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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, SEPTEMBER 25, 2024**

**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: 1404 LeRoy Ave. Berkeley, CA

Teleconference location #2: 118 Glashauss Loop, Emeryville, CA

Teleconference location #3: Scott Haggerty Heritage House, 4501 Pleasanton Ave, Pleasanton, CA

Teleconference location #4: 37101 Newark Blvd., Conference Room No. 5, Newark, CA

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Teleconference location #6: 14751 Pansy Street, San Leandro, CA

Teleconference location #7: Dublin City Hall, 100 Civic Plaza, Dublin CA

Teleconference location #8: City of Pleasanton, City Council Conf. Rm., 200 Old Bernal Ave., Pleasanton, CA

Teleconference location #9: 806 Pierce Street, Albany, CA

Teleconference location #10: Heron Bay Regatta Park, 2296 Regatta Way, San Leandro, CA

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1. Calling US+1 669 900 6833 and using the Webinar ID 823 5814 9133
2. Using the [Zoom](#) website or App and entering meeting code 823 5814 9133

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The public may also comment by sending an e-mail to [publiccomment@stopwaste.org](mailto: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 July 24, 2024**

### VI. REGULAR CALENDAR

5      1. **Revision to the Agency's Purchasing Policy (Timothy Burroughs, Pat Cabrera, & Justin Lehrer)**

That the WMA Board approve the revised purchasing policy resolution, which includes the protest policy.

17     2. **2024 Waste Prevention Grant Solicitation Funding Awards (Cassie Bartholomew & Meri Soll)**

This item is for information only.

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

(The meeting of the Planning Committee & Recycling Board will be held on Thursday, October 10, 2024 at 4:00 p.m., at StopWaste, 1537 Webster St., Oakland, CA)

### VII. MEMBER COMMENTS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

### VIII. ADJOURNMENT – TO WMA & EC MEETING OCTOBER 23, 2024 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, 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**

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**

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.

**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.

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**DATE:** September 25, 2024

**TO:** Waste Management Authority (WMA) Board

**FROM:** Timothy Burroughs, Executive Director  
Pat Cabrera, Administrative Services Director  
Justin Lehrer, Operations Manager

**SUBJECT:** Revision to the Agency’s Purchasing Policy

**SUMMARY**

Staff recommends that the WMA Board approve revisions to the Agency’s purchasing policy – specifically, adding a bid protest policy for service contracts over \$100,000.

**DISCUSSION**

Staff systemically reviews internal processes to ensure that the Agency is functioning in an efficient, effective, and responsive manner. Given the Agency is responsible for public funds, assessing contracting and bidding processes is a top priority.

Regarding bidding procedures, the Agency complies with the rules required by the California Uniform Public Construction Cost Accounting Act and California’s Public Records Act. However, these laws do not provide a process for protesting awards for service-related contracts. A survey of StopWaste member agencies indicated that only a few of the member agencies had any related policies (discussed more below). However, staff recommends including a protest process for Agency service contracts over \$100,000.

Survey of Member Agencies (Attachment B)

Out of the 14 cities in Alameda County and the County itself, three have protest procedures in their municipal codes that may apply to service contracts. For example, in Fremont, bidders of service contracts over \$100,000 may protest in accordance with code sections that determine procedures for such protests, including eligibility, form, and timeline. In Piedmont, bidders for service contracts may protest purchase decisions within time frames specified by the City’s municipal code. Albany’s contract protest procedures typically only apply to public works projects, but its code provides that the City may also extend its protest procedures to other bidding processes on a case-by-case basis. None of the other 11 cities in Alameda County nor

the County itself have provisions for the protest of service contract awards in their municipal codes.

Although not legally required, staff has concluded that having a mechanism for service contracts exceeding \$100,000 is a reasonable threshold as it still allows for efficiency and is consistent with the Executive Director's signing authority, while also providing a protest option for bidders.

Upon adoption of the revised purchasing policy, all requests for proposal will include language describing this policy so that prospective bidders will know the protest options available.

Agency staff who are responsible for conducting bid requests receive training on and comply with the Agency's policies and processes involving the issuance, evaluation, and recommendations regarding requests for proposals and will be apprised of this addition upon Board approval.

The protest policy was reviewed by both Authority Counsel and County Counsel.

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

That the WMA Board approve the revised purchasing policy resolution, which includes the protest policy.

Attachment A: Purchasing Policy Resolution

Attachment B: Member Agency Survey



**ATTACHMENT A**

**ALAMEDA COUNTY WASTE MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY**

**RESOLUTION #WMA**

**MOVED:**

**SECONDED:**

**AT THE MEETING HELD SEPTEMBER 25, 2024**

**THE AUTHORITY AUTHORIZES AN AMENDMENT TO THE PURCHASING POLICY TO INCLUDE A PROTEST PROVISION FOR SERVICE CONTRACT AWARDS**

**WHEREAS**, the Purchasing Policy of the Alameda County Waste Management Authority (“Agency”) was adopted by Resolution No. 2022-06; and

**WHEREAS**, a recent review of the Agency’s bidding process determined that a protest process was appropriate for service contracts exceeding \$100,000; and

**WHEREAS**, adopting this process provides a mechanism for bidders of service contract exceeding \$100,000 to raise concerns or objections regarding the selection process; and

**WHEREAS**, the process should reside in the Agency’s Purchasing Policy.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Purchasing Policy of the Alameda County Waste Management Authority is hereby amended to include the Service Contract Protest Policy attached as Exhibit A.

**ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:**

**AYES:**

**NOES:**

**ABSTAIN:**

**ABSENT:**

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**Arliss Dunn, Clerk of the Board**

## Exhibit A

### **Alameda County Waste Management Authority**

#### **Service Contract Protest Policy**

This policy applies to Agency service contracts for services exceeding \$100,000 per fiscal year. Contract awards below this threshold are not subject to protest. Protests shall be handled in accordance with the process below. This policy does not apply to contracts for a public project as that term is defined in Public Contract Code section 22002(c).

Contracts are awarded based on evaluation criteria, which are based on the specific service to be provided and include the following, along with additional criteria defined in the specific RFP or RFQ.

- Demonstration of adequate qualifications, experience, and capacity to accomplish the tasks and activities specified in the RFP/RFQ/contract.
- A clear and comprehensible proposal that is responsive to the needs of the Agency.
- Demonstrated track record of providing superior customer service and recognition of the Agency's public service mission.
- Ability to contract with the ACWMA and meet the basic [insurance and contracting requirements](#) outlined in the RFP/RFQ/contract/grant agreement.

The evaluation criteria will be described in the RFP or RFQ.

When the Agency has selected a contractor for negotiation of a final contract, a Notice of Intent to Award shall be given via e-mail to the selected contractor(s) and a copy provided to all parties who responded to the RFP or RFQ.

A protest must be in writing and must be received by the Clerk of the Board before 5:00 p.m., no later than three (3) business days after the day on which the Notice of Intent to Award was sent to the respondents. The protest must contain a complete statement of the basis for the protest, the relief requested and attach all supporting documentation. Material submitted after the protest deadline will not be considered. The protest must include the name, address, email address, and telephone number of the protesting bidder and any person submitting the protest as an authorized representative of the protesting bidder. Protests may be submitted only by a party that has submitted a bid or proposal in response to the RFP or RFQ. A subcontractor of a bidder or proposer may not submit a protest. A party may not rely on a protest submitted by another party, but must pursue its own protest in a timely manner.

Upon timely filing of a protest that contains all the required information, the Agency shall notify the party whose bid or proposal is being protested and shall investigate the protest. If additional information is requested by the Agency, the party from whom it is requested shall deliver the information within the time period specified in the request.

A protestor is not entitled to a formal hearing. The protest will be heard by the Executive Director, who will review the protest information and decide what action, if any, should be taken in response to the protest. The Executive Director will advise the protestor of the decision within three business

days of the decision. The decision is final and non-appealable. Upon timely filing of a protest that contains all the required information, no contract shall be issued unless and until the Executive Director makes a decision that allows the contract to proceed.

The procedures set forth herein are the sole and exclusive remedy of a bidder or proposer to dispute the award of a contract or establishment of a bidders' list subject to these procedures. A protest that does not comply with these procedures may be summarily rejected by staff. Failure to comply with these procedures shall constitute a waiver of any right to further pursue the protest.

## ATTACHMENT B

### SUMMARY OF WASTE MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY MEMBER AGENCY BID PROTEST PROCEDURES

The following table lists each member agency with a link to the municipal code section(s) most relevant to that city’s purchasing procedures for service contracts and summarizes the protest procedures specified in the code. The summary column also includes information on the constraints on selecting service contracts. Note that cities may have established protest procedures through internal purchasing policies or by a City Council action that is not reflected in the municipal code.

