February 20, 2013

To: SCWMA Board Members

From: Henry J. Mikus, SCWMA Executive Director

Executive Summary Report for the SCWMA Board Meeting of February 20, 2013

The Consent Agenda approval contained four items: the Minutes of the January 16, 2013 Regular Board Meeting, the Minutes of the January 22, 2013 Special Board Meeting (Agency Counsel & Executive Director evaluation meetings), the printing contract for the 2013 “Recycling Guide”, and the SCWMA FY 12-13 2nd Quarter Financial Report.

The Draft EIR for the Carryout Bags Ordinance was presented, together with a brief outline of the project by Rincon Consultants. A Public Hearing to accept verbal comments on the Draft EIR was held as part of the 45-day review period for public comments. There were two speakers as part of the hearing; both individuals spoke in favor of a regional carryout bag ordinance. The 45-day review period ends March 22, 2013. Any written comments may be sent to the following:

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The Compost Site License, an agreement between Sonoma County and SCWMA for use of the current location for compost operations, was presented for discussion and approval. The Site License replaces the portion of the previously existing three-party agreement between SCWMA, the County, and our contract operator, for use of the compost site. The License provides assurance of our use of the site per the SCWMA JPA Agreement through the February 2017 JPA expiration. The Site License approved by a unanimous vote. As part of the same agenda item, a new contract between SCWMA and Sonoma Compost Company was presented for discussion and approval. This contract had originally been brought for action in June 2012 as a result of a competitive procurement process, but failed a unanimous vote. Issues related to that failed vote had been resolved since then, hence the reintroduction of the contract. Sonoma Compost Company had been working via a pair of consecutive four-month extensions to the old contract since June 2012. The new contract had included pricing that was lower and more favorable to SCWMA; in fact, Sonoma Compost Company had honored that pricing for the two four-month old contract extensions. However, due to some altered conditions in the year since that new pricing was first formulated, staff and Sonoma Compost Company negotiated some changes. The net result was pricing that is still $2/ton lower than the old contract. The new contract with Sonoma Compost Company has a term through February 2017, and was passed by the Board on a unanimous vote.