

**MINUTES
REGIONAL SOLID WASTE ASSOCIATION
Regular Meeting – October 1, 2009**

**Del Mar City Hall Annex
1050 Camino Del Mar
Del Mar, CA**

BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

**Councilmember Don Mosier, City of Del Mar
Mayor Maggie Houlihan, City of Encinitas – RSWA Treasurer
Councilwoman Marie Waldron, City of Escondido
Mayor Ron Morrison, City of National City - RSWA Chairman
Councilwoman Betty Rexford, City of Poway
Mayor Mike Nichols, City of Solana Beach – RSWA Vice-Chairman
Mayor Pro Tem Frank Lopez, City of Vista - RSWA Board Secretary**

STAFF RESOURCES IN ATTENDANCE:

Lin Wurbs, RSWA General Manager

1. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Ron Morrison called the Regional Solid Waste Association to order at 9:18 a.m. and then asked Board Secretary Frank Lopez to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ms. Wurbs updated the Board that both Mr. Nixon and Ms. Geldert were out of town. Ms. Wurbs also took the opportunity to introduce Patrick Johnson the Assistant City Manager for the City of Vista.

2. SWEARING-IN OF NEW BOARD MEMBER – ACTION ITEM

There was no need to swear in any new Board Members.

3. APPROVAL OF ASSOCIATION MEETING MINUTES OF JULY 2, 2009 - ACTION ITEM

This item was scheduled for approval of the July 2, 2009 Minutes.

MOTION WAS MADE TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF JULY 2, 2009.
(Motion by Board Member Houlihan, City of Encinitas / Second by Board Member Betty Rexford, City of Poway).

Motion passed, with Members Waldron and Mosier abstaining from the vote.

4. FINANCE AND BUDGET - INFORMATION & ACTION ITEMS

A. Review Budget and Expenditure Status for Fiscal Year 2008/2009 - Information Item

General Manager Wurbs reviewed the final budget and expenditure status reports for June 30, 2009.

The recommendation was to review the status of both the budget and expenditures and accept and file the reports.

MOTION WAS MADE TO ACCEPT AND FILE THE BUDGET AND EXPENDITURE STATUS REPORT FOR FY 2008/2009. (Motion by Board Vice Chairman Mike Nichols, City of Solana Beach / Second by Board Member Betty Rexford, City of Poway).

Motion passed unanimously.

B. RSWA Investment Report – Information Item

General Manager Wurbs reviewed the investment report which was estimated for the first quarter of the fiscal year 2009/2010.

The recommendation was to accept and file the investment report, which the Board did by consensus.

C. Review Budget and Expenditure Status for the First Quarter of Fiscal Year 2009/2010 - Information Item

General Manager Wurbs reviewed the first quarter budget and expenditure status reports which had been estimated for September 30, 2009.

The recommendation was to review the status of both the budget and expenditures and accept and file the reports, which the Board did by consensus.

D. Report on Environmental Enhancement Fund Distribution and Press Release – Information Item

General Manager Wurbs provided the actual distribution of the Environmental Enhancement Funds by passing out the checks to the individual cities. Ms. Wurbs also provided copies of the Press Release for review and advised that she would also forward the press release electronically to the Board Member and staff from each city. Board Member Mosier pointed out a typographical error in the title of press release and Ms. Wurbs advised that it would be corrected prior to being forwarded.

E. Transition of Financial Assistance to RSWA – Information Item

General Manager Wurbs reported to the Board that the transition to the City of Vista for RSWA financial review assistance would occur before the end of the calendar year. Ms. Wurbs took the opportunity to introduce Mr. Dale Nielsen who is the Finance Manager from the City of Vista that will be working with RSWA. Additionally, Ms. Wurbs thanked the City of Vista and in particular City Manager Geldert for her instant openness and willingness to assist with this effort. Ms. Wurbs also mentioned that the entire Board will be desirous of thanking the City of Poway for their many years of assistance at an upcoming meeting of RSWA.

5. HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE (HHW) ISSUES – INFORMATION ITEM

General Manager Wurbs and Bill Wilson of the City of Encinitas provided a status report on the level of participation in HHW services by each jurisdiction.

Board Treasurer Houlihan requested that Ms. Wurbs update the Board on the Clean Harbors billing anomaly issue. Ms. Wurbs reported that Mr. Ritchie took the lead in working with Clean Harbors to find a successful solution which will be a credit to each city over the next year. Ms. Wurbs, who was invited to be at the negotiations table as well, noted that Mr. Ritchie did a great job in finding a resolution to the issue. Ms. Wurbs also reported that Clean Harbors executives were going to be meeting with staff from each of the cities, Mr. Ritchie and her immediately after the RSWA Board meeting to better communications.

Board Member Rexford asked about ewaste and the process for recycling electronics. Ms. Wurbs described the process at E World and advised of the opportunity to tour the facility, which several of the RSWA Board Members did last year. Treasurer Houlihan, Chairman Morrison, Vice Chairman Nichols and Secretary Lopez all commented on the E-World tour. Ms. Sherree Twedell of E World also offered the opportunity for anyone to tour the facility.

6. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS - ACTION ITEMS

A. Review Future Meeting Schedule:

January 7, 2010
April 1, 2010
July 1, 2010
October 7, 2010

Ms. Wurbs reviewed the meeting schedule for 2010 and there were no changes made.

B. Approval of Board Members and Staff Attendance and Conference Expenses at Meetings

Ms. Wurbs reported that the list of accepted conferences would be ready for the Board to review and consider in January 2010 but there was one national conference in the meantime that the Board should consider approving for attendance purposes.

B.1. NAHMMA – Houston, TX November 9 – 13, 2009

MOTION WAS MADE TO APPROVE BOARD MEMBER AND STAFF ATTENDANCE AT THE NAHMMA CONFERENCE IN HOUSTON, TX FROM NOVEMBER 9 – 13, 2009. (Motion by Board Treasurer Maggie Houlihan, City of Encinitas / Second by Board Member Betty Rexford, City of Poway).

Motion passed unanimously.

7. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

There were no speakers.

8. COMMENTS FROM ASSOCIATION MEMBERS, GENERAL COUNSEL AND GENERAL MANAGER

Board Member Houlihan reported that Encinitas has expanded their battery disposal program citywide and offered that Bill Wilson of the Encinitas staff could provide more information if anyone was interested. Ms. Houlihan also expressed concern over the bottle caps that are on plastic bottles and whether they are recyclable. Board Member Nichols offered that he had researched the subject through Solana Beach City staff with Jeff Ritchie since the Waste Management Web site specifically asked that bottle tops be removed, and the definitive position was stated by Jeff Ritchie of EDCO that bottle caps can stay on the bottle as part of the recycling process. Ms. Houlihan asked that the RSWA website make it clear that regarding plastics: 1's and 2's can be recycled and 3's thru 7's cannot. She also requested that it also be clear that plastic bags can be recycled.

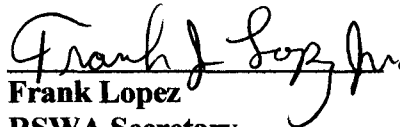
9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted:


Lin Wurbs
General Manager

Approved:


Frank Lopez
RSWA Secretary