

WESTERN PLACER WASTE MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

REVISED

SEPTEMBER 14, 2023 5:00 PM

Materials Recovery Facility Administration Building 3013 Fiddyment Road, Roseville, CA 95747

The WPWMA Board of Directors SEPTEMBER 14, 2023 meeting will be open to in-person attendance. Individuals may also participate in the meeting via Zoom at <u>https://placer-ca-gov.zoom.us/j/94385524919</u>

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- 1. Call Meeting to Order
- 2. <u>Pledge of Allegiance</u> (Director Halldin)
- 3. Roll Call

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- 4. <u>Statement of Meeting Procedures</u> (Clerk of the Board)
- 5. Public Comment

This is a time when persons may address the Board regarding items not on this Agenda. It is requested that comments be brief, since the Board is not permitted to take any action on items addressed under Public Comment.

6. <u>Announcements & Information</u>

| a. | Reports from Directors | |
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| b. | Report from the Executive Director (Ken Grehm) | |
| C. | Financial Reports (Eric Oddo) | Pg. 3 |
| d. | Monthly Tonnage Reports (Eric Oddo) | Pg. 5 |
| e. | MRF Improvements Project Update (FCC) | Pg. 11 |
| f. | FY 2022/23 Creditable Recovery Rates (Eric Oddo) | Pg. 13 |
| <u>Ac</u> | tion Items | |
| а. | <u>Minutes of the Board Meeting held August 10, 2023</u> Approve as submitted. | Pg. 15 |
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| | b. | <u>Gr</u> | <u>owth Factory Sponsorship</u> (Emily Hoffman) | Pg. 17 | | |
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| | | 1. | Authorize the Executive Director or designee, upon review and approval by WPWMA Counsel, to sign a sponsorship agreement with the Growth Factory for the GFX Conference for a total cost of \$5,000. | | | |
| | | 2. | Determine that the recommended action is not a project pursuant to California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines Section 15378. | | | |
| | C. | | ttlement Agreement with Placer County Air Pollution Control District ric Oddo) | Pg. 23 | | |
| | | 1. | Authorize the Executive Director or designee to sign the attached Settlement Agreement with the Placer County Air Pollution Control District resolving Notice of Violation 3635 related to omissions and errors in landfill gas related reports submitted to the PCAPCD for the Western Regional Sanitary Landfill. | | | |
| | | 2. | Determine that the recommended action is not a project pursuant to California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines Section 15378. | | | |
| | d. | Cc | onstruction & Demolition Debris Recovery Rates (Kevin Bell) | Pg. 39 | | |
| | | 1. | Authorize staff to negotiate an amendment to the Material Recovery Facility Operating Agreement with FCC Environmental Services California, LLC related to Construction and Demolition Debris recovery rates consistent with the attached proposed deal points. | | | |
| | | 2. | Determine that the recommended action is not a project pursuant to California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines Section 15378. | | | |
| | e. | WI | PWMA Board Voting Methodology (Ken Grehm) | Pg. 43 | | |
| | | | ovide direction to staff regarding possible adjustments to the PWMA Board of Directors' voting methodology. | - | | |
| 8. | <u>Tim</u> | ned | Items | | | |
| | 5:3 | 0 P. | M. | | | |
| | a. | | RF Expansion Project/Subcontractor Substitution Hearing: Skutley ontracting Corporation (Robert Sandman) | Pg. 49 | | |
| | | 1. | Conduct a subcontractor substitution hearing regarding Skutley Contracting Corporation. | | | |
| | | 2. | Render a decision regarding subcontractor substitution following the conclusion of the hearing listed in Action Item No. 1. | | | |
| | | 3. | Determine that that proposed actions are each not a project pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15378. | | | |
| 9. | <u>Upcoming Agenda Items</u> Identification of any items the Board would like staff to address at a future meeting. | | | | | |
| 10. | | | nment | | | |
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Western Placer Waste Management Authority - Operations Fund Income Statement (unaudited/depreciation excluded)

Year-to-Date July 2023

| | | | Year to Date | | |
|--|------------------------|---------------------|--------------|-------------|--|
| | Annual Budget | Budget | Actuals | Variance | Notes |
| Revenue | | | | | |
| 42010:Investment Income Interest / Investment Income | 247,047 | 20,587 | 25,396 | 4 800 | Budgeted a lower rate of return based on previous years' earnings rate |
| Interest with Fiscal Agent | 2,546,790 | 212,233 | 33,017 | |) Interest on all bond-related account's not yet realized |
| 42030:Rents and Concessions | 492,586 | 41,049 | - | | Revenues offset by accruals from prior FY |
| 44270:State Aid - Other Programs | - | - | - | - | |
| 46240:Sanitation Services - Other | 32,368 | 2,601 | 2,468 | (133) |) Tipping fee revenues tracking ~6.4% below budgeted amounts |
| 46250:Solid Waste Disposal | 51,986,849 | 4,192,168 | 3,922,724 | (269,444) |) Tipping fee revenues tracking ~6.4% below budgeted amounts |
| 46430:Insurance | - | - | - | - | |
| 48030:Miscellaneous | 15,000 | 1,250 | 5,685 | 4,435 | |
| 49040: Gain/Loss on Fixed Asset Disposal Total Revenu | 45,000 e 55,365,639 | 45,000 4,514,887 | - 3,989,290 | (45,000) | Payment for FCC for water truck pending DMV inspection of vehicle |
| | ie | 4,514,007 | 3,969,290 | (525,596) | <u>_</u> |
| Expenses | | | | | |
| Capital Assets: | 2,751,366 | | 1,376,801 | (1 276 901) | Boymont for costs asheduled for poymont in EV 22.22 |
| 54430:Buildings & Improvements 54450:Equipment | 37,192,502 | - 14,018,931 | 14,018,931 | (1,370,001) | Payment for costs scheduled for payment in FY 22-23 |
| 54470:Infrastructure | 550,000 | 550,000 | 1,010,001 | 550,000 | |
| 54480:Land Improvements | | | | - | |
| Operating Expenses: | | | | | |
| 51010:Wages and Salaries | 2,243,386 | 186,949 | 182,208 | 4,741 | |
| 52030:Clothing and Personal | 2,243,380 | 208 | 102,200 | 208 | |
| 52040:Communication Services Expense | 10,000 | 833 | 268 | 565 | |
| 52050:Food | 1,000 | 83 | | 83 | |
| 52060:Household Expense | 1,000 | 83 | - | 83 | |
| 52080:Insurance | 359,003 | 29,917 | 46,451 | (16,534) |) Total insurance premium exceeds budgeted amount; will adjust at Final Budget |
| 52140:Parts | 1,000 | 83 | - | 83 | |
| 52160:Maintenance | 159,379 | 13,282 | 2,550 | 10,732 | CAD and odor monitoring software costs not yet realized. |
| 52161:Maintenance - Building | 30,000 | - | - | - | |
| 52170:Fuels & Lubricants 52180:Materials - Buildings & Improvements | 2,500 1,000 | 208 83 | 163 | 46 83 | |
| 52240:Professional / Membership Dues | 6.000 | 6,000 | - 550 | | Several staff annual membership costs to SWANA not yet realized |
| 52250:Services and Supplies | 1.000 | 83 | - | 83 | |
| 52260:Misc Expense | - | - | - | - | |
| 52320:Printing | 16,000 | 1,333 | - | 1,333 | Print charges from County not yet realized |
| 52330:Other Supplies | 20,000 | 1,667 | 681 | | Lower office supply demand to date. |
| 52340:Postage | 3,000 | 250 | - | 250 | |
| 52360:Prof. & Special Svcs - General | 3,960,011 | 330,001 | - | | Several planned professional service contracts not yet initiated. |
| 52370:Professional and Special Services - Legal 52380:Prof. & Special Svcs - Tech., Eng. & Env. | 160,000 | 13,333 | - | 13,333 | Legal counsel costs not yet billed or realized |
| SC3140 Building Maintenance Installation and Repair Services | 5,100 | 5,100 | | 5,100 | |
| SC3180 MRF Operations | 30,552,210 | 2,421,381 | 2,025,513 | | Lower than projected material quantities received at MRF |
| SC3190 Landfill Operations | 2,778,838 | 231,570 | 128,589 | | Lower than projected disposal rates and associated costs |
| SC3320 Environmental and Ecological Services | 150,000 | 12,500 | - | | County staff time billed to WPWMA-related projects not yet billed or realized |
| SC3322 Hazardous Waste | 2,500 | 208 | 113 | 95 | |
| 52390:Prof. & Special Svcs - County | 225,000 | 18,750 | 7,250 | | Lower than expected County service fees to date |
| 52400:Prof. & Special Svcs - IT | 130,000 | 10,833 | - | | IT costs not yet billed or realized |
| 52440:Rents and Leases - Equipment | 100 | 8 | - | 8 | |
| 52450:Rents and Leases - Buildings & Improvements 52460:Small Tools & Instruments | 100 1,000 | 8 83 | - | 8 83 | |
| 52480:PC Acquisition | 5,000 | 5,000 | - | | Costs associated with new workstations. Costs not realized or billed yet. |
| 52510:Commissioner's Fees | 6,000 | 500 | 500 | 5,000 | Costs associated with new workstations. Costs not realized or blied yet. |
| 52540:Signing & Safety Material | 1,000 | 83 | - | 83 | |
| 52560:Small Equipment | 100 | 8 | - | 8 | |
| 52570:Advertising | 14,900 | 1,242 | 5,875 | (4,633) |) Cost for full page ad in Comstock's Magazine |
| 52580:Special Department Expense | 5,000 | 417 | - | 417 | |
| 52785:Training / Education | 5,000 | | - | - | |
| 52790:Transportation and Travel | 45,900 | 3,825 | 4,518 | (693) | |
| 52800:Utilities | 255,000 | 21,250 | 11,700 | 9,550 | |
| 53050:Debt Issuance Costs 53190:Taxes and Assessments | 543,709 | - | | - | |
| 53250:Contributions to Other Agencies | 276,178 | 276,178 | - | 276 178 | Annual CFD payment not yet processed. |
| 53390:Transfer Out A-87 Costs | 50,000 | 4,167 | _ | | Projected A-87 costs not yet billed or realized. |
| 55510:Operating Transfer Out | - | - | | - | |
| 59000:Appropriation for Contingencies | - | - | - | - | |
| Total Expense | es 82,523,281 | 18,166,441 | 17,812,659 | 353,782 | - |
| Net Income/(Loss | s) (27,157,642) | (13,651,554) | (13,823,370) | (171,816) | - |
| | -,,,, | (, | (, | (,010) | - |
| Additional non Income Statement Transactions: Bond Proceeds | 20.004.000 | 14.040.004 | 14.040.004 | - | |
| Bond Proceeds Planned use of Reserves | 39,864,268 | 14,018,931 | 14,018,931 | 0 | |
| Total with Bond Proceeds and Reserve | s 12,706,626 | 367,377 | 195.562 | (171,816) | - |
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Notes:

1. Budgeted revenues and expenses are prorated equally each month of the fiscal year, whereas actual revenues and expenses reflect those realized as of the date of the report. This may lead to notable reported discrepancies between budgeted and actual amounts.

2. Differences in the coding between the budgeted and actual revenues and expenses may result in notable reported discrepancies within the report.

