



Date: October 16, 2014  
To: SCWMA Board Members  
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**Executive Summary Report for the SCWMA Board Meeting of October 15, 2014**

**Item 3:** The Board met in Closed Session to discuss “Anticipated Litigation”, at its conclusion the Board reported it gave direction to its attorneys.

**Item 7: Consent:** Item 7.1 September 17, 2014 Minutes was pulled to be put on the November 19, 2014 agenda; not enough attending members/alternates at this October meeting were at the September meeting for sufficient approving votes. Item 7.3 Petaluma Surcharge Agreement 9<sup>th</sup> Amendment was pulled to be placed on the November 19, 2014 agenda to allow further review. Items 7.2 Tip Fee Surcharge Adjustment and Item 7.4 Consultant Contract Extension were approved.

**Item 8: Sonoma Compost Amendment:** This item was continued from the September meeting. The issue of a math error that had been inadvertently built into the revenue sharing formula for the new Sonoma Compost Company Contract from February 2013 was presented for correction. As part of the new contract, the balance between processing fees paid to SCC and the revenue sharing was altered to provide more stability in forecasting and budget; the Agency paid less up front but earned less after sales with the changes on both ends of the equation supposed to be in balance. SCC lowered their per ton costs to the Agency in return for a decrease in the revenue sharing level. Revenue sharing had been on an even, split basis, with the mistake a factor of two in the new revenue sharing threshold. In effect the mistake resulted in the Agency getting the cost savings up front, then also the revenue sharing at an elevated level. An amendment to the contract was proposed to set the revenue sharing threshold at the correct level plus make an appropriate and fair adjustment for the recent year. The year adjustment was for \$183,773.50. The amendment was passed by a unanimous vote.

**Item 9: Compost Zero Discharge Plan Update:** The second monthly progress report on the Zero Discharge Plan work was compiled and sent to the NCRWQCB Friday October 10, 2014. The two minor rain storms of the recent month did not result in any discharge of compost storm contact water. The work on implementing the Zero Discharge Plan “Interim Measures” continued. The 18% footprint reduction for the compost working area is complete. Partial overhaul to other compost sites is being reduced as the compost site ramps its operations back up as it adjusts to its smaller work area. The pond combination project is about half complete; the pond excavation and grading is done with the liner set to be installed. Sonoma Compost Company has completed implementing the required winter rain season measures, such as all the sedimentation traps/basins. There was no formal action required for this item.

**Item 10: Central Proposed Site Engineering Report:** In May 2014 the Board asked for an independent engineering consultant evaluation of the potential Central site with three main areas: verify the site’s capacity to process 200,000 tons of material per year, do a preliminary design of sufficient detail to provide for an accurate construction project cost estimate, and determine whether the 29 MG large pond proposed as a “zero discharge” measure for the current compost site might have use or value for the proposed new site. The engineer’s report indicated that the proposed site was verified as having the required capacity. The report also indicated although the possible large pond could be used for the new site it would not be necessary if the new site was constructed with roofing to keep rain water from becoming compost contact water; the roof option was shown to be an overall lower cost solution. The project cost estimate was given, and analyzed to show what the potential per-ton cost using the

construction costs amortized over 25 years added to annual operating and transport costs. The per-ton range was determined to be between \$36 and \$51 per ton exclusive of contractor profit. Given that the new site would have greatly enhanced environmental features, be capable of double the current capacity, and be capable of adding food waste to the current green waste stream, the cost was considered affordable. The Board voted to accept the report.

**Item 11: New Compost Site Selection:** As a companion item to the engineer's report on the proposed Central new compost site, and to continue adherence to the Zero Discharge Plan timeline, the Board was asked to consider making a site selection. Given that some time had passed since the final EIR was presented, that the engineer report for the Central proposed site included new pertinent technical information, and the quickest path to actually building a new site would be aided by updates to the EIR, the Board directed staff to exercise urgency to review, update, and recirculate the EIR as quickly as possible. The action was approved on a unanimous vote.

**Item 12: Attachments/Correspondence:** The attachments were the October & November 2014 Outreach Calendar, news articles regarding the Alameda County Meds Ordinance, new legislation regarding organics materials (AB 1594 & AB 1826), a "Sharps" Flier on Proper Disposal, and a summary report comparing the California reusable bags ban with our own regional ordinance. ***It is worth noting that the state legislation is structured so that our ordinance takes precedence.***