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MARIN COUNTY HAZARDOUS & SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY

Board of Directors Meeting
Thursday July 18, 2013
Marin Municipal Water District
220 Nellen Avenue, Corte Madera
9:00 – 10:00 AM

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT

Nancy Mackle, San Rafael
Matthew Hymel, County of Marin
Jim McCann, Mill Valley
David Bracken, Corte Madera
Debra Stutsman, San Anselmo
Mary Neilan, Belvedere
Garret Toy, Fairfax
Dan Schwarz, Larkspur

MEMBERS ABSENT

Michael Frank, Novato
Margaret Curran, Tiburon
Adam Politzer, Sausalito
Rob Braulik, Ross

STAFF PRESENT

Michael Frost, JPA Staff
Alex Soulard, JPA Staff
Kiel Gillis, JPA Staff

OTHERS PRESENT

Renee Goddard, LTF: Ross Valley
Abe Lieder, Rincon Consultants
Kerry Mazzoni, Marin Builders Association
Kim Scheibly, Marin Sanitary Service
Kerry Mazzoni, Public

Call to Order: The JPA Board meeting came to order at 09:02 AM.

Regular Agenda

1. JPA Board Meeting Minutes from May 16, 2013.

M/s Neilan, Stutsman to approve the minutes from the May 16, 2013 JPA Board meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

2. JPA Response to Grand Jury Report “Garbology.”

Staff noted that the Grand Jury “Garbology” report is predominantly supportive of the recent Zero Waste strategies undertaken by the JPA, and that JPA practices fall into agreement with the report findings. These findings include permitting challenges faced by Redwood Landfill, out of county disposal issues related to the Marin County carbon footprint, as well as a waste generation rate higher than the national averages. Staff found disagreement or dispute of a small number of topics, including the life of the landfill, the diversion strategies necessary once the landfill reaches capacity, and the effect zero waste strategies and Extended Producer Responsibility will have on landfill life. The draft response notes that that most recommendations of the report do not recognize the limited authority the JPA has related to the recommendations nor does the report provide a recommendation implementable by the JPA given its current structure. No public comments were offered. M/s Stutsman, Hymel to authorize JPA Chair to sign and tender the proposed response to the Marin County Grand Jury. The motion passed unanimously.

3. JPA Response to Grand Jury Report “Holding the Bag.”

Staff noted the “Holding the Bag” Grand Jury report is also predominantly supportive of the Zero Waste strategies recently undertaken by the JPA, and that JPA practices fall into agreement with the report findings, particularly those regarding a Single Use Bag Ordinance. Staff noted that many of the recommendations in the report needed further analysis as they again exceeded JPA authority. Staff fielded questions from the Board and public, identifying that future Zero Waste Grant Program funds could be used to fund waste reduction strategies. M/s Neilan, Hymel to authorize JPA Chair to sign and tender the proposed response to the Marin County Grand Jury. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Update on Single Use Bag Project

Staff provided an update on the Single Use Bag Project, stating the Draft ordinance and CEQA analysis should be available late fall. JPA contractor, Rincon Consultants, and Staff fielded questions from the Board and Public, noting that due to County Counsel missing the meeting, specific legal questions would best be addressed by Counsel at a later time. Staff noted that as the ruling in the case against the Marin County Single Use Bag Ordinance was not published, it does not set a precedent for other jurisdictions. Chair Mackle requested a more detailed outline which would provide an expanded timeline that would identify steps agencies must take to adopt and enforce a Single Use Bag Ordinance. Member McCann discussed changing the scope of the draft ordinance to represent enforcement of the most forceful provisions and have alternatives as the less dramatic options. Rincon Consultants responded by stating that is an option, but the current structure will analyze all options and the compounding impacts of implementing all alternatives. Members expressed an interest in having ordinance consistency across jurisdiction lines to make it easier for residents and businesses to adhere to countywide. No action was necessary.

5. The next JPA Board Meeting is scheduled for: October 24, 2013.