

MEETING MINUTES

SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE & LOCAL TASK FORCE

Regular Meeting

April 19, 2024

9:00 A.M.

1) WELCOME & ROLLCALL

*Note: This meeting date was changed at the request of the chairman.

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. The Chairman, Mr. Jacob Panero, welcomed all members and guest present.

Committee Members Present: Jacob Panero, Joshua Mann, Maxwell Goossen, Orchel Krier, and Ken Weir

Committee Members Not Present: Michael Geyer, Phillip Peters, Leticia Perez, Tim Prado, Cathy Prout, Eric Arias, and David Couch

2) APPROVAL OF MINUTES

There was a discussion of the contents of the minutes.

MOTION: *Approve Minutes for the meeting held on January 12, 2024.*

Motioned by Orchel Krier; seconded by Joshua Mann.

Committee unanimously approved.

3) SWMAC-LTF Attendance – Mr. Michael Geyer

Chairman Panero stated the committee would not address this item due to Mr. Geyer's absence.

4) WastAway Contract Progression – Chairman Panero

Chairman Panero led the discussion on the handout entitled "WastAway Contract Progression," received by member of the public, Nancy Ewert at the January 12th meeting. The chairman stated he reviewed the handout with County staff and concluded it wasn't necessary yet for the project to be submitted for approval for inclusion into the County's Integrated Waste Management Plan (IWMP). He also noted that although the handout indicated the WastAway contract hadn't been presented to Kern County policymakers and ratepayers for discussion, the contract had in fact been presented to the Board of Supervisors (BOS). Public Works Manager, Chuck Magee confirmed Panero's position during additional discussion. Chairman Panero also wanted to make certain it was understood that it isn't policy for SWMAC to discuss what the BOS has or hasn't done with removing items from consent or approval for specific purchase orders. Furthermore, his understanding is that's a BOS issue that they can choose to address or not. Lastly, he stated that SWMAC also doesn't have a reason to comment on purchase orders that the BOS aren't required to vote on. Further comments from Ms. Ewert were heard, but no additional actions were taken.

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5) City Issues

None

6) Public Comments

None

7) Committee Member Comments

None

8) Adjourning of the April 19, 2024 Meeting

MOTION: *Adjourn meeting.*

Motioned by Ken Weir; seconded by Max Goossen.
Committee unanimously approved.

Meeting adjourned at 9:34 a.m.

NEXT MEETING:

July 12, 2024 | 9:00 A.M. | PSB Public Meeting Room