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Timothy Burroughs, Executive Director

AGENDA

**MEETING OF THE
ALAMEDA COUNTY WASTE MANAGEMENT
AUTHORITY BOARD (WMA)
AND
THE ENERGY COUNCIL (EC)**

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 22, 2025

3:00 P.M.

***IN PERSON MEETING LOCATION:*
STOPWASTE BOARD ROOM
1537 WEBSTER STREET, OAKLAND, CA**

This meeting will be conducted in a hybrid model with both in-person attendance and Teleconference participation:

- Teleconference location #1: 118 Glashaus Loop, Emeryville, CA
- Teleconference location #2: Scott Haggerty Heritage House, 4501 Pleasanton Ave, Pleasanton, CA
- Teleconference location #3: Fremont City Hall, 3300 Capitol Ave. Building A, Fremont, CA
- Teleconference location #4: Dublin City Hall, 100 Civic Plaza, Dublin, CA
- Teleconference location #5: 806 Pierce Street, Albany, CA
- Teleconference location #6: Sheraton Grand Sacramento, 1230 J Street, Sacramento, CA
- Teleconference location #7: Union City-City Hall, 34009 Alvarado-Niles Road, Union City
- Teleconference location #8: 22493 Bayview Ave Hayward, CA

Members of the public may attend in person at the Board Room, or the addresses listed above or by:

1. Calling US+1 669 900 6833 and using the Webinar ID 868 4207 1540
2. Using the [Zoom](#) website or App and entering meeting code 868 4207 1540

During the meeting the chair will explain the process for members of the public to be recognized to offer public comment. The process will be described on the StopWaste website at <http://www.stopwaste.org/virtual-meetings> no later than noon, Wednesday, January 22, 2025.

The public may also comment by sending an e-mail to publiccomment@stopwaste.org. Written public comment will be accepted until 3:00 p.m. on the day prior to the scheduled meeting. Copies of all written comments submitted by the deadline above will be provided to each Board Member and will be added to the official record. Comments will not be read into the record.

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you need assistance to participate in this meeting due to a disability, please contact the Clerk of the Board at (510) 891-6517. Notification 24 hours prior to the meeting will enable the agency to make reasonable arrangements to ensure accessibility to this meeting.

AGENDA

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL OF ATTENDANCE

III. ANNOUNCEMENTS BY PRESIDENTS - *(Members are asked to please advise the Board or the Council if you might need to leave before action items are completed.)*

IV. OPEN PUBLIC DISCUSSION FROM THE FLOOR

An opportunity is provided for any member of the public wishing to speak on any matter within the jurisdiction of the Boards or Council, but not listed on the agenda.

V. CONSENT CALENDAR - The Consent Calendar contains routine items of business. Items in this section will be acted on in one motion for both the WMA and EC, unless removed by a member of either Board. Members of the WMA who are not members of the EC will vote as part of the Consent Calendar vote, but their votes will not be considered in connection with any EC items.

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1 1. **Approval of the Draft WMA & EC Minutes of December 18, 2024**

5 2. **Annual Audit for Fiscal Year 2023-24 (Pat Cabrera and Jennifer Luong)**
That the WMA Board and Energy Council review, accept and file the Fiscal Year 2022-23 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report.

VI. REGULAR CALENDAR

7 1. **2025 Legislative Session Priority Setting (Jennifer West)**
Staff recommend that the Board adopt priorities for the 2025 Legislative Session.

11 2. **Reappointment to the Recycling Board – Board member Mourra (Timothy Burroughs)**
That the Waste Management Authority Board reappoint Board member Mourra to a two-year term on the Recycling Board ending January 25, 2027.

13 3. **Appointing members to the Recycling Board (Timothy Burroughs)**
Staff recommend that the WMA Board fill the vacancies on the Recycling Board.

