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Minutes

March 18, 2019

EMD, 10590 Armstrong Ave., Mather, CA 95655

6:00 p.m.

ITEM

1 Call to Order – Commissioner Hunn
The March meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

2 Roll Call – Staff Secretary

Commissioners present: Richard Hunn, Eric Rivero-Montes, George “Buzz” Link, Mark White, Dr. Anthony DeRiggi, Laura Nickerson, Diane Kindermann, Margie Namba

3 Introduction of Commissioners

4 Public Comment – Commissioner Hunn
There was no public comment.

5 Recycling and Green Waste- Tim Israel, Superintendent of Technical Services/County of Sacramento, Department of Waste Management & Recycling

The Department of Waste Management and Recycling (DWMR) collects curbside from 153,000 single family/duplex homes in unincorporated areas of Sacramento. Residential services include weekly collection of garbage and used motor oil and biweekly collection of green waste and recyclables. Single stream recycling (SSR) was implemented in 1998. Materials were processed under a fixed contract until 2013 when two new contracts were executed based on market driven pricing. In 2017 China began limiting their import of many SSR materials and being more selective in rejecting contaminated materials, creating market volatility. But, over 50% of recyclables are cardboard which is still sent to China. SB 1383- Short Lived Climate Pollutants will have several impacts on the waste industry in increased costs and regulating.

There are two contracts for SSR processing; Recycling Industries for up to 750 tons per month and Ca Waste Recovery Systems for up to 4,000 tons per month. Plastics classified as 1-7 are still recycled but aseptic containers (milk, juice and broth) have been removed from the

stream. The additional cost per year to DWMR due to lack of market, contaminated plastics and tipping fee increases is \$2,500,000.

Processing lines have slowed down to thoroughly sort out contaminated items, and to pull out plastic bags that tangle in the equipment. Some cities are currently sending all recyclables collected to the landfill due to cost and infrastructure issues. The County has explored ways to increase public education using cart tags, cart inspections and media efforts so that SSR bins don't end up containing contaminated recyclables.

Organic Waste is any waste originating from living organisms, including green waste, wood, food, bio solids and paper. Reducing these wastes targets the reduction of methane emissions. Big food waste generator are inspected yearly and are required to show they have a diversion plan for edible food recovery. Green waste is putrescible which is problematic with biweekly pickup but moving to weekly pickup would require 15-20 new trucks and drivers. Jurisdiction are mandated to collect residential and commercial source separated organics after 2022.

Green waste and food waste require different handling procedures. Green waste is currently transferred at outdoor facilities but food waste must be under a roof. Combining food waste with green in the collection carts would require that transfer facilities are modified to be indoors. The county sends their green waste to Chico for processing but it would be cost prohibitive to do this with food waste also. There isn't a solid waste facility permitted in Sacramento County to process organic waste containing food waste at this time. SB 1383 would place significant responsibilities on the County including robust inspection, enforcement on all generators and capacity planning of processing infrastructure.

New composting and digester facilities will need to be sited and permitted to accommodate food waste provisions. After all potential impacts of SB 1383 are considered the Department of Waste Management and Recycling projects a rate increase in the range of \$10.00-\$15.00 dollars per account per month.

6 Recycling and Green Waste- John Febbo, Integrated Waste Planning Superintendent, City of Sacramento Recycling and Solid Waste Division

John Febbo presented in tandem with Tim Israel (see agenda item 5 notes) as County and City waste management practices are very similar. A difference worth noting is the City's weekly "in the street" collection during leaf season, collecting approximately 15-20 tons in three months.

7 Approval of February 2019 Minutes

Chair Hunn approved the minutes as presented to commissioners for review, dispensing with reading.

8 Record Retention Schedule Discussion

The Record Retention Schedule was approved with a vote of:

Ayes: Richard Hunn, Eric Rivero-Montes, George "Buzz" Link, Mark White, Dr. Anthony DeRiggi, Laura Nickerson, Diane Kindermann, Margie Namba

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

9 Ordinance Language Regarding Eligibility To Serve On the SEC

Commissioners reviewed the language in the SEC By Laws regarding the exclusion of certain categories of employment from eligibility to serve as commissioners on the SEC. It was agreed that each jurisdiction would interpret the language in the by-laws with no ordinance revision sought by the SEC.

8 Sacramento County Environmental Management Department Director's Report- Marie Woodin

9 Commissioner Comments

10 Adjournment – 8:12 p.m. Next Meeting: Monday, March 25 at 6:00 p.m., EMD Offices, 10590 Armstrong Ave., Mather, CA 95655

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