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## MINUTES

### SOUTH BAYSIDE WASTE MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY MEETING OF THE LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE February 7, 2022 2:00PM Via Zoom Tele or Video Conference

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**Call To Order: 2:05PM**

#### 1. Roll Call

Member	Present	Absent
Michael Brownrigg	X	
Adam Rak		X
Carole Groom	X	
Fran Dehn	X	

SBWMA Staff Members Present: Joe La Mariana, Julia Au, Cyndi Urman

Others Present: Kayla Robinson, Environmental and Energy Consulting; Reed Addis, Environmental and Energy Consulting, Gordon Tong, Drew

#### 2. Public Comment

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54954.3(a), members of the public wishing to address the Committee may do so, and the comments shall be limited to the Special Meeting notice topic(s). Speakers may join the Zoom meeting via the meeting link and using the "raise hand" feature and the Clerk of the Board will call on people.

None

#### 3. Executive Director's Welcome

Executive Director La Mariana gave the following verbal updates noting that the agency has 3 main initiatives currently:

- The Operations RFQ submission deadline was January 12 and continues to take a lot of staff time. Interviews with qualified candidates are scheduled for the week of February 23, and the Ad Hoc board committee will meet to evaluate the proposals in March. In May or June staff will give an update to the Board, and the contract award will be on the Board agenda at the November 2022 meeting. He noted that the board needs to be prepared for a significant increase in costs with this new operations agreement.
- The SB 1383 implementation takes a lot of staff focus as well. There will be a TAC meeting on Thursday to discuss the progress on SB 1383 program implementation.
- Lastly, staff has initialized the Site Optimization Study that was approved at the January Board meeting

#### 4. Approval of Consent Calendar

Consent Calendar item(s) are considered to be routine and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion on these items unless members of the Committee, staff or public request specific items be removed for separate action. *Items removed from the Consent Calendar will be moved to the end of the agenda for separate discussion.*

##### A. Approval of the Minutes from the November 1, 2021 Legislative Committee Meeting

Motion/Second: Brownrigg/Dehn

Roll Call Vote” 3-0-01

Member	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Michael Brownrigg	X			
Adam Rak				X
Carole Groom	X			
Fran Dehn	X			

#### 5. Legislative Updates from Environmental and Energy Consulting (EEC) and Committee Discussion

Staff Au introduced Kayla Robinson from EEC.

Kayla gave an update on the legislative session timing noting that on January 3, California started the second year of a two-year cycle meaning that any bill that gets introduced this January, or that didn't reach completion last year must make it all the way through the process by September. February 18 is the deadline for introducing new bills.

EEC then gave the following updates on RethinkWaste's legislative priorities:

##### Batteries

Senator Newman had authored a version of the battery bill last year and is re-introducing the legislation this year. Also, this year, Assemblymember Irwin has shown interest in the battery bill, so the bills will be introduced in the Senate and Assembly simultaneously to show that the battery recycling issue is a huge priority for the legislature. EEC has been working with key opposition groups to hammer out the details of the bill and so we will be introducing spot bills, which aren't fully written, but lays out a lot of the intent and priorities for the bills. Reed Addis added that the energy and effort that the SBWMA has put into this over the last two years, key opposition groups are actively engaging in the conversation, and with two different legislators making this a priority makes it feel like the battery bill is in a much better place this year and increases chances for success.

Member Brownrigg asked how many co-sponsors were there on the battery bill last year.

Kayla Robinson answered two, the California Product Stewardship Council, and Californians Against Waste.

Member Brownrigg noted that it is on us to increase the co-sponsorship of this bill to help.

Executive Director La Mariana noted that he did a telephone campaign to this effect last year but needs to step it up. He has also encouraged EEC to try to get formal support from the firefighter community.

Member Brownrigg directed staff to give committee and board members talking points to reach out to firefighter's associations, and a list of whose districts the other recycling facilities are in we could reach out to them politician to politician for more help.

Kayla Robinson added that Senator Newman and Assemblymember Irwin's office will be providing talking points to uplift the importance of this issue to other members of the legislature so EEC can get those to you.

Reed Addis added that also putting pressure on other locally elected officials to put additional pressure on the state legislators can also be a way to elevate the issue.

Member Brownrigg reiterated that it would help to have a few talking points, and targets and we can reach people that staff can't reach.

### SB1383 Procurement Requirements

EEC has started conversations with government and environmental group coalitions to talk about solutions to the SB1383 procurement problem for local governments. The goal being to create a group that can have conversations with CalRecycle and the legislature and ultimately introduce a bill that will address these concerns. Reed Addis noted that they are navigating the middle road in that the SBWMA is supportive of the law, but there are legitimate logistical concerns that need to be addressed.

Member Brownrigg commented that on the local level, it's going to get worse as the regulations start to effect residents, especially those in apartments or who manage apartments, so the sooner an author can be found the better, because once they start receiving letters on this bill it's going to be hard to get a legislator to commit.

### High level update of bills that have been introduced so far:

Senator Portantino amended SB45 and it is currently a spot bill related to SB 1383 and they think it could be funding related.

AB 1690 by Assemblymember Rivas which will ban single-use filters and e-cigarettes which have a waste component, so we will be closely watching this bill language.

Senator Allen has reintroduced SB54 which is all about plastic extended producer responsibility, and plastic reduction, and putting the responsibility on producers. This is a two-year bill. She noted that if there is a legislative replacement to the plastics ballot initiative, this is what would that look like. There are a lot of groups interested in this, and there are a lot of conversations about this and is excited that there might be a compromise. Reed added that it will come down to money and if the campaign can raise enough money to fight off the big oil opposition.

Member Brownrigg asked if this question is one that the SBWMA should wrestle with from a policy point of view.

Reed Addis noted that if there are policy changes made through this senate bill compromise EEC would bring that to this committee right away to discuss any support changes that might make sense.

## **6. Legislative Committee Member Comments**

## **7. Adjourn 2:44PM**