3. Additional non income Statement Transactions reflect amounts from WPWMA's Balance Sheet and are shown on this report for tracking and informational purposes only.

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Fiscal Year 2023-2024

Combined Revenue

| Month | Budget | Actual | Variance | |
|-------|-------------|-------------|-------------|--|
| | | | | \$5,500,000 |
| Jul | \$4,237,699 | \$3,925,609 | (\$312,090) | \$5,250,000 |
| Aug | \$4,493,821 | \$4,215,259 | (\$278,562) | \$5,000,000 |
| Sep | \$4,137,723 | | | 40,000,000 |
| Oct | \$4,403,589 | | | \$4,750,000 |
| Nov | \$4,419,546 | | | \$4,500,000 |
| Dec | \$4,291,499 | | | \$4,250,000 |
| Jan | \$4,719,101 | | | \$4,000,000 |
| Feb | \$4,282,611 | | | \$3,750,000 |
| Mar | \$4,396,492 | | | \$3,500,000 |
| Apr | \$4,529,957 | | | |
| May | \$4,816,424 | | | \$3,250,000 |
| Jun | \$4,294,174 | | | \$3,000,000 Jul Aug Sep Oct Nov Dec Jan Feb Mar Apr May Jun |
| | | | | -←-BudgetActual |

Combined Tipping Fee Revenue Year to Date

\$8,140,868

(\$590,652)

\$46,178,120

 Budget
 \$8,731,520

 Actual:
 \$8,140,868

 Variance
 (\$590,652)

MSW Tonnage

Totals:

| Month | Budget | Actual | Variance |
|---------|---------|--------|----------|
| | | | |
| Jul | 22,444 | 20,585 | (1,859) |
| Aug | 23,703 | 22,022 | (1,682) |
| Sep | 21,859 | | |
| Oct | 22,931 | | |
| Nov | 22,886 | | |
| Dec | 22,728 | | |
| Jan | 25,245 | | |
| Feb | 22,599 | | |
| Mar | 22,963 | | |
| Apr | 23,316 | | |
| May | 24,967 | | |
| Jun | 22,307 | | |
| | | | |
| Totals: | 269,339 | 42,607 | (3,541) |



MSW Tonnage Year to Date

| Budget: | 46,147 |
|----------|---------|
| Actual: | 42,607 |
| Variance | (3,541) |

C&D Tonnage

| Month | Budget | Actual | Variance | 13,000 |
|---------|---------|--------|----------|---|
| Jul | 9,384 | 9,597 | 213 | 12,000 |
| Aug | 9,943 | 10,238 | 295 | |
| Sep | 8,934 | | | 11,000 |
| Oct | 9,929 | | | 10,000 |
| Nov | 9,923 | | | |
| Dec | 8,317 | | | 9,000 |
| Jan | 9,266 | | | |
| Feb | 9,495 | | | 8,000 |
| Mar | 9,797 | | | 7,000 |
| Apr | 10,225 | | | |
| May | 10,958 | | | 6,000 |
| Jun | 10,213 | | | Jul Aug Sep Oct Nov Dec Jan Feb Mar Apr May Jun |
| | | | | -←-Budget -■-Actual |
| Totals: | 119,396 | 19,835 | 507 | |

C&D Tonnage Year to Date

| Budget: | 19,327 |
|----------|--------|
| Actual: | 19,835 |
| Variance | 507 |

Sludge & Mixed Inerts Tonnage

| Month | Budget | Actual | Variance |
|---------|--------|--------|----------|
| | | | |
| Jul | 1,207 | 950 | (256) |
| Aug | 1,247 | 1,144 | (103) |
| Sep | 1,261 | | |
| Oct | 1,328 | | |
| Nov | 1,290 | | |
| Dec | 1,321 | | |
| Jan | 1,551 | | |
| Feb | 1,359 | | |
| Mar | 1,606 | | |
| Apr | 1,303 | | |
| May | 1,379 | | |
| Jun | 1,195 | | |
| | | | |
| Totals: | 18,471 | 2,094 | (359) |



Sludge & Mixed Inerts Tonnage Year to Date

| Budget: | 2,453 |
|----------|-------|
| Actual: | 2,094 |
| Variance | (359) |

Green Waste Tonnage

| Month | Budget | Actual | Variance |
|---------|--------|--------|----------|
| | | | |
| Jul | 4,871 | 4,212 | (659) |
| Aug | 5,536 | 4,687 | (849) |
| Sep | 5,256 | | |
| Oct | 6,193 | | |
| Nov | 6,959 | | |
| Dec | 7,432 | | |
| Jan | 6,758 | | |
| Feb | 5,195 | | |
| Mar | 5,950 | | |
| Apr | 7,326 | | |
| May | 7,209 | | |
| Jun | 5,266 | | |
| | | | |
| Totals: | 65,505 | 8,899 | (1,509) |



Green Waste Tonnage Year to Date

| Budget: | 10,408 |
|----------|---------|
| Actual: | 8,899 |
| Variance | (1,509) |

Food Waste Tonnage

| Month | Budget | Actual | Variance |
|---------|--------|--------|----------|
| | | | |
| Jul | 270 | 257 | (13) |
| Aug | 290 | 264 | (26) |
| Sep | 262 | | |
| Oct | 282 | | |
| Nov | 280 | | |
| Dec | 255 | | |
| Jan | 304 | | |
| Feb | 243 | | |
| Mar | 257 | | |
| Apr | 260 | | |
| May | 278 | | |
| Jun | 255 | | |
| | | | |
| Totals: | 3,176 | 521 | (39) |



Food Waste Tonnage Year to Date

| Budget: | 561 |
|----------|------|
| Actual: | 521 |
| Variance | (39) |

Inerts Tonnage

| Month | Budget | Actual | Variance | |
|-------|--------|--------|----------|-------|
| | | | | 5,000 |
| Jul | 3,105 | 2,549 | (556) | 4,500 |
| Aug | 3,341 | 3,041 | (300) | |
| Sep | 3,163 | | | 4,000 |
| Oct | 3,346 | | | 3,500 |
| Nov | 2,989 | | | 0.000 |
| Dec | 1,943 | | | 3,000 |
| Jan | 2,594 | | | 2,500 |
| Feb | 3,155 | | | 2,000 |
| Mar | 3,524 | | | 2,000 |
| Apr | 3,543 | | | 1,500 |
| May | 3,343 | | | 1,000 |
| Jun | 3,525 | | | |
| | | | | |
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5,590

(856)



Totals: 39,522

Inerts Tonnage Year to Date

| Budget: | 6,446 |
|----------|-------|
| Actual: | 5,590 |
| Variance | (856) |

Wood Tonnage

| Month | Budget | Actual | Variance |
|-------|--------|--------|----------|
| | | | |
| Jul | 843 | 801 | (42) |
| Aug | 795 | 802 | 7 |
| Sep | 674 | | |
| Oct | 734 | | |
| Nov | 748 | | |
| Dec | 535 | | |
| Jan | 775 | | |
| Feb | 714 | | |
| Mar | 774 | | |
| Apr | 882 | | |
| Мау | 923 | | |
| Jun | 969 | | |
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Totals: 9,266 1,603

(35)

Wood Tonnage Year to Date

| Budget: | 1,638 |
|----------|-------|
| Actual: | 1,603 |
| Variance | (35) |

Miscellaneous Tipping Fee Revenue Month Budget Actual Variance \$45,000 Jul \$34,761 \$36,579 \$1,818 \$40,000 Aug \$34,212 \$36,269 \$2,058 \$33,416 Sep \$35,000 \$31,399 Oct \$30,000 \$31,820 Nov Dec \$26,398 \$25,000 \$30,519 Jan \$20,000 \$29,630 Feb \$32,969 Mar \$15,000 \$31,866 Apr May \$33,916 \$10,000 Jul Aug Sep Oct Nov Dec Jan Feb Mar Apr May Jun \$33,809 Jun --Budget Totals: \$321,918 \$72,848 \$3,876

Miscellaneous Tipping Fee Revenue Year to Date

| Budget: | \$68,973 |
|----------|----------|
| Actual: | \$72,848 |
| Variance | \$3,876 |

Miscellaneous tipping fee revenue reflects tipping fees received from tires, treated wood waste, appliances, and water treatment plant sludges.

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MEMORANDUM WESTERN PLACER WASTE MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY

TO: WPWMA BOARD OF DIRECTORS DATE: SEPTEMBER 14, 2023

FROM: KEN GREHM / WILL SCHEFFLER

SUBJECT: MRF IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT UPDATE

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

None. This report is for information purposes only.

BACKGROUND:

The following information was prepared independently by FCC Environmental Services California, LLC (FCC) and was submitted to the WPWMA on September 6, 2023. The attached is presented to your Board as it was received by WPWMA staff. As such, subjective statements are those of FCC and do not necessarily represent the opinions of WPWMA staff.

| Tas | | Task Name | Duration | Start | Finish | Predecessors | Resource Names | |
|------|----|--|----------|--------------|--------------|---------------|----------------|------------|
| Mo | | C&D Improvements | 184 days | Tue 4/4/23 | Fri 12/15/23 | | | |
| 2 | | Sawcut and remove existing concrete | 15 days | Wed 5/10/23 | Tue 5/30/23 | | | |
| * | | Subrgrade Prep/Curing/Slab for Van Dyk | 74 days | Tue 5/30/23 | Fri 9/8/23 | | | |
| * | | Van Dyk Equipment Mechanical Installation | 55 days | Fri 8/18/23 | Thu 11/2/23 | 3FS+1 day | Van Dyk | Van Dyk |
| * | • | Van Dyk Equipment - Electrical and Automation Installation | 20 days | Mon 10/16/23 | Fri 11/10/23 | 4 | Van Dyk | Van Dyk |
| * | | PEMB - Canopy Submittals/Shop Drawings & Review Comments | 60 days | Tue 4/4/23 | Mon 6/26/23 | | Contractor | Contractor |
| * | | PEMB - Canopy Fabrication & Delivery | 74 days | Tue 6/27/23 | Fri 10/6/23 | 6 | Contractor | Contractor |
| * | | PEMB - Canopy Installation | 20 days | Mon 10/9/23 | Fri 11/3/23 | 7 | Contractor | Contractor |
| , 🖈 | | PEMB - Electrical | 40 days | Mon 10/23/23 | Fri 12/15/23 | 8FS-10 days | Contractor | Contractor |
|) 🖈 | | VanDyk C&D Equipment Testing | 20 days | Mon 11/13/23 | Fri 12/8/23 | 5 | VanDyk | VanDyk |
| • | | Compressor Building | 63 days | Mon 7/17/23 | Wed 10/11/23 | 6FS+14 days | Contractor | Contractor |
| 2 | | MRF RETROFIT CONSTRUCTION | 331 days | Mon 9/18/23 | Mon 12/23/24 | | | |
| 3 | \$ | Prepare Bid Package 9/15/2023 | 25 days | Thu 10/5/23 | Wed 11/8/23 | | SCS,All | , SCS,AII |
| - | \$ | Bid Advertisement | 19 days | Thu 11/9/23 | Tue 12/5/23 | 13 | SCS | scs |
| - | • | Evaluate Bid/FCC Recommendation | 2 days | Wed 12/6/23 | Thu 12/7/23 | 14 | SCS | ₹ scs |
| - | • | FCC - Contracting | 10 days | Fri 12/8/23 | Thu 12/21/23 | 15 | FCC | FCC |
| 7 -3 | • | FCC - Issue Notice to Proceed to Contractor | 10 days | Fri 12/22/23 | Thu 1/4/24 | 16 | SCS | scs |
| 8 | \$ | Existing Equipment Removal | 30 days | Mon 12/11/23 | Fri 1/19/24 | | Contractor | Contractor |
| 9 🔫 | • | MRF Retrofit - Contractor | 220 days | Mon 1/22/24 | Fri 11/22/24 | 18 | Van Dyk | |
| 0 🖈 | | MRF Retrofit - Van Dyk | 200 days | Mon 2/19/24 | Fri 11/22/24 | 19SS+20 days | | |
| :1 🛁 | • | Electrical Improvements | 110 days | Mon 5/27/24 | Fri 10/25/24 | 20SS+70 days | Contractor | |
| 22 | • | Seismic Anchors | 80 days | Mon 7/8/24 | Fri 10/25/24 | 20SS+100 days | Contractor | |
| 23 🖈 | | VanDyk MRF Equipment Testing & Commissioning | 20 days | Mon 11/25/24 | Fri 12/20/24 | 20 | FCC, Van Dyk | |
| 24 🖈 | | MRF Start-up | 1 day | Mon 12/23/24 | Mon 12/23/24 | 23 | | |