City	Link to Relevant Code Section	Summary
<b>Alameda</b>	<p>Article IV. - Contracts:  <a href="https://library.municode.com/ca/alameda/codes/code_of_ordinances?nodeId=CHIIAD_ARTIVCO_2-59AUCO">https://library.municode.com/ca/alameda/codes/code_of_ordinances?nodeId=CHIIAD_ARTIVCO_2-59AUCO</a></p> <p>Article V. - Administrative Procedures and Policies:  <a href="https://library.municode.com/ca/alameda/codes/code_of_ordinances?nodeId=CHIIAD_ARTVADPRPO">https://library.municode.com/ca/alameda/codes/code_of_ordinances?nodeId=CHIIAD_ARTVADPRPO</a></p>	<p><b>Protest procedures: none found.</b></p> <p>Neither Article IV, Chapter 2-59 governing contracts (which includes service contracts, 2-59.4), nor Article V, Chapter 2-61 governing bidding procedures on public projects and goods and supplies, contemplates procedures for protest or appeal.</p>
<b>Albany</b>	<p>13-18 - Protests of Contract Award:  <a href="https://ecode360.com/37934737">https://ecode360.com/37934737</a></p> <p>2-27 - Purchasing Policies:  <a href="https://ecode360.com/34831591#34831591">https://ecode360.com/34831591#34831591</a></p>	<p><b>Protest procedures: bidders of major public works contracts can protest contract awards, but bidders of service contracts generally cannot. However, the City reserves the right to apply protest procedures for public works contracts to other bidding processes.</b></p> <p>Protest procedures apply to Major Public Works Contracts. 13-18.1. However, the City reserves the ability to apply these procedures to other bidding processes when “otherwise specified in the applicable request for qualifications, request for proposals, request for quotes, or other such</p>

		<p>invitation for a competitive procurement process. 13-18.1(h).</p> <p>Contracts for services for individuals or firms possessing a high degree of skill, for utility services and sole vendors are exempt from the City's bidding policies. 2-27.2.</p>
<b>Berkeley</b>	<p>Berkeley Municipal Code: <a href="https://berkeley.municipal.codes/BMC">https://berkeley.municipal.codes/BMC</a></p>	<p><b>Protest procedures: none found.</b></p> <p>Searched: “purchase,” “service contract,” “purchase appeal.” Nothing relevant found about appeals of service contracts. The Berkeley municipal code does not appear to have a section on purchase procedures.</p>
<b>Dublin</b>	<p>Chapter 2.36 - Contracts and Purchasing: <a href="https://www.codepublishing.com/CA/Dublin/#!/html/Dublin02/Dublin0236.html">https://www.codepublishing.com/CA/Dublin/#!/html/Dublin02/Dublin0236.html</a></p>	<p><b>Protest procedures: none found.</b></p> <p>Chapter 2.36 covers purchasing procedures, including for services.</p> <p>For general service contracts less than \$5,000, “comparative pricing is expected to secure the lowest price.” 2.36.070.</p> <p>For general service contracts of at least \$5,000 and less than \$45,000, the vendor that submits the lowest total cost bid consistent with the factors for responsiveness and responsibility in 2.36.060 receives the award. 2.36.080.</p> <p>For general service contracts at least \$45,000, contracts must be awarded to the lowest responsive, responsible bidder, except as otherwise provided by the code. 2.36.090(h).</p> <p>Contracts for consultant or professional services are exempt from the competitive bidding process, but the Purchasing Agent must establish administrative procedures for purchases of professional services from private architectural, landscape architectural,</p>

		engineering, environmental, land surveying, or construction project management firms. 2.36.100.
<b>Emeryville</b>	Chapter 6 – Purchasing System: <a href="https://www.codepublishing.com/CA/Emeryville/#!/Emeryville03/Emeryville036.html#3-6">https://www.codepublishing.com/CA/Emeryville/#!/Emeryville03/Emeryville036.html#3-6</a>	<b>Protest procedures: none found.</b>  Service contracts are exempt from purchasing procedures. Title 3, Chapter 6.02(a). Regardless, the chapter on purchasing system does not contemplate protest or appeals.
<b>Fremont</b>	Chapter 3.20 - Purchasing Code: <a href="https://www.codepublishing.com/CA/Fremont/#!/Fremont03/Fremont0320.html#3.20">https://www.codepublishing.com/CA/Fremont/#!/Fremont03/Fremont0320.html#3.20</a>	<b>Protest procedures: bidders of service contracts above \$100,000 may protest in accordance with the requirements in Chapter 3, Article VIII: Protests and Appeals.</b>  The protest procedures in Section 3.20.330 apply to contracts for services over \$100,000, excluding public project construction. 3.20.330(a)(3). These procedures determine eligibility, statute of limitations, form, effect of failure to comply, investigation, and review and determination of protests.  Section 3.20.340 on appeal hearings also sets forth procedures for appeals of “determinations” made by the city manager. However, this section on appeals hearings does not apply to contract protest determinations made in accordance with the Section 3.20.220 protest procedures. 3.20.330(h)(2).
<b>Hayward</b>	Article 8. Public Works Contracts: <a href="https://library.municode.com/ca/hayward/codes/municipal_code?nodeId=HAYWARD_MUNICIPAL_CODE_CH2GOAD_ART8PUWOCO_S2-8.14ROONSECO">https://library.municode.com/ca/hayward/codes/municipal_code?nodeId=HAYWARD_MUNICIPAL_CODE_CH2GOAD_ART8PUWOCO_S2-8.14ROONSECO</a>	<b>Protest procedures: none found.</b>  Article 8 on Public Works Contracts also includes a section on Routine and Ongoing Service Contracts. “Certain routine and ongoing service contracts, regardless of the dollar amount, shall be authorized on an annual open purchase order or an agreement for services in accordance with City policies and procedures governing purchasing activity.” Chapter 2, Article 8, Sec. 2-8.14. However, this chapter does

		not specify any policies and procedures for appeals or protest of government purchases.
<b>Livermore</b>	<p>Livermore Municipal Code: <a href="https://www.codepublishing.com/CA/Livermore/?LivermoreOT.html&amp;?f">https://www.codepublishing.com/CA/Livermore/?LivermoreOT.html&amp;?f</a></p>	<p><b>Protest procedures: none found.</b></p> <p>Chapter 2.68, Contracts and Purchasing, governs purchasing procedures for contracts including for services.</p> <p>For service contracts \$5,000 or less, “additional purchasing procedures shall be established by an administrative regulation of the City Manager.” Section 2.68.350.</p> <p>For service contracts between \$5,000 and \$50,000, purchases must follow the procedure in Section 2.68.360. These procedures require that the city award a contract to the best value bidder, as defined by Section 2.68.040, when the contract is for \$25,000 or less. The code is ambiguous as to whether the requirement to take the best value bid also applies to contracts between \$25,000 and \$50,000. 2.68.360(5).</p> <p>For service contracts over \$50,000: The City Manager or City Council has the discretion to reject any and all bids presented and may readvertise for bids.</p>
<b>Newark</b>	<p>Chapter 3.04 - Purchasing System: <a href="https://library.municode.com/ca/newark/codes/code_of_ordinances?nodeId=CD_ORD_TIT3REFI_CH3.04PUSY">https://library.municode.com/ca/newark/codes/code_of_ordinances?nodeId=CD_ORD_TIT3REFI_CH3.04PUSY</a></p> <p>Chapter 3.06 - Bidder Pre-Qualification Procedures (for public works construction projects):</p>	<p><b>Protest procedures: found for public works construction projects, but not for service contracts.</b></p> <p>Chapter 3.06 includes an appeals procedure for prospective bidders of <u>public works construction</u> projects who want to contest pre-qualification decisions. There is no provision in this chapter extending the appeals procedure to service contract bidders.</p> <p>Code Chapter 3.04 covers purchasing procedures, including for services. The chapter establishes a</p>

