



Minutes of the June 21, 2017 Meeting

The Sonoma County Waste Management Agency met on June 21, 2017, 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	Absent	City of Sonoma	Madolyn Agrimonti
City of Petaluma	Absent	County of Sonoma	Susan Gorin
City of Rohnert Park	Pam Stafford	Town of Windsor	Deb Fudge

Staff Present:

Executive Director/Clerk	Patrick Carter	Staff	Felicia Smith
Counsel	Ethan Walsh		Kristin Thigpen
			Thora Collard

1. Call to Order Regular Meeting

Regular meeting was called to order at 8:35a.m.

2. Agenda Approval

Mr. Carter requested to pull item 8: Consideration of an Agreement with UCCE for Home Composting Education Services for a future meeting.

3. Public Comments (items not on the agenda)

Pete Pouwels, Republic Services, addressed items of concern from prior report. Mr. Pouwles discussed the food waste diversion program, the Materials Recovery Facility at the Central Disposal Site, and a mattress recycling pilot program at the Guerneville Transfer Station.

4. Consent (w/attachments)

4.1 Minutes of the May 17, 2017 Special Meeting

4.2 June and July 2017 Outreach Calendar

Public Comments:

None.

The motion for approval of items 4.1 and 4.2 on the consent calendar was made by Susan Harvey City of Cotati, and seconded by Madolyn Agrimonti, City of Sonoma.

Vote Count:

City of Cloverdale	AYE	City of Santa Rosa	AYE
City of Cotati	AYE	City of Sebastopol	AYE
City of Healdsburg	ABSENT	City of Sonoma	AYE

City of Petaluma	ABSENT	County of Sonoma	AYE
City of Rohnert Park	AYE	Town of Windsor	AYE

AYES -8- NOES -0- ABSENT -2- ABSTAIN -0-
Motion passed.

Regular Calendar

5. Public Hearing for the Consideration of Wood Waste and Yard Debris Disposal Fees Increases

Mr. Carter recommended raising rates by \$2.00/ton for both wood waste and yard waste, bringing the SCWMA’s portion of the fees from \$58 to \$60/ton. Total costs for ratepayers will go from \$72.50 to \$74.50/ton with all other fees added on. The SCWMA has not raised rates in the past two years despite CPI increases. The 17-18 SCWMA Budget was already approved with this increase and the Agency will experience a \$164,000 deficit if not approved. Mr. Carter noted an 8/10th vote was required for the fee increase.

Board Discussion

Ms. Stafford asked why the rate increase was not presented prior to the budget being passed.

Mr. Carter responded there was a timing conflict.

Public Comments

None.

Pam Stafford, City of Rohnert Park motioned to approve Wood Waste and Yard Debris Disposal Fees Increases and Susan Gorin, County of Sonoma, seconded the motion.

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City of Petaluma	ABSENT	County of Sonoma	AYE
City of Rohnert Park	AYE	Town of Windsor	AYE

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Motion passed.

6. Consideration of an Agreement with Soluna Outreach Services for Spanish Language Outreach Services

Kristin Thigpen, SCWMA staff, recommended to the Board the awarding of the Spanish Language Outreach contract to Soluna Outreach Services. Ms. Thigpen discussed the need for Spanish outreach services and discussed the qualifications of the one vendor that submitted a proposal in the Request for Proposal process.

Board Discussion

Ms. Stafford inquired regarding the increased bid of \$5,000 over prior years.

Mr. Carter responded that prior funds may have been supplemented with Oil Grant funds as well as recognizing increased pay rate for new owner.

Ms. Agrimonti requested potential quarterly reporting to the board with status updates on the contractor.

Mr. Carter offered to schedule reports if desired by the Board and pointed to the outreach calendar (Agenda item 4.2) as areas that have been and will be covered by Soluna.

Ms. Agrimonti asked for potential participation/representation at Larson Park farmers market.

Ms. Gorin responded the market will start in the spring in Boyes Hot Springs every Sunday from 4-7. There is a large Latino population in attendance. Also recommended outreach to the day labor sites and local churches.

Ms. Stafford raised the question of hiring a dedicated staff member to do this function since the combined cost of both Soluna Contracts are \$100,000.

Mr. Carter responded that this has been considered as an option for the future, but not feasible in the short term. Mr. Carter highlighted the specific knowledge for this subject matter (oil waste and bilingual) would be a challenging recruitment.

Ms. Bagby commented that she would like to add a Cloverdale event to the outreach calendar, Latino Cultural Fair on Saturday, September 16, 2017.

Public Comments

None.

Ms. Gorin motioned to approve the Agreement with Soluna Outreach Services for Spanish Language Outreach Services and Ms. Harvey seconded the motion.

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City of Rohnert Park	AYE	Town of Windsor	AYE

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Motion passed.

7. Consideration of an Agreement with Soluna Outreach Services for Used Oil Program Management

Mr. Carter recommended to the Board the awarding of the Used Oil Program Management contract to Soluna Outreach Services. The project is funded through a State grant and entails auditing oil recycling centers and outreach for oil recycling. Although only one vendor responded to the Request for Proposal, the owner, Hugo Mata, is a former employee of our existing

contractor, C2, and has all the specific knowledge, experience and resources to continue services uninterrupted.

Board Discussion

Ms. Fudge shared the problems Windsor has experienced with the abuse of their free oil recycling drop off tank. They have mitigated the problem by limited hours of service and having staff work the site.

Public Comments

Connie Cloak from C2 expressed her gratitude for working with the SCWMA for 23 years and looks forward to continuing to work in a more limited capacity.

Ms. Gorin motioned to approve the Agreement with Soluna Outreach Services for Spanish Language Outreach Services and Ms. Harvey seconded the motion.

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Motion passed.

8. Consideration of an Agreement with UCCE for Home Composting Education Services
Postponed to future meeting

9. Boardmember Comments
None

10. Staff Comments
Mr. Carter introduced new staff members Thora Collard, Department Analyst and Molly Clarke, Recycling Outreach Intern for the summer.

Mr. Carter informed the Board there was a report from the Grand Jury regarding the closure of the compost facility. Mr. Carter will forward it to the Board Members.

11. Next SCWMA meeting: August 16, 2017

12. Adjournment:
The meeting adjourned at 9:27 a.m.

Submitted by: Patrick Carter