



MINUTES OF MARCH 17, 2010

The Sonoma County Waste Management Agency met on March 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	Tom O'Kane

STAFF PRESENT:

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

1. CALL TO ORDER SPECIAL MEETING/INTRODUCTIONS

The meeting was called to order at 8:38 a.m. by Vice Chair Mike Kirn.

Chair Christa Johnson arrived at the meeting at 8:40 a.m. and the gavel was passed to her to chair the meeting.

2. AGENDA APPROVAL

Interim Executive Director Susan Klassen requested that the agenda be reorganized after Item 7.1. as follows. Future agendas will place items in order of importance instead of by cost center.

Item 8.2	Agency Education and Outreach Program 2010
Item 9.2	FY 10-11 Draft Budget
Item 10.1	Agreement between SCWMA and the COUNTY for Transportation of Organic Materials
Item 9.1	Staffing Services
Item 8.1	SonoMax.org Program Transition
Item 10.2	Composting Services and Timeline Report

3. ATTACHMENTS/CORRESPONDENCE

Chair Christa Johnson, called attention to the Director's Agenda Notes.

4. ON FILE WITH CLERK

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

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS (items not on the agenda)

There were no public comments.

CONSENT

6.1 Minutes of February 17, 2010

6.2 Carryout Bag Update

6.3 ECS Refining Second Amendment

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

REGULAR CALENDAR

7.1 SONOMA COUNTY/CITY SOLID WASTE ADVISORY GROUP (SWAG)

Steve Barbose, City of Sonoma, is serving as liaison for SCWMA to the SWAG. He reported that some members of the SWAG met with Assemblyman Huffman and Senator Chesbro, who expressed support of efforts in attaining the necessary permits to reopen the landfill, which has not been used since 2005.

Rules of Governance were adopted for and by the SWAG. Gary Wysocky, City Councilman from Santa Rosa, and Steve Barbose, Mayor of City of Sonoma, were elected Co-Vice-Chairs.

A flow chart using the criteria of transfer station operation/outhaul tip fees, long term solution, re-permit timeline, and closure timeline was presented. Copies were distributed to the SCWMA Board members at the meeting.

The next SWAG meeting is scheduled for April 19, 2010, 3:00 p.m. in the Sheriff's Department Training Room.

8.2 AGENCY EDUCATION AND OUTREACH PROGRAM 2010

Karina Chilcott presented a summary of the SCWMA's education and outreach programs such as the Eco-desk, the Recycling Guide, Fairs, Spanish Language outreach and the SCWMA website www.recyclenow.org.

Agency staff has a cooperative relationship with the staff of the local garbage companies. Staff also has developed strong working relationships with local groups such as Russian River Watershed, Sonoma County Water Agency, Sonoma County Green Business Program, Sonoma Compost Company and the California Product Stewardship Council.

Vince Marengo, City of Petaluma, announced a new contract for garbage service to the City of Petaluma was executed on March 1, 2010 and the name of the new company is Petaluma Refuse and Recycling Inc.

Public Comment

Pam Davis, Redwood Empire Disposal, reinforced the positive professional benefits associated working with SCWMA staff.

Will Bakx, Sonoma Compost Company, commented that proposed food waste education was limited in scope and depth.

Ken Wells, Guiding Sustainability, offered the idea of pilot projects increasing the cost effectiveness of SCWMA programs.

9.2 FY 10-11 DRAFT BUDGET

Susan Klassen, Interim Executive Director, presented the FY 10-11 Draft Budget, which has three scenarios for dealing with the decreasing tipping surcharge revenues. Offered for considered were (1) no change in the surcharge rate, (2) a \$0.25 per ton increase and (3) a \$0.55 per ton increase.

Public Comment

Tim Smith, former SCWMA Board member, feels that the HHW Closure Reserve is not adequate. He also stated unless the funding model being developed addresses basic financial issues the resulting budget will be flawed.

Ken Wells, Guiding Sustainability, feels the HHW facilities is underutilized and does not serve the community as well as it should. He also would like to see the reserves used for producer responsibility law development and implementation.

Board member Discussion

After discussion and a straw vote, the Board members agreed to approve option #3., an increase of \$0.55/ton to the surcharge, citing concerns about effects on the ratepayers, realizing rate stabilization, and strongly supporting the Education programs.

