

Date: April 17, 2014
To: SCWMA Board Members
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Executive Summary Report for the SCWMA Board Meeting of April 16, 2014

Item 4: Consent: The Consent Agenda contained two items, the Minutes of the February 19, 2014 and the March 19, 2014 Regular Board Meetings; both were approved.

Item 5: June and July Strategic Planning Meetings: At the first Strategic Planning meeting, held by the Board this past December, staff was asked to arrange for a consultant to prepare a report evaluating the current Agency functions, and to look at possible service delivery alternatives. The Board also indicated their next Strategy Session should occur after the consultant's report was received. The consultant report is scheduled for presentation at the May 21, 2014 Board meeting. Thus the June and July meeting dates were suggested for the next two Strategy Sessions. The Board decided to hold a session in June but wished to consider alternate dates. The decision on July is to wait until at least the report is received.

Item 6: Reserve Policy: The Reserve Policy was last revised in August 2011. The Board asked staff to provide a report and explanation regarding the provisions of the Reserve Policy prior to the FY 14-15 Budget discussion.

Item 7: FY 14-15 Final budget: The Agency budget for FY 14-15 was approved by unanimous vote.

Item 8: Compost Zero Discharge Report: a potential solution to making enough storm water storage capacity to comply with the NCRWQCB "Zero-Discharge" edict has been found, courtesy of some good work by Republic Services. The solution was explained to the Board. Design work on construction plans is well underway; a final cost estimate is not yet done. It is anticipated this project will be brought to the Board in May with the final cost projections to get approval for expenditure of funds.

Item 9: Compost Capacity Discussion: The Board asked Agency staff to provide cost information for possible overhaul of compost raw materials given the site's current capacity constraints. The board wished to have this discussion to provide relevant information for discussing the Sonoma Compost amendment.

Item 10: Sonoma Compost Agreement 1st Amendment: The initial discussion at the March meeting on the Sonoma Compost proposal for service and operational improvements was continued to the Agency April Board meeting. Sonoma Compost provided answers to several questions, and presented a "Business Plan" on how the proposed improvements would increase facility capacity and add revenue. This item was continued again, to the May meeting, as the Board requested additional cost information for partial overhaul of materials. The Board also wished for Sonoma Compost to consider a different revenue sharing arrangement where the amount of financial outlay by the Agency could be paid back.

Item 11: Engineering Consultant Selection: After discussion, this item was continued until the May meeting. Because of the apparent Zero-Discharge solution via the pond, some parts of the Engineering RFP could be rendered superfluous. Staff is to examine the scope of work for changes, and present that with the changes in project cost to the Board.

Item 12: Attachments/Correspondence: The attachments were the April & May 2014 Outreach Calendar, two "letters of support" on state EPR related legislation, and information on the carryout bag ordinance outreach work.