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**MINUTES**

**SOUTH BAYSIDE WASTE MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY  
MEETING OF THE LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE  
August 29, 2022 2:00PM  
Via Zoom Tele or Video Conference**

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**Call To Order: 2:03PM**

**1. Roll Call**

<b>Member</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Absent</b>
Michael Brownrigg	<b>X</b>	
Adam Rak	<b>X</b>	
Carole Groom	<b>X</b>	
Fran Dehn	<b>X</b>	

SBWMA Staff Members Present: Joe La Mariana, Julia Au, Cyndi Urman, Hilary Gans, Jean Savaree  
Others Present: Kayla Robinson, Environmental and Energy Consulting; Reed Addis, Environmental and Energy Consulting

**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**

Joe welcomed everyone and noted that Staff Au and the EEC team have good legislative news to share, so he wanted to get right to legislative discussion.

**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
- B. Approval of the Minutes from the June 6, 2022 Legislative Council Meeting

Motion/Second: Groom/Rak  
Roll Call Vote: 4-0-0-0

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

## 5. Update on SBWMA's Co-Sponsored Bills

- AB 2440 Responsible Battery Recycling Act of 2022
- SB 1215 Electronic Waste Recycling Act: Battery-Embedded Products
- AB 1985 Organic Waste: recovered organic waste product procurement targets

Kayla Robinson gave the latest updates on the Agency's three co-sponsored bills.

AB 1985: Organic Waste: recovered organic waste product procurement targets. This bill has passed both houses and is already on the Governor's desk with bi-partisan support. It gives a two-year phase in to the SB 1383 procurement requirements, and while staff had hoped for a lot more from CalRecycle on procurement solutions, it was a great lesson to come to the table through a legislative vehicle with CalRecycle.

Executive Director La Mariana acknowledged that the bill isn't exactly what was hoped for. What hasn't been addressed is the sheer largeness in the amount of material required by the procurement requirements in SB 1383. But it does buy a period of time to have extended conversations with CalRecycle.

Member Brownrigg asked if staff has been in touch with farmers on the coast side to see if they can use the compost to meet the procurement requirements for SB 1383.

Executive Director La Mariana noted that we are currently in the middle of a 3-year pilot program where compost from the facilities the SBWMA uses for processing is being taken to a designated farming area for scientific study in the farming community on the coast to make sure it's not contaminated and see how it affects the soil.

Staff Au added that this project started a year ago, and that staff is doing another project with the Resource Conservation District that is regional, and all of the Member Agencies are getting SB 1383 procurement credit for that project.

Member Brownrigg asked if there was a way to use the compost material as clean fill for construction projects.

Executive Director La Mariana answered that clean fill is typically non-remediated native dirt, and Agency compost is more of a soil amendment, and he wasn't sure this would qualify as clean fill.

Kayla Robinson then gave an update on the two battery bills, noting that this is the year they are finally going to pass.

SB 1215: Electronic Waste Recycling Act: Battery-Embedded Products, has passed out of the Assembly with bi-partisan support and will be back in the Senate, and they feel really confident that they have the 2/3 votes to pass the senate as well.

AB 2440: Responsible Battery Recycling Act of 2022, related to EPR for loose batteries has gone up to the wire, two remaining opposition groups remain opposed to the bill, but they are going to be able to live with the bill. This bill is eligible as of today, and she thought both bills would be on the Governor's desk by the end of the week.

The committee discussed the 4 years that it has been since initially trying to create a legislative solution to batteries, noting that this is a much better bill than the original bill put forward three years ago, and to remind the committee that once the next big initiative is determined it takes time to get things done.

## 6. Legislative Updates from EEC and Committee Discussion

Kayla Robinson then discussed other legislation that Agency is either in support of or watching.

**SB 1013** which amends the bottle bill to include wine containers, it had to go back to committee due to some amendments, but it will be back on the floor shortly and likely to pass.

Executive Director La Mariana added that this is plus revenue for the Agency without doing any extra work because it's already being done for the nonalcoholic containers.

**SB 1046** requires produce bags to be recyclable or compostable by 2025 and is already on the Governor's desk.

**SB 1256** requires small propane cylinders to be reusable/refillable is already on the Governor's desk.

Executive Director La Mariana noted that these canisters are very dangerous in the facility, they can cause explosions and fires.

Staff Au added that this bill is only for the one-pound canisters and would ban non-refillable canisters, but that refillable one pound canisters are already on the market.

Member Rak asked if there was actually infrastructure in place to refill these containers in a reasonable way.

Staff Au answered that California Product Stewardship Council (CPSC) has been working on this issue for the last 5-years, and places like U-hall will refill them for you similar to the five-pound tanks for barbeques.

Member Rak suggested that if a company sells them, they must be able to refill them.

**AB 2208** is on the Governor's desk and bans florescent bulbs, which wasn't a huge priority for the SBWMA, but was supported.

**SB 54** has passed, and the ballot initiative has been pulled, in order to get the ballot initiative pulled in time, they put a bill forward that wasn't perfect, and now they are in the process of doing clean up. There have and will be changes and there is a budget trailer and an additional bill trying to make sure that all the commitments that were agreed to are accounted for. After 72 hours what is in print is it, and changes cannot be made until January of next year.

**Climate Bill Updates** – About a month ago the Governor urged the legislature to take some bold action on climate and two of the bills are relevant to the SBWMA about reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

- **AB 2133** – Increases California's 2030 targets to 50% below the 1990 levels has not passed out of Assembly or Senate yet but is looking to pass.
- **AB 1279** – Codifies California's goals to reach carbon neutrality by 2045.

**Budget Updates –**

- A couple of months ago there was \$180M allocated for SB 1383 assistance for local governments.
- As of yesterday, the Governor and the legislature have come to an agreement on the \$19.3B climate package.
- A \$7M composting pilot program that will be housed at CalRecycle is in the budget
- \$10M related to co-digestion infrastructure is also in the budget.

She added that it's important to go back year after year and keep making requests for assistance and reminding legislators how far it is to go to meet these climate targets.

**7. Legislative Committee Member Comments**

Members Rak and Brownrigg thanked Kayla Robinson and the EEC team for their work this year and noted that it's nice to be able to think of the Agency as being at the forefront, and that the Agency should be leaders.

Member Rak commented that he'd like to see policy around wasteful plastic campaign signs that aren't recyclable given today's markets.

Member Groom noted that there are several ordinances that the county has passed that they've asked every city to pass regarding campaign signs, so amending that to paper signs only. She said she would have staff find the ordinance and work on getting it amended at the County before moving it forward to the cities.

Member Brownrigg said this fall with signs up is the time to move this forward.

The committee also discussed amending the ordinances so that signs can't be on public property.

**8. Adjourn 2:51PM**