| Project: Critical Path | WPWMA S Task | Milestone | ٠ | Project Summary | Inactive Milestone | Manual Task | Manual Summary Rollup | Start-only | E | External Tasks | Deadline | + | Manual Progress |
|------------------------|--------------|-----------|---|-----------------|--------------------|---------------|-----------------------|-------------|---|--------------------|----------|---|-----------------|
| Date: Wed 9/6/23 | Split | Summary | - | Inactive Task | Inactive Summary | Duration-only | Manual Summary | Finish-only | 3 | External Milestone | Progress | | |
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MEMORANDUM WESTERN PLACER WASTE MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY

TO:WPWMA BOARD OF DIRECTORSDATE: SEPTEMBER 14, 2023FROM:KEN GREHM / ERIC ODDOO

SUBJECT: FY 2022/23 CREDITABLE RECOVERY RATES

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

None. This report is for information purposes only.

BACKGROUND:

In April 2022, your Board approved the MRF Operating Agreement (Agreement) with FCC Environmental Services California, LLC (FCC). Similar to the previous MRF operating agreement with Nortech Waste, LLC, the Agreement requires FCC to achieve minimum recovery levels from municipal solid waste (MSW) and construction and demolition debris (C&D) of 22% and 50%, respectively. Unlike the Nortech agreement wherein the recovery rates were computed based only on the quantity of materials sent to the MRF for processing, the recovery rates required of FCC are computed on the total quantity of MSW and C&D received at the facility regardless of whether the material was sent to the MRF for processing to reduce the potential for materials to be sent directly to the landfill.

In response to the November 2021 MRF fire, WPWMA and FCC negotiated the First Addendum to the Agreement modifying the minimum MSW recovery rate to 8% during the "Fire Recovery Period"¹ which lasted from July 1, 2022 through January 15, 2023. The 22% MSW recovery rate resumed January 16, 2023 and will be in place until completion of facility upgrades, at which time the minimum MSW and C&D recovery rates will increase to 60% and 65%, respectively.

To encourage FCC to exceed the minimum recovery rates, the Agreement provides for an incentive payment equal to \$20 per ton of materials recovered in excess of the contractual requirements^{2,3}. In the event FCC fails to meet the minimum recovery rates, the Agreement establishes a disincentive adjustment equal to 1% of the applicable annual processing fees paid for each percentage point, or portion thereof, below the required minimum recovery rate. The MSW and C&D recovery rates and incentive/disincentive payments are calculated annually, coinciding with the WPWMA's fiscal year.

<u>MSW</u>

During the Fire Recovery Period, FCC achieved an MSW recovery rate of 8.60%. However, per the First Addendum, although they exceeded the minimum MSW recovery rate they were not entitled to an incentive payment during the Fire Recovery Period. Following the Fire Recovery Period (January 16 – June 30, 2023), FCC achieved 22.20% MSW recovery which entitled them to an incentive payment of \$4,899.88.

¹ During the Fire Recovery Period, only MSW directed to the MRF for processing was included in the creditable recovery rate computations.

² Approximately equal to the avoided cost of landfilling these materials.

³ Per the First Addendum to the Agreement, FCC was not eligible for or subject to any MSW-related incentive or disincentive payments during the Fire Recovery Period.

<u>C&D</u>

Between July 1, 2022 and June 30, 2023, FCC achieved a C&D recovery rate of 34.82%. Since FCC did not meet the minimum recovery rate of 50%, they are subject to a disincentive payment of \$530,039.54.

As noted in Item 7d of this agenda package, FCC has proposed investing in the facility at its sole cost and to market recovered organic materials in a manner adequate to meet the Member Agency's SB 1383 procurement requirements in lieu of the WPWMA assessing the C&D disincentive payment and pursuing the remedies for default identified in the Agreement.

This report includes revisions dated Monday September 11, 2023.



WESTERN PLACER WASTE MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY

Minutes of August 10, 2023

Meetings of the Western Placer Waste Management Authority Board of Directors are held in the WPWMA Board Chambers at 3013 Fiddyment Road, Roseville, CA.

| Directors Present: | | | | | | |
|---------------------------|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| Scott Alvord | | | | | | |
| Shanti Landon | | | | | | |
| Bonnie Gore | | | | | | |
| Ken Broadway | | | | | | |
| Dan Karleskint | | | | | | |

Staff Present:

Kevin Bell Eric Oddo Robert Sandman Heather Wilden

- 1. <u>Call Meeting to Order</u>: Chairman Alvord called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM.
- 2. <u>Pledge of Allegiance</u>: Director Broadway led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- 3. <u>Roll Call</u>: All Directors were present.
- 4. <u>Statement of Meeting Procedures</u>: Heather Wilden read the procedures for in-person and virtual meeting participation.
- 5. <u>Public Comment</u>: None.
- 6. <u>Announcements & Information</u>
 - a. <u>Reports from Directors:</u> None.
 - b. <u>Report from the Executive Director</u>:
 - 1. Kevin Bell provided a summary of the recent landfill subsurface oxidation event noting that SCS has been monitoring gas wells in the area three times per week for the presence of carbon monoxide and overall gas temperature and will conduct a surface emission sweep of the affected area.
 - 2. Kevin reported that upon launching the new website, the WPWMA received a Gold Award from dotCOMM administered by the Association of Marketing and Communications Professionals. The award honors excellence in web creativity and digital communications.
 - 3. Kevin apprised the Board of a visit scheduled for Friday, August 18 at 9:30 AM with Assemblymember Joe Patterson to tour the WPWMA's facilities.
 - c. <u>Monthly Tonnage Reports</u>: Eric Oddo summarized the report. There were no questions from the Board.
 - d. <u>MRF Improvements Project Update</u>: Andrea Rodriguez of FCC Environmental Services California summarized the report. There were no questions from the Board.
- 7. <u>Consent Agenda</u>
 - a. <u>Minutes of the Board Meeting held July 13, 2023</u>

Staff recommended approving the minutes as submitted.

b. <u>Memorandum of Understanding Between the WPWMA and the Placer County</u> <u>Auditor-Controller</u>:

Staff recommended the Board:

- 1. Authorize the Chair and the Executive Director or designee, upon review and approval by WPWMA Counsel, to sign a Memorandum of Understanding with the Placer County Auditor-Controller related to providing ongoing financial and accounting services for an annual cost of \$93,695.
- 2. Determine that the recommended action is not a project pursuant to California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines Section 15378 Placer Waste Action Plan and development of a local circular economy.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA: Broadway/Karleskint

ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Karleskint/Broadway/Gore/Landon/Alvord

- 8. <u>Action Items</u>:
 - a. <u>Future WPWMA Organization:</u>

Staff recommended the Board:

- Provide feedback and direction to staff on proposed changes to WPWMA's organizational structure to align with the WPWMA's Strategic Plan including potential parameters for a Memorandum of Understanding with Placer County and the process for selecting a General Manager.
- 2. Authorize the Executive Director to solicit proposals for Executive Recruiter services to assist in the hiring of a full-time General Manager.
- 3. Determine that the proposed action is exempt from environmental review pursuant to California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines Section 15320.

Kevin Bell provided a summary of the report and answered questions from the Board. The Board requested that staff return at a future meeting with the top three ranked firms, final MOU, and recommended action. The Board also requested a workshop with the selected Executive Recruiter firm to develop a job description and determine the compensation for the General Manager position.

MOTION TO APPROVE ITEM 8a: Gore/Landon

ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Karleskint/Broadway/Gore/Landon/Alvord

- 9. <u>Upcoming Agenda Items</u>: None.
- 10. <u>Adjournment</u>: Meeting was adjourned at 5:44 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Heather Wilden, Clerk of the Board

MEMORANDUM WESTERN PLACER WASTE MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY

TO: WPWMA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

DATE: SEPTEMBER 14, 2023

FROM: KEN GREHM / EMILY HOFFMAN

SUBJECT: GROWTH FACTORY SPONSORSHIP

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

- 1. Authorize the Executive Director or designee, upon review and approval by WPWMA Counsel, to sign a sponsorship agreement with the Growth Factory for the GFX Conference for a total cost of \$5,000.
- 2. Determine that the recommended action is not a project pursuant to California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines Section 15378.

BACKGROUND:

Through the WPWMA's partnership with the Carlsen Center for Innovation & Entrepreneurship, staff were introduced to the Growth Factory and had the opportunity to learn more about how the WPWMA and Growth Factory share goals and could mutually benefit from continued engagement. In April 2023, the Growth Factory hosted the WPWMA's inaugural Final Pitch for the Circular Economy Innovation Competition at their Roseville Venture Lab.

The GFX Conference is the Growth Factory's annual venture conference and startup showcase that brings together talented and innovative minds from the Greater Sacramento region to connect, learn, support business startups, and build a robust startup ecosystem. Staff believe these efforts align with the WPWMA's goals to foster a local circular economy as outlined in both the WPWMA's 2023 – 2027 Strategic Plan and the Renewable Placer Waste Action Plan.

As the WPWMA looks to expand outreach efforts and improve its economic development efforts, staff believes it is important to consider supporting events and opportunities that align with the WPWMA's overall goals and position itself to engage in pilot projects or public-private partnerships in the local community and the entrepreneurial/manufacturing industry.

Should your Board approve the recommended sponsorship, the WPWMA will be afforded a reserved and branded table at the event's Backyard Awards Lunch, an Expo table to share information and materials about the WPWMA with event attendees, the opportunity to introduce or moderate the Civic Innovation Panel, placement of the WPWMA's logo on digital signage at the event and the GFX website, inclusion in various social media promotions, and more. Additionally, WPWMA staff have been invited to be guests on an episode of a podcast hosted by one of the founders of the Growth Factory, Mark Haney, to discuss fostering a local circular economy and investing in compatible manufacturing technologies.

ENVIRONMENTAL CLEARANCE:

The recommended action is not considered a "project" under CEQA guidelines Section 15378.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The fiscal impact of supporting the Growth Factory's GFX Conference is \$5,000. Sufficient funding is available in the FY23-24 Preliminary Budget to cover this cost.

