



Date: June 25, 2015  
To: SCWMA Board Members  
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**Executive Summary Report for the SCWMA Board Meeting of June 24, 2015**

**Item 4: Consent Items Approved:** Items 4.1 May 20, 2015 regular monthly Meeting Minutes, 4.2 Compost Zero Discharge Plan Update Report, 4.3 Ratto Group Agreement 1<sup>st</sup> Amendment were approved by the Board.

**Item 5: New Compost EIR Certification:** The Board voted unanimously to certify the Final EIR for a new compost site.

**Item 6: New Compost Site Selection:** The Board voted unanimously to approve Central as the selected site for a new compost facility.

**Item 7: New Compost Site Permits Preparation:** The Board approved selection of Tetra Tech BAS as the consulting engineering firm to prepare and file the required documents and information for various permits required for constructing and operating a new compost facility at Central. This was a required Unanimous Vote item.

**Item 8: Wood Waste and Yard Debris Tipping Fee Adjustment:** The Board approved raising the rates for inbound raw materials for the compost program to \$77.10 per ton. This number includes the MOA fees that were added beginning April 1, 2015. As a slight change from the current fee structure with different fees for various commodities and the transfer stations compared to Central, the new structure is one single fee that applies to all commodities from all locations. The Board also chose to make the effective date October 1, 2015 in order to provide as orderly a change as possible so that the member jurisdictions can work with their franchise haulers to make the rate adjustments without retroactive charges to customers. This fee increase was set to pay for the added expense of complete overhaul of compost materials to multiple out of county facilities. The rate adjustment ended up not being quite as high as originally forecast, because SCWMA and the Ratto Group were able to work in partnership to enable delivery of materials to additional facilities where pricing was advantageous. The Ratto Group's efforts are greatly appreciated.

**Item 9: JPA Renewal Status Report:** Since March our SCWMA member jurisdictions have held discussions with their governing bodies to go over a "matrix of issues" related to possible renewal of SCWMA past the current 2017 end date. By the time the meeting agenda packet was compiled the nine cities had done so and shared their completed matrices; the county met the day prior to the Board meeting so their discussion results were presented verbally. The county is proposing that SCWMA is terminated, with operating functions (compost, HHW) turned over to Republic Services. Education/outreach and planning and reporting would become the responsibility of another existing JPA, the Regional Climate Protection Authority (RCPA). This idea did not meet with universal support as numerous questions were raised about RCPA board composition, their subject matter knowledge, costs, and the ability of RCPA to take on added responsibilities. The Board directed staff to work with R3, the

consulting firm that did previous service and cost analysis on SCWMA programs, to figure costs for SCWMA to continue, for the county to assume SCWMA responsibilities, and for the county's suggested plan involving Republic and RCPA. The R3 work is also to look again at other possible HHW program models and costs, and to formulate language for opt-out provisions for programs by individual SCWMA members including how to structure maintaining financial stability upon a member's withdrawal from a program. A summary of the matrix answers was also reviewed. Further discussion on using the matrix to build consensus and potentially draft a new JPA Agreement/Amendment are planned to occur once this latest R3 effort is completed and discussed. SCWMA would like to extend its appreciation to all members for undertaking the matrix review and for doing so rather quickly.

**Item 10: Do-it-Yourself Composting Education Outreach Ideas:** One concern arising from the requirement that our compost facility closes is the loss to both private and commercial customers of locally available quality compost. Staff has begun developing possible education programs for home and on-site composting as one means to provide a means for access to compost. A number of possibilities were presented to the Board for input, and for consent to continue to develop these program plans. The Board agreed these efforts were worthwhile and asked staff to complete their planning, including costs for programs, and return for approval of specific projects and expenditures.

**Item 11: Attachments/Correspondence:** The attachments/correspondence were the June/July 2015 Outreach Calendar, a 2<sup>nd</sup> letter of support for AB 1159 (batteries/sharps), a press release from the California Product Stewardship Council regarding the Alameda County drug disposal ordinance, and a letter from Call2Recycle regarding our batteries take-back program.