	<a href="https://library.municode.com/ca/newark/codes/code_of_ordinances?nodeId=CD_ORD_TIT3REFI_CH3.06BIPALPR_3.06.030APHE">https://library.municode.com/ca/newark/codes/code_of_ordinances?nodeId=CD_ORD_TIT3REFI_CH3.06BIPALPR_3.06.030APHE</a>	<p>tiered system for purchases of services based on price.</p> <p>For contracts less than \$5000, the city shall take the lowest price bid. 3.04.050</p> <p>For contracts at least \$5000 and less than \$50,000, the city shall consider factors for “responsiveness and responsibility” specified in 3.04.060.</p> <p>For contracts at least \$50,000, the city shall take the lowest responsive, responsible bidder, unless otherwise provided. 3.04.070.</p> <p>Contracts for consultant or professional services are exempt from the code chapter, but certain professional services are subject to additional procedures to be established by the city purchasing agent. 3.04.080.</p>
<p><b>Oakland</b></p>	<p>Chapter 2.04 - Purchasing System:</p> <a href="https://library.municode.com/ca/oakland/codes/code_of_ordinances?nodeId=IT2ADPE_CH2.04PUSY">https://library.municode.com/ca/oakland/codes/code_of_ordinances?nodeId=IT2ADPE_CH2.04PUSY</a>	<p><b>Protest procedures: none found.</b></p> <p>The Purchasing Code in Chapter 2.04 establishes procedures for the purchase of services, professional or otherwise. The city is required to award the contract to the lowest responsible bidder, as defined in the chapter. 2.04.050(E). Contracts for professional or specialized services are exempt from this requirement. 2.04.050(I)(1). Contracts for professional or specialized services over \$50,000 must be awarded based on “demonstrated competence and qualifications for the types of services to be performed, at fair and reasonable prices to the City.” The code chapter does not provide for appeals or protest procedures.</p>
<p><b>Piedmont</b></p>	<p>Piedmont City Code:</p> <a href="https://piedmont.ca.gov/government/charter_code">https://piedmont.ca.gov/government/charter code</a>	<p><b>Protest procedures: bidders for service contracts can protest purchase decisions within a specified time frame.</b></p> <p>Section 2.173, “Appeal from Decision to Purchase,” enables bidders to appeal purchase decisions within</p>



		<p>10 days of the date of award or within the time limits specified in the notice inviting bids, whichever period is shorter.</p> <p>Section 2.165 requires contracts over \$5,000, including for services, to be awarded to the “lowest responsive, responsible qualified bidder,” as defined in the chapter. Contracts for professional services, however, must be awarded based on demonstrated competence and professional qualifications for the services required.</p>
Pleasanton	<p>Chapter 2.48 - Selection Procedures for the Development of Lists of Qualified Firms for Certain Professional Services:  <a href="https://ecode360.com/43019460">https://ecode360.com/43019460</a></p>	<p><b>Protest procedures: none found.</b></p> <p>Chapter 2.48 establishes procedures for the selection of certain services: architectural, engineering, environmental, land surveying and construction project management. The city must award contracts to the "most qualified" firm. 2.48.050(D). This chapter is silent on protest or appeal procedures.</p> <p>There do not appear to be other code provisions for the purchase of service contracts. Search terms used: “purchase,” “service,” “service contract.”</p>
San Leandro	<p>Chapter 1-6 - Purchasing, Personal Services and Surplus Sales:  <a href="https://ecode360.com/44066063">https://ecode360.com/44066063</a></p>	<p><b>Protest procedures: none found.</b></p> <p>There are no procedures specified in Chapter 1-6 (governing Purchasing, Personal Services, and Surplus) for appeals or protests of purchase decisions. The city purchasing agent has the discretion to reject any bid received pursuant to Chapter 1-6: Purchasing, Personal Services and Surplus Sales. 1-6-230.</p>
Union City	<p>Chapter 2.32 - Purchasing System:  <a href="https://ecode360.com/43306263#43306263">https://ecode360.com/43306263#43306263</a></p>	<p><b>Protest procedures: none found.</b></p> <p>Chapter 2.32 establishes a tiered system for purchases of <u>general services</u> based on price: less than \$5000 (take the lowest bid), 2.32.050; greater than or equal to \$5000 and less than \$50,000 (consider specified factors for “responsiveness and</p>

		<p>responsibility), 2.32.060; and greater than or equal to \$50,000 (take the lowest responsive, responsible bidder unless otherwise provided) 2.32.070.</p> <p>Contracts for <u>consultant or specialized services</u> are exempt from the purchasing requirements in Chapter 2.32. 2.32.080(A)(1). However, the Purchasing Agent is required to establish administrative procedures for purchases of contracts for professional services from private architectural, landscape architectural, engineering, environmental, land surveying, or construction project management firms.</p> <p>This chapter is silent on protest procedures.</p>
<p><b>County of Alameda</b></p>	<p>County Administrative Code</p> <p>Chapter 4.12</p> <p><a href="https://library.municode.com/ca/alameda_county/codes/administrative_code?nodeId=TIT4FI_CH4.12PUPR">https://library.municode.com/ca/alameda_county/codes/administrative_code?nodeId=TIT4FI_CH4.12PUPR</a></p>	<p>Chapter 4.12 sets forth general purchasing procedures. For contracts expected to exceed \$100,000, formal sealed bids are required (4.12.020). The Chapter provides that contracts entered in violation of its provisions may be voided by the Board of Supervisors (4.12.090) but does not establish protest procedures.</p> <p>Alameda County describes a protest procedure in their RFP template, but there is no reference to that procedure in the County’s Administrative Code.</p>

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**DATE:** September 24, 2024

**TO:** Waste Management Authority Board

**FROM:** Cassie Bartholomew, Senior Program Manager  
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**SUBJECT:** 2024 Waste Prevention Grant Solicitation Funding Awards

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## **SUMMARY**

The Agency utilizes several approaches to support waste prevention and build upstream infrastructure in Alameda County. One such approach is our long-running waste prevention grants program. Each year, StopWaste awards local nonprofits and businesses grant funding for projects focused on waste prevention and upstream infrastructure through repair, reuse, redistribution, and food waste prevention and recovery. The program engages businesses and community-based organizations to reduce waste in Alameda County while helping to address some of the county's most pressing environmental and equity issues and helping member agencies advance their sustainability goals. Since 1996, StopWaste has provided more than \$10 million in grant funding.

## **DISCUSSION**

Local community-based organizations and businesses have a critical role to play in not only preventing waste, but shaping a more circular, resilient, inclusive economy. The grants program offers entities an opportunity to jump start an idea or advance concepts that prioritize upstream source reduction and reuse measures over recycling, composting, and landfilling. Funding priorities are designed to shift when needed depending on Agency priorities and changing needs in the community. For example, given the rise in food insecurity in the county due to the pandemic, the Agency increased funding for organizations working to recover donated food to nourish people.

The 2024 Waste Prevention Grant Solicitation resulted in over 124 applications, requesting \$2.5 million in funds. With a budget of \$1.1 million, staff utilized a variety of review criteria to assess each applicant's strengths and weaknesses to arrive at funding decisions. Of the 124 applications received, staff awarded \$1,087,000 in funding to 59 applicants – 23 awardees are new organizations that have not received funding from StopWaste in the past. The chart below

shows funding awards by grant category – a complete list of all applicants funded in the 2024 Grant Solicitation round can be found in Exhibit A.

<b>Grant Categories</b>	<b>Applications Received</b>	<b>Applicants funded</b>	<b>Funds Requested</b>	<b>Funds Awarded</b>
Food Waste Prevention and Recovery Grants	42	22	\$1,178,731.00	\$582,174.00
Community Food Systems Grants	12	5	\$117,500.00	\$50,000.00
Reusable Foodware Grants	11	5	\$270,161.00	\$105,000.00
Reusable Transport Packaging Grants	9	7	\$66,626.04	\$50,500.00
Reuse and Repair	38	13	\$821,734.16	\$240,892.00
Surplus Food Donation Equipment Grants	12	7	\$119,470.46	\$58,777.24
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>124</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>\$2,574,222.66</b>	<b>\$1,087,343.24</b>

At the September 25 WMA meeting, staff will provide an overview of the following:

- Synopsis of outreach activities conducted
- New streamlined application process
- Grant applicants selected for funding
- Selection and evaluation criteria utilized for funding decisions
- Updated grantee reporting process to track data and measure grantee impacts
- Considerations for future funding approaches

### **RECOMMENDATION**

This item is for information only.