4. **Interim appointment(s) to the Recycling Board for WMA appointee unable to attend future Board Meeting(s) (Timothy Burroughs)**

(The meeting of the Planning Committee & Recycling Board will be held on Thursday, February 13, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. at WETA Central Bay Operations, 670 W Hornet Ave, Alameda, CA)

VII. MEMBER COMMENTS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

VIII. ADJOURNMENT – TO WMA & EC MEETING ON FEBRUARY 26, 2025 AT 3:00 P.M.

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**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
ALAMEDA COUNTY WASTE MANAGEMENT
AUTHORITY BOARD (WMA)
AND
THE ENERGY COUNCIL (EC)**

**Wednesday, December 18, 2024
3:00 P.M.**

***IN PERSON MEETING LOCATION:
STOPWASTE BOARD ROOM
1537 WEBSTER STREET, OAKLAND, CA***

I. CALL TO ORDER

President Zermeño called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. Timothy Burroughs explained the process that would be utilized during the meeting. A link to the process is available here: [Virtual-Meetings- Instructions](#).

II. ROLL CALL OF ATTENDANCE

WMA & EC

County of Alameda	David Haubert, WMA, EC
City of Alameda	Tracy Jensen, WMA, EC
City of Berkeley	
Castro Valley Sanitary District	Dave Sadoff, WMA
City of Dublin	Jean Josey, WMA, EC
City of Emeryville	David Mourra, WMA, EC
City of Fremont	Yang Shao, WMA, EC
City of Hayward	Francisco Zermeño, WMA, EC (WMA President)
City of Livermore	
City of Newark	Mike Hannon, WMA, EC (EC President)
City of Oakland	Dan Kalb, WMA, EC
Oro Loma Sanitary District	Shelia Young, WMA
City of Piedmont	
City of Pleasanton	Jack Balch, WMA, EC
City of San Leandro	Bryan Azevedo, WMA, EC (alternate)
City of Union City	Jeff Wang, WMA, EC

ABSENT

City of Albany	Jennifer Hansen-Romero, WMA, EC
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Staff Participating

Timothy Burroughs, Executive Director
Justin Lehrer, Operations Manager
Kelly Schoonmaker, Senior Program Manager
Ben Cooper, Program Manager
Karen Kho, Principal Program Manager
Arliss Dunn, Clerk of the Board
Richard Taylor, WMA Legal Counsel

Others Participating

Marlene Dehlinger, Shute, Mihaly & Weinberger LLP
Ashley Smith, Epic Wireless Group, LLC

III. ANNOUNCEMENTS BY PRESIDENTS

There were none.

IV. OPEN PUBLIC DISCUSSION FROM THE FLOOR

There were no public comments.

V. CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Approval of the Draft Joint WMA, EC, an PC&RB Minutes of November 20, 2024

There were no public comments for the Consent Calendar. Board member Young moved approval of the Consent Calendar, and Board member Kalb seconded.

The Clerk called the roll: WMA Vote: 14-0 EC Vote: 14-0

(Ayes: Azevedo, Hannon, Haubert, Josey, Kalb, Mourra, Sadoff, Shao, Wang, Young, Zermeño. Nays: None. Abstained: None. Absent: Balch, Hansen-Romero, Jensen)

VI. REGULAR CALENDAR

1. New Cingular Lease on Agency Property (Kelly Schoonmaker)

That the Board hold a public hearing concerning the proposed lease, make a finding that the property subject to the lease will be used for compatible uses and that the lease will be of public benefit, and authorize the Executive Director to enter into a lease agreement with New Cingular Wireless, PCS, LLC.

Timothy Burroughs introduced the item. Kelly Schoonmaker provided an overview of the staff report and presented a PowerPoint presentation. Ashley Smith, Epic Wireless Group, and Marlene Dehlinger, Shute, Mihaly, Weinberger, were present to answer any questions. Ms. Schoonmaker informed the Board that the Agency owns and manages rangeland property with multiple tenants in the Altamont Hills. The Agency proposes to enter into a lease agreement for access and a utility trench with New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC, who is installing a telecommunications tower on a neighboring property. Ms. Schoonmaker asked the Board to authorize the Executive Director to enter into a lease agreement with New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC. A link to the report and the presentation is available here: [Cingular-Lease-Memo.pdf](#).

Additional time was provided to the Board for discussion and for clarifying questions. A link to the discussion is available here: [Cingular-Lease-Discussion](#).

President Zermeño opened the public hearing for public comment. Preston Jordan provided public comments. There were no other public comments, and the public hearing was closed. President Zermeño thanked staff for a very thorough presentation.

