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MINUTES

APPROVED

Board of Supervisors Solid Waste Committee (BOSSWC) Wednesday, August 10, 2022, at 1:00p.m.

PRESENT: Supervisor Ryan Campbell; Supervisor David Goldemberg, Matt Hawkins; Sonora City Council Member, Monique Holcomb; At-Large Public Committee Member; John La Torre Jr., At-Large Public Committee Member.

STAFF: Kim MacFarlane, Director of Public Works; Jim McHargue, Solid Waste Director; Diane Green, Solid Waste Specialist; Amy Welch, Solid Waste Technician I; Monique Figueroa, Solid Waste Technician I, Emma Hawks, Assistant to the Department Head.

GUESTS: Vanessa Barberis, Public Sector Manager Waste Management, Brad Cea, Public Sector Director Waste Management; Jim Garcia; District Manager Waste Management, Dave Vaccarezza; Cal Waste Recovery Systems, Beverly Britts A member of the public.

CALL TO ORDER

Supervisor Ryan Campbell called the meeting of August 10, 2022, to order at 1:02 p.m. Supervisor Campbell suggested we introduce ourselves first then address Assembly Bill 361 Consideration of Adopting Resolution 2022-06 Making Findings in Support of Allowing Remote Meetings Pursuant to AB361 (modified Brown Act Procedures During a Declared Emergency).

Jim McHargue, Solid Waste Director stated this was a standard action that we take every month re-authorizing the resolution.

Supervisor Campbell asked if there was any public comment. None noted.

It was moved by Sonora City Council Member Hawkins and seconded by Public Committee Member Holcomb.

Supervisor Campbell Called for the vote: Ayes; 5 Noes; 0; Abstain 0.

Motion Carried 5 – 0 - 0

PUBLIC FORUM

Supervisor Campbell asked if anyone had any public comments at this time. This is the part of the meeting where a member of the public can speak on any item not on the agenda, no

action can be taken, and fifteen minutes will be devoted to public comments.

Beverly Britts, a member of the public shared her thoughts on a program she helped start in Baja, CA called "No Mas Basura" (No More Garbage). This program had purchased a glass crusher that could turn glass bottles into resources such as sand for concrete counter tops, water filtration systems, and walkways. Ms. Britts also mentioned that single use plastics are being made into building blocks using steam and compression.

Supervisor Campbell asked the committee if we could have a discussion later regarding the glass crusher and how that could benefit Tuolumne County.

Councilman Matt Hawkins and Supervisor David Goldemberg both agreed that Ms. Britts ideas are worth exploring.

Public Committee Member Monique Holcomb states that she is interested in recycling non-recyclable plastics to create building blocks for fencing that Tuolumne County could then offer to residents and businesses' that are experiencing problems with illegal dumping on their properties.

Public Committee Member John La Torre thanked Ms. Britts for her time and information and requested that we add her ideas to the agenda for a later meeting.

Mr. McHargue mentioned that these types of ideas are what excites and motivates us here in the Solid Waste Department. Being able to take waste materials that we created and instead of throwing them away, we can turn them into new products that the public can then utilize.

Ms. Britts thanks everyone for their enthusiasm and attention for her ideas and information.

Supervisor Campbell asks if it is ok to extend the time for public comment.

Everyone agreed.

Jason Revord, 1Pileatatime mentions that they are not seeing a huge amount of illegal dumping currently but what he does notice is that there is a lot of roadside trash. Majority of this debris is coming from vehicles and garbage trucks.

Supervisor Campbell states we all need to do our part when it comes to roadside trash, please make sure you tarp your loads and retrieve any debris that comes from your vehicle.

Mr. Revord states that if the garbage trucks were to make sure their backs are clear before taking off that would eliminate some of the roadside trash.

Dave Vaccarezza, Cal Waste Recovery Systems would like to invite anyone who would like to take a tour of their Materials Recovery Facility (MRF) in Galt CA. There have been a lot of remodeling and changes to their facility, and he welcomes anyone who would like to visit.

COMMITTEE BUSINESS

A. Consideration of the Minutes of the meeting on July 13, 2022

Supervisor Campbell asked if anyone had any public comments.

It was moved by Supervisor Goldemberg and seconded by Councilman Hawkins to approve the Minutes of the July 13, 2022, meeting.

Supervisor Campbell called for a vote: Ayes 5; Noes 0; Abstain 0.

Motion carried 5 – 0 – 0

B. Updates

- **Treated Wood Waste**

Mr. McHargue reviewed with the committee the concerns that we have been discussing these past months. Mainly how treated wood waste is being handled, the specific requirements and the fees associated with disposing of treated wood waste. There has been a lot of discussion between the County and Cal Sierra/Waste Management and although we are not there, we are closer to nailing down what the current standards are. This is a work in progress.

Brad Cea, Area Sales Director Waste Management agrees with Mr. McHargue and states that they should have some updates to the County by the end of the week.

Supervisor Campbell asks if there are any questions.

Supervisor Goldemberg states he appreciates everyone's time and effort's in working on this issue.