STRATEGIC PLAN/GOALS:

GOAL 1 – Improve outreach, public education, and customer experience/service.

GOAL 2 – Enhance economic development and investment in innovation.

This Sponsorship Agreement (the "Agreement") is made and entered into as of 7/7/2023 by and between the Growth Factory with an office located at 4465 Granite Drive, Rocklin, CA (hereinafter referred to as "Company") and Western Placer Waste Management Authority with an office located at 3013 Fiddyment Road, Roseville, CA (hereinafter referred to as "Sponsor").

WHEREAS Sponsor desires to receive the Sponsorship Benefits outlined in Attachment A, and Company desires to have Sponsor as a Sponsor of certain activities.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the premises and the mutual agreements contained herein and the mutual benefits to be derived from this Agreement, the parties hereby agree as follows:

1. Purpose. The purpose of this Agreement is to define the terms pursuant to which Sponsor will be entitled to receive the Sponsorship Benefits.

2. Term of Agreement. This Agreement shall commence 7/7/23 and continue in full force and effect until 10/31/2023 (the "Initial Term").

3. Sponsor Brands. Subject to the terms and conditions of this Agreement and any other written guidelines provided by Sponsor to Company from time to time, Sponsor hereby grants to Company a non-exclusive, non-sublicensable, non-transferable, revocable right and license to use Sponsor's trademarks, service marks, trade names, logos, business names, and/or slogans (the "Sponsor Brands") for purposes of identification and the promotion of Activities. All goodwill that accrues from Bangerter Financial Services' use of the Sponsor Brands shall inure to the benefit of Sponsor.

4. Sponsorship. In consideration of Sponsor's payment of the Sponsorship fees (the "Fees") set forth in this Agreement, Company will provide Sponsor with the benefits set forth in Attachment A to this Agreement. The parties hereby agree that the terms of Attachment A are incorporated into, and made a part of, this Agreement by this reference.

5. Sponsorship Fee. The Fees payable by Sponsor to the Company are set forth in Attachment A and are non-refundable. Sponsor will pay all Fees due hereunder no later than thirty (30) days from the date of Company's invoice. Payment not received by the due date will constitute Sponsor's default under this Agreement.

6. Termination. Either party may terminate this Agreement for cause: (a) upon 30 days' written notice to the other party of a material breach if such breach remains uncured at the expiration of such period, or (b) if the other party becomes the subject of a petition in bankruptcy or any other proceeding relating to insolvency, receivership, liquidation or assignment for the benefit of creditors.

7. Limitation of Liability. In no event shall either party be liable to the other party for any incidental, consequential, indirect, or punitive damages (including but not limited to lost profits) regardless of whether such liability is based on breach of contract, tort, strict liability, breach of warranties, failure of essential purpose or otherwise and even if advised of the possibility of such damages. Company's aggregate liability arising out of this Agreement, whether in contract, tort (including negligence) or otherwise will not exceed the Fees paid by Sponsor to Company for the then-current Term.

8. Force Majeure; Substantial Damage. Each party shall be excused from performance of their obligations under this Agreement if such a failure to perform results from compliance with any requirement of applicable law, acts of God, fire, strike, embargo, terrorist attack, war, insurrection or riot or other causes beyond the reasonable control of such party. Any delay resulting from any of such causes shall extend performance accordingly or excuse performance, in whole or in part, as may be reasonable under the circumstances.

9. Assignment. This Agreement may not be assigned by Sponsor without Company's prior written consent, which approval will not be unreasonably withheld.

10. Notices. Any notice required or permitted by this Agreement shall be in writing and shall be delivered as follows, with notice deemed given as indicated: (a) by personal delivery, when delivered personally; (b) by overnight courier, upon written verification of receipt; or (c) by certified or registered mail, return receipt requested, upon verification of receipt. Notices shall be sent to the addresses provided above, and any notices sent to Sierra Health & Wellness shall be sent to the attention of the [Ixel Morell]. Either Party may designate a different address by providing written notice to the other party.

11. Applicable Law; Venue. This Agreement shall be governed by the laws of the State of California, and each party irrevocably consents and submits to the exclusive personal jurisdiction of the state and federal courts located in the State of California for any matter arising out of or relating to this Agreement.

12. Waiver. No failure or delay by either party in exercising any right under this Agreement shall constitute a waiver of that right. Other than as expressly stated herein, the remedies provided herein are in addition to, and not exclusive of, any other remedies of a party at law or in equity.

13. Relationship of the Parties. The parties will perform hereunder as independent contractors. Nothing contained in this Agreement shall be deemed to create any association, Sponsorship, joint venture, or relationship of principal and agent between the parties.

14. Non-exclusivity. This is not an exclusive agreement. Sponsor acknowledges that Growth Factory uses (and reserves the right to continue to use) other potential Sponsors and vendors to provide goods and services that are similar or related to the benefits as set forth in this agreement. Bangerter Financial Services will, to the extent reasonably requested by Growth Factory, cooperate in good faith and in a timely manner with Growth Factory's other Sponsors to allow the Sponsors to efficiently perform services for Growth Factory and its stakeholders.

15. Entire Agreement. This Agreement, including all Attachments hereto, constitutes the entire agreement between the parties, and supersedes all prior and contemporaneous agreements, proposals or representations, written or oral, concerning the subject matter hereof. No modification, amendment, or waiver of any provision of this Agreement shall be effective unless in writing and signed by an authorized representative of each party. The titles of the articles, section, and subsections of this Agreement are for convenience only, and do not define or limit the contents. This Agreement may be executed in any number of counterparts, each of which when so executed shall be deemed to be an original and all of which when taken together shall constitute one Agreement.

[Signature page to follow]

In Witness Whereof, the parties hereto have executed this Agreement by having their duly authorized representative(s) sign his/her/their name(s) in the respective spaces provided below:

| Growth Factory | Sponsor Company: Western Placer Waste |
|------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| | Management |
| Signature: | Signature: |
| Mongues | |
| Date: | Date: |
| 7/7/23 | |
| Name of Signer: | Name of Signer: |
| Monique Brown | |
| Title of Signer: | Title of Signer: |
| Managing Director | |
| Address: | Address: |
| 4465 Granite Dr., Rocklin Ca | |
| Email: | Email: |
| Monique@growthfactory.us | |
| Phone: | Phone: |
| | |

Attachment A

- 1. Sponsorship Level: Build + Backyard Awards Lunch Sponsor
- 2. Sponsorship Fees: \$5,000
- 3. Sponsorship Benefits: Listed Below
 - Reserved and branded table for 10 at Backyard Awards Lunch
 - 14 tix to GFX & Happy Hour
 - VIP Lounge Access
 - Expo Table
 - Introduce or moderate Civic Innovation Panel
 - Digital signage & GFX website
 - Social media promotion

MEMORANDUM WESTERN PLACER WASTE MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY

TO: WPWMA BOARD OF DIRECTORS DATE: SEPTEMBER 14, 2023

FROM: KEN GREHM / ERIC ODDO

SUBJECT: SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT WITH PLACER COUNTY AIR POLLUTION CONTROL DISTRICT

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

- Authorize the Executive Director or designee to sign the attached Settlement Agreement with the Placer County Air Pollution Control District (PCAPCD) resolving Notice of Violation (NOV) 3635 related to omissions and errors in landfill gas related reports submitted to the PCAPCD for the Western Regional Sanitary Landfill (WRSL).
- 2. Determine that the recommended action is not a project pursuant to California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines Section 15378.

BACKGROUND:

On March 28, 2023, the PCAPCD issued the attached NOV 3635 to the WPWMA for not submitting a final notice confirming that corrective actions were completed for surface methane emission exceedances recorded in 2020 and for omissions in the WPWMA's 2021 WRSL Annual Report demonstrating that positive wellhead pressures recorded for three gas extraction wells were corrected within the required regulatory timeframes. The NOV included a proposed Settlement Agreement that would require the WPWMA remit \$17,570 to the PCAPCD.

On May 17, 2023, staff met with PCAPCD to discuss the NOV, which led to the WPWMA's issuance of the attached June 12, 2023 letter providing additional details for PCAPCD's consideration. As a result of these discussions and additional information, the PCAPCD revised and reissued the attached proposed Settlement Agreement, reducing the payment to \$10,500.

Staff have had follow-up discussions with PCAPCD proposing to utilize the proposed Settlement Agreement payment amount of \$10,500 towards projects at the WRSL that could help reduce air-related impacts associated with operations. Examples of potential projects include replacement of gas-powered generators used to operate the leachate pumping network with solar-powered pumping units. On August 29, PCAPCD notified the WPWMA that it would be amenable to allowing the WPWMA to utilize 50% of the payment amount to such a project with the remainder (i.e., \$5,250) remitted as a direct payment to the district.

As noted in the WPWMA's June 12, 2023 letter, staff have included a provision in the current landfill gas operations and maintenance agreement with SCS Field Services to coordinate and schedule quarterly meetings with the PCAPCD. Staff believes conducting regular meetings with the PCAPCD will help to resolve administrative matters such as those noted in the NOV in a timelier manner and reduce the potential for future NOVs.

WPWMA BOARD OF DIRECTORS SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT WITH APCD SEPTEMBER 14, 2023 PAGE 2

Staff recommend your Board approve the proposed Settlement Agreement and authorize the Executive Director or designee to execute the Settlement Agreement on behalf of the WPWMA. Staff have notified the PCAPCD that, pending your Board's approval and authorization to sign, the WPWMA would remit the executed Settlement Agreement following tonight's meeting.

ENVIRONMENTAL CLEARANCE:

Executing a Settlement Agreement to resolve the NOV is not considered a project under the California Environmental Quality Act.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Sufficient funding to cover the cost identified in the proposed Settlement Agreement is available in the FY 2023/24 Preliminary Budget.

STRATEGIC PLAN/GOALS:

- GOAL 4 Establish well-planned facility infrastructure and ensure it proper maintenance and operation.
- GOAL 6 Establish internal policy and information regional policy.
- ATTACHMENT: EXHIBIT A NOTICE OF VIOLATION 3635 EXHIBIT B – WPWMA RESPONSE LETTER EXHIBIT C – REVISED SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT



Erik C. White, Air Pollution Control Officer

NOTICE OF VIOLATION

March 28, 2023

Attn: Eric Oddo Western Placer Waste Management Authority 3013 Fiddyment Road Roseville, CA 95747

| Notice of Violation: | |
|----------------------|---|
| Number: | 3635 |
| Date(s): | Various between July 2020 and November 2021 |
| Location: | 3033 Fiddyment Road, Roseville, California |

This letter is your notice that the Placer County Air Pollution Control District (District), authorized and established by California Health and Safety Code Section 40002, has made the finding that you are responsible for violations of District rules and regulations and/or state/federal air pollution laws. You can find District rules at http://www.placerair.org/rules.

