



Date: March 23, 2015
To: SCWMA Board Members
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Executive Summary Report for the SCWMA Board Meeting of March 18, 2015

Item 3: The Board met in Closed Session to discuss Litigation and employee performance (Executive Director). The Board had nothing to report from Closed Session.

Item 6: Consent Items Approved: Items 6.1 February 2, 2015 Special Meeting Minutes, 6.2 February 18, 2015 regular monthly Meeting Minutes, and 6.3 Compost Zero Discharge Plan Update Report were approved by the Board.

Item 7: Compost New Site Selection Process Update Report: The status of the additional design work for the new compost site was discussed. The engineering consultant is developing a phased construction plan, more mechanical and structural details, and information on handling storm water via a roofed work area and odor prevention with enclosed processing buildings. The construction cost estimate presented in October 2014 is being refined by consultation with several suppliers of Aerated Static Pile composting systems. This latest engineering work is planned to be available for the April Board meeting. In addition, Sonoma County replied to the Agency's questions regarding terms that would be requested for use of Central landfill property land for the new compost site. The County proposed a rental fee of \$1.50 per ton of inbound materials (with increases of \$.25/ton every 5 years). Using current compost volumes as a start, and incorporating steady growth plus the 5-year rent increases, in annual terms the fee would begin at about \$135 K per year and grow to as much as \$550 K after 25 years; the total paid out would be between \$7 M and \$8M. The Board asked staff to return with the engineer's report and revised cost estimate in April, and to also include other requested information (such as a review of total outhaul costs).

Item 8: New Compost Site EIR Review Report: Because of new information included in the October 2014 Preliminary Design and Construction Cost Estimate for the proposed new compost site, namely roofing the site working areas to prevent making contact water and enclosing the processing buildings to enhance odor controls, the compost site EIR was reviewed to assess impacts of these changes. The review report, done by CH2M Hill, was presented to the Board. The report's conclusions were that the changes in design either result in no alterations to the impact analysis as presented in the EIR, or in improved/reduced impacts. Specifically, the report concluded that the water impacts are improved via the addition of roofing while not causing any adverse impacts such as visual changes. Similarly, the report shows that the odor management changes are also an improvement without adverse consequences. The determination was that recirculation of the EIR was not required. The Board accepted the CH2M Hill Report, and directed staff to return at the April 2015 Board meeting to discuss Board certification of the Final EIR.

Item 9: Wood Waste and Yard Debris Tipping Fee Adjustment: The Agency is required to fund an escrow account related to ongoing litigation. At the February meeting staff proposed satisfying this requirement via raising the tip fees on inbound raw materials for composting; the Board asked staff to return with additional analysis related to several scenarios for how the rate adjustment would apply to

self-haul materials. Those scenarios were presented to the Board for discussion. The Board asked that the differences in the scenarios be made clearer, and that other pending rate changes, such as from the start of the County-Republic landfill Master Operating Agreement, be included in the analysis for further discussion at the April meeting.

Item 10: JPA Renewal Report: The Board's discussion was focused on a "Proposed Approach" plan crafted by Vice Chair Don Schwartz for moving the Agency future discussion to a conclusion. As part of the plan, a draft matrix listing all the issues of concern was presented; the matrix is suggested as a starting point for member jurisdictions to discuss the issues, and perhaps list their respective positions. The Board provided input to the matrix, which will be revised and issued directly. The plan asks that member jurisdictions meet with Agency Board members and staff by the end of April to obtain feedback on the matrix issues. Member jurisdictions' feedback would be used to develop a working draft of a revised JPA Agreement, or alternative approach, for discussion at the Board's May meeting. Also, the Board asked that staff prepare a single page summary of the recently distributed Agency "White Paper".

Item 11: FY 15-16 Final Work Plan and **Item 12: AFY 15-16 Draft Budget:** both these items were continued until the April 15, 2015 Agency Board meeting.

Item 13: Attachments/Correspondence: The attachments/correspondence were the March & April 2015 Outreach Calendar, and correspondence with the Board regarding AB 45 which is under discussion in the current state legislative session.