Board member Hannon moved approval of the staff recommendation, and Board member Kalb seconded. The motion carried 16-0. The Clerk called the roll:

(Ayes: Azevedo, Balch, Hannon, Haubert, Jensen, Josey, Kalb, Mourra, Sadoff, Wang, Young, Zermeño. Nays: None. Abstained: None. Absent: Hansen-Romero)

2. 2025 Meeting Schedule (Timothy Burroughs)

That the Waste Management Authority Board (WMA) and the Energy Council (EC) approve the 2025 Meeting Schedule.

Timothy Burroughs introduced the item and asked that the Board approve the 2025 meeting schedule. There were no public comments on this item. Board member Sadoff moved for approval of the 2025 meeting schedule, and Board member Young seconded. The motion carried 16-0. The Clerk called the roll:

(Ayes: Azevedo, Balch, Hannon, Haubert, Jensen, Josey, Kalb, Mourra, Sadoff, Wang, Young, Zermeño. Nays: None. Abstained: None. Absent: Hansen-Romero)

3. Interim appointment(s) to the Recycling Board for WMA appointee unable to attend future Board Meeting(s) (Arliss Dunn) (WMA only)

(Planning Committee and Recycling Board meeting on January 9, 2025 at 4:00 p.m. The meeting will be held at StopWaste, 1537 Webster Street, Oakland, CA)

There were no requests for an interim appointment.

EC President Hannon chaired the item.

4. Authorization to Accept Building Performance Standards Grant Funding (Ben Cooper and Karen Kho) (Energy Council Only)

Adopt the attached Resolution authorizing the Executive Director to accept \$1,010,000 in fiscal years 2028-2030 for multifamily technical assistance services.

Timothy Burroughs introduced the item. Ben Cooper provided an overview of the staff report and presented a PowerPoint presentation. A link to the report and the presentation is available here: [BPS-Grant-Memo.pdf](#). Mr. Cooper asked that the Board adopt the attached Resolution authorizing the Executive Director to accept \$1,010,000 in fiscal years 2028-2030 for multifamily technical assistance services. An audio link to the discussion is available here: [BPS-Grant-Discussion](#).

There were no public comments on the item. President Hannon thanked Mr. Cooper for a very thorough report.

Board member Zermeño moved for approval of the 2025 meeting schedule, and Board member Kalb seconded. The motion carried 15-0. The Clerk called the roll:

(Ayes: Azevedo, Balch, Hannon, Haubert, Jensen, Josey, Kalb, Mourra, Shao, Wang, Zermeño. Nays: None. Abstained: None. Absent: Hansen-Romero)

VII. MEMBER COMMENTS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Timothy Burroughs acknowledged the outgoing Board members, Balch, Young, and Hannon. Board member Young stated that she would continue to serve on the Board as an alternate. The members were presented with a certificate of recognition and reusable gifts. Each Board member was provided an opportunity to express their sentiments for serving on the Board. Mr. Burroughs extended happy holidays to all.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT – TO WMA&EC MEETING ON JANUARY 22, 2025 AT 3:00 P.M.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:58 p.m.

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DATE: January 22, 2025

TO: Waste Management Authority Board/Energy Council

FROM: Pat Cabrera, Administrative Services Director
Jennifer Luong, Financial Services Manager

SUBJECT: Annual Audit for Fiscal Year 2023-24

SUMMARY

On January 9, 2025, the Programs and Administration Committee and the Planning Committee/Recycling Board heard a presentation of the Fiscal Year 2023-24 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (normally referred to as the annual audit), which now comes to the Waste Management Authority Board and Energy Council for acceptance and filing.

DISCUSSION

The Agency received an unmodified (clean) audit opinion for FY 2023-24 from the external auditors, Badawi & Associates. There were no audit exceptions or material deficiency findings. Additionally, there were no recommendations for improvements in internal controls. The Agency continues to be in a solid financial position. The report submitted to the P&A and the Planning Committee/Recycling Board can be found at: [PC&RB 01-09-25 pkt.pdf](#).

