



October 16, 2013

To: SCWMA Board Members

From: Henry J. Mikus, SCWMA Executive Director

Executive Summary Report for the SCWMA Board Meeting of October 16, 2013

Closed Session: The Board met in closed session at the start of the meeting, and discussed one item: employee performance evaluation, and no formal action was taken.

Consent: The Consent Agenda approval contained five items: the Minutes of the September 18, 2013 Regular Board Meeting, the RFP scope for a “Waste Characterization Study”, and two Mandatory Commercial Recycling (MCR) topics: MCR-2 Report and MCR-3 Proposal. The consent items passed on a unanimous vote of those members present.

Item 9: Proposed Amendment to the Joint Powers Agreement: In order to address concerns raised chiefly by attorneys of some of our member jurisdictions, at the Board’s request Agency Counsel prepared and presented a draft “2nd Amendment” to the Agency’s Joint Powers Agreement to clearly state the Agency’s ability to enact an ordinance, and to create a framework to allow members to opt out of Agency programs. Upon discussion, language was amended to limit the ability of a member to elect to not participate in non-core programs only. “Non-core” is intended to include a single use carry out bag ban ordinance.

Item 10: Carryout Bag Ordinance Update: A brief report indicated the Cloverdale questions had been answered, and Petaluma and Rohnert Park had not yet met to discuss the single use carry out bag ban ordinance.

Item 11: Compost Future Discussion: At the September Board meeting, staff was asked to seek additional information regarding: greenhouse gas benefits from potential mitigating actions at Site 40 (such as use of solar power and operating electric rather than diesel powered equipment), costs for use of the County/Rohnert Park/Laguna Plant pipeline & treatment system for compost storm and contact water, comparison of trucking firm costs to estimated costs for material hauling, resolve land use and zoning questions, discussions with the Site 40 owners related to sale or lease, questions about the right to use the land at Central, and whether the County’s contractor would charge for site preparation/excavation/grading at Central. These items were discussed. The County is still working to resolve its difficulty with connecting its leachate line to the Laguna Plant, and the County has had a study done that examines multiple alternative solutions. Discussions with the site 40 owners are still ongoing; the owners are doing their own appraisal with pricing to reflect this as a compost site with a valid Use Permit. A Board committee was formed to assist in the technical issues related to the Agency’s involvement in the leachate pipeline.

Item 12: Executive Director Contract: The Board approved a new two-year contract with a one-year extension for the Executive Director, and directed Agency Counsel to request County HR to implement such a contract with Henry Mikus.

Item 13: Strategic Plan Retreat: The Board agreed to a proposal by Sherry Lund Associates to act as facilitator for a Strategic Plan Retreat to be held December 18, 2013 in place of the regular December Board meeting.

The meeting was adjourned, in Honor of former Board Member and Chair Nina Regor, who recently passed away.