### **ATTACHMENT**

Exhibit A – 2024 Waste Prevention Grant Solicitation Funding Awards

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<b>Waste Prevention Grant Category</b>	<b>Grantee</b>	<b>Organization location</b>	<b>Project Locations</b>	<b>Fiscal Year</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Description</b>
Food Waste Prevention & Recovery Grants	Berkeley Food Network	Berkeley	Albany, Berkeley, Emeryville, Oakland	FY 23-24	\$30,000	The Berkeley Food Network seeks to end hunger and poor nutrition by using innovative, community-centered solutions to build a more sustainable, resilient, and equitable food system. Funds will support Berkeley Food Network’s efforts to identify and responsibly source high-quality and desirable food from local food producers, recruit and provide food recovery training to volunteers, and distribute recovered food to community members in need using food-safe equipment and supplies.
Food Waste Prevention & Recovery Grants	FoodRecovery.org	Washington, DC	Alameda County	FY 23-24	\$30,000	FoodRecovery.Org's online platform connects businesses with surplus food to organizations and communities in need, championing sustainability by diverting edible food away from landfills at no charge to users. Funds will support the recovery of edible surplus food, communication, logistics, and transportation of surplus food from Oakland Unified School District and large food generators to nearby nonprofits feeding food insecure residents.
Food Waste Prevention & Recovery Grants	Trybe, Inc.	Oakland	Oakland	FY 23-24	\$20,000	by providing opportunities for personal and communal growth. Trybe is committed to racial and social justice, fosters skill development, promotes leadership and responsibility, and addresses food insecurity and environmental emergencies, youth development, and violence prevention to build a safe, healing-centered environment for community members. Funds will support the implementation of heating and cooling units based on a mobile, outdoor, design to facilitate the safe transportation, storage, and distribution of perishable

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Food Waste Prevention & Recovery Grants	Mandela Partners	Oakland	Berkeley, Castro Valley, Oakland, San Leandro	FY 23-24	\$30,000	Mandela Partners is a non-profit organization that uses food as a tool for community and economic development in Alameda County. Their flagship program, Mandela Produce Distribution, is a community food hub that increases access to local, sustainably grown fresh produce while supporting the economic success of small-scale BIPOC farmers. This project will focus on prevention of food waste through inventory management of produce stands, combined with the donation of surplus produce to Food Recovery Organizations (FROs). Funds will support staff time and the purchase of reusable crates to replace disposable packaging.
Food Waste Prevention & Recovery Grants	Alameda Food Bank	Alameda	Alameda	FY 23-24	\$30,000	Funds will support the Alameda Food Bank in auditing and documenting internal procedures and creating a handbook that can be shared with external partners. This handbook will assist other organizations in the creation of a grocery store style shopping experience where recovered food will be distributed.
Food Waste Prevention & Recovery Grants	Tri-Valley Haven	Livermore	Dublin, Livermore, Pleasanton, Sunol	FY 23-24	\$30,000	groceries and personal necessities six days a week, serving low-income and homeless individuals and families and people at-risk of becoming homeless. Funds will support essential staff and operational expenses to grow their food recovery efforts and double the number of mobile food distribution sites to a total of
Food Waste Prevention & Recovery Grants	Open Heart Kitchen of Livermore Incorporated	Livermore	Dublin, Livermore, Pleasanton	FY 23-24	\$30,000	Open Heart Kitchen provides equitable access to nutritious food today, while building a food secure tomorrow. The Open Heart Food Bank will provide better coordination amongst nonprofit organizations and enhance efficient and consistent food redistribution in the Tri-Valley. We intend to provide culturally relevant food to those who need it most: the unhoused, low-income families and individuals, seniors, and the medically fragile.

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Food Waste Prevention & Recovery Grants	Oakland Communities United for Equity & Justice	Oakland	Berkeley, Emeryville, Oakland	FY 23-24	\$30,000	Oakland Communities United for Equity and Justice’s (OCUEJ) Self-Help Hunger Program dovetails food recovery, food security, and career-building to promote displacement-resilience and cultural survival for vulnerable communities in North Oakland. Funds will support increased staff time for food recovery, distribution, and network building, along with vehicle operating costs and general maintenance to expand on and significantly increase the amount of food recovered, distributed, and shared with partner organizations.
Food Waste Prevention & Recovery Grants	All Good Living Foundation	Alameda	Alameda, Oakland	FY 23-24	\$30,000	The mission of All Good Living Foundation is to create access to food, clothing, and supplies for Bay Area children and families in need. AGLF believes that children thrive when their basic needs are fulfilled, their lives are stable, and their community is ready to lend a hand. Funds will support expanding food distribution at school-based Community Closets within the East Bay by providing funding for refrigeration units, a freezer, prep tables, storage shelves and essential operational resources for food recovery and distribution.
Food Waste Prevention & Recovery Grants	San Lorenzo Family Help Center	Hayward	Hayward	FY 23-24	\$30,000	San Lorenzo Family Help Center supports families in the wider San Lorenzo area by coordinating and distributing nutritious emergency food and targeted resources in partnership with volunteers, organizations, and our community The San Lorenzo Family Help Center supports low to very-low-income individuals and families in unincorporated Alameda County. Funds will support the purchase of a walk-in refrigerator which will double their food recovery storage, increase the number of families fed through food distributions and decrease food spoilage.

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Food Waste Prevention & Recovery Grants	Tri-City Volunteers, Inc.	Fremont	Fremont, Newark, Union City	FY 23-24	\$22,605	Tri-City Volunteers (TCV) Food Bank provides emergency assistance to citizens of Fremont, Union City, and Newark and is the largest client-direct food bank in the area, serving up to 16,000 individuals every month. Funds will support the programmatic expansion of TCV grocery rescue, enabling them to expand their reach in the community through the TCV Marketplace and Mobile Pantries, and to improve the types of food rescued in alignment with the cultural needs of their clients.
Food Waste Prevention & Recovery Grants	Mercy Retirement and Care Center, Mercy Brown Bag Program	Oakland	Alameda County	FY 23-24	\$30,000	For over 40 years Mercy Brown Bag Program (MBBP) has focused on feeding low-income, food insecure older adults (age 60+) across Alameda County. MBBP provides fresh, nutritious bags of groceries twice a month to 8,600 seniors across 13 cities in Alameda County. Funds will support the installation of a walk-in freezer and refrigerator at their Chapman facility, enabling MBBP to take on building pallets of food to feed 1500+ nutrition-insecure older adults and save over 200,000 pounds of surplus food monthly. This funding will help MBBP expand their food recovery operations by 20%.
Food Waste Prevention & Recovery Grants	St. Vincent de Paul of Alameda County	Oakland	Alameda County, Alameda, Albany, Berkeley, Castro Valley, Dublin, Emeryville, Fremont, Hayward, Livermore, Newark, Oakland, Piedmont, Pleasanton, San Leandro, Sunol, Union City	FY 23-24	\$30,000	St. Vincent de Paul of Alameda County feeds, clothes, houses and heals the most vulnerable individuals and families in Alameda County. Funds will be used to increase the amount of nutritious food given to clients in the Oakland San Pablo corridor and to maximize the amount of food provided to impoverished residents throughout Alameda County.



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Food Waste Prevention & Recovery Grants	Project Open Hand	Oakland	Alameda County	FY 23-24	\$10,542	Project Open Hand's mission is to improve health outcomes and quality of life by providing nutritious meals to the sick and vulnerable, while caring for and educating their community. Funds will prevent food waste by adding refrigeration to an existing Project Open Hand delivery vehicle in order to keep frozen meals at a safe temperature, thus allowing them to be returned for use instead of composted or thrown away if they cannot be delivered.
Food Waste Prevention & Recovery Grants	Daily Bowl	Union City	Alameda County	FY 23-24	\$20,000	Daily Bowl recovers excess food that would otherwise go to waste and delivers it to Bay Area agencies that feed food insecure families. Funds will support Daily Bowl's existing food recovery and redistribution efforts and allow the organization to expand outreach and educational efforts with Tier 2 commercial food generators in Alameda County.
Food Waste Prevention & Recovery Grants	Rotation Community Services	Oakland	Oakland	FY 23-24	\$22,000	Rotation Community Services offers intersectional, equity-focused zero waste guidance, education, and resources. Funds will be used for staff time and materials to develop a model food recovery program at Oakland First Friday that would provide the coordination needed among food vendors, event producers, volunteers, community resilience organizations, and food recovery organizations that could be replicated at outdoor festivals and events where food recovery has historically been a challenge.
Food Waste Prevention & Recovery Grants	Hope 4 the Heart	Hayward	Alameda County	FY 23-24	\$30,000	Hope 4 the Heart is an all-volunteer organization that serves local low-income families by providing weekly food deliveries to affordable housing and senior communities across Alameda County, in partnership with 50+ community partners. Funding will support vehicle repair costs, insurance and fuel expenses related to food recovery activities and delivery of donations to partner agencies.

