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

**Wednesday, July 24, 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

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| County of Alameda | David Haubert, WMA, EC |
| City of Alameda | Tracy Jensen, WMA, EC |
| City of Albany | Jennifer Hansen-Romero, WMA, EC |
| City of Berkeley | Susan Wengraf, WMA, EC |
| 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 Newark | Mike Hannon, WMA, EC (EC President) |
| City of Oakland | Dan Kalb, WMA, EC |
| Oro Loma Sanitary District | Shelia Young, WMA |
| City of Piedmont | Jen Cavanaugh, WMA, EC |
| City of Pleasanton | Jack Balch, WMA, EC |
| City of San Leandro | Fred Simon, WMA, EC |
| City of Union City | Scott Sakakihara, WMA, EC (alternate) |

ABSENT

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| City of Livermore | Bob Carling, WMA, EC |
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Staff Participating

Timothy Burroughs, Executive Director
Alma Freeman, Communications Manager
Arliss Dunn, Clerk of the Board
Richard Taylor, WMA Legal Counsel

Others Participating

Susan Collins, Container Recycling Institute

III. ANNOUNCEMENTS BY PRESIDENTS

There were none.

IV. OPEN PUBLIC DISCUSSION FROM THE FLOOR

There were no public comments.

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V. CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Approval of the Draft WMA & EC Minutes of June 26, 2024

2. Amendment to Property Leasing Ordinance (Ordinance 2000-01) (Kelly Schoonmaker)

That the WMA Board adopt Ordinance 2024-02 Amending Ordinance 2000-01 at the July 24, 2024 meeting.

There were no public comments for the Consent Calendar. Board member Sadoff moved approval of the Consent Calendar for the WMA & EC, and Board member Young seconded.

The Clerk called the roll: WMA Vote: 16-0-1

EC Vote: 15-0-1

(Ayes: Balch, Cavanaugh, Hannon, Hansen-Romero, Haubert, Josey, Kalb, Mourra, Sadoff, Shao, Young, Zermeño. Nays: None. Abstained: Sakakihara. Absent: Carling, Jensen, Simon, Wengraf)

VI. REGULAR CALENDAR

1. Appointment to fill upcoming vacancy on the Recycling Board (Timothy Burroughs)

Staff recommends that the WMA Board fill the vacancy on the Recycling Board by September 25, 2024.

Timothy Burroughs provided a brief overview of the staff report. A link to the report is available here: [Recycling-Board-Vacancy.pdf](#). Board member Young moved to nominate Board member Hannon as the WMA appointee to the Recycling Board. Board member Hannon accepted the nomination. There were no other nominations. Board member Sadoff seconded, and the motion carried 17-0. There were no public comments on this item.

The Clerk called the roll:

(Ayes: Balch, Cavanaugh, Hannon, Hansen-Romero, Haubert, Josey, Kalb, Mourra, Sadoff, Sakakihara, Shao, Simon, Young, Zermeño. Nays: None. Abstained: None. Absent: Carling, Jensen, Wengraf)

2. Update on California's Beverage Container Recycling Program (Alma Freeman)

This item is for information only.

Alma Freeman provided an overview of the staff report and introduced Susan Collins, president of the Container Recycling Institute. Ms. Collins presented an update on the state's bottle return system to date and challenges and opportunities ahead. A link to the staff report and the presentation is available here: [Bottle-Bill-memo.pdf](#). Additional time was provided to the Board for discussion and for clarifying questions. An audio link to the discussion is available here: [Bottle-Bill-Discussion](#). There were no public comments on this item. President Zermeño thanked Ms. Collins for a very informative presentation.

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

(The meeting of the Planning Committee & Recycling Board will be held on Thursday, August 8, 2024 at 4:00 p.m., at StopWaste, 1537 Webster St., Oakland, CA, and September 12, 2024 at 6:00 P.M., at Tri-City Volunteer Food Bank, 37350 Joseph St., Fremont, CA)

There were no requests for an interim appointment.

VII. MEMBER COMMENTS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Mr. Burroughs announced that the monthly topic brief provides information on the California Beverage Recycling Container Program. A link to the topic brief is available [here](#).

Mr. Burroughs provided a brief overview on the status of the legislation that we, as an agency, are sponsoring. AB 2346, which is designed to increase the flexibility that jurisdictions have throughout the State, not just in Alameda County, for meeting the compost and other organic material procurement requirements under SB 1383. The bill recently passed out of the Senate Environmental Quality Committee, and the next step will be the Appropriations Committee at the Senate. We don't anticipate

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a significant cost to the State to implement this bill. We have a lot of advocacy and support around the bill, and not a significant amount of people who are opposed. Staff will provide an update on the bill at the September board meeting.

Mr. Burroughs announced that he is participating in a podcast called Capstone Conversations about the circular economy and the role that state and local policy play in advancing circularity within the State.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT – TO WMA & EC MEETING – SEPTEMBER 25, 2024 AT 3:00 P.M.

The meeting adjourned at 4:50 p.m.