

**MEMORANDUM
WESTERN PLACER WASTE MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY**

TO: **WPWMA BOARD OF DIRECTORS** DATE: **OCTOBER 10, 2019**
FROM: **KEN GREHM / ERIC ODDO** 
SUBJECT: **RENEWABLE PLACER: WASTE ACTION PLAN UPDATE**

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

None. This report is for informational purposes only.

BACKGROUND:

The following provides an update on the WPWMA's *Renewable Placer: Waste Action Plan* project including development of the environmental document and continued stakeholder engagement.

EIR Project Description

The EIR Project Description is intended to identify project objectives; provide a detailed overview of the project's technical, economic and environmental characteristics; and establish the project's baseline conditions against which the project will be analyzed. The Project Description being prepared by Jacobs will also include refined layouts and visual renderings of the two project concepts being evaluated.

In early September, Jacobs provided a draft of the Project Description for review, discussion and comment by staff and the Member Agency Advisory Committee. Jacobs is currently in the process of refining the document based on input from staff and the Advisory Committee and anticipates submitting a final draft for WPWMA review by mid-October.

Staff anticipates presenting the proposed Project Description to your Board at the November meeting. At that time, staff will provide your Board with options for potential public engagement related to the Project Description.

Renewable Placer: Waste Action Working Group

A project Working Group was convened by the WPWMA earlier this year for the purposes of engaging select stakeholders to better understand their interests and perspectives related to the project and generate project-focused ideas that integrate multiple stakeholder interests. Kearns and West continues to engage the Working Group to align their comments and interests with the project including identification of issues that can be addressed by the EIR and those that will be more appropriately addressed outside the environmental review process.

Stakeholder Engagement

Staff continue to identify targeted audiences and appropriate engagement and media opportunities to inform the public about the project. Prior to CEQA initiation, staff presented the Waste Action Plan to Member Agency councils and the Board of Supervisors as well as local Chambers of Commerce and other interested groups in mid-2018. Staff intends to present a project update to these groups upon completion of the Project Description.

Consultation with Native American Tribes

WPWMA staff initiated the consultation process with Native American tribes consistent with the provisions of AB 52 and received written notification from the United Auburn Indian Community (UAIC) requesting consultation. Staff continues to communicate with the UAIC to establish a preliminary meeting and perform a site archaeological reconnaissance survey.

Jacobs recommends the reconnaissance survey be conducted before the end of November to remain on schedule for issuance of the Draft EIR in late Spring or early Summer of 2020. Staff will continue to work with the UAIC and invite them to participate in the survey.

Technical Air Group

As identified in the Second Amendment to Jacob's Agreement, approved by your Board in February 2019, Jacobs will convene a Technical Air Group comprised of Jacobs air quality specialists, WPWMA staff and Placer County Air Pollution Control District staff to establish an understanding of Project-related air issues. Staff anticipate conducting the first Technical Air Group later this month.