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Food Waste Prevention & Recovery Grants	Dorothy Day House a Nonprofit Public Benefit Organization	Berkeley	Alameda County, Berkeley	FY 23-24	\$27,027	Dorothy's Kitchen serves as the exclusive community kitchen for Berkeley. With 33 years of experience, they offer nutritious meals that partner agencies rely on. This initiative aims to establish a regional food hub serving the north Berkeley community, aligning with shared objectives of providing meals to those in need, offering culinary arts job training, and enhancing food recovery efforts. Funds will enable Dorothy Day House to expand their meal program and food redistribution efforts for low-income and unhoused individuals by purchasing a new refrigerator, freezer and through assistance with rent support on a temporary kitchen space that has already produced over 100 meals per day with significant additional capacity.
Food Waste Prevention & Recovery Grants	Center for Food, Faith & Justice (CFFJ)	Berkeley	Berkeley, Emeryville, Oakland	FY 23-24	\$20,000	The Center for Food, Faith & Justice is building a network of congregations, integrated urban gardens, community food justice programs, economic development, hunger and homeless programs, and food-related job training programs which began in 2014. Funds will support increased staff time, materials, and operating expenses to expand on the Beyond the Table program which recovers and redistributes food through partnerships with grocers and organizations. The initiative includes community education, job training, and increased meal program capacity.
Food Waste Prevention & Recovery Grants	Bear Pantry	Albany / Berkeley	Albany, Berkeley	FY 23-24	\$30,000	The Bear Pantry provides basic needs services to University Village Albany residents, reducing food insecurity and fostering community well-being. The UVA Bear Pantry and UC Berkeley's Basic Needs Center aim to expand food recovery efforts from UC Berkeley food service operators and pilot reusable food donation trays. Funds will support recovery of prepared food from UC Berkeley dining halls, stadiums/sports events while keeping the distribution of surplus food internal to university operations -a closed loop system for food recovery that will utilize reusable infrastructure in the donation system, minimizing waste of single-use foodware.

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Food Waste Prevention & Recovery Grants	Common Vision	Oakland	Berkeley, Oakland, San Leandro	FY 23-24	\$20,000	Positioned at the intersection of food, education and environment, Common Vision (CV) nurtures a more healthy and just society by planting orchards and school gardens and providing access to healthy food. Funds will support recovery activities at three large food generators and distribution to children and families in need at four Title 1 schools, a community farm site, and three local community groups. Additionally, funds will support the use of new technology that will connect CV with volunteers and new food donors.
Food Waste Prevention & Recovery Grants	Sotira	Menlo Park	Alameda County	FY 23-24	\$30,000	Sotira is a software tool that enables instant commerce companies and grocery stores to offload and reroute surplus food to prevent waste. Funds will support the development of a software tool that uses artificial intelligence to enable companies that sell food to better forecast inventory demand and be matched with charities, nonprofits and other organizations in the area to redistribute surplus food so it doesn't go to waste.
Community Food Systems Grants	Homies Empowerment, a project of Social Good Fund	Oakland	Alameda County	FY 23-24	\$10,000	A project of Social Good Fund, Homies Empowerment believes in standing in solidarity with their community, and encouraging community self-sufficiency by providing free food and other necessities. The FREEdom Store provides essential groceries, including fresh produce, to over 400 weekly beneficiaries. Funds will support a Seed-to-Table Coordinator, to enhance the Freedom Farm project with culturally relevant foods, improve the customer choice style of food distribution, and expand the baking/cooking training programs, benefiting low-income and houseless communities with nutritious meals and skills development.

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Community Food Systems Grants	Sunflower Hill	Pleasanton	Livermore, Pleasanton	FY 23-24	\$10,000	Sunflower Hill aims to create places and spaces where adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities ( I/DD) live, work, learn, and thrive as part of the greater community. Funds will support Sunflower Hill’s project to increase access to fresh produce for residents with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (I/DD) at their Irby Ranch community by installing a community refrigerator and organizing Farmer Market Fridays, providing round-the-clock access to farm-fresh, organic produce while offering job skills training and empowering residents.
Community Food Systems Grants	Saba Grocers Initiative	Oakland	Oakland	FY 23-24	\$10,000	Saba Grocers Initiative's goal is to create a healthy community where everyone has access to quality, nutritious food through a synergistic relationship between corner stores and the communities they serve. Corner stores serve as an important conduit for communities to get healthy products, promoting health and well-being, and facilitating community empowerment. Funds will support a portion of delivery and packing costs for Saba’s Collective Purchasing Program bringing 13 corner stores together in placing one values-based produce order, allowing stores in food apartheid neighborhoods to access the economy of scale, and secure competitive produce prices.
Community Food Systems Grants	Local Ecology and Agriculture Fremont	Fremont	Fremont, Newark, Sunol, Union City	FY 23-24	\$10,000	Local Ecology and Agriculture Fremont (LEAF) is a registered 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to regenerating the land using sustainable practices and inspiring our community to nurture the earth. Funds will support and expand LEAF's food donation program to continue to serve under-privileged communities, by developing a new Urban Garden and improving our existing gardens. Funding will help us expand our outreach with the Fruit Tree Gleaning initiative, and facilitate workshops to educate the community in regenerative agriculture.

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Community Food Systems Grants	People's Programs (People's Community Foundation)	Oakland	Alameda County	FY 23-24	\$10,000	People's Community Foundation combats health inequities, food insecurity, gentrification, and homelessness in Oakland. They empower the community through organizing, education, and development, nurturing leaders who drive their Grocery Program, Hot Meal Distribution, People's Farm, and Free Health Clinic. Funds will support transportation and materials costs for their BIPOC-focused initiatives in Oakland, addressing health disparities and food insecurity through the Breakfast and Grocery Programs, and Farm.
Surplus Food Donation Equipment Grants	Washington Hospital Healthcare Foundation	Fremont	Fremont	FY 23-24	\$7,577.24	Washington Hospital System's mission is to meet the health care needs of their District residents through medical services, education, and research. Funds will enable the them to enhance their surplus food recovery efforts from their Cafeteria and Patient Dining operations by purchasing a refrigerator dedicated to donations. The funds will be utilized to establish a central fridge solution, streamlining storage and maximizing the efficiency of food recovery. This will support their relationship with Daily Bowl by making accessing donations more efficient and effective.
Surplus Food Donation Equipment Grants	Teen Challenge of East Bay, Inc.	Oakland	Alameda County	FY 23-24	\$10,000	Teen Challenge of East Bay provides successful recovery for men with destructive, abusive, and addictive lifestyles through mentoring, education, training, and spiritual direction. Funds will enable Teen Challenge of East Bay, Inc. to expand their food storage capabilities by purchasing a walk-in freezer. This upgrade will prevent spoilage and extend the storage duration, allowing them to accommodate more food donations. By replacing multiple existing units with a single, energy-efficient solution, Teen Challenge can boost their annual food recovery by 12,000 pounds and significantly enhance their overall energy efficiency. This investment will ensure that more donated food is preserved and utilized, supporting their mission to serve the community effectively.

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Surplus Food Donation Equipment Grants	Community Kitchens	Oakland	Oakland	FY 23-24	\$10,000	Community Kitchens' founding principle is to unify and bring together our whole community to build stronger and more resilient foodways to support and uplift our underserved community members and businesses. Funds will support Community Kitchens to purchase two refrigerators and one chest freezer, to establish a secure drop-off hub for restaurants. This hub will not only aid restaurants in complying with SB1383 but also alleviate food waste, ensuring that more nutritious meals reach Oakland communities in need.
Surplus Food Donation Equipment Grants	Davis Street Community Center INC	San Leandro	San Leandro	FY 23-24	\$6,500	Davis Street's mission is to improve the quality of life for low-income residents in the Eden Area and surrounding communities. Funds will enable the Davis Street Basic Needs program to increase their capacity to accept more surplus edible food donations by purchasing additional cold storage equipment. This will allow the program to better serve the growing population in need, ensuring that more donated food is preserved and distributed to those who rely on this critical service.
Surplus Food Donation Equipment Grants	RCCG GRACELAND PANTRY	Livermore	Livermore	FY 23-24	\$8,500	Graceland Food Pantry is focused on eradicating hunger and malnutrition in the Tri-Valley area of the greater California Bay Area. Funds will enable Graceland Pantry to increase their capacity to accept more surplus edible food donations by purchasing additional cold storage and handling equipment. These acquisitions will aid in recovering and distributing more surplus food, allowing the pantry to expand partnerships, increase food distribution by 20%-30% monthly, and serve an additional 15% of people each month.
Surplus Food Donation Equipment Grants	New Life Christian Church Food Pantry	Hayward	Hayward	FY 23-24	\$10,000	New Life Christian Church Food Pantry is focused on meeting the needs of the community. Funds will support the pantry in increasing its capacity to recover surplus food donations by providing efficient refrigeration to preserve the recovered food and supplying a scale to accurately weigh the donations.