Committee Action

By a vote of 6-0, the P&A Committee reviewed and recommended forwarding the Fiscal Year 2023-24 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report to the Waste Management Authority Board for review, acceptance and filing. By a vote of 8-0, the Planning Committee/Recycling Board reviewed and accepted for filing this audit report.

RECOMMENDATION

That the WMA Board and Energy Council review, accept and file the Fiscal Year 2023-24 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report.

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DATE: January 22, 2025

TO: Waste Management Authority and Energy Council

FROM: Jennifer West, Program Manager

SUBJECT: 2025 Legislative Session Priority Setting

SUMMARY

At the January 22, 2025, WMA meeting, staff will ask Board members to confirm the Agency's legislative priorities for 2025. It is helpful for staff to get direction on legislative priorities prior to consideration of specific bills that will be considered this legislative cycle.

Staff will also provide an update on the legislation the Agency is pursuing in 2025 that would clean up [AB 2346 \(Lee, 2024\)](#), the legislation that we sponsored and that was signed into law in 2024, designed to right-size SB 1383 procurement requirements. The new legislative session began on December 2, 2024.

At the end of the 2024 legislative session, several bills were signed into law consistent with the Board's adopted legislative priorities. Those were shared in the [October 2024 Legislative Year-End Report](#). The 2025 legislative session will be the first year of a two-year session, and we will see many new legislators seated. There will also be a limit on the number of bills each legislator can introduce. The deadline for bill introduction is February 21, 2025.

StopWaste advances our legislative priorities by working with other partner agencies to find common ground and by building coalitions to engage with state agencies and legislators, in order to have a stronger voice together. We contract with a lobbyist team in Sacramento (Shaw Yoder Antwih Schmelzer and Lange) who works with bill authors, represents StopWaste at committee hearings, helps with letters of support, and engages directly with state agencies and coalition partners. StopWaste staff consult with the Board, city managers and agency general managers, member agency staff who participate in the Technical Advisory Group (TAG) and Committee (TAC), and update partners on our legislative positions periodically.

DISCUSSION

Staff recommend that StopWaste’s Boards adopt the following three priorities for the 2025 Legislative session:

1. Build healthy food systems
2. Support a thriving circular economy
3. Accelerate innovation in the construction sector

These three priorities align with our Agency’s work, as well as our proposed budget priorities for the upcoming fiscal year. Examples of how each priority is reflected in passed bills are given below.

Build healthy food systems

This priority may include advocating for legislation that provides common sense adjustments to SB 1383 edible food recovery requirements designed to reduce methane created by food and organic waste in landfills. More work will be needed at the state and local level to communicate clear product date labeling information for consumers and food businesses to prevent edible food from going to waste.

StopWaste coordinates closely with food banks, food recovery organizations, and state-wide food recovery coalitions who would like to see future legislation addressing the lack of stable ongoing funding for food recovery services. This priority aligns with our initiatives on preventing food waste and strengthening local food systems by redirecting edible surplus food otherwise destined for landfill to nourish people.

Examples of past legislation relevant to this priority include:

- [SB 1383 \(Lara, 2016\)](#) addresses “short-lived climate pollutants” like methane from organic waste and landfills. This law has been implemented by local jurisdictions and the state since 2022.
- [AB 2902 \(Wood, 2024\)](#) addresses rural jurisdictions’ exemptions to SB 1383 collection requirements, as well as incentivizing carbon farming and directing recovered food to the most appropriate destination – some for neighbors and communities and other material for animal feed operations, reducing the burden on some food recovery organizations of “donation dumping.”
- [AB 660 \(Irwin, 2024\)](#) standardizes food labeling for safety, reducing the unnecessary throwing out of edible food.

Support a thriving circular economy

This second priority aligns with our Agency’s work to reduce packaging waste through [SB 54 \(Allen, 2022\)](#) (plastic packaging pollution prevention) implementation, providing technical assistance for transitioning to reusable foodware in restaurants and schools, reducing contamination in all three solid waste streams (organics, recycling, and landfill), and developing markets for recycled products such as compost and mulch. This priority also supports work to encourage upstream prevention of waste, such as extended producer

responsibility (EPR) bills or bans of problematic materials and products that are harmful to the waste streams.

