



August 21, 2013

To: SCWMA Board Members

From: Henry J. Mikus, SCWMA Executive Director

Executive Summary Report for the SCWMA Board Meeting of August 21, 2013

**Closed Session:** The Board met in closed session at the start of the meeting, and discussed two items: employee performance evaluation, and anticipated litigation. No formal actions were taken on either item.

**Consent:** The Consent Agenda approval contained three items: the Minutes of the May 15, 2013 Regular Board Meeting, the Year-End Finance Report for FY 12-13, and an agreement with University of California Cooperative Extension for compost educational services.

**Item 9:** Carryout Bag Ordinance Update: We are half-way complete visiting member jurisdictions' governing bodies to discuss the bag ordinance. We are seeking direction from members for their representatives on our Board for approval of our draft ordinance as had been presented previously; 5 members have determined that they are in support of the ordinance. We would like to have the discussion and vote on approval at the September Board meeting. There are tentative dates for visiting 3 of the remaining members, and we are working to get decisions from the other 2.

**Item 10:** Compost Site Analysis: The final EIR for selecting the site for a new compost facility was presented at the April 2013 Board meeting; the Board directed staff to compile an analysis of the two viable sites (Site 40 and at the Central Landfill) about financial and practical issues to consider in selecting the best site. The report was presented today, which among a list of many items, discussed costs for land and construction, operating and transport expenses, water supply, impacts on fees and neighbors, and risk factors such as site capacity and "zero-discharge" storm water management. The necessary next steps for CEQA compliance and site selection were covered. The Board asked staff to develop additional information for the September Board meeting regarding greenhouse gas emissions, costs at nearby competing facilities, food waste capacity, fire code restrictions, a project time line for each site, storm water requirements for site 40 (particular to the San Francisco Bay RWQCB), leasing or purchasing just the minimal portion of Site 40 rather than the entire property, and an appraisal of Site 40's value. The Board plans to take the required steps in the decision process in September.

**Item 11:** Zero-Discharge Report: The Waste discharge Requirement issued by the North Coast Regional Water Quality control Board for the County Landfill included stipulation that our current compost facility achieve "Zero-Discharge" status for storm water, and asked for submittal of a plan to do so. That occurred May 15, 2013; the NCRWQCB replied with comments on July 2, 2013. Of note in the NCRWQCB letter were a request to enact some measure prior to the upcoming rainy season, and information that treatment of our storm water was prohibited by their policy on discharges into coastal waters. Responses to their comments were sent August 6, 2013 and included answers to their technical questions, a discussion of leachate pipeline capacity, and presented ideas for "Best Management Practices" that could be employed in advance of the coming rainy season to reduce the contaminants released into storm water.