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Surplus Food Donation Equipment Grants	The Salvation Army Tri-Cities Corps	Newark	Newark	FY 23-24	\$6,200	The Salvation Army is an evangelical part of the Universal Christian Church. Its mission is to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ and to meet human needs without discrimination. Their goal is to provide services to low-income families in need. Funds will enable The Salvation Army Tri-Cities Corps to acquire a small refrigerator to prolong the shelf life of surplus edible food. Additionally, funds will be used to purchase 4-wheel bins for efficient food transportation.
Reuse & Repair Grants	MAKE IT HOME BAY AREA	Walnut Creek	Alameda, Albany, Berkeley, Castro Valley, Dublin, Emeryville, Fremont, Hayward, Livermore, Newark, Oakland, Piedmont, Pleasanton, San Leandro, Sunol, Union City	FY 23-24	\$25,000	Make It Home Bay Area (MIHBA)'s mission is to furnish homes of families and individuals transitioning out of crisis or homelessness with donated, gently used, repurposed furnishings and household goods. Funds will be used to hire staff to increase furniture diverted from landfill and increase the number of Alameda County residents served.
Reuse & Repair Grants	East Bay Depot for Creative Reuse	Oakland	Alameda County	FY 23-24	\$10,000	The mission of The East Bay Depot is to divert waste materials from landfills by collecting and redistributing discarded goods as low-cost supplies for art, education, and social services at the Oakland based Depot Store. Grant funds will provide operating support to collect, store, and redistribute materials for the Depot Store.
Reuse & Repair Grants	Nimble: Repair Matchmaker	Berkeley	Albany, Berkeley, Emeryville, Oakland	FY 23-24	\$15,000	Nimble is a concierge service matching people who need household goods repaired with people who have the skills to repair them. Services include pick up and drop off to make repair convenient. Funds will be used to expand services to a larger audience, improve software efficiencies as well as expanding what can be repaired, creating jobs, and generating demand for the repair economy.

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Reuse & Repair Grants	Waterside Workshops	Berkeley	Berkeley, Emeryville, Oakland	FY 23-24	\$25,000	Waterside Workshop's 'Street Level Cycles' program is a youth job-training program that repairs and sells discarded bicycles, and provides a free do-it-yourself public bike repair shop. Funds will be used for interns to participate in the Street Level Cycles Waterside's bicycle education and reuse program. Through innovative internship model, youth interns work alongside skilled instructors and learn professional bike repair by refurbishing used bicycles. Waterside's interns consist primarily of youth who face barriers to employment, including foster youth, homeless youth, youth with learning disabilities, and youth who are at risk of dropping out of high school.
Reuse & Repair Grants	The ReCARES Network	Oakland	Oakland	FY 23-24	\$25,000	The ReCARES Network collects, redistributes, and encourages reuse of donated medical equipment and supplies by increasing access to Durable Medical Equipment (DME) while reducing unnecessary environmental waste. Funds will be used to develop a DME Donor Stop - a replicable training project to prepare essential human resources necessary for the full functioning of their DME donation operations.
Reuse & Repair Grants	Tech Exchange	Oakland	Alameda, Albany, Berkeley, Castro Valley, Dublin, Emeryville, Fremont, Hayward, Livermore, Newark, Oakland, Piedmont, Pleasanton, San Leandro, Sunol, Union City	FY 23-24	\$20,000	Funding will support Tech Exchange's sustainable computer refurbishment and workforce development efforts as they work toward the vision of digital equity. Specifically, funding from StopWaste would underwrite the stipends of four Civicorps interns for four 6 month internships who will serve in Tech Exchange's warehouse at the heart of our reuse operation.



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Reuse & Repair Grants	Loved Twice	Oakland	Alameda, Albany, Berkeley, Castro Valley, Emeryville, Fremont, Hayward, Livermore, Oakland, Pleasanton, San Leandro, Union City	FY 23-24	\$25,000	Loved Twice believes every newborn baby deserves to have clothes for their first year of life—one of life’s basic necessities. Loved Twice provides clothing for newborns in need with quality reused baby clothing. Funds will be used to support Loved Twice to provide “wardrobes-in-a-box” that will keep babies clothed and warm for a year. Funds will help meet the increase in requests from social workers in Alameda County.
Reuse & Repair Grants	Resource Area For Teaching	San Jose	Fremont, Hayward, Oakland, San Leandro, Union City	FY 23-24	\$20,000	RAFT’s mission is to help educators transform a child’s learning experience through hands-on education to one that inspires the joy and discovery of learning. Funds to support the collection of donated materials from Alameda County companies to be repurposed into creative reuse materials and STEAM Project Kits for educators and students in Alameda County. RAFT will provide standards-aligned, hands-on STEAM learning materials and support to underserved students in Alameda County.
Reuse & Repair Grants	API Cultural Center, Inc. dba Oakland Asian Cultural Center	Oakland	Oakland	FY 23-24	\$6,760	Oakland Asian Cultural Center builds vibrant communities through Asian and Pacific Islander arts and cultural programs that foster inter-generational and cross-cultural dialogue and understanding, collaboration, and social justice. Funds will be used to develop “Reviving the Art of Repair and Repurpose” workshops to teach Chinatown community members the creative arts of repairing and repurposing materials. Presented in English and Mandarin.
Reuse & Repair Grants	Oakland Unified School District (Fiscal Sponsor: Oakland Public Education Fund)	Oakland	Oakland	FY 23-24	\$25,000	The Oakland Unified School District (OUSD) Student Tech Repair Internship program works to ensure that all students, families, and teachers have the necessary technology to be successful in school, while creating unique opportunities for student interns to build STEM skills and increasing local sustainability efforts with regards to electronic waste. Funds will be used to cover the costs of eight summer interns and part time OUSD staff oversight.

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Reuse & Repair Grants	Bio-Link Depot Inc.	Oakland	Alameda, Albany, Berkeley, Castro Valley, Dublin, Emeryville, Fremont, Hayward, Livermore, Newark, Oakland, Piedmont, Pleasanton, San Leandro, Sunol, Union City	FY 23-24	\$24,000	BioLink Depot is a unique organization that provides millions of dollars worth of donated laboratory equipment and supplies for free to educators and researchers, to promote scientific training for students. Funding will be used to purchase specialized testing equipment to ensure donated items are in excellent working condition prior to distribution to educators in need. Funding will be used to repurpose surplus lab materials in the life science industry and make free STEM kits available to educators.
Reuse & Repair Grants	Viola Blythe Community Services	Newark	Newark	FY 23-24	\$10,132	Viola Blythe Community Services is partnering with Fremont Fix Your Bike Day volunteers to offer bi-weekly Fix Your Bike clinics at the City of Newark Farmers' market. Funds will be used to implement clinics to offer free bike tune ups, flat fixes, and all types of bike repairs. High School volunteer will earn service hours. Volunteer opportunities include attending mentor classes and mechanic classes to learn how to become an entry level volunteer bike mechanic using production technique and receive on-the-job training.
Reuse & Repair Grants	Spanish Speaking Unity Council of Alameda County, Inc. DBA The Unity Council	Oakland	Oakland	FY 23-24	\$10,000	The Unity Council's mission is to promote social equity and improve quality of life with programs to help community members build self-sufficiency and provide them with the tools and resources to achieve their long-term educational, career, and financial goals. Funds will be used to develop a regenerative program entitled "Hecho en Oakland Reducir, Reparar y Reusar / Made in Oakland: Reduce, Repair & Reuse. The goal of reusing and reducing textile waste from the Fast Fashion Industry, repairing clothes and reusing textiles to make upcycled fashion and homewares.
Reusable Foodware Grants	Berkeley Unified School District	Berkeley	Berkeley	FY 23-24	\$25,000	Berkeley Unified School District will implement a reusable foodware program at 7 schools. This initiative is part of their broader plan to implement reusable foodware throughout the entire district. The funds will be utilized to purchase stainless steel trays, utensils, cups, and bowls.