Examples of past legislation relevant to this priority include:

- [SB 1046 \(Laird, 2024\)](#) develops a statewide composting facilities Program Environmental Impact Report to help streamline the permitting of compost facilities.
- [AB 2346 \(Lee, 2024\)](#) was sponsored by StopWaste to make adjustments to the SB 1383 procurement targets for local governments on compost, mulch and other investments to grow the markets for these products.
- Extended Producer Responsibility programs include [SB 1280 \(Laird, 2024\)](#) for gas cylinders; [SB 707 \(Newman, 2024\)](#) for textiles; [SB 1143 \(Allen, 2024\)](#) for PaintCare expansion; and [AB 863 \(Aguiar-Curry, 2024\)](#) for carpet.
- [SB 1053 \(Blakespear, 2024\)](#) bans plastic checkout bags.
- [SB 1384 \(Dodd, 2024\)](#) enables powered wheelchair right to repair.

Accelerate innovation in the construction sector

Our final priority aligns with StopWaste efforts to increase energy efficiency, electrification and the use of sustainable building materials in renovations and new construction. Staff would advocate for legislation that reduces the greenhouse gas emissions associated with the construction and operation of buildings.

Examples of past legislation relevant to this priority include:

- [SB 1221 \(Min, 2024\)](#) allows gas transition planning and pilots of neighborhood decarbonization.
- [AB 43 \(Holden, 2023\)](#) and [AB 2446 \(Holden, 2022\)](#) addresses embodied carbon in building materials, developing a carbon trading system in the creation of a low carbon building standard.

Budget

On January 10, Governor Newsom released the 2025-26 state budget, projecting that the state has moved out of a deficit and proposing a balanced budget. The Governor's \$322.3 billion budget includes a modest surplus of \$363 million while maintaining reserves of \$16.9 billion. The proposed budget continues to prioritize key initiatives in education, health care, housing, and homelessness. Although the economy has outperformed projections from the 2024 Budget Act, the state's heavy reliance on personal income tax creates significant financial risks. These risks stem from factors such as stock market and asset price volatility, geopolitical instability, and potential economic downturns. Consequently, the budget forecast anticipates future shortfalls, with expenditures projected to exceed revenues in subsequent fiscal years.

The Governor’s budget proposal kicks off the start of budget negotiations with the Legislature. The Governor will update his January proposal in May, and the Legislature must pass a budget by June 15, ahead of the July 1 start of the next fiscal year.

NEXT STEPS / KEY DATES

The legislature returned to Sacramento in January. Agency staff and our lobbying team continue to engage in discussions about two-year bills and proposals for the coming year. An outline of key dates in the 2025 legislative calendar is below:

- **December 2, 2024:** Legislature begins the 2025-26 session
- **February 21:** Last day for new bills to be introduced
- **June 6:** Last day for each house to pass bills introduced in their house
- **June 15:** Last day for Legislature to pass budget bill
- **July 18 - Aug 18:** Summer recess
- **September 12:** Last day for each house to pass bills
- **October 12:** Last day for the Governor to sign/veto bills

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommend that the Board adopt priorities for the 2025 Legislative Session.



DATE: January 22, 2025
TO: Waste Management Authority Board
FROM: Timothy Burroughs, Executive Director
SUBJECT: Reappointment to the Recycling Board – Board member Mourra

SUMMARY

Board member David Mourra, City of Emeryville, has served one two-year term on the Recycling Board and is eligible for reappointment to a second two-year term. He has indicated a willingness to serve a second two-year term. His current term expires January 25, 2025.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Waste Management Authority Board reappoint Board member Mourra to a two-year term on the Recycling Board ending January 25, 2027.

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DATE: January 22, 2025
TO: Waste Management Authority (WMA) Board
FROM: Timothy Burroughs, Executive Director
SUBJECT: Appointing members to the Recycling Board

SUMMARY

Staff requests that the WMA Board fill two vacancies on the Recycling Board. Board member Mike Hannon, City of Newark, is now serving as the alternate to the WMA Board and is therefore ineligible to serve on the Recycling Board, and Board member Fred Simon, City of San Leandro, no longer serves on the WMA Board.

