



MINUTES

**SOUTH BAYSIDE WASTE MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY
MEETING OF THE LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE
June 6, 2022, 2:00PM
Via Zoom Tele or Video Conference**

Call To Order: 2:03PM

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, San Mateo County, Drew, Member of the Public

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 welcomed everyone to the meeting, noted that staff is very busy, and summer will see a lot of staff PTO which will be worked around.

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 May 2, 2022, Legislative Committee Meeting

Member Dehn was absent for the May 2, 2022 meeting so the committee deferred approval of the minutes to the next meeting.

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

Kayla Robinson gave a timeline update on the legislative process. She noted that there is one month left to get all the bills through their policy committees, and until June 15 to get a budget completed, so the atmosphere in the legislature is a fast moving and hectic. July will be off, and many legislators will be on break before returning in August, where at the end of the month all bills need to be passed with a finalized budget.

The committee then discussed the Agency's priority bills:

AB1985 – This is the bill related to SB1383 procurement and creating a relief package for local governments. This bill has passed out of the appropriations committee in its first house and made it the second house. EEC is now having conversations with CalRecycle to figure out where the compromise might be. CalRecycle will be providing technical assistance on a 2-year phase in of the procurement requirements. She noted that pushing out the requirements by two years would offer relief to local governments, but there are larger concerns around procurement that EEC was hoping to tackle in this bill, and CalRecycle is engaged in those conversations, but has also pushed back on any long term solutions to procurement, so she couldn't say what those long term solutions might be at this point.

Executive Director La Mariana said that as it is now, this would be a partial victory, due to the magnitude of material required to meet procurement requirements, so that is disappointing. Kayla Robinson noted the EEC isn't giving up yet, but the initial signal was definitely push back.

Kayla Robinson added that EEC has heard that there may be some money in the state budget for SB 1383 relief related to grants or infrastructure, so they are watching and hoping that that comes to fruition.

SB1215/AB2440 – Battery bills. Both bills have made it out of their initial house's appropriations committee and are in the second house policy committees. She noted that there are a number of opposition groups, and a chunk of the opposition has come forward and put pressure on the sponsors to integrate the bills with the existing e-waste program. The existing e-waste program has a fee on the receipt, and that is something opposition would like to see that those fees cover the cost of the program. EEC has been trying to figure out what the path forward is, and they worked with consultants who came up with the solution of amending one of the bills to include the e-waste language and keep one with the non e-waste program. She explained that amending the existing e-waste program requires a 2/3rds vote, so it's a much harder path, but if opposition is in agreement, it can work.

SB54 / Plastics Initiative– Reed Addis reminded the group that the SBWMA has taken a position in support of the ballot initiative that is slated to go forward on the November ballot. The only reason that it wouldn't go forward is if the legislature were to pass a bill, and the 3 signatories of the ballot initiative agree to remove or replace their measure. Senator Allen is trying to see if he can come up with a compromise through the legislature that would convince those supporting the initiative to remove it. He noted that if that were to happen whatever the legislature passes would not be codified by voters and could therefore be changed by the legislature in the future. The potential bill language is out to see if it hits the mark of reducing industry opposition while still being strong enough for the environmental community. He commented that he thought Senator Allen's office has not found that sweet spot yet. The drop deadline for the signatories to remove the initiative is June 30, so there isn't much time to reach a compromise. At this point, EEC recommends that the SBWMA not support SB54, and remain in watch, but if the Agency stays supportive of the initiative there is a risk it doesn't pass.

Member Groom commented that generally she's in favor of these types of compromises, but in this case, there is way too much given up on the environmental side, and we've been trying to get something like this passed for a long time.

Bottle Bill Update Follow up from last meeting – Kayla Robinson noted that a question came up at the last meeting about how much income would be generated by adding alcoholic beverages to the bottle bill and they've done some research and it looks like CRV would increase in the low hundreds of millions statewide, and at least some of that would be available to the RethinkWaste territory.

6. Legislative Committee Member Comments

The Committee discussed tomorrow's primary election, which is useful to track and to be aware how significantly the delegation may change in 2023.

Executive Director commented that he's closely watching measure F in San Francisco. If that passes it could put Recology's business model that is written into the City's ordinance to an out to bid process Recology's San Francisco office is their corporate office, so if it passes it could have a ripple effect to their other business units which could affect the SBWMA.

Member Groom noted that Jackie Speier's open congressional seat is a big deal, and being without Jackie Speier in public office for the first time in many years, there are big shoes to fill.

7. Adjourn 2:36PM