The vote was unanimous and the direction to staff was to return in April with a final budget using the \$0.55/ton increase.

The SCWMA Board recessed from 10:40 a.m. to 10:50 a.m.

10.1 AGREEMENT BETWEEN SCWMA AND THE COUNTY FOR TRANSPORTATION OF ORGANIC MATERIALS

This agreement contracts with the hauler chosen for the County's outhaul to transport organic materials from the transfer stations to the composting located at the Central Disposal Site. The term of the agreement is August 31, 2011 with a one year extension. The rate to be paid to the County, who will pass it along to the contractor, is \$9.35 per ton.

Questions

Jack Griffin, City of Sebastopol, inquired about the effects on the agreement if the composting site is moved. There would need to be more negotiation depending on the location of a new composting site.

Dell Treddinick, City of Santa Rosa, requested clarification of the rate calculation. The rate is based on a fuel factor calculated by the TPW in March and September and includes consideration of the appropriate Consumer Price Index.

Public Comment - None

Vince Marengo, Petaluma, moved to approve the Agreement. Dell Tredinnick, Santa Rosa, seconded. Motion approved with a unanimous vote.

9.1 STAFFING SERVICES

Susan Klassen, Interim Executive Director, reported that the attorneys for the County and SCWMA continue to discuss the legal and procedural ramifications of the Executive Director's position change from County to SCWMA. The Staffing Committee will continue reviewing the documents as they are finalized by the attorneys and make a recommendation to the Board of Directors.

Questions

Board members were concerned about the source of authority for pay raises, termination and level of responsibility in case of a necessary call to place employee on administrative leave.

Public Comment - None

Discussion

Christa Johnson, Town of Windsor, will defer to the Ad Hoc Staffing Subcommittee for any recommendations.

Steve Barbose, City of Sonoma, recognizes a need to have concurrence in order to go forward.

Marsha Sue Lustig, City of Cotati, was shocked by the revisions and is concerned about the length of time this process is taking.

Dell Tredinnick, City of Santa Rosa, wondered if this could be done without convening a full Board.

Janet Coleson, Agency Counsel, announced an Ad Hoc Staffing subcommittee meeting is scheduled for next week. The final agreements should be ready for presentation to the Board at the April meeting.

Tom O'Kane left the meeting at 11:05 a.m.

8.1 SONOMAX.ORG PROGRAM TRANSITION

Ms. Chilcott presented a history of SonoMax and told the Board of an opportunity for becoming involved the CalRecycle MiniMax program. She recommended terminating the agreement with Gencom, Inc., contractor providing SonoMax web support, and join the CalRecycle for cost efficiencies and better marketing offerings.

Marsha Sue Lustig, City of Cotati, moved to join the CalRecycle MiniMax program. Vince Marengo, City of Petaluma, seconded. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

(County of Sonoma representative was absent for the vote. Rohnert Park representative was out of the room.)

10.2 COMPOSTING SERVICES AND TIMELINE REPORT

Patrick Carter presented the compost service comparison and timeline for continued operations, agreements and relocation processes as requested by the Board. The reason for the requested report was to consider issuing a Request for Proposals for the composting operations.

Public Comment

Martin Millick, Cold Creek Compost, wished to make clarifications concerning the Cold Creek Compost information on the matrix. The \$16.00/ton rate includes food and meat for composting. Cold Creek Compost has two OMRI products available for sale instead of one.

Will Bakx, Sonoma Compost Company, reported that SCC makes significant donations to schools. He also relayed that other low bidders for composting contracts in the region have failed by declaring bankruptcy or having the Local Enforcement Agency close the operation because of violations.

Consensus among the Board members was not to go out for Request For Proposal at this time.

(County of Sonoma was absent for discussion.)

11. BOARDMEMBER COMMENTS

There were no Board member comments.

12. STAFF COMMENTS

Susan Klassen called attention to the third and fourth quarter allocations placed at each Board member's seat.

13. NEXT MEETING

The next regularly scheduled SCWMA Board of Directors meeting will be held on April 21, 2010

13. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 11:48 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Charlotte Fisher for Elizabeth Koetke

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

- **Compost Allocations**
- **Executive Summary from Green Cities California, Master Environmental Assessment on Single-Use and Reusable Bags**
- **Solid Waste Timelines / Decisions Flow Chart from Sonoma County/City Solid Waste Advisory Group**