Violation Circumstances:

Integrated average surface methane emissions at the following Western Regional Sanitary Landfill grids were found to be above the limit of 25 ppmv and were not corrected (and confirmed) within the required time period (120 days following two 10-day rechecks):

| - | | | | |
|--------------------|----------|---------------|-------------|--|
| Grid | Date | Date measured | Days out of | |
| # exceedance first | | in compliance | compliance | |
| | detected | | | |
| 121 | 07/31/20 | 03/02/21 | 74 | |
| 129 | 07/31/20 | 03/12/21 | 84 | |
| 137 | 07/31/20 | 06/01/21 | 164 | |
| 144 | 07/31/20 | 06/01/21 | 164 | |
| 151 | 10/25/20 | 06/01/21 | 77 | |
| 152 | 10/25/20 | 08/13/21 | 147 | |
| 158 | 10/25/20 | 06/01/21 | 77 | |
| 173 | 10/25/20 | 06/11/21 | 87 | |
| 180 | 10/25/20 | 06/01/21 | 77 | |
| 181 | 10/25/20 | 06/01/21 | 77 | |
| 186 | 10/25/20 | 06/01/21 | 77 | |
| 187 | 10/25/20 | 06/11/21 | 175 | |
| 194 | 07/31/20 | 06/01/21 | 165 | |
| 199 | 10/25/20 | 06/11/21 | 87 | |

California Code of Regulations, Title 17, Section 95495, <u>Surface Methane Emission Standards</u>, (a) requires that average MSW landfill surface methane concentration not exceed 25 ppmv as determined by integrated surface emissions monitoring.

California Code of Regulations, Title 17 Section 95469, <u>Monitoring Requirements</u>, (a) (2) requires that if remonitoring shows a third exceedance the owner/operator must achieve compliance no later 120 days after detecting the third exceedance, or it is a violation of this sub-article.

Pressures at the following Western Regional Sanitary Landfill wells were found to be positive and were not corrected within the required time period (120 days following 5- and 15-day rechecks):

| Well # | Date exceedance first | eedance first in compliance | |
|----------|--------------------------|-----------------------------|----|
| 16VERA81 | detected 03/02/21 | 11/11/21 | 75 |
| 16VERA82 | 03/09/21 | 11/11/21 | 75 |
| 16VERA83 | 05/04/21 | ? | ? |

California Code of Regulations, Title 17, Section 95495, <u>Surface Methane Emission Standards</u>, (c) requires well head pressure be negative.

California Code of Regulations, Title 17 Section 95469, <u>Monitoring Requirements</u>, (c) (2) requires that if remonitoring shows a third exceedance the owner/operator must achieve compliance no later 120 days after detecting the third exceedance, or it is a violation of this sub-article.

Additionally, well positive pressure events that were not corrected with the required time period were not reported to the District as soon as practicable or within 75 days of the initial determination, as required under 40 CFR Section 60.767(j).

Settlement Offer:

Based upon our investigation, there is sufficient information to proceed with a civil action pursuant to California Health and Safety Code, Article 3, Section 42402 et seq. As is provided for in State law, it is the District's policy to settle these matters through a mutual settlement process in lieu of pursuing this case in court.

Accordingly, the District offers to settle this matter pursuant to the conditions listed in the proposed settlement agreement (enclosed), including a monetary penalty of <u>Seventeen Thousand Five Hundred</u> <u>and Seventy Dollars (\$17,570)</u>. For the violations, you are strictly liable for a monetary penalty of up to \$10,000 per each separate day of violation, pursuant to California Health and Safety Code Section 42402(b)(2)(B). The offer is reduced from the maximum to encourage settlement out of court and in consideration of the severity and circumstances of the violation(s).

If the terms listed in the agreement are acceptable, you are requested to sign and return the enclosed Settlement Agreement, with a check payable to the Placer County Air Pollution Control District in the amount of the penalty, or a receipt showing that you have paid the penalty online at http://www.placer.ca.gov/departments/air/onlinepayments. Payment must be received no later than May **15, 2023**. Upon receipt of the signed agreement and your payment, you will be provided with a letter acknowledging settlement of this matter.

Alternatively, if you would like to present additional facts or circumstances for the District to consider in settling this matter, you may contact me at (530) 745-2337 to discuss this matter or request a time to meet at our office.

Notice of Violation Number 3635 March 28, 2023 Page 3

If this case is not settled by <u>May 15, 2023</u>, then the settlement offer is withdrawn. For cases that are not settled through this mutual settlement process the District will seek resolution through court action.

Sincerely,

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Bruce Springsteen Compliance and Enforcement Manager

Attachment: Settlement Agreement

AGREEMENT

Notice of Violation No. 3635

Western Placer Waste Management Authority shall pay a settlement of <u>Seventeen Thousand Five</u> <u>Hundred and Seventy Dollars (\$17,570)</u> in lieu of civil penalties determined pursuant to California Health and Safety Code Section 42402 et seq. The total monetary settlement is to be paid no later than <u>May 15</u>, <u>2023</u>.

Return of this agreement is requested by May 15, 2023

Failure to meet any of these agreement conditions shall void this agreement. In consideration of this settlement, the District agrees to refrain from seeking additional penalties with regard to the violation(s) set forth in this Notice of Violation letter. Notwithstanding this agreement, any evidence used in this matter may also be used in subsequent, but separate, enforcement actions. The signatures below signify agreement with the stated terms and conditions. By agreeing to these terms the alleged violator does not indicate acceptance of guilt.

Bruce Springsteen Compliance and Enforcement Manager Placer County Air Pollution Control District

03/28/23 Date

Date

Alleged Violator Western Placer Waste Management Authority

Please return this form, with a check payable to the *Placer County Air Pollution Control District* in the amount of the penalty, or a receipt showing that you have paid the penalty online at <u>http://www.placer.ca.gov/departments/air/onlinepayments</u>, to the *Placer County Air Pollution Control District*, 110 Maple Street, Auburn, CA 95603, in acknowledgment that these terms of settlement are acceptable.

RETURN THIS AGREEMENT WITH YOUR PAYMENT



June 12, 2023

Mr. Bruce Springsteen Placer County Air Pollution Control District 3091 County Center Drive, Suite 240 Auburn, CA 95603

RE: SETTLEMENT OF NOTICE OF VIOLATION NO. 3635 – FOLLOW UP INFORMATION REQUEST

Dear Mr. Springsteen:

On May 17, 2023, the Western Placer Waste Management Authority (WPWMA) met with the Placer County Air Pollution Control District (PCAPCD) to discuss Notice of Violation No. 3635 (NOV). The violation cited the WPWMA for not correcting the integrated average surface methane emissions exceedances that were detected on July 31, 2020, and October 29, 2020, and for the positive wellhead pressures that were detected on March 2, 9 and May 4, 2021, within the required timeframes, which is in violation of California Code of Regulation, Title 17, Sections 95495 and 95469. PCAPCD requested that the WPWMA provide a summary of items discussed, including the events and corrective actions taken to address the exceedances and steps the WPWMA will take moving forward to prevent delay in notifying PCAPCD of finalized remediation efforts in the future.

According to the WPWMA's records and as outlined in the attached timeline, WPWMA staff notified and kept PCAPCD staff apprised of the corrective measures being taken to address the integrated average surface methane emissions noted in the NOV, by submitting Non-Compliance Event Forms, quarterly and annual landfill gas reports, and providing updates via email and phone; however, WPWMA staff did not submit a final notice confirming that the corrective actions had been completed and that the exceedances returned to below compliance thresholds. Based on this, the WPWMA is requesting that the PCAPCD reduce the \$17,570 monetary penalty of the NOV since the reason for being in violation was a result of an administrative error rather than inaction.

Additionally, it was noted by WPWMA staff during the meeting, that the positive wellhead pressures included in the NOV were based on erroneous information included in the 2021 Annual Methane Emissions Report (Report) submitted by WPWMA staff. After reviewing the monthly landfill gas reports, WPWMA staff confirmed that the positive wellhead pressures for landfill gas wells 16VERA81, 16VERA82 and 16VERA83 were corrected within the required timeframe. Attached is a revised copy of the Report indicating all wellheads returned below compliance thresholds within the required timeframes.

As stated by WPWMA staff in the meeting, moving forward the WPWMA plans to hold quarterly meetings with the WPWMA's landfill gas contractor SCS Engineers and PCAPCD staff, so that accurate information is disseminated between entities in a timely manner. The WPWMA has included this item in the new landfill gas collection operations and maintenance contract that was approved by the WPWMA's Board on June 8, 2023, and is anticipated to begin July 2023.

Please contact Jennifer Snyder at (916) 543-3997 should you have any questions or wish to discuss this matter.

Sincerely,

Eric Oddo Eric Oddo (Jun 14, 2023 10:12 PDT)

Eric Oddo, P.E. Program Manager

ATTACHMENTS: APCD NOV 3635 TIMELINE 2021 ANNUAL METHANE EMISSIONS REPORT (REVISED MAY 2023)

APCD NOV 3635 Timeline

July 31, 2020

 SCS conducted the third quarter 2020 initial surface emissions monitoring event. Exceedances were detected in grids 113, 121, 129, 137, 144, 159, 167, 181, 187 and 194.

August 10, 2020

First 10-day re-monitoring for third quarter 2020 was conducted. Grids 113, 167 and 181 returned below compliance limits. Grids 121, 129, 137, 144, 159, 187 and 194 remained in exceedance.

August 20, 2020

- Second 10-day re-monitoring for third quarter 2020 was conducted and grids 121, 129, 137, 144, 159, 187 and 194 remained in exceedance.
- Since these grids were still above the 25 ppmv threshold after the second remonitoring event, remedial actions were required and included either expanding the gas collection system or performing surface repair activities within 120 days. Remedial activities were to be completed and grids were required to return below compliance thresholds by December 18, 2020.

October 2, 2020

- SCS replaced a deteriorated hose on the Borehole Emissions Control System (BECS) at well 41R to address exceedances detected on 7/31/2020.
- WPWMA submitted Non Compliance Event (NCE) form 2020-001 to APCD that included a summary about the surface emissions exceedances during the third quarter 2020, initial remediation plans that involved a combination of cover improvements and establishing a second well connection and that if these improvements were not successful at bringing the areas back into compliance then the WPWMA would have SCS design and install additional wells/pipelines to improve gas collection in the affected area. WPWMA staff also noted that additional time may be requested beyond the 120-day timeframe if needed.
- WPWMA staff also notified and discussed the NCE form information with APCD staff via telephone.

October 5, 2020

• APCD staff acknowledged NCE form 2020-001 submittal.

October 29, 2020

- SCS conducted the fourth quarter 2020 initial surface emissions monitoring event. Exceedances were detected in grids 151, 152, 158, 173, 180, 181, 186, 193, 194 and 199. Results indicated that grids 144, 159 and 187 returned below compliance limits.
- SCS was unable to collect measurements for grids 121, 129 and 137 during the quarter due to these becoming active areas.

November 2, 2020

 WPWMA submitted the Third Quarter 2020 Surface Emissions Monitoring (SEM) report to APCD. The report included the July 2020 surface emission exceedance results and how SCS and the WPWMA were evaluating remediation plans that may include expansion of the gas collection system or cover repairs.

November 6, 2020

First 10-day re-monitoring for the fourth quarter 2020 was conducted for grids 151, 152, 158, 173, 180, 181, 186, 193, 194 and 199. Results indicated that the grids remained in exceedance.

November 16, 2020

 Second 10-day re-monitoring for the fourth quarter 2020 was conducted for grids 151, 152, 158, 173, 180, 181, 186, 193, 194 and 199. Results indicated that the grids remained in exceedance.

