



BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Meredith Matthews, City of Arcata,
Alice Finen, City of Blue Lake (Alternate)
Leslie Castellano, City of Eureka, **Chair**
Robin Smith, City of Ferndale
Frank Wilson, City of Rio Dell
Steve Madrone, County of Humboldt

Minutes

Thursday, November 10, 2022 at 5:30 PM

Zoom Video Conference Meeting

Directors Present: Leslie Castellano, Meredith Matthews, Alice Finen, Robin Smith
Arrived Late: Steve Madrone, (5:50pm), Frank Wilson (5:45PM)
Absent: None
Staff: Eric Keller-Heckman, Loral Uber, Tony Heacock, Jill Duffy
Legal Counsel: Nancy Diamond

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Chairperson Castellano called the meeting to order at 5:38 PM. A quorum was present and acting.

2. Consent Calendar

- a. Approve Minutes from the October 13, 2022 HWMA Board of Directors Meeting
- b. Approve Resolution 2023-07 “A Resolution of the Humboldt Waste Management Authority Authorizing Remote Teleconference Meetings of the Legislative Bodies of the Humboldt Waste Management Authority Pursuant to Brown Act Provisions Due to A State of Emergency”

Chairperson Castellano opened the floor to public comment regarding the Consent Calendar. No comment was received.

Chairperson Castellano closed the floor to public comment.

Motion: **Director Matthews** moved and **Director Smith** seconded the motion to approve the Consent Calendar

Action: Approve the Motion as made by **Director Matthews** and seconded by **Director Smith**

Ayes: Unanimous

Noes: **None**

Absent: **Director Madrone, Director Wilson**

3. Oral and Written Communications

Chairperson Castellano opened the floor to public comment regarding items not on the agenda. Kyle Knopp, Rio Dell City Manager informed the Board that HWMA Director Wilson was experiencing technical difficulties and was expected to join the meeting shortly. Geoffrey Robinson, public member expressed disappointment regarding the Eureka Recycling Center closure and spoke to the board about impacts to his business and community. Robin Praszker, City of Eureka staff member, announced a joint “Zero Waste Open House” event scheduled to be held November 12th at Recology’s Recycling Recovery Center for public outreach about recycling.

Chairperson Castellano closed the floor to public comment.

4. Receive update regarding requested letters of support from jurisdictions that HWMA act in a regional capacity for purposes of organics processing, and support for amendment to HWMA's Joint Powers Agreement.

Executive Director Keller-Heckman briefly summarized the status of support letters from each jurisdiction.

Chairperson Castellano opened the floor for public comment. No public comment was received.

Chairperson Castellano closed the floor to public comment.

5. Receive update on Joint Powers Agreement draft language

Executive Director Keller-Heckman requested a special meeting be scheduled for December 8th at 5:30 PM to allow additional time for revision and legal review of draft Joint Powers Agreement language. The board agreed to this request.

Director Wilson expressed concern about falling behind on timeline for AB 1383 compliance. He urged the Board and Staff to continue efforts to move forward in developing a plan for organics processing.

Chairperson Castellano opened the floor to public comment. Morguine Sefcik from the City of Arcata informed the board that the jurisdiction staff would like a chance to have input on draft language.

Chairperson Castellano closed the floor to public comment.

6. Receive Presentation on potential pathways and timeline for reopening the Eureka Recycling Center for the purpose of receiving self-haul source separated materials.

Executive Director Keller-Heckman presented costs and timelines for reopening the Eureka Recycling Center compared with facility modifications required to convert the former recycling center into an organics processing facility. He answered questions from the board regarding funding sources and reasoning for staff recommendations.

Chairperson Castellano opened the floor to public comment. Kyle Knopp spoke about the need for jurisdictions to contribute to funding organics facility improvements in such a way that historic member agencies will not bear disproportionate share of financial burdens. Robin Praszker thanked the board and staff for the work so far. Geoffry Robinson asked the board when recycling in Eureka would reopen, however the board is unable to provide a timeline at present. Jennifer Weiss thanked the board and expressed support for planned actions.

Chairperson Castellano closed the floor to public comment.

Motion: **Director Wilson** moved and **Director Smith** seconded the motion to proceed with staff recommendations to maintain the current closure of the Eureka Recycling Center, and suspend accessing ERC activities and alternate site locations until HWMA organics facility is operational; additionally authorize staff to designate proposed funding sources for facility alterations related to organics processing, direct staff to prepare and return to the board with construction bid documents for necessary alterations, and direct staff to return to the board with a proposed pathway and preliminary implementation schedule to open HWMA's organics facility.

Action: Approve the Motion as made by **Director Wilson** and seconded by **Director Smith**

Ayes: Unanimous

Noes: **None**

Absent: **None**

7. Standing Item: Recycling Update

No additional updates at this time.

8. Standing Item: Board Member Reports

No board member reports at this time.

9. Standing Item: Executive Director's Report

No additional reports at this time.

10. Closed Session: It is the intention of the Board of Directors to meet in closed session for one item: Public Employment Evaluation– Interim Executive Director pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.

Chairperson Castellano opened the floor to public comment. Robin Praszker told the Board that the City of Eureka is pleased with Executive Director Keller-Heckman's leadership. Kyle Knopp (Rio Dell), Morguine Sefcik (Arcata) and Jennifer Weiss (County of Humboldt) echoed this support.

Chairperson Castellano closed the floor to public comment.

The Board adjourned into Closed Session at 6:39 PM and reconvened in Open Session at 7:04pm
No final actions were taken.

11. Adjourn

Chairperson Castellano adjourned the meeting at 7:05pm

