



Minutes of October 20, 2010

The Sonoma County Waste Management Agency met on October 20, 2010, at the City of Santa Rosa Council Chambers, 100 Santa Rosa Avenue., Santa Rosa, California

Present:

Town of Windsor	Christa Johnson, Chair
City of Cloverdale	Nina Regor
City of Cotati	Marsha Sue Lustig
City of Healdsburg	Mike Kirn
City of Petaluma	Vince Marengo
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	Phil Demery

Staff Present:

Interim Executive Director	Susan Klassen
Counsel	Janet Coleson
Staff	Patrick Carter
	Karina Chilcott
	Charlotte Fisher
	Lisa Steinman
Recorder	Elizabeth Koetke

1. Call to Order Meeting/Introductions

The meeting was called to order at 9:01 a.m.

2. Agenda Approval

Agenda approved with a unanimous vote.

3. Attachments / Correspondence

Chair Christa Johnson, called attention to the Director's Agenda Notes and Letters of Support.

4. On File with Clerk

Chair Johnson noted the resolutions approved in September, 2010 and the Draft Employment Agreement on File with the Clerk.

5. Public Comments (items not on the agenda)

None.

Consent

- 6.1 Minutes of September 15, 2010
- 6.2 EPR Update
- 6.3 SCC Monthly Reports for May, June, and July 2010

Mike Kirn, Healdsburg, moved to approve the Consent Calendar. Steve Barbose, City of Sonoma, seconded. Motion was approved unanimously.

Regular Calendar

7. Sonoma County / City Solid Waste Advisory Group

Steve Barbose, City of Sonoma, is serving as liaison for the Agency to the Sonoma Waste Advisory Group (SWAG).

The SWAG went on a fieldtrip to San Jose to visit the Green Waste Recovery Facility.

The SWAG met with a facilitator and developed a prioritization list; the list is available on the Department of Transportation and Public Works (DTPW) website. DTPW staff is also visiting each of the city councils and presenting the results of the prioritization list.

8. Resolution Selecting Executive Director and Forwarding the Selection to the County for Execution of an Employment Agreement between the County and the Executive Director

Susan Klassen, Interim Executive Director, explained that after a lengthy hiring process Henry Mikus was the selected candidate for the Executive Director position.

The Agency Board authorized the Staffing Subcommittee to negotiate a contract with Mr. Mikus, within the parameters set by the Agency Board. An agreement was reached consistent with the Board's direction. An offer of employment was made to Mr. Mikus contingent on completion of the County requirements for employment, formal selection by the Agency Board, and final approval of the at-will employment contract by the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors.

Mr. Mikus has successfully completed the County's pre-employment requirements and has agreed to a tentative start date of January 3, 2011, contingent on the Agency Board's formal selection and the Board of Supervisors' approval of the at-will employment contract.

Marsha Sue Lustig, Cotati, moved to adopt the resolution selecting Henry Mikus as Executive Director and forwarding the selection to the County for execution of an employment agreement between the County and the Executive Director. Linda Babonis, Rohnert Park, seconded. Motion was approved unanimously.

9. Update on Compost Relocation Project

Patrick Carter said staff is working with Environmental Science Associates (ESA) to get a draft Environmental Impact Review (EIR) done by early 2011, possibly January or February. There will be a public hearing when the draft is released.

The Agency Board had previously directed staff to return with engineering and further studies of Site 13. Because this site borders Highway 37 which is under Caltrans jurisdiction, staff contacted Caltrans to determine what mitigation measures would be required. Caltrans requested a formal traffic study.

Site 13 has always been considered one of the lesser, less studied alternative sites. No formal traffic study was done for that site.

Staff does not recommend amending the agreement with ESA to include a new traffic study for Site 13. Site 13 would continue to be listed in the EIR as an alternative location; however the Board will be able to consider the site's feasibility issues when deciding on the project after the EIR is certified.

Jack Griffin, Sebastopol, moved to approve continuing the project without amending ESA's contract to perform a formal traffic analysis study of Site of 13. Phil Demery, County of Sonoma, seconded. Motion passed.

The agenda was rearranged to accommodate travel time of guest speaker.

11. Boardmember Comments

None.

12. Staff Comments

Susan Klassen asked the Board to consider cancelling the Agency meetings scheduled for November 17th and December 15th and replacing them with a December 8th meeting.

Chair Johnson said the new Executive Director planned to attend the November 17th meeting.

Nina Regor, Cloverdale, asked if the future funding item could be moved to January 2011.

Chair Johnson said her preference is to keep the regular meeting schedule with a meeting on November 17th, and possibly not meet in December unless there is pressing business.

Vince Marengo, Petaluma, agreed the future funding should be moved to January along with the carryout bag item.

After much discussion the Board agreed to meet November 17th moving future funding agenda item to the January meeting when the new Executive Director will be officially employed.

Patrick Carter informed the Board of beverage container grant funding recently made available from the Department of Conservation (DOC).

Chair Johnson suggested agendaizing an item at a future meeting to discuss possible projects for incoming grant beverage container money from the DOC.

Lisa Steinman reported the Agency was awarded money from the Oil Payment Program Funding in the amount of \$149,000.

Janet Coleson, Agency Counsel, commented about Proposition 26 and how it could impact the Agency. It is a California constitutional amendment and only requires a majority vote to pass. If Proposition 26 passes it will redefine a number of fees as taxes requiring a vote of the people to adopt them which could impact the Agency fee.

As the Board waited for the presenter to arrive, Phil Demery, Sonoma County, offered more information about the SWAG.

Recess from 9:50 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

10. Presentation on Mandatory Commercial Recycling Guest Speaker Susan Warner, Division Manager, Salinas Valley Solid Waste Authority

Susan Warner, Division Manager, Salinas Valley Solid Waste Authority, presented information about Mandatory Commercial Recycling. A Power Point Presentation was distributed.

13. Next Sonoma County Waste Management Agency Meeting

November 17, 2010.

14. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 10:43 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Elizabeth Koetke

Copies of the following were distributed and/or submitted at this meeting:

Power Point presentation on Mandatory Commercial Recycling by Susan Warner, Division Manager, Salinas Valley Solid Waste Authority