



MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 17, 2010

The Sonoma County Waste Management Agency met on February 17, 2010, at the City of Santa Rosa Utilities Department's Subregional Water Reclamation System Laguna Plant, 4300 Llano Road, 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	Dan Schwarz
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/INTRODUCTIONS

The meeting was called to order at 9:05 a.m.

2. AGENDA APPROVAL

Susan Klassen, Interim Executive Director, requested Item 9.1 Staffing Services be continued until the regularly scheduled March meeting.

3. ATTACHMENTS/CORRESPONDENCE

Chair Christa Johnson, called attention to the Director's Agenda Notes and letters from the Local Enforcement Agency (LEA), Cold Creek Compost, Inc. and ECS Refining.

4. ON FILE WITH CLERK

Chair Johnson noted the resolutions approved in January 20, 2010, on file with the clerk.

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS (items not on the agenda)

Pam Davis, North Bay Corporation (NBC) reported that NBC has received correspondence from the LEA that NBC has approval to proceed with a commercial food waste composting program that will not include meat or dairy.

CONSENT

6.1 Minutes of January 20, 2010

6.2 FY 09-10 Mid-year Financial Report

6.3 SCC Monthly Reports

6.4 Carryout Bag Update

Mike Kirn, Healdsburg, moved to approve the Consent Calendar. Dell Tredinnick, Santa Rosa seconded. Motion was approved unanimously.

Dan Schwarz, City of Rohnert Park, arrived at 9:10 a.m.

REGULAR CALENDAR

PLANNING

7.1 PUBLIC HEARING OF FINAL SPEIR FOR THE 2009 AMENDMENT TO THE CoIWMP

This item was continued from the January 20, 2009 meeting. The Public Hearing was opened by Chair Johnson with Patrick Carter presenting the staff report. Questions from the Board included clarification of the drop off at the Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Facility, allowance for additional HHW facilities, the overhaul option for solid waste, and allowance for the County to sell and/or landfill.

Public Comment

Ken Wells, Sierra Club, complimented the excellent document preparation and stated that in-county landfilling was the environmentally preferred option.

The Public Hearing was closed by Chair Johnson at 9:17 a.m.

Marsha Sue Lustig, Cotati, moved the SCWMA Board of Directors adopt the resolution of the Sonoma County Waste Management Agency certifying the Final Supplemental Program Environmental Impact Report for the 2009 Amendment to the Countywide Integrated Waste Management Plan; adopting findings pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act; adopting a Statement of Overriding Considerations, and adopting a Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program. Vince Marengo, Petaluma, seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Steve Barbose, City of Sonoma, moved the SCWMA Board of Directors adopt the resolution of the Sonoma County Waste Management Agency approving the 2009 Amendments to the Countywide Integrated Waste Management Plan and forwarding the 2009 Amendments to the California Integrated Waste Management Board in accordance with the California Integrated Waste Management Act of 1989 (AB 939). Dell Tredinnick, Santa Rosa, seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

ORGANICS

8.1 AMENDMENT TO AGREEMENT TO ESA FOR COMPOST RELOCATION

The amendment to ESA includes an expanded environmental study scope of work to include a portion of property on the County of Sonoma's Central Disposal Site (CDS) and the property next to CDS known as the Gray Property. The amendment extends the term until October 31, 2010 and increases the payment to \$683,186 (an additional \$63,000). There were no questions from the SCWMA Board and no comments from the public.

Steve Barbose, City of Sonoma, moved to approve the Fourth Amendment to the Agreement with ESA for the Compost Relocation Project. Nina Regor, Cloverdale, seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

ADMINISTRATION

9.1 STAFFING SERVICES UPDATE – continued until March 20, 2010.

The SCWMA Board recessed from 9:25 a.m. until 9:30 a.m.

9.2 FY 10-11 DRAFT WORK PLAN

Ms. Klassen presented a verbal as well as a power point presentation of the FY 10-11 Work Plan. The plan was organized by cost centers and included information on the SCWMA programs/projects, the contractor cost (if any), staff costs the goal or justification for the programs/projects and the schedule.

Dan Schwarz , Rohnert Park, asked for a presentation on social marketing.

Ms. Klassen, said more information on social marketing would be included in the packet for the March meeting.

Public Comment

Ernie Carpenter addressed the issue of collecting a surcharge on the residuals from the processing facilities being hauled out of county and avoiding the County system. He suggested considering an ordinance to capture these funds.

Tim Smith, former SCWMA Boardmember, added that self-haul and debris boxes should also be considered when identifying sources of surcharge funding.

Ken Wells, Sierra Club, stated that one third of the waste stream is bypassing the County system. He also remarked that decreasing funding for Education is not appropriate and is an abdication of the SCWMA mission, funding for Education should be increased. He suggested using social marketing techniques.