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Reusable Foodware Grants	Northeastern University	Oakland	Oakland	FY 23-24	\$20,000	Northeastern University at Mills College in Oakland will enhance and expand its reusable foodware program, focusing on a campus dining hall and a retail eatery. The funds will be used to purchase reusable containers, RFID equipment, and tracking software.
Reusable Foodware Grants	AEG management Oakland LLC	Oakland	Oakland	FY 23-24	\$25,000	AEG Management Oakland, LLC, the team behind the management of the Oakland Arena, is replacing single-use cups with a reusable cup service. Initially, this service will be piloted in the suites with the goal of expanding facility-wide. The funds will support the costs associated with the reusable cup service and the hiring of sorters to ensure the program operates smoothly and efficiently.
Reusable Foodware Grants	Community Action for a Sustainable Alameda (CASA)	Alameda	Alameda, Albany, Berkeley, Oakland	FY 23-24	\$20,000	In partnership with OKAPI Reusables, Community Action for a Sustainable Alameda is set to enhance its reusable cup network by incorporating ten additional cafes, focusing on businesses in Albany, Berkeley, and Oakland. The allocated funds will be used to purchase reusable cups, promote the service, and cover labor costs for setting up the program.
Reusable Foodware Grants	Laurel District Association	Oakland	Alameda, Berkeley, Oakland	FY 23-24	\$15,000	The Laurel District Association is leveraging its extensive network and Ambassador program to drive participation in reusable foodware systems among local restaurants and cafes in several Oakland and Berkeley business districts. In collaboration with StopWaste and reusable service providers, they aim to promote and implement vetted reusable services that focus on reducing single-use waste associated with take-out orders.
Reusable Transport Packaging Grants	Marin Living Foods Inc	San Leandro	San Leandro	FY 23-24	\$8,000	Marin Living Foods makes premium almond milk beverages using clean ingredients to create unique flavor profiles. Wooden pallets for beverage transport will be switched to reusable, durable pallets, resulting in cost savings and reducing waste. Additionally, Marin Living Foods will switch to reusable pallet covers made with thermal fabric to maintain beverage temperature during transport and further reducing transport packaging waste.

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Reusable Transport Packaging Grants	Britech Electropolishing, Inc,	Newark	Newark	FY 23-24	\$2,500	Britech Electropolishing, Inc. provides quality metal finishing services throughout the Bay Area. Grant funds will be used to replace single-use plastic shrink wrap and disposable wood pallets with reusable pallets and reusable pallet wraps.
Reusable Transport Packaging Grants	Philz Coffee	Oakland	Oakland	FY 23-24	\$8,000	Philz Coffee is a coffee roaster retailer with over 50 coffee shops, as well as wholesale and online roasted coffee sales. Building on the success from prior grant funding, new grant funds will be used to purchase another batch of reusable pallets for weekly shipments of coffee beans from their third-party warehouse in San Leandro to the Philz Coffee Roasting Plant in Oakland.
Reusable Transport Packaging Grants	Donut Petit	Alameda	Alameda, Oakland	FY 23-24	\$10,000	Donut Petit's City of Alameda artisanal doughnut shop sources local and organic ingredients to create classic and unique flavors. Building on the success of prior grant funds, these additional funds will allow the bakery to purchase additional reusable bakery boxes to match the growing need.
Reusable Transport Packaging Grants	Agricultural Institute of Marin	San Rafael	Alameda County	FY 23-24	\$10,000	The Agricultural Institute of Marin (AIM)'s mission is to educate, inspire, and connect communities, responsible farmers, and producers as part of a healthy, Earth-friendly, equitable local and regional food system. These new grant funds will supply approximately 575 reusable plastic totes to transport fresh produce to Alameda County farmer's markets to eight BIPOC farmers who are enrolled in AIM's racial equity program called the "Incubator Booth". The Incubator Booth program supports beginning BIPOC farmers get established at farmer's markets.
Reusable Transport Packaging Grants	Sun Hop Fat	Oakland	Oakland	FY 23-24	\$2,000	Sun Hop Fat is an Asian food market in Oakland. Grant funds will allow the market to work with two local farm vendors to switch to reusable produce crates for their daily deliveries to the market. As a result, it's estimated that 7,800 pounds of waxed cardboard boxes will be eliminated each year.

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Reusable Transport Packaging Grants	Foodasia International Inc.	Hayward	Hayward	FY 23-24	\$10,000	Foodasia International, Inc's mission is to provide top-quality Filipino food products to Filipino-American Stores in the San Francisco Bay Area. They provide a large selection of Asian grocery items, meats, seafood, and produce to local grocers and restaurants and sell items in their Oakland grocery store. Grant funds will be used to purchase 40 reusable pallet wraps to transport and store food products in their Oakland warehouse.
				<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,087,343</b>	

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**October 2024  
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
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10  <b>9:00 A.M. Programs &amp; Administration Committee Key Items:</b> 1. Waste Characterization Final Report <hr/> <b>4:00 P.M. Planning Committee &amp; Recycling Board Key Items:</b> 1. Schools Update 2. Waste Characterization Final Report	11	12
13	14 <b>AGENCY HOLIDAY</b>	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23  <b>3:00 P.M. Waste Management Authority &amp; Energy Council Key Items:</b> 1. Legislative Update and AB 2346 2. Revenue Update	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

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**Energy Council**  
**TECHNICAL ADVISORY GROUP (TAG)**

Tuesday, July 16, 2024 – 1:00 pm to 2:30 pm on Zoom

**Attendance (all via phone):**

County of Alameda: Emily Sadigh, Ali Abbors

City of Albany: Michelle Plouse, Sutton Payne (Fellow)

City of Berkeley: Sarah Moore, Annika Lackner (Fellow)

City of Dublin: Shannan Young, Michelle Sung, Kate Battaglia (Fellow)

City of Emeryville: Nancy Humphrey, Talia Paulson (Fellow)

City of Fremont: Kranti Kapur, Allyn McAuley

City of Livermore: Tricia Pontau

City of Oakland: Nick Kordesch

City of Pleasanton: Megan Campbell

Guests: Cait Cady, Ava Community Energy; Alyssa Dykman and Sean Youra, ABAG/BayREN

StopWaste: Jennifer West, Emily Alvarez, Maria Hart, Chris Hunter, Robin Plutchok, Natalia Guerrero

**Welcome and Intros**

- This is the last TAG meeting for Chris Hunter from StopWaste before starting graduate school at UC Berkeley's Goldman School of Public Policy
- Welcome to StopWaste's new Program Services Specialist for the Built Environment team, Natalia Guerrero

**Ask TAG**

- Please share your jurisdiction's facilities manager contact with StopWaste staff for BayREN
- BayREN Forum in September is in person only. It is likely to focus on permitting, and we welcome your input on best practices.
  - Albany waived permit fees for heat pump HVAC and water heaters and panel upgrades
  - Fremont has [Citizen Access](#) which is the City's online portal for submitting new permit requests for planning permits, building/fire permits, solar permits, and engineering permits, and includes building permits for basic home upgrade projects like water heater replacements, roof replacements, and minor kitchen/bathroom remodels.
- Emeryville: our natural gas use has decreased significantly
  - Albany noticed a similar trend and believes it is mostly weather-related based on comparing data

**BayREN Updates**

*Single Family - Chris Hunter, StopWaste*

- Chris provided an overview on the single-family program redesign and plans for sunsetting the current Home+ single family rebate program this year
  - The new program will have a new name and will focus on moderate-income homeowners, targeting non-English speaking households and air quality burdened households
    - Will include a direct install program for weatherization and energy efficiency measures, and will refer out for electrification and other programs
    - Each homeowner will be assigned a comprehensive project manager
    - Outreach will focus on community groups and a more targeted outreach with key stakeholders
    - If we receive the CPRG funding from the EPA (expect to hear by the end of the month), would layer on to the program [*the CPRG funding did not come through*]

- We did a series of listening sessions with community groups who serve target audience
- The RFP will select a new implementer, hoping to launch the new program in early 2025
- The existing program will sunset when funds run out. A tracker is up on website showing what is left: <https://www.bayren.org/home-rebates>
  - No longer offering electrification rebates
  - We now encourage residents to use the Switch Is On rebate finder since it has currently available BayREN rebates as well as other programs
- Messaging: please check your websites and see where you mention the existing Home+ program, then remove that language temporarily and we can provide template language
  - When we are ready to start promoting the new program, we will provide more information

*Climate Careers - Glendie Domingo, Rising Sun Center for Opportunity*

- Rising Sun Center for Opportunity provides youth employment programs and building trade programs for adults
  - Their headquarters are located in Oakland with a small office in Stockton
- Climate Careers, led by Rising Sun, is the new BayREN Workforce Education & Training (WET) program, which used to be Green House Calls under the single family program
  - Work with low-income youth to provide job training and green job opportunities
  - Currently doing in-person summer house calls, which provides basic energy and water savings measures and evaluation to homeowners, and is often the youth's first job
  - Alameda County/Oakland leading in numbers across the region
  - We offer a virtual program August-October which allows us to reach more homes
  - We are considering setting up an office in the Union City/Newark area within the next year
- Externship program follows summer program as a way to provide extra pathways to youth from August to October
- How are the locations served selected? For example, Albany is not served by Green House Calls
  - Distance is a factor as the Oakland office serves Oakland, Piedmont, & Emeryville. We want to fit in more appointments per day, so favor lower travel times
  - This is a reason for exploring a new office location
  - All residents can participate in virtual service

*Public Programs - Sean Youra & Alyssa Dykman, BayREN/ABAG*

Two new public programs will be launched by BayREN in the coming year.