DISCUSSION

The vacancies represent two of the five appointments to the Recycling Board made by the WMA Board. Currently, WMA members Tracy Jensen, David Mourra, and Jeff Wang, serve in the other three positions. The County Charter limits each member to two consecutive terms. Each term is for two years, and Board members may not serve for more than two terms or for more than one term if not followed by a consecutive term. In addition, according to the Charter, a Board member appointed to serve out the remainder of a term that was being served by a former Board member, such as is the case with Board members Hannon and Simon, may be reappointed for one additional full two-year term.

Any WMA member (but not an alternate) may serve on the Recycling Board so long as they have not served previously.

Current WMA members eligible to serve are:

1. David Haubert, Alameda County
2. Jennifer Hansen-Romero, Albany
3. Jean Josey, Dublin
4. Yang Shao, Fremont
5. Ben Barrientos, Livermore
6. Matthew Jorgens, Newark
7. Rita Duncan, Oro Loma Sanitary District
8. Lorrel Plimier, Piedmont
9. Xouhoa Bowen, San Leandro

Current WMA members ineligible to serve because they have served previously are:

1. Dave Sadoff, Castro Valley Sanitary District
2. Francisco Zermeño, Hayward

The Recycling Board meets the second Thursday of each month at 4 p.m. or 6 p.m. Meetings are held either at StopWaste's offices or as noted otherwise. Schedule and location of meetings are distributed at the beginning of each calendar year. A Recycling Board FAQ is attached for reference.

If the WMA Board fails to make appointments to the Recycling Board within two months, authority to make the appointments would transfer to the County Board of Supervisors, in cooperation with a double majority of the cities, per Section 64.130 D.6 of the County Charter.

The Board may wish to consider geographic diversity of the appointments. However, there is no requirement for geographic diversity.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the WMA Board fill the vacancies on the Recycling Board.

**February 2025
Meetings Schedule**

Alameda County Waste Management Authority, the Energy Council, Source Reduction & Recycling Board, and Programs and Administration Committee
(Hybrid meetings are held at StopWaste Offices unless otherwise noted)

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
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2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13 9:00 A.M. Programs & Administration Committee Key Items: 1. Officer elections 2. Low embodied carbon construction projects <hr/> 6:00 P.M. Planning Committee & Recycling Board (Alameda) Key Items: 1. Measure D audit contract 2. Measure D overview 3. Low embodied carbon construction projects	14	15
16	17 AGENCY HOLIDAY	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	3:00 P.M. Waste Management Authority & Energy Council Key Items: 1. BayREN update 2. Reusable Foodware update	27	28	

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Energy Council
TECHNICAL ADVISORY GROUP (TAG)

Tuesday, December 17, 2024 – 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm

Attendance:

County of Alameda: Emily Sadigh, Ali Abbors, Salustia Josefino, Naomi Schroeder (Fellow)
City of Alameda: Jenna MacKouse (Fellow)
City of Albany: Michelle Plouse
City of Berkeley: Katie Van Dyke, Sarah Moore, Ammon Reagan
City of Emeryville: Nancy Humphrey, Matt Anderson
City of Fremont: Kranti Kapur, Allyn McAuley
City of Hayward: Erik Pearson, Mireille Vargas, Stephanie Dumont, Ava Samuels (Fellow)
City of Oakland: Shayna Hirshfield-Gold, Gabriel Mugalian (Fellow), Hanser Oh (Fellow), Ashley Corona (Fellow)
City of Piedmont: Deniz Ergun, Andrew Kaplowitz (Fellow)
City of Pleasanton: Megan Campbell
City of Union City: Mayank Patel, Justin Africawala (Fellow)
StopWaste: Jennifer West, Emily Alvarez, Miya Kitahara, Robin Plutchok, Maria Hart, Ben Cooper

Introductions

Nancy Humphrey from City of Emeryville is retiring after 10 years and TAG celebrated her contributions and wishes her well!

