



Consideration of SCWMA JPA Agreement

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SCWMA Background

- SCWMA is a Joint Powers Authority (JPA) formed to deal with waste management issues
- Governing body is a 10-member Board of Directors; one representative from each City and the County
- Agency staff currently consists of an Executive Director, 3 Waste Management Specialists, and the Agency Clerk
- Established in 1992 with a 25 year term
- One year extension expires Feb. 2018

Current programs

Municipal organics program

Solid waste education & outreach

Household hazardous waste

Regional planning

Municipal organics program

The SCWMA operated a regional composting facility from 1993 until October 2015

With the closure of the Sonoma Compost facility, all green and wood material has been hauled to four compost facilities outside of Sonoma County (Novato, Ukiah, Napa, and Vacaville)



Over 2 million tons, or about 6.5 years of disposal for the County, have been diverted from landfills through this program

Municipal organics program

- SCWMA issued a Request for Information for the private sector to create organics capacity
 - 16 responses were received, indicating significant interest in this program
- SCWMA hired R3 Consulting Group to assist with the Request For Proposals (RFP) process
- Stakeholder groups will be held to determine RFP priorities
 - Single facility or multiple facilities
 - In-county and/or lowest cost (many have already indicated a preference for in-county capacity)
 - Processing technologies, finished product standards
- RFP issuance in May 2017, proposals due in August 2017, award of agreements in October 2017

Solid Waste Education and Outreach

- Compilation and production of annual recycling guide
- Eco-Desk (565-3375) call-in line
- www.recyclenow.org, www.facebook.com/recyclenow.org websites
- Mandatory Commercial Recycling and Mandatory Organics Recycling outreach
- Booths at fairs, festivals, and farmers markets
- Administration of the carryout bag ordinance



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Household hazardous waste

- Proper disposal of household hazardous waste
 - Household Toxics Facility on Mecham Road between Cotati and Petaluma (free for residents)
 - Community Toxics Collection events throughout Sonoma County on Tuesdays (appointment needed)
 - Door-to-door service Toxic Rover (\$50 fee applies)
 - Collected and disposed of 17.5 million pounds of material since 2003
- Grant-funded Used Oil and Filter recycling program



Regional planning

- Maintenance of the Countywide Integrated Waste Management Plan
- Annual reporting to State agencies regarding solid waste programs
 - Previously included diversion rates
 - The higher the percentage, the better
 - 39% in 1995
 - 64% in 2006 (the last year rates were calculated)
 - Now calculate disposal/population
 - The lower the number, the better
 - Target: 7.1 lb./person/day
 - Sonoma County's 2015 result: 4.3 lb./person/day

Proposed JPA agreement

- Notable differences from the existing agreement
 - Flexibility for organics, members can opt in to new program
 - Allows for additional HHW collection sites
 - Allows members to opt-out of optional additional programs (model ordinances, non-core programs)
 - Term is indefinite, but requires agreement review every 10 years
 - Most unanimous vote items now require 8/10 vote, except for purchase/lease of real property
 - Removes requirements for County to provide staff, sites for composting and HHW

Proposed JPA Agreement

- Current status of agreement consideration
 - Cloverdale, Cotati, Healdsburg, Petaluma, Rohnert Park, Sebastopol, Sonoma, and Windsor have approved the agreement (8 members)
 - Santa Rosa has scheduled the discussion for April 18, 2017
- The agreement has been thoroughly reviewed by City attorneys and County Counsel
- Any requested changes to the agreement would need to be approved by all members, including those which have already approved the agreement

Recommended Action:

Approve and Authorize the Chair to execute the Amended and Restated Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement for the Sonoma County Waste Management Agency to ensure that the County achieves its state mandated diversion goals and protects the environment in the most cost efficient manner for the rate payers.



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