Mid – Nov 2020

Before Thanksgiving, APCD and WPWMA staff discussed via telephone the integrated surface emissions that were measured on 11/16/2020 and that the WPWMA was not seeing improvements to approximately 10 grids (151, 152, 158, 173, 180, 181, 186, 193, 194 and 199) after completing the two follow-up monitoring events for the fourth quarter 2020. (Exact date of phone call is unknown).

December 11, 2020

 After receiving the final numerical results for the two follow-up monitoring events discussed during the 11/2020 phone call, the WPWMA submitted NCE form 2020-003 stating staff was working with SCS to design and install additional wells/pipelines to improve gas collection in the affected area. The WPWMA also noted that it may take longer than 120 days to build the wells and bring the grids into compliance. Based on previous well installations, WPWMA staff have discovered that the wet season inhibits drilling activities at the landfill due to saturated soil conditions. • APCD acknowledged the NCE form submittal and notified WPWMA staff that the incorrect form had been attached to the email submittal.

December 12, 2020

• WPWMA staff followed up with APCD and resubmitted the correct NCE form.

December 18, 2020

• Deadline for grids 121, 129, 137, 144, 159, 187 and 194 to be compliant.

February 1, 2021

 WPWMA submitted the Fourth Quarter 2020 SEM report to APCD. The report included the October 2020 surface emission exceedance results for each grid and that SCS and the WPWMA were evaluating remediation plans that may include expansion of the gas collection system or cover repairs.

March 1, 2021

 WPWMA staff sent an email to APCD providing an update to the NCE form 2020-003, notifying them of the eight proposed additional gas wells. This notification included the well design drawings and that drilling was expected to start on 3/3/2021 due to recent dry weather that made the area accessible for staging equipment and well installation.

March 2, 2021

- SCS conducted the first quarter 2021 initial surface emissions monitoring event. Results indicated that grids 121 and 159 returned below compliance limits and grids 120, 122, 129, 136, 137, 138, 143, 151, 158, 166, 167, 168, 173, 174, 180, 181, 186, 187, 193, 194, 199 and 205 were in exceedance.
- SCS was unable to collect measurements for grids 144 and 152 during the quarter due to these becoming active areas.

March 11, 2021

 WPWMA submitted the 2020 Annual Methane Emissions Report to APCD that contained partial information about remediation efforts for the remaining exceedances including details about bringing well 15-inv-001 online and the installation of eight new wells. The majority of the 2020 exceedances (14 of 17) were corrected in 2021 after this report was submitted.

March 12, 2021

First 10-day re-monitoring for the first quarter 2021 was conducted. Grids 120, 122, 129, 138, 167, 168, 193, 199 and 205 returned below compliance limits. Grids 136, 137, 143, 151, 158, 166, 173, 174, 180, 181, 186, 187 and 194 remained in exceedance.

March 22, 2021

- Second 10-day re-monitoring for the first quarter 2021 was conducted. Grids 136, 137, 143, 151, 158, 166, 173, 174, 180, 181, 186, 187 and 194 remained in exceedance.
- Since these grids were still above the 25 ppmv threshold after the second remonitoring event, remedial actions were required and included either expanding the gas collection system or performing surface repair activities within 120 days. Remedial activities were to be completed and grids were required to return below compliance thresholds by July 20, 2021.

April 16, 2021

 WPWMA submitted NCE form 2021-002 to APCD updating them on the well installations and exceedances and explained that the wells had been installed by the 120-day requirement (before March 16th) but could not establish control quick enough to bring the area into compliance by then.

April 30, 2021

 WPWMA submitted the First Quarter 2021 SEM report to APCD. The report included the March 2021 surface emission exceedance results for each grid and how SCS and the WPWMA were evaluating remediation plans that may include expansion of the gas collection system or cover repairs.

June 1, 2021

- SCS conducted the second quarter 2021 initial surface emissions monitoring event. Results indicated that grids 136, 137, 143, 144, 151, 158, 166, 174, 180, 181, 186 and 194 returned below compliance thresholds and grids 173, 187 and 199 were in exceedance.
- SCS was unable to collect measurements for grid 152 during the quarter due to this becoming an active area.

June 9, 2021

 WPWMA staff held a meeting with APCD to discuss a variety of topics including how the WPWMA was tuning the new wells for compliance and APCD had no comment.

June 11, 2021

 First 10-day re-monitoring for the second quarter 2021 was conducted and results indicated that grids 173, 187 and 199 returned below compliance thresholds.

July 20, 2021

Deadline for grids 136, 137, 143, 151,158, 166, 173, 174, 180, 181, 186, 187, and 194 to be compliant.

August 4, 2021

 WPWMA submitted the Second Quarter 2021 SEM report to APCD. The report included the June 2021 surface emission monitoring results indicating that all but one grid (Grid 152) had returned below compliance thresholds. SCS was unable to perform surface emission monitoring for Grid 152 because it was in an active area.

August 13, 2021

- SCS conducted the third quarter 2021 initial surface emissions monitoring event. SCS was able to collect monitoring data for Grid 152 since it was no longer in the active fill area and results indicated that it had returned below compliance thresholds.
- At this time all surface emission exceedances that were initially detected in 2020 had returned to below compliance thresholds.

March 15, 2022

 WPWMA submitted the 2021 Annual Methane Emissions Report to APCD that included numerical data for the surface emission exceedances for the 2021 calendar year. These exceedances were all corrected in June 2021, but that information was inadvertently not included in the annual report.

January 5, 2023

 APCD requested revisions to the 2020 and 2021 Annual Methane Emissions Reports.

January 19, 2023

 Per the APCD's request, WPWMA submitted revised copies of the 2020 and 2021 Annual Methane Emissions Reports that included new tables outlining compliance dates for SEM exceedances and corresponding topographic maps showing the locations.



Erik C. White, Air Pollution Control Officer

NOTICE OF VIOLATION

July 13, 2023

Attn: Eric Oddo Western Placer Waste Management Authority 3013 Fiddyment Road Roseville, CA 95747

Subject: Revised Settlement of Notice of Violation Number 3635

Dear Mr. Oddo:

Thank you for providing additional information concerning the subject violation notice, in a meeting with the District on May 17, 2023, and letter dated June 12, 2023.

You indicate the three well positive pressure events were corrected within the allowable time (120 days of the second 10-day re-monitoring event). They appeared to not have been because of omissions and errors you made in your preparation of the 2021 Annual Report. You have provided a revised Report with the proper information documenting well pressures were returned to vacuum within the required time.

For the surface methane emissions exceedances which were not corrected in the allowable time (120 days of the second re-monitoring), we acknowledge you provided us "Non-Compliance Event" notifications when unable to return surface emissions to compliance within the second re-monitoring event, as we agreed was required to satisfy Title V deviation reporting. However, the District has determined the inability to ultimately correct the surface emissions within the 120 day extension period are not the result of an "upset" or "breakdown" condition out of your control. Further, the District did not receive (or evaluate or approve) any request from you for time extension beyond the 120 day limit (for example, a request for variance or stipulated compliance agreement). Based on further information you provided on your monitoring results, the following grids did not meet the allowable time (and/or became repetitive in failure over multiple quarters):

| Grid # | Date exceedance first detected | Date measured in | Days out of compliance | Considerations |
|--------|---|------------------------|------------------------|---|
| 40.4 | | compliance | | |
| 121 | 07/31/20 | 03/02/21 | 74 | Unable to measure during 2020 Q4, active cell |
| 129 | 07/31/20 | 03/12/21 | 84 | Unable to measure during 2020 Q4, active cell |
| 137 | 07/31/20 | 06/01/21 | 164 | Unable to measure during 2020 Q4, active cell |
| 151 | 10/29/20 | 06/01/21 | 77 | |
| 152 | 10/29/20 | 08/13/21 | 147 | Unable to measure during 2020 Q4 and 2021 Q1, active cell |
| 158 | 10/29/20 | 06/01/21 | 77 | |
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| 167 | | | | Failure/pass in both 2020 Q3 and 2021 Q1 |
|-----|----------|----------|-----|--|
| 173 | 10/29/20 | 06/11/21 | 87 | |
| 180 | 10/29/20 | 06/01/21 | 77 | |
| 181 | 10/29/20 | 06/01/21 | 77 | Also, earlier failure/pass on 07/31/20 |
| 186 | 10/29/20 | 06/01/21 | 77 | |
| 187 | 07/31/20 | 06/11/21 | 175 | Passed on 10/24/20, exceedance measured again 3/2/2 |
| 194 | 07/31/20 | 06/01/21 | 165 | |
| 199 | 10/29/20 | 06/11/21 | 87 | Passed on 03/12/21, exceedance measured again 6/1/21 |

Considering the above, the District is revising our offer to settle for <u>Ten Thousand Five</u> <u>Hundred Dollars (\$10,500)</u>, see attached proposed settlement agreement with deadline of August 31, 2013.

Please contact me at (530) 745-2337 with any questions.

Sincerely,

z.

Bruce Springsteen

Compliance and Enforcement Manager

Attachment: Settlement Agreement

AGREEMENT

Notice of Violation No. 3635

Western Placer Waste Management Authority shall pay a settlement of <u>Ten Thousand Five Hundred</u> <u>Dollars (\$10,500)</u>, in lieu of civil penalties determined pursuant to California Health and Safety Code Section 42402 et seq. The total monetary settlement is to be paid no later than <u>August 31, 2023</u>.

Return of this agreement is requested by August 31, 2023

Failure to meet any of these agreement conditions shall void this agreement. In consideration of this settlement, the District agrees to refrain from seeking additional penalties with regard to the violation(s) set forth in this Notice of Violation letter. Notwithstanding this agreement, any evidence used in this matter may also be used in subsequent, but separate, enforcement actions. The signatures below signify agreement with the stated terms and conditions. By agreeing to these terms the alleged violator does not indicate acceptance of guilt.

Bruce Springsteen Compliance and Enforcement Manager Placer County Air Pollution Control District

07/13/23 Date

Alleged Violator Western Placer Waste Management Authority

Date

Please return this form, with a check payable to the *Placer County Air Pollution Control District* in the amount of the penalty, or a receipt showing that you have paid the penalty online at <u>http://www.placer.ca.gov/departments/air/onlinepayments</u>, to the *Placer County Air Pollution Control District, 110 Maple Street, Auburn, CA 95603*, in acknowledgment that these terms of settlement are acceptable.

RETURN THIS AGREEMENT WITH YOUR PAYMENT

MEMORANDUM WESTERN PLACER WASTE MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY

TO: WPWMA BOARD OF DIRECTORS DATE: SEPTEMBER 14, 2023

FROM: KEN GREHM / KEVIN BELL

SUBJECT: CONSTRUCTION & DEMOLITION DEBRIS RECOVERY RATES

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

- 1. Authorize staff to negotiate an amendment to the Material Recovery Facility Operating Agreement with FCC Environmental Services California, LLC (FCC) related to the Construction and Demolition Debris recovery rate consistent with the attached proposed deal points.
- 2. Determine that the recommended action is not a project pursuant to California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines Section 15378.

BACKGROUND:

As noted in Item 6f of this agenda package, FCC did not meet the contractual C&D guaranteed minimum recovery level (C&D GMRL) performance metric for FY 2022/23 and is subject to a disincentive payment of approximately \$530,000.