Ask TAG

- Berkeley is looking for climate action plan (CAP) progress report examples. We will discuss this topic in more detail in 2025 at TAG due to interest.
 - Emeryville and Albany are working to transition from GHG inventories to more tangible climate-based Key Performance Indicators (KPIs), such as number of trees planted, tons of compost diverted, car ownership rate, etc.
 - Piedmont can share a template.
 - The City of Alameda will adopt an updated plan in March 2025 and are also rethinking their annual reports. They plan to shorten and create a PowerBI dashboard to display metrics.
 - The County of Alameda is currently working on an operations progress report which will include call-out boxes for key themes and measures to specific updates. The Planning Commission requires an updated GHG inventory before recommending the Board of Supervisors approve their updated CAP for unincorporated communities. They are looking for advice and resources to do the inventory in-house.
 - Several jurisdictions have utilized Canva for creating visuals.
- Hayward shared on the BAAQMD rules 9-4 & 9-6 from Board meetings on 12/4 and 12/11
 - SCAQMD had a concern recently filed challenging their zero NOx rulemaking, led by manufacturers of tankless gas water heaters and the CA Restaurant Association based on an EPCA challenge (same as the Berkeley ordinance challenge).
 - Court case: <https://climatecasechart.com/case/rinnai-america-corp-v-south-coast-air-quality-management-district/>
 - News release from law firm: https://www.cnhinews.com/news/article_e136c7d6-80e7-5b8c-8a65-d1b9f53f3811.html
- Which cities are working on reach codes next year? Hayward, Berkeley, Fremont

Announcements – Jennifer West, StopWaste

- Energy Council Board update - 12/18/24 item on StopWaste’s participation in the Dept of Energy (DOE) award to Berkeley and San Francisco on Building Performance Standards (BPS)
- [Topic Brief](#) on Measure D and the Recycling Fund
- Small Developer Incubator - Intro session 2/6/25 5:30 - 7:30 pm in Oakland and one-day workshop March 7, 2025 8:30 - 5:00, location TBD
- Next BayREN Quarterly Forum on Weds 3/19/25 will be on building lifecycle emissions or “embodied carbon”
- BayREN Codes: Existing Buildings Study and Dashboard by Arup is nearly complete.
- LERN (Local Energy Resources Network) calls hosted monthly, December’s topic was Legislative efforts with discussion on affordable electricity rates, Executive Order and implications
- Building Decarb Monthly Policy call notes (12/17): Updates on CPUC Long-term Gas Planning Rulemaking, Building Standards Commission adoption of 2025 building codes and CALGreen (reach code options) are being finalized. Starting the 2028 standards now.
- CCEC Forum will be in San Jose July 9-10, 2025. Proposals due in January/February.
- TECH/BayREN Contractor workshop scheduled for January 14th, 3:30-5:30 pm in person at Oakland City Center. The Eventbrite registration page can be found [here](#).
 - Planning a Spanish-language workshop for single-family contractors in February or March

StopWaste Priorities and TAG – Jennifer West, StopWaste

- Jennifer presented a brief history of TAG and its relation to the StopWaste/Energy Council
 - StopWaste is a Joint Powers Authority (JPA) governed by three Boards, and TAG’s official role is to advise staff who support the Energy Council
- In a new strategic planning process StopWaste identified three overarching goals, which will be reviewed by the Board soon: Healthy Local Food Systems, Thriving Circular Economy, and Innovative Bay Area Construction Sector (most of the TAG topics fall under this third goal)
 - The construction sector goal covers markets for circular building materials and advancing energy efficiency and the clean energy transition through BayREN
- Summary of TAG in 2024: all jurisdictions attended at least one meeting in 2024, and six jurisdictions had perfect attendance!
 - Topics discussed included BayREN programs, reach codes, CALGreen, embodied carbon in building materials, legislative updates, peer sharing of work, and more
 - Intend for a larger focus on building materials in 2025 in alignment with goals
- Feedback was received via Mentimeter from TAG attendees on TAG:
 - The most valuable elements of TAG identified were “hearing what my peers are doing,” “Assistance with climate action goals” and “learning from technical experts”
 - The most common reasons for missing TAG were “meeting conflicts” and “too busy with work”
 - The joint TAG/TAC meeting held each year provides “learning opportunities,” “allows for overlap of relevant topics,” and provides support on “GHG inventories.”
 - For 2025, TAG members would like to cover reach codes, progress reporting on CAPs, Air District rule change preparation and deconstruction information.