. Petaluma absent. Motion carried.

12. Boardmember Comments

Jack Griffin, Sebastopol, congratulated Mike Kirn on his role as 2011 Chair.

Dell Tredinnick, Santa Rosa, thanked Christa Johnson, Windsor, for serving as Chair in 2010 and mentioned Earth Day, April 22, 2011.

Linda Babonis, Rohnert Park, thanked Christa Johnson for serving as Chair for 2011.

Mike Kirn, Healdsburg, reported he'd met with Ken Wells and Will Bakx about a future project they are contemplating with respect to co-generation and thanked Christa Johnson again for serving as 2010 Chair.

13. Staff Comments

Lisa Steinman said Russian River Watershed Association Landscape Friendly Guidelines were provided to each of the Boardmembers.

Henry Mikus thanked the SCWMA Board for giving him the opportunity to serve the SCWMA and mentioned he is making appointments to meet with every Boardmember individually. He also attended his first meeting of the SWAG Research subcommittee.

14. Next SCWMA Meeting – February 16, 2011

15. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 11:07 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Elizabeth Koetke

**Copies of the following were distributed and/or submitted at this meeting:
Letter from Industrial Carting to SCWMA Board re: C & D Pilot Program**