In discussions with staff, FCC has proposed the following in lieu of the WPWMA formally imposing a disincentive payment:

- 1. FCC will market, distribute and maintain records on the sale of recovered organic material to direct service providers in an amount and manner adequate to meet the procurement target of each Member Agency per 14 CCR Section 18993 of the SB 1383 regulations.
- 2. FCC will design, permit, bid and build additional mutually agreed upon infrastructure improvements at the WPWMA's facility equal to equal to a minimum of between \$730,000 and \$830,000.
- 3. Reduce the C&D GMRL from 50% to between 35 and 40%, to be determined based on a review of recent performance, for the period of July 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023.

In discussions with the WPWMA's Technical Analysis Group (TAG) on this topic, there is general consensus that FCC's proposal provides value directly to the Member Agencies and to the WPWMA. As a result, the TAG is supportive of FCC's proposal. If your Board authorizes staff to negotiate an amendment with FCC consistent with the deal points staff will draft the amendment and return to your Board for final approval.

Alternatively, your Board could authorize staff to proceed with imposing the C&D disincentive payment for FY 2022/23 or negotiate an amendment based on a revised series of deal points.

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ENVIRONMENTAL CLEARANCE:

The recommended action is not considered a "project" under CEQA guidelines Section 15378(b)(5).

FISCAL IMPACT:

Staff believe that it is appropriate and necessary that if the WPWMA agrees to the proposal put forth by FCC, that the economic value received by the WPWMA be equal to or greater than the economic impacts associated with a reduced diversion rate (and commensurate increase in landfill disposal).

As noted above, FCC is subject to a disincentive payment approximately \$530,000 for not meeting the C&D GMRL in FY 2022/23. Should the WPWMA maintain the 50% C&D GMRL for the first half of FY 2023/24, and FCC achieve a 40% diversion rate during the same period, they could be subject to a disincentive payment of approximately \$200,000. A 35% diversion rate would correspond to a disincentive payment of approximately \$300,000. As a result, staff values the proposed six-month reduction in the C&D GMRL between \$200,000 and \$300,000.

Although FCC marketing recovered organic material to direct service providers on behalf of Member Agencies provides direct and quantifiable value to these entities, this element of FCC's proposal does not have a direct benefit to the WPWMA. As such, staff have not included an estimate of this value for the purposes of quantifying the fiscal impact to the WPWMA.

Therefore, staff recommends that any subsequent amendment with FCC on this topic demonstrate a minimum of \$730,000 to \$830,000 of direct value to the WPWMA.

STRATEGIC PLAN/GOALS:

Goal 5 – Maintain fiscally responsible systems.

ATTACHMENT: PROPOSED DEAL POINTS

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PROPOSED DEAL POINTS

- 1. FCC, for the duration of the Agreement, will market recovered organic materials in a manner adequate to meet the procurement target of each Member Agency per Article 12 of the SB1383 regulations.
 - a. FCC will maintain the necessary documentation to demonstrate its efforts and provide such documentation to the WPWMA for distribution to the Member Agencies.
 - b. FCC will be liable to the Member Agencies for any monetary fines or penalties issued by CalRecycle directly associated with the Member Agencies' failure to meet the mandated recovered organic procurement requirements, to the extent such liability is within FCC's reasonable control and such liability is a direct result of FCC's failure.
- FCC will design, permit, bid and build additional mutually agreed upon infrastructure improvements at the WPWMA's facility in the range of between \$730,000 and \$830,000 in direct value to the WPWMA, to be determined based on a review of recent performance. Such infrastructure improvements may include, but are not necessarily limited to, the following:
 - a. Improvements at the public tipping area to improve the recovery and storage of carpet and electronic wastes.
 - b. An automated scalehouse kiosk system to improve the efficiency for processing customer transactions associated with the City of Roseville, City of Lincoln and Recology haul vehicles.
 - c. A viewing gallery and catwalk or other improvements in the Materials Recovery Facility that would provide the opportunity for interested parties to tour the facility and observe the updated MRF operations.
- 3. Reduce the C&D Guaranteed Minimum Recycling Level ("GMRL") from the current 50% to a range of 35 to 40%, to be determined based on a review of recent performance, for the period of July 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023. Effective January 1, 2024, the C&D GMRL will return to 50%.

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MEMORANDUM WESTERN PLACER WASTE MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY

TO: WPWMA BOARD OF DIRECTORS DATE: SEPTEMBER 14, 2023 FROM: KEN GREHM / ERIC ODDO

SUBJECT: WPWMA BOARD VOTING METHODOLOGY

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Provide direction to staff regarding possible adjustments to the WPWMA Board of Directors' voting methodology.

BACKGROUND:

At the July 13, 2023 meeting, your Board directed staff to gather additional information and examples of voting practices from other agencies and return to discuss potential changes to voting methodology and/or expansion of the number of Directors on the WPWMA Board.

Historically, your Board has utilized a non-weighted voting method wherein each vote by an individual Director has the same weight with a simple majority resulting in a passing motion. The WPWMA's original Joint Powers Authority (JPA) Agreement provided for five voting Directors; one from each of the four Member Agencies and one that would rotate among the Member Agencies. An amendment to the JPA Agreement was approved by the Member Agencies on August 25, 1987 replacing the rotating member with a second representative from the Placer County Board of Supervisors.

A weighted voting system would involve each Director having a defined number of votes based on a mutually agreed upon metric. At the July 13 meeting, your Board indicated a preference for using tipping fees as the metric should your Board implement a weighted voting methodology.

In addition to the weighting metric, your Board may consider the voting threshold to pass WPWMA matters (simple majority or some level of super majority) and whether an alternative voting method applies to all or only specific Board actions.

Based on feedback and direction provided by your Board at the July 13 meeting, staff prepared the attached tipping fee summary that provides insight into the relative total contribution of each Participating Agency, as well as a table summarizing the Board composition and voting practices of other California public agencies.

Should your Board wish to pursue changes to the WPWMA's voting methods and/or increasing the number of Board members, staff will review and suggest necessary changes to the JPA Agreement for your Board's and each Member Agencies' consideration.

ENVIRONMENTAL CLEARANCE:

The recommended action is not considered a "project" under CEQA guidelines Section 15378.

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FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no direct fiscal impact to the WPWMA associated with the recommended action.

STRATEGIC PLAN/GOALS:

GOAL 6 – Establish internal policy and inform regional policy.

ATTACHMENT: PARTICIPATING AGENCY TIP FEE SUMMARY BOARD COMPOSITION AND VOTING METHOD SUMMARY FOR VARIOUS AGENCIES

PARTICIPATING AGENCY TIPPING FEE CONTRIBUTION SUMMARY FISCAL YEAR 2022/23

| Agency | Tipping Fees | Relative Contribution | |
|----------------------------|--------------|-----------------------|--|
| Auburn | \$1,712,902 | 3.75% | |
| Colfax | \$250,338 | 0.55% | |
| Lincoln | \$5,868,356 | 12.85% | |
| Loomis | \$1,271,593 | 2.78% | |
| Placer County | \$10,504,372 | 23.00% | |
| Rocklin | \$6,771,169 | 14.83% | |
| Roseville | \$17,802,857 | 38.98% | |
| Out of County ¹ | \$1,488,792 | 3.26% | |
| Total | \$45,670,379 | 100.00% | |

SUMMARY METRICS

| Customer Group | Tipping Fees | Relative Contribution | |
|-------------------|--------------|-----------------------|--|
| Member Agency | \$40,946,755 | 89.66% | |
| Non-Member Agency | \$3,234,832 | 7.08% | |
| Out of County | \$1,488,792 | 3.26% | |
| Total | \$45,670,379 | 100.00% | |

¹ Includes materials received from the Thunder Valley Casino Resort and self-haul loads from Butte, El Dorado, Nevada, Sacramento, Sutter, and Yuba counties.

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California Agency Comparison Summary

| Agency No. Members (No. Directors) | | Voting Method | Pros | Cons |
|---|----------------------------------|--|---|--|
| Monterey Regional Waste8Management Authority(8) | | Each Member has one voteSimple majority | Simple | All agencies have equal weight |
| Salinas Valley Solid Waste Authority | 6 (9) | Board Members: Salinas (3), Monterey (2), Gonzales (1), Greenfield (1), King (1) Soledad (1) Each Member has one vote Simple majority; one vote must be from Salinas | Relative power determined by number of Board members | One vote from Salinas required which is a potential veto |
| Merced County Regional Waste Management Authority | 7 (11) | All 5 members of Merced BOS; 1 member from each the of 6 cities Simple majority | Simple | |
| California State Association of Counties | 58 (58-62) | Each County has one member Simple majority need except on changes to constitution, issue campaigns, and state ballot positions Weighted voting can be called by a member and must be seconded by another member Weighted voted based on dues structure with ceiling and floor | Simple Weighted voting when 2 or more entities request | |
| Sacramento Area Council of Governments | 6 Counties, 22 Cities (31) | Board Members: County of Sacramento (3) City of Sacramento (2), all others (1) Most votes require all the following: Majority of members by population Majority of votes from Cities Majority of vote from Counties | Recognizes size differences Multiple criteria require building more consensus | May require more time at meeting to determine result |
| San Diego Association of Governments | 19 (19) | One member from each local government Simple majority Weighted vote may be called by any two members Weighted metric based on population but no entity can have more than 50% | Simple Weighted voting when 2 or more entities request Limit individual to no more than 50% of vote | |

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| Agency No. Members (No. Directors) | | Voting Method | Pros | Cons |
|--|------------|---|--|--|
| Metropolitan Water District of Southern California | 26 (38) | One member from each agency Additional members based on Agencies' assessed valuation Weighted voting by assessed valuation | Weighted voting recognizing extreme difference in constituency size | More complicated especially with agencies with multi-members |
| Reclamation District 1000 | N/A (7) | 3 Board members (parcel seats) elected by each landowner voter 4 Board Members (land assessment seats) each landowner assigned votes based on the parcels O&M assessments | Simple voting at Board level Relative power of constituencies handled at the election | |
| Pioneer Community Energy ² | 10 (11) | Board Members: Placer County BOS (2), one member from 9 other agencies Simple majority needed | Simple | Larger jurisdictions' power may be diluted by number of smaller jurisdictions |
| Tahoe Regional Planning Agency | 8 (14) | Board Members: State of California (4), State of Nevada (4), one member from each six local agencies. Amending Codes and plans require 4 members from each State Projects require 5 members from the state in which project is located and 9 overall members Routine business requires majority of total members | Clear guidelines For projects, recognizes some additional importance of local control and voice | More complicated |

² Had weighted voting based on electrical usage. Removed weighted voting in 2021.

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MEMORANDUM WESTERN PLACER WASTE MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY

TO: WPWMA BOARD OF DIRECTORS DATE: SEPTEMBER 14, 2023

FROM: ROBERT SANDMAN, ASSISTANT AUTHORITY COUNSEL

SUBJECT: MRF EXPANSION PROJECT/SUBCONTRACTOR SUBSTITUTION HEARING/SKUTLEY CONTRACTING CORPORATION

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

- 1. Conduct a subcontractor substitution hearing regarding Skutley Contracting Corporation.
- 2. Render a decision regarding subcontractor substitution following the conclusion of the hearing listed in Action Item No. 1.
- 3. Determine that that proposed actions are each not a project pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15378.

