



Minutes of the April 18, 2018 Meeting

The Sonoma County Waste Management Agency met on April 18, 2018, at the City of Santa Rosa Council Chambers, 100 Santa Rosa Avenue, Santa Rosa, California.

Board Members Present:

City of Cloverdale	Melanie Bagby	City of Santa Rosa	John Sawyer
City of Cotati	Susan Harvey	City of Sebastopol	Henry Mikus
City of Healdsburg	Larry Zimmer	City of Sonoma	Madolyn Agrimonti
City of Petaluma	Dan St. John	County of Sonoma	Susan Gorin
City of Rohnert Park	Don Schwartz	Town of Windsor	Deb Fudge

Staff Present:

Executive Director/Acting Clerk: Patrick Carter
Counsel: Ethan Walsh
Staff: Thora Collard, Janel Perry

1. Call to Order Regular Meeting

Regular meeting was called to order at 8:31 a.m.

2. Agenda Approval

3. Public Comments (items not on the agenda)

None

4. Consent (w/attachments)

- 4.1 Minutes of the February 21, 2018 Regular Meeting
- 4.2 March, April and May 2018 Outreach Calendar
- 4.3 Donation of SCWMA Van to Sonoma County Food Runners
- 4.4 Resolution of the SCWMA Election of Chair, Vice Chair and Chair Pro Tempore

Public Comments:

None.

The motion for approval of items on consent calendar was made by Don Schwartz, City of Rohnert Park, and seconded by Susan Harvey, City of Cotati.

Vote Count:

City of Cloverdale	AYE	City of Santa Rosa	AYE
City of Cotati	AYE	City of Sebastopol	AYE
City of Healdsburg	AYE	City of Sonoma	AYE
City of Petaluma	AYE	County of Sonoma	AYE
City of Rohnert Park	AYE	Town of Windsor	AYE

AYES -10- NOES -0- ABSENT -0- ABSTAIN -0-
Motion passed.

Regular Calendar

5. Discussion and Possible Action on FY 2018/19 Draft SCWMA Budget

Thora Collard, SCWMA staff, presented to the proposed FY 2018/19 Draft SCWMA Budget.

Board Discussion

Mr. Schwartz asked about the HHW reserve fund balance policy.

Mr. Carter responded as to the rational for the emergency reserve amounts.

Mr. Mikus commented it was a percentage calculation for operating costs during any emergency.

Mr. Schwartz asked about the status of the North county HHW

Mr. Carter responded that a contractor was completing a report shortly.

Mr. Schwartz asked about Organics recruitment timeline.

Mr. Carter responded that we anticipate a recruitment to happen soon for a start date in the beginning of the new fiscal year.

Mr. St John asked about the Waste Management Specialist I and the need for the position given the new hauler and their outreach efforts.

Mr. Carter responded that the current staffing levels are not sufficient to meet our SCWMA's goals. There will be a need for oversight and reporting for our state reports. Mr. Carter gave the example that he is currently managing the outhaul agreements for organics thinks it would be a better use of his time to assign these tasks to a new staff member.

Ms. Harvey commented that the SCWMA needs to establish ordinances and policies to drive us to meet the diversion goals. She recognized the need for more staff to focus on policy change and ordinances.

Ms. Gorin agrees this is a great discussion, but the budget is not the appropriate area for diversion discussion. Recommended we create a future agenda item to focus our discussion on goals, diversion and "What does the new hauler mean for us?"

Ms. Fudge stated there is still lots to do. Windsor is moving backwards in terms of diversion.

Mr. Mikus commented that he looks at the position as more of a Program Management position with the opportunity for more complex programs, multiple sites, and more stakeholders. He sees this as a very important new position. He agrees that a diversion agenda item discussion is important and needed.

Public Comments

None.

Board Discussion

Board agreed the final budget could be placed on consent for the next meeting.

6. Board Member Comments

Mr. Schwartz asked about the safe medicine disposal ordinance status.

Mr. Carter responded that there was a meeting last week to develop the ordinance language and schedule the presentation to the Board of Supervisors. The presentation is slated for a summer presentation.

Mr. Schwartz asked that the small cities be considered with the language regarding staffing issues for special collection events.

Mr. Carter responded that those concerns were relayed.

Mr. St. John reported that they are in the processes of a rate increase, 4.2%, that will take effect July 1. Recology has improved significantly the trash and rodent problems in Petaluma. He asked about any updates for streamlining the flow at Central.

Mr. Carter responded that SCWMA staff does not have the authority to make changes to flow at Central, which is the County's responsibility. Staff did receive responses in our E-waste RFP for improvement options.

Ms. Harvey requested a presentation regarding Safe Medicine Disposal when the ordinance is finalized.

7. Staff Comments

Mr. Carter commented about the new Recycle Guide that has been published (and copy provided to all board members).

Mr. Carter introduced our new Senior Office Assistant, Janel Perry.

8. Next SCWMA meeting: May 16, 2018

9. Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 9:11 a.m.

Submitted by: Janel Perry