



MINUTES

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

February 6, 2024 3:00PM

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

Call To Order: 3:01PM

1. Roll Call

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

SBWMA Staff Members Present: 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 was absent, so there was no Executive Director’s report.

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 6, 2023 Legislative Committee Meeting

Motion/Second: Loraine/Royse

Voice Vote: 2-0-0-2

Member	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Al Royse	X			

Adam Rak				X
Adam Loraine	X			
Warren Slocum				X

5. Legislative and Regulatory Updates from EEC and Committee Discussion

Kayla Robinson of EEC gave the following updates.

Legislative Updates:

- The budget deficit is higher than the Governor’s estimate, but as of now the local assistance funding for 1383 was preserved in the Governor’s proposed budget.
- The leadership transition has taken place: the Assembly Speaker is Robert Rivas, and the Senate President Pro Tem is Mike McGuire. Still waiting to see if there will be any changes to committees.
- Legislators have until February 16 to submit legislation for this session. So far only one bill in the RethinkWaste space has been introduced regarding 1383 and it’s a place holder so far.
- Member Royse asked if the 1383 bills were meant to ease or differ 1383 compliance.
 - Kayla Robinson answered that so far, all the 1383 related bills are all designed around flexibility and relief to local government.
 - In March, this committee will go over the list of introduced bills and their potential impacts on the Agency.

Climate Bond

- There is movement for support of climate bond for the November ballot. There is a potential for a \$6-\$10B for a climate bond that RethinkWaste would be supportive of.
- Kayla Robinson suggested a letter asking the legislature/Governor to prioritize ZEV and 1383 support for local agencies.
 - The committee discussed having a letter that outlines the Agency’s strategic priorities, which would then be approved by the Board and signed by the Board Chair and the Executive Director.
 - The committee recommended moving forward with a letter that the board would approve at the February meeting.
 - Member Loraine noted that the Bay Area is considering a housing bond, and he wondering if it might be too many bonds on one ballot.
 - Kayla thought it was a valid point and worth considering, but as long as there is agreement that there are multiple priorities, then it’s going to make sense to have multiple bonds.
 - Member Loraine suggested that without specific language introduced at this point, with broad language.

Regulatory Updates

- CalRecycle has released draft regulation language for SB 54. The official comment period will open in a few months after a review period, so those discussions will come to this committee later this year.
 - Staff Au noted that the Executive Director of StopWaste and the Executive Director of California Product Stewardship Council have been selected as chair and vice chair of a dozen or so industry representatives who sit on the advisory committee for the regulations.

- Member Royse asked for an update on the measure that would limit the ability of local governments to tax.
 - Kayla Robinson answered that the League of California Cities has put on an Amicus Brief to remove it from the November ballot.

Discussion on Legislative Committee Process

- Member Loraine asked if any of the Chaptered bills included in the packet were worth discussing.
 - Kayla Robinson answered that this is a report of the chaptered bills, and two year bills, but come March this report will focus on new legislation that fit in with RethinkWaste's legislative platform, chaptered bills will be removed, and discussed in the regulatory portion of the meeting should they need to be discussed. Currently there are 5-7 bills in the regulatory phase that staff is tracking, but at this committee they try to keep it to high level priorities.
- Member Royse asked how items that aren't in the legislative or regulatory phase but are priorities for the agency get tracked.
 - Staff Au answered that before the start of each legislative session this committee and ultimately the board approve a legislative priorities list, which then EEC and staff focus on during the two-year legislative cycle.
 - Kayla Robinson as of now two items in that bucket are funding for ZEV and protecting the integrity of 1383.
- Member Royse suggested a past, present and future discussion at each meeting.

6. Legislative Committee Member Comments

Member Royse noted that he continues to have concerns about the incredible rising cost of insurance, and the tax issue he already mentioned.

7. Adjourn 3:56PM