Phil Demery, Sonoma County, moved to approve the Work Plan as a planning document for building the FY 10-11 Budget with options to increase funding for Education included.

Amendments

Marsha Sue Lustig, Cotati, asked that some thought be given to adding a public agenda item under Planning or Education that would address common city interests that would help the goals of the Agency.

Dan Schwarz, Rohnert Park, requested a clear description of Education be included in the budget.

Steve Barbose, City of Sonoma, seconded the motion as amended.

After much discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

The SCWMA Board was in recess from 10:30 a.m. until 10:35 a.m.

9.3 Discussion of New City/County Task Force

Ms. Klassen presented an overview of the newly created task force and then Director Demery presented a brief history of the solid waste system and attempt at divestiture that lead to the creation of this advisory group.

Questions

Boardmembers expressed interest in the structure of the roster of the group and requested a copy of the list of participating members as soon as it was available. There was also a question concerning the lack of SCWMA's participation.

Public Comment

Robin Goble, Councilmember from Windsor, said she recently attended a Builder's Exchange meeting and was surprised by the lack of knowledge the elected officials had of what the Sonoma County Waste Management Agency does.

Ernie Carpenter stated that what he sees as the focus of the advisory group is to gain flow control from the cities.

There was much discussion concerning the role and responsibility of the task force, the level of expertise available to the task force from the SCWMA and the recognition that the Boardmember from the City of Sonoma is also serving on the task force.

The Executive Director said she had spoken to Steve Barbose, City of Sonoma, and he was willing to serve as liaison from the task force to the SCWMA.

Jack Griffin, Sebastopol, moved that Steve Barbose be invited to be the task force liaison to the SCWMA.

Marsha Sue Lustig, Cotati, seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE

10.1 RFP for E-waste Collection from Transfer Stations

Under consideration in this item is the transporting and recycling consolidated E-waste from the Central Disposal Site. There are two options: (1) distribute an RFP for competitive reasons or (2) approach the current contractor (ECS Refining) about extending the current agreement.

On the day the packet was sent to the Boardmembers, Agency staff received a letter from ECS Refining offering to extend the existing agreement until May 31st, 2012 with the same terms and conditions.

Public Comment

Pat Potter, ECS Refining, stated that the company pays more to SCWMA than other clients because of the consistency and efficiency of the agreement with SCWMA. She also stated that ECS is a processor of the e-waste as well as collector.

There was no discussion.

Vince Marengo, Petaluma, moved to accept the offer from ECS Refining to extend the current Agreement with the same terms and conditions, until May 31, 2012.

Dell Tredinnick, Santa Rosa, seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

10.1 EMERGENCY RESPONSE AGREEMENT FOR HHW

Ms. Steinman presented the emergency response agreement developed to act as a model available to the jurisdictions. This is an informational item only and requires no action.

Public Comment

Ken Wells, Guiding Sustainability, stated that this is not mandated; this is a service offered by SCWMA to the jurisdictions.

11. BOARDMEMBER COMMENTS

Steve Barbose, City of Sonoma, is interested in pursuing the capture of fees on waste being hauled out of the County.

Ms. Klassen said that will be part of the sustainable funding project which will come to the Board in April or May.

Vince Marengo, Petaluma, related that Petaluma is having a problem with the non-exclusive fee collection, particularly construction and demolition debris. He questioned when a sample of the mandatory recycling ordinance would be released.

Ms. Klassen responded that Yvonne Hunter will come and make a presentation at the May Agency meeting addressing this issue.

Dell Tredinnick, Santa Rosa, distributed materials dealing with pharmaceuticals. He commented that the City of Santa Rosa is working with Ken Wells on Extended Producer Responsibility. He also announced the Earth Day celebration scheduled for April 17, 2010, downtown Santa Rosa, which will be powered by solar and will also include an e-waste collection event.

Christa Johnson, Windsor, announced Health First in Windsor is available for pharmaceutical drop off.

Nina Regor, Cloverdale, announced that Cloverdale Pharmacy is available for pharmaceutical drop off in Cloverdale.

12. STAFF COMMENTS

Ms. Klassen followed up a Board request for the meeting place relocation. A poll of the Boardmembers established the meeting place would change to the Santa Rosa City Council chambers beginning in July 2010.

Ms. Chilcott announced that the Business Environmental Alliance breakfast will be held on February 26, 2010. At this event, the businesses who are actively involved in take-back programs for plastic bags and rechargeable batteries will be honored.

13. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 11:28 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Elizabeth Koetke

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

- **Brochure and magnet produced by the City of Santa Rosa identifying the drop off locations for pharmaceuticals**