



Minutes of September 15, 2010

The Sonoma County Waste Management Agency met on September 15, 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	Elise Howard
City of Sebastopol	Jack Griffin/Sue Kelly
City of Sonoma	Steve Barbose
County of Sonoma	Phil Demery

Staff Present:

Counsel	Janet Coleson
Staff	Patrick Carter
	Karina Chilcott
	Charlotte Fisher
	Lisa Steinman
Recorder	Elizabeth Koetke

- 1. Call to Order Special Meeting**
Mike Kirn, Vice-Chair called the Special Meeting to order at 8:35 a.m.
- 2. Open Closed Session**
Government Code Section 54957 Public Employee Appointment
Title: Executive Director
- 3. Adjourn Closed Session**
No report.
- 4. Call to Order Regular Meeting/Introductions**
The regular meeting was called to order at 9:35 a.m.
- 5. Agenda Approval**
Agenda accepted with no changes.
- 6. Attachments / Correspondence**
Chair Christa Johnson, called attention to the Director's Agenda Notes.
- 7. On File with Clerk**
Chair Johnson noted the resolution approved in August, 2010, on file with the clerk.

8. Public Comments (items not on the agenda)

Ken Wells, Contractor with California Product Stewardship Council, Bill AB 1343 (Architectural Paint Recycling Extended Producer Responsibility bill) is on the Governor's desk. All of the cities' that have approved EPR resolutions have authorization to send letters of support without having to go to their city councils again. Sample letters of support can be found at www.calpsc.org. Paint is the single largest product expense in the HHW program and the passing of this bill would have a direct financial benefit to the Agency.

Martin Millick, Cold Creek Compost, clarified that there are no restrictions on their facility for acceptance of residential food waste. Residents of Fort Bragg put meat, fish, and all food waste in their green carts and it goes to Cold Creek Compost, they have excess capacity.

Consent

9.1 Minutes of August 18, 2010

9.2 Airport Recycling Containers

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

Regular Calendar

10. Sonoma County / City Solid Waste Advisory Group

Steve Barbose, City of Sonoma, is serving as liaison for Sonoma County Waste Management Agency to the Sonoma Waste Advisory Group.

No report. Meeting moved to Monday, September 20th.

11. Budgetary Adjustments

Charlotte Fisher explained the 10 budgetary adjustments are changes to the approved FY 10-11 Budget and, upon approval, will become the revised approved FY 10-11 Budget.

Vince Marengo, Petaluma, moved to approve the budgetary adjustments. Mike Kirn, seconded. Motion approved unanimously.

12. Carryout Bag Update

Patrick Carter, explained that AB 1998 (bill to ban plastic bags and place a fee on paper bags) failed in the Senate.

Staff sought direction from the Agency Board as to whether they are interested in pursuing single-use bag waste reduction efforts locally. This issue has been tracked for the past 2 years and no actions have successfully passed through the state legislature.

Staff was given direction to research whether any local cities are planning to take action on this issue. Staff will also check on the status of the pilot reusable bag program at the Walmart in Ukiah.

Phil Demery, County of Sonoma, commented that now that there is a tremendous amount of plastic and plastic bags going into the landfill.

Public Comments

Ken Wells, Guiding Sustainability, encouraged the Board to take action immediately to ban plastic bags in Sonoma County.

Boardmember Discussion

Steve Barbose was concerned about individual cities taking on potential litigation that could go along with this; he felt it should be dealt with at the Agency level.

Marsha Sue Lustig expressed interest in exploring EIR's that other cities or jurisdictions may be doing.

Mike Kirn thought it made sense for the Agency to do due diligence.

Nina Regor preferred looking at 'multi-use bags' rather than focusing on 'one-time use bags' and using education to raise awareness.

Chairwoman Johnson directed staff to schedule a closed session for the November meeting to discuss any significant threats of litigation and those types of issues. And she requested a staff report on this item to discuss some of the options the Agency has.

Patrick Carter confirmed the item on the November agenda will take a look at a countywide action and a number of different options will be presented. This item will list the cities and counties that are already pursuing these types of actions, the costs they are incurring or expect to incur, and the timeframe, including different alternatives. The item will also have information regarding the Ukiah Walmart and other stores that are pursuing individual efforts and how successful those efforts are.

13. Boardmember Comments

None.

14. Staff Comments

Karina Chilcott commented about the Commercial Recycling Measure and said two speakers have been scheduled to speak; one at the October 20th Agency meeting and the other at the November 17th Agency meeting.

15. Next Sonoma County Waste Management Agency Meeting, October 20, 2010.

16. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 10:10 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Elizabeth Koetke

**Copies of the following were distributed and/or submitted at this meeting:
E-waste event calendar**