- Integrated Energy Services will help local governments and special districts meet energy and climate goals for public buildings
  - The Energy Concierge Service will provide a single point of contact that assists local governments with technical assistance, financing, and incentive options for making energy-related improvements to public facilities and provides assistance with applications
    - Will have dedicated email, phone number, monthly office hours
    - The future Consultant will provide a dedicated project manager
  - The Energy Roadmapping Service provides technical and engineering assistance to develop actionable plans for new construction or retrofits of public facilities or community resilience centers. This program may also include private buildings that are open to or provide services to the public.
- Targeted Decarbonization Services will support local governments in efforts to advance deployment of technologies and strategies for building decarbonization
  - Decarb education will engage local government staff on technical equipment and financing

- BayREN will expand its Codes & Standards trainings for facility and finance staff
- Leverage funding sources
- Test incentives
- A Decarb showcase will provide best practices and examples
- Jennifer West is the Alameda County contact for both public sector programs

*BayREN Data - Chris Hunter, StopWaste*

- The next quarterly dashboard will be done by the end of July
- BayREN is developing a centralized reporting dashboard across all programs which will simplify and centralize data requests
  - Chris showed what the dashboard will look like. Cities will not have direct access but we will be able to export reports for them on request
- Some cities use for Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) for progress towards Climate Action Plans (CAPs) annually, for example to look at the number of homes upgraded, likely 2x per year

**Announcements**

- [Topic Brief](#) on reducing food packaging waste
- Investment Tax Credit topic - high-level notes will be shared with you by email

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City of Fremont: Kranti Kapur, Allyn McAuley, Dan Schoenholz

City of Hayward: Erik Pearson, Stephanie Lau

City of Livermore: Tricia Pontau

City of Newark: Jim Scanlin

City of Oakland: Nick Kordesch, Shayna Hirshfield-Gold

City of Pleasanton: Megan Campbell

City of San Leandro: Sheila Marquises

Guests: Cait Cady, Gabrielle Tsotu, and Forrest Csulak, Ava Community Energy

StopWaste: Jennifer West, Emily Alvarez, Maria Hart, Miya Kitahara, Heather Larson, Ben Cooper, Robin Plutchok, Natalia Guerrero

**Welcome and Intros**

**Ask TAG**

- Has your jurisdiction done GHG inventories pre- & post-COVID?
  - Interest is emission trends with a longer timeframe
    - Some data sources are models and won't show this, especially vehicle miles traveled (VMT) from MTC
    - StopWaste will compile and share patterns
  - Albany used Google data and saw a drop followed by an increase in transportation emissions. The significant drop in public transit use has been slow to recover as people are still staying home or are driving instead
- There is a survey on facilities to prepare for a future Alameda County General Services Administration (ACGSA) roundtable to gauge interest on refrigerants and green leases
  - Will present results at the September TAG
- Oakland: Does anyone have an example of a staff report for the Ava Critical Facilities project?
  - Cait Cady from Ava confirmed that they are working on a template

**Announcements**

- An update on the Bay Area Air Quality Management District (BAAQMD) Comprehensive Climate Action Plan (CCAP) process will be shared in September and November
- [CalGREEN](#) embodied carbon requirements took effect July 1
- BayREN Forum 9/10/24 9:00 - 12:00 interactive session and in-person only on Heat Pump Water Heating (HPWH) Permitting. Register [here](#)
- BluePlanet Tour of [San Francisco Aggregates](#), a company that sequesters carbon in concrete on 9/25/24
- Next BayREN Alameda County Data Dashboard has been shared

## **Fremont Climate Action Plan Dashboard – Kranti Kapur, City of Fremont**

- Fremont recently launched [their new dashboard](#) embedded in the main city webpage:
- This tool provides transparency and highlights the work done within their Climate Action Plan (CAP) adopted in 2023. Several features include:
  - Shows progress on priority actions and highlights data on specific items the city is proud of or wants to focus resident attention on – it is currently showing EV and solar statistics
  - Built internally using PowerBI to keep their outreach and visuals consistent
  - Link to engagement platform [Climate Ready Fremont](#)
  - The CAP page lists measures with a status bar indicating how much progress has been made. The team plans to update when milestones are achieved.
    - There was a suggestion to consider adding “ongoing” as a status or “infeasible/not relevant” for projects that become less relevant or are addressed by state mandates/changes externally
  - The Data Dashboard will be updated every 6 months, will highlight items like trees planted, heat pump HVAC installed, and other measures

## **Decarbonization Rates and Ava’s Solar Billing Plan – Gabrielle Tsotu, and Forrest Csulak, Ava Community Energy**

- StopWaste has been tracking electricity rate increases and how these issues de-incentivize decarbonization or increase barriers to a Distributed Energy Resources (DER) enabled grid. Ava is our key partner working on these issues, and we asked them to provide updates on their efforts.
- Ava developed a solar billing plan (SBP) to mitigate NEM 3.0 changes (which made solar less attractive to homeowners)
  - SBP is a successor to NEM 2.0 for customers with solar or other self-generation technologies
    - Changes how you are compensated for exports to the grid
    - Ava wants to reduce cost shift, support grid reliability, incentivize battery storage, and align with PG&E to make billing less confusing
  - Eligibility: anyone with a solar install completed after April 15, 2023 or who has completed 20 years on NEM 1.0 or 2.0, and existing solar customers who repair their renewable generator or increase system size over a certain amount
    - Will automatically be transitioned after their PG&E NEM true-up
    - Must be on E-ELEC rate (will be automatically switched when they transition, if needed)
- 2024 Solar + Storage Incentive Program, plan to roll-out early next year (Spring 2025 launch)
  - Offering incentive for new systems to be installed for both solar + storage or just battery storage, many details still being designed
    - SBP optimally designed for storage
  - \$20M in upfront incentives to help purchase and install equipment (new or retrofit)
  - \$14M ongoing incentive to allow Ava to optimize battery
    - Ongoing will require a connection to a software platform that can communicate with devices in the home
    - Different incentive structures for Market Rate, CARE/FERA, and Resilience Hubs
    - 5 year enrollment period + 5 year ongoing participation
  - Currently only for single family but could eventually include MF

## **Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) Programs Update – Maria Hart, StopWaste**

Provided an overview on new details emerging about federal Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) rebate and tax credit programs

- HOMES Rebate program: 60% of \$292M budget will be blended with CEC's Equitable Building Decarb (EBD) direct install program; the 40% pay for performance program is still TBD
  - EBD program state budget cut due to budget cuts, federal IRA HOMES will fill the gap
  - Will serve households earning less than 80% area median income (AMI)
  - AEA will manage the Northern CA portion (CSE and LA County to manage other regions)
  - Program launch anticipated early 2025
- HEEHRA: Split into 2 phases, phase I blended with existing TECH Clean CA program to get funds out as quickly as possible with Energy Solutions as the implementer
  - Income restricted to 150% or less AMI, 80% or less AMI could receive up to full amount of equipment cost up to \$14,000
    - The intention is to use external income-qualified programs to determine eligibility
  - 10% for low-income multifamily measures which include HVAC, HPWH, induction stoves, and dryers
  - Phase II: could include other technologies/measures, but it is unknown if will go through TECH or another channel
- Investment Tax Credit Elective Pay (Direct Pay)
  - Elective pay available to tax exempt and government entities not paying taxes
  - IRA has allowed several new credits for clean energy investments to be eligible for elective pay, including energy generation, EV/EV infrastructure, clean fuel and manufacturing, sequestration, etc.
    - Project must be local government led/developed and owned
    - Can cover up to 30% of direct project cost with bonuses for low-income or energy burdened communities
    - Can stack with other tax credits
    - Must coordinate one filer per jurisdiction
    - Must pre-register project with IRS
    - Check will come in mail once project is fully operational
  - Interested in learning more? Can schedule a follow up call or connect with additional resources/technical expertise, including jurisdictions who have already pursued