Executive Summary Report for the SCWMA Board Meeting of January 16, 2019

Election of Officers: The 2019 Slate of Officers was approved as follows:
Chair: Councilmember Madolyn Agrimonti, City of Sonoma
Vice Chair: Supervisor Susan Gorin, 1st District Supervisor, County of Sonoma
Chair Pro Tem: Councilmember Debora Fudge, Town of Windsor

Consent Calendar: All Consent Items were approved. Two items of note:

Item 5.4 An informational update on SB 212: Pharmaceutical and Sharps Waste Stewardship which is the first law in the nation to establish a comprehensive producer funded take back program for both home generated pharmaceuticals and sharps (mail-back program only). Full implementation date is June 2022. The passage of this bill preempts the local action that was being worked on. Currently disposal of these items cost the Agency approximately $21,500 per year which will continue until the full implementation of the new program.

Item 5.5 An informational update on SB 1383: Short-lived Climate Pollutants (SLCP) which mandates statewide actions to reduce methane, black carbon, fluorinated gases, and other greenhouse gas emissions. The bill established two main targets:
(1) By 2020, reduce the organic waste disposal in landfills by 50% from the 2014 level, and
(2) By 2025, reduce the organic waste disposal in landfills by 75% from the 2014 level.
The bill suggests a multi-pronged approach to achieving these goals by increasing food rescue, composting operations, and biomethane production/anaerobic digestion. Furthermore, no less than 20% of edible food currently disposed must be recovered for human consumption by 2025. This bill is significant and contains specific penalties for non-compliance. It is currently, in the rule making process with CalRecycle. *It was reported by Ken Wells, the Chair of the Sonoma County Local Task Force (LTF) that jurisdictions that want to hear more about this bill and the proposed rulemaking should attend the next meeting of the LTF where a representative from CalRecycle is scheduled to be present to discuss this law and the proposed rules. The LTF meeting will be held on February 14, 2019 from 1:30-3:00 pm at the Offices of the Sonoma County Transportation and Public Works Department, 575 Administration Drive, Suite B100, Santa Rosa.*

Regular Calendar:

Item 6. FY 19-20 Annual Work Plan: The Board of Directors approved the 19-20 Annual Work Plan which is used as a guidance document for the preparation of the annual budget. The work plan continued in their current form the major programs of the Agency including hauling of organics to compost processors, collection of household hazardous waste, reuse, and recycling outreach and education, and reporting. Primary focus for projects 19-20 is on Zero Waste Initiatives, the New Website, expanding HHW facilities into the North County, Negotiation of the Organic Materials Processing Contract, and implementation of Mandatory Commercial Organics recycling requirements consistent with jurisdictional plans’ submitted and approved by CalRecycle to comply with AB 1826 and SB 1383 in the future.