



MINUTES

**SOUTH BAYSIDE WASTE MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY
MEETING OF THE LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE**

November 6, 2023 2:00PM

RethinkWaste Offices 610 Elm Street Suite 202, San Carlos, CA 94070

Call To Order: 2:01PM

1. Roll Call

Member	Present	Absent
Al Royse	X	
Adam Rak	X	
Adam Loraine	X	
Warren Slocum		X

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

Others Present: Kayla Robinson, 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

Executive Director La Mariana welcomed everyone to the meeting, and gave the following updates:

- The team just met earlier today, to discuss 2024 planning and priorities, which will be shared with you at agenda item 7.
- SBI has just completed negotiations with the CBA
- Continuing to work on the office transition and the City of San Carlos planning department has given feedback on the design which means some modifications to the design are needed before the project goes out to bid.
- Recology had a pilot with a 3rd generation EV garbage collection vehicle last week. It can now perform a route on one charge which is a big improvement, and it can hold a 9-ton load which is 90% of normal. However, even though the technology is advancing favorably, the cost is still double of a traditional diesel truck, so that is still a big barrier.

- The challenging part of this EV discussion will be the infrastructure on site at Shoreway to provide charging for these vehicles. A very large investment will be needed to get a PG&E sub station on the Shoreway site, and it takes 7-10 years to get into PG&E's queue.
- The EV discussion is relevant for this committee to lobby Sacramento for grants for infrastructure.

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 April 3, 2023 Legislative Committee Meeting

Motion/Second: Rak/Lorraine

Roll Call Vote: 2-0-1-1

Member	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Al Royse	X			
Adam Rak	X			
Adam Lorraine			X	
Warren Slocum				X

5. Discussion and Approval of 2024 Legislative Committee Meeting Calendar

The committee agreed to meet on the first Tuesday of the month at 3PM

Motion/Second: Royse/Lorraine

Roll Call Vote: 2-0-1-1

Member	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Al Royse	X			
Adam Rak	X			
Adam Lorraine	X			
Warren Slocum				X

6. Legislative and Regulatory Updates from EEC and Committee Discussion

Kayla Robinson from EEC noted that the legislature is paused now until January. There will be announcements any day about changes on the committee leadership front. All of which could affect the legislative math they've been doing on where changes can be made.

On the regulatory side, AB 1201 is a bill that defined what it means to be compostable. And is basically asking for a collection stream for compostable plastics. From a local collection standpoint this is not feasible, costly, and catastrophic to SB 1383.

Member Loriane commented that San Mateo County has already weighed in on this by passing an ordinance that restaurants only provide takeaway containers that are fiber based so this bill would be out of step.

Kayla noted that CalRecycle and collections folks testified that it would be infeasible, so it could have gone sideways, but it looks like it's not going to.

7. Discussion on 2024 RethinkWaste Legislative Priorities

The committee discussed 2024 priorities (item 7) before updates (item 6) due to committee members time commitment.

Kayla Robinson noted that there are 5 topics of legislative work EEC will focus on in 2024.

- 1) SB 1383 funding and compromise with CalRecycle
- 2) Implementation of the two battery bills (AB 2440 & SB 1215) and SB 54 the plastic legislation from last year
- 3) Fleet electrification/advance clean fleet and funding challenges
- 4) Brown Act
- 5) Compost Facilities and BAAQMD rules 13-1 and 13-2 rules that have not been prioritized, but should they come back making sure the Agency has a voice in those rules.

Committee discussion regarding these priorities

Member Rak suggested that this group connect with Senator Becker regarding the challenges around infrastructure and thought he could maybe attend a Legislative Committee meeting virtually. He also noted that he wanted to make sure that the goals the Agency sets are achievable, since so much is reliant on PG&E.

Kayla Robinson noted that people did voice that same concern to CARB during the hearings, but CARB wanted to push the boundaries and timelines, and whether it's based in reality is questionable.

Member Rak commented that legislatively there isn't a lot for next year, it's mostly the regulatory phase. He noted that he likes the idea of being "for something" and being leading edge and push positively on EV seems like the right space next year. He also wanted to push on bond funding for infrastructure in this area.

Member Royse agreed prioritizing funding for infrastructure was really important. He also noted that he'd like EEC to prioritize the ballot measure that would require 2/3 vote on all rates which would handicap cities and make it impossible to increase rates. He also wanted to prioritize manufacturer responsibilities regarding lithium-ion batteries, because insurance costs are rising, and the manufacturers need to take more responsibility.

8. Legislative Committee Member Comments

The December Legislative Committee meeting will be cancelled.

9. Adjourn 2:54PM