C. Clarification by Cal Sierra/Waste Management on the Water, Sewer, and Trash rate adjustment index.

Mr. McHargue stated he had an update on the three outstanding questions the committee had for Cal Sierra/ Waste Management regarding the new proposed Water, Sewer, and Trash (WST) Index. First was that the draft collection agreement we had brought to the committee last month had stated a time of April to March for the CPI adjustment period. That change has now been made to July 1st of the prior year to June 30th of the current year. The new rate will take place the following January 1st. The second issue was the comparison of the previous index, which was the Consumer Price Index (CPI) All Urban Consumers – All Items . The committee wanted to know why we were comparing the old method in previous years when we are focusing on a new and different method which is the WST index. Mr. McHargue wanted to state that it was important to look at the previous way of doing things because that was our reality. Then we wanted to show a comparison of what could have been if we were using the new method, by doing so we are comparing two different perspectives and we could have a better idea of what to expect from the new specific WST Index. The last thing to clear up was the verbiage on page 13 of the draft agreement, it has now been changed to specifically state WST index Rate.

Mr. Cea stated that Cal Sierra/Waste Management wanted to clarify some issues that the

County was having with both indexes. He provided a chart that compares the current CPI and the proposed WST Index. There's a 12-month average provided from June of the previous year to June of the current year and at the bottom you can see that over 9 years the average for the CPI was 3.35% and the WST Index average was 3.61%.

Mr. La Torre asked for Mr. McHargue's opinion on this matter.

Mr. McHargue stated that this really shows what we are trying to accomplish. The chart gives us a realistic view. Mr. McHargue stated that it is in his experience that most waste companies use the WST Index because it just makes more sense. Another thing to consider is that in June 2022 you see that spike of 6.80% for the CPI whereas the WST Index is at 3.90%, much more stability in that. This is a very similar comparison and makes sense to use it.

Mr. Cea went on further to state that he provided Mr. McHargue a 12-month calculation of the All-Urban Index as well as the WST Index and how Cal Sierra/Waste Management arrived at the 3.90% Consumer Price Index Percentage Difference. Mr. McHargue wanted to remind everyone that when we first started the conversation of a new index Cal Sierra/Waste Management had suggested a 3.90% rate adjustment in lieu of a new CPI and it just so happens that they both ending up matching.

ACTION ITEMS

- **Consideration and recommended approval to the Board of Supervisors, for the meeting on September 6, 2022, of the Cal Sierra/Waste Management Inc. waste collection franchise agreement and the 10-year extension.**

Mr. McHargue clarified that in our last meeting our committee did act however, it was for a referral to the Board of Supervisors when we needed to recommend and approve. Mr. McHargue stated his verbiage was off and takes full responsibility for having to bring this item back to the committee.

Supervisor Campbell asked if anyone had any comments. None noted.

It was moved by Councilman Hawkins and seconded by Public Committee Member Holcomb.

Supervisor Campbell called for a vote: Ayes 5; Noes 0; Abstain 0.

Motion carried 5 – 0 – 0

Mr. McHargue informs the Board of Supervisor's Solid Waste Committee (BOSSWC) that we will need to have a special meeting on August 31, 2022, at 1:00 pm regarding the Cal Sierra/Waste Management Inc. waste transfer station franchise agreement.

Supervisor asked if there were any comments. None Noted.

Supervisor Campbell asked for a motion.

It was moved by Supervisor Goldemberg and seconded by Councilman Hawkins.

Supervisor Campbell called for a vote: Ayes 5; Noes 0; Abstain 0.

Motion carried 5 – 0 – 0

- **Consideration and recommended approval to the Board of Supervisors, for the meeting on September 6, 2022, of the Cal Sierra/Waste Management Inc. waste transfer station franchise agreement extension.**

Mr. McHargue stated that the agreement is not yet ready for review so therefore a special meeting will be needed. There are 7 specific areas that needed to be addressed and they are as follows: term, rate adjustments, insurance, recycling, household hazard waste, green waste, and treated wood waste. Once we have discussed these items with Cal Sierra/Waste Management we will bring an agreement back to the BOSSWC on August 31, 2022, for review.

Mr. Cea thanked Mr. McHargue, Cody Nesper, Kim MacFarlane, and the Board of Supervisors for all their help during these negotiations.

Supervisor Campbell asked if there were any comments. None noted.

No action is needed at this time, we will bring this item back to the BOSSWC on August 31, 2022.

Mr. Cea provided the website <https://sustainability.wm.com/> where you could go to view what Waste Management is doing not only as a company but locally as well. You can schedule a tour of their facility where they process as much recycling as possible.

Ms. Holcomb wanted to thank Cal Sierra/ Waste Management for being a leader in recycling.

COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORTS

Mr. McHargue updated the BOSSWC that we are in the process of hiring a new Solid Waste Administrative Assistant. Monique Figueroa, Solid Waste Administrative Technician has been promoted to Solid Waste Technician I.

Supervisor Goldemberg thanked Mr. Cea for the update and would like to schedule a tour of Cal Sierra/Waste Management's MRF.

NEXT MEETING

There will be a special meeting on August 31, 2022, at 1:00 pm.

ADJOURNMENT

Supervisor Campbell asked if anyone had anything further to comment.

Seeing none, Supervisor Campbell adjourned the meeting at 2:28 p.m.

Next regular scheduled meeting will be September 14, 2022.

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