BACKGROUND:

On April 22, 2022, the WPWMA and FCC Environmental Services, LLC ("FCC Environmental") entered into an Agreement for Design-Build Services relating to design and construction of the WPWMA Material Recovery Facility Expansion. The design-build agreement allowed FCC Environmental to hire a contractor to build the subject improvements. FCC Environmental later assigned the design-build agreement to FCC Environmental Services California, LLC ("FCC California").

In 2023, FCC California conducted a bid process to select a contractor for construction of the subject improvements (the "Project"). Cambridge Companies, Inc. ("Cambridge") bid on the Project as a general contractor. On March 17, 2023, Skutley Contracting Corporation ("Skutley") submitted a bid to Cambridge to perform the concrete portion of the Project. In its bid to FCC California, Cambridge listed Skutley as a subcontractor to perform the identified concrete portion.

Following the bid process, FCC California awarded the contract for the Project to Cambridge. On or about April 18, 2023, Cambridge sent Skutley a proposed subcontract for the concrete portion of the Project. A dispute arose between Cambridge and Skutley regarding the terms of the proposed subcontract. WPWMA staff and counsel understand that Cambridge interpreted a May 15, 2023 e-mail from Skutley as Skutley's refusal to sign the identified subcontract. Cambridge then sought out other subcontractors to perform the concrete portion of the Project. Cambridge sought to substitute Skutley pursuant to California Public Contract Code Section 4107(a)(1) and sent a letter to FCC California requesting to substitute Skutley on the Project. Skutley opposed being substituted.

On or about June 16, 2023, Skutley was provided with notice of Cambridge's substitution request and was provided five (5) working days to submit a written objection pursuant to California Public Contract Code Section 4107. On or about June 23, 2023, Skutley, provided a written objection to Cambridge's substitution request. On or about

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July 7, 2023, FCC California provided notice to Cambridge and Skutley setting a July 20, 2023 hearing date for Cambridge's substitution request. WPWMA Counsel notified FCC California counsel on July 14, 2023 that WPWMA did not object to FCC Environmental or FCC California conducting the subcontractor substitution hearing.

On July 20, 2023, a hearing on the substitution request was held with counsel for FCC California acting as the hearing officer. Cambridge and Skutley were represented by counsel at the hearing. FCC California counsel heard arguments from counsel for Skutley and Cambridge, with additional testimony from representatives from Cambridge and Skutley. The matter was submitted to FCC California counsel for decision at the conclusion of the hearing.

The FCC California hearing officer issued a written decision on August 4, 2023. That decision stated that, "After having had a reasonable opportunity to do so, Skutley refused to execute a written subcontract for the scope of work specified in Skutley's bid at the price specified in the Skutley's bid, when that written subcontract was based on the general terms, conditions, plans and specifications for the Project". The FCC California hearing officer determined that, under California Public Contract Code Section 4107(a), Cambridge was entitled to substitute Skutley as a subcontractor on the Project. The August 4 decision included notification that either Cambridge or Skutley could request within five (5) business days that the matter be considered by WPWMA Board of Directors. Skutley filed a timely request on August 9, 2023 that the matter go before your Board. In that request, Skutley requested a hearing *de novo*.

Copies of the hearing officer's August 4 decision and Skutley's August 9 request are attached. WPWMA Counsel will provide an outline of proceedings to your Board at the commencement of this item.

ENVIRONMENTAL CLEARANCE:

The proposed actions are each not a project pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15378.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact associated with your Board conducting a hearing.

ATTACHMENT: EXHIBIT A: AUGUST 4, 2023 CORRESPONDENCE FROM FCC CALIFORNIA TO DAUER McCANDLESS LLP AND COOK BROWN, LLP

EXHIBIT B: AUGUST 9, 2023 CORRESPONDENCE FROM COOK BROWN, LLP TO WPWMA

August 4, 2023

Eileen Diepenbrock DIEPENBROCK ELKIN DAUER McCANDLESS LLP 555 University Avenue, Suite 200 Sacramento, CA 95825 Stephen R. McCutcheon, Jr. COOK BROWN, LLP 2407 J Street, Second Floor Sacramento, CA 95816

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Re: Cambridge Companies, Inc.'s Request to Substitute Skutley Contracting Corporation

Ms. Diepenbrock and Mr. McCutcheon:

Attached please find the decision with regard to Cambridge Companies, Inc.'s request to substitute Skutley Contracting Corporation.

I. PROCEDURAL BACKGROUND

On June 12, 2023, Brian Young from Cambridge Companies, Inc. ("Cambridge") sent a letter to FCC Environmental Services California, LLC ("FCC") requesting to substitute Skutley Contracting Corporation ("Skutley") as a subcontractor on the Western Placer Waste Management Authority ("WPWMA") Recycling Center Improvement Project (the "Project"). Mr. Young's letter enclosed as support for its request a June 12, 2023, declaration of Lenny Zelms, the Director of Preconstruction for Cambridge. WPWMA requested that Joel Blake, the General Counsel of FCC Environmental Services California, LLC, act as the hearing officer.

On June 16, 2023, Skutley was provided with notice of Cambridge's request, a copy of Mr. Young's letter and Mr. Zelms declaration, and provided five working days to submit a written objection, pursuant to Public Contract Code section 4107. On June 23, 2023, Skutley, provided a written objection to Cambridge's request to substitute it as a subcontractor, and included with its objection the declaration of Joe Skutley, the Owner of Skutley. On July 7, 2023 FCC provided notice to Cambridge and Skutley setting the hearing on Cambridge's substitution request on July 20, 2023.

At the request of Skutley and Cambridge on July 14, 2023, FCC sent a letter requesting that the parties submit any additional evidence or argument relating to the substitution by 2:00 pm on July 18, 2023. On July 18, 2023, Cambridge submitted a letter from Eileen Diepenbrock in support of its request to substitute Skutley, along with a declaration of Joshua Barnhorst, the Project Manager for Cambridge. Skutley submitted a letter from Stephen McCutcheon in support of its objection to the substitution request.

On July 20, 2023, a hearing on the substitution was held and Joel Blake acted as the hearing officer. Eileen Diepenbrock and Nicholas Brummel appeared as counsel for Cambridge. Also present for Cambridge was Mr. Barnhorst. Stephen McCutcheon appeared as counsel for Skutley. Also present for Skutley was Mr. Skutley, and Chris Worth, a subcontractor of Skutley, was present for a part of the hearing.

Mr. Blake heard argument from counsel for Skutley and Cambridge and then Mr. Barnhorst provided testimony on behalf of Cambridge in support of the request to substitute. Mr. Skutley provided testimony on behalf of Skutley in objection to the request.

After providing testimony, counsel were provided the ability to provide additional argument and confirmed they had no more evidence to submit. The matter was deemed submitted to Mr. Blake for decision at the conclusion of the hearing on July 20, 2023.

II. FACTUAL BACKGROUND

Cambridge bid on the Project as a general contractor. As part of preparing its bid, Cambridge set up a document depository that it shared with subcontractors it invited to bid on the Project. The document depository included the bidding documents, addenda, and contract documents. The information in the depository also included the project sequence and project schedule, including the project milestones. Skutley was provided access to the document depository and downloaded the documents in the depository starting on February 15, 2023.

On March 17, 2023, Skutley submitted a bid to Cambridge to perform the concrete portion of the Project. In its bid to FCC, Cambridge listed Skutley as a subcontractor to perform the concrete portion of the Project.

After Cambridge was determined to be the low bidder, on March 27, 2023, Cambridge notified Skutley it would be using Skutley for the concrete portion of the Project. Then, on April 18, 2023, Cambridge sent Skutley a proposed subcontract for the Project. According to the testimony of Mr. Barnhorst, the proposed subcontract was based upon the bid documents. Moreover, the proposed subcontract was for the scope of work provided in Skutley's proposal and for the same price as in Skutley's proposal. Skutley and Cambridge had some back and forth regarding the contract language, including a call between Joe Skutley and Cambridge's legal counsel.

At the same time the parties were discussing the subcontract language, Skutley was meeting with Cambridge and e-mailing Cambridge requesting the final Issued For Construction drawings. Skutley was requesting these drawings due to the fact that at bid time the drawings used for bid purposes were not the final Issued for Construction drawings. Ultimately, the Issued for Construction drawings—or at least a portion of them—were provided to Skutley on May 5, 2023.

Subsequently, on May 15, 2023, Skutley sent Cambridge an e-mail outlining what Skutley believed were its understanding of the project complexities. Skutley outlined five issues in its e-mail, and with each item it sought an increase in its bid price. Skutley indicated in its e-mail that if Cambridge wanted to enter into a contract with Skutley, then "the project will need to be Rebid with Real Time/Current Information." Cambridge took the May 15, 2023, e-mail as Skutley's refusal to sign a subcontract.

After the May 15, 2023, e-mail from Skutley, Cambridge sought out other subcontractors as it believed Skutley was refusing to sign a subcontract. Cambridge did not provide those other subcontractors Skutley's bid—it only provided the same bid documents that it had provided to Skutley prior to bid. Ultimately it received a bid from Demcon for \$52,000 more than Skutley's bid.

Cambridge now seeks to substitute Skutley pursuant to Public Contract Code section 4107(a)(1), and Skutley opposes being substituted.

III. <u>LEGAL ANALYSIS</u>

A. FCC's Authority to Act As A Hearing Officer.

FCC is contracted with WPWMA to operate the Recycling Center and Landfill. Moreover, FCC agreed to provide upgrades to Recycling Center and Landfill for which it selected Cambridge to perform a portion of the work, after accepting bids from various contractors. As part of its bid to FCC, Cambridge listed Skutley as a subcontractor on the Project. Now, Cambridge has requested to substitute Skutley as a subcontractor pursuant to Public Contract Code section 4107. WPWMA requested FCC as the Operator of the facility, and as well as the entity that has more knowledge of the Project to oversee the substitution hearing. Skutley objects to Mr. Blake overseeing the hearing arguing that FCC is not an "Awarding Authority" or "Authorized Officer" under Public Contract Code section 4107, and thus cannot oversee the hearing. Skutley further argues that FCC, unlike a public owner, is not "interested in obtaining the results contracted for, which in this situation is to obtain a fully constructed facility within the time set forth in the Design-Build Agreement." (McCutcheon July 18, 2023 Letter.) And, thus it should be conflicted out of overseeing this substitution request.

The Hearing Officer has considered Skutley's objections and finds that there is no basis to find the Hearing Officer cannot oversee the substitution hearing. Public Contract Code section 4107 provides that a public agency is entitled to appoint an agent to handle a substitution hearing under section 4107. (See JMS Air Conditioning & Appliance Service, Inc. v. Santa Monica Community College Dist. (2018) 30 Cal.App.5th 945, 957 ["Nothing in the record, nor the Act's history, nor its overall structure suggests that preventing an awarding authority's agent from conducting a substitution hearing might help combat bid shopping or bid peddling."].) The Hearing Officer was delegated the task by WPWMA to handle the substitution hearing, given his background in construction and knowledge of the Project. Furthermore, contrary to the allegations of Skutley, FCC as the Operator of the facility for potentially the next 20 years, does have the same incentive as any other public agency. Given that FCC will be the Operator of this facility for the next 20 plus years, it does have a substantial incentive in ensuring that the work is completed in a professional and workmanlike manner, in accordance with the plans and specifications, as well as that it is timely completed. FCC is not like a general contractor who is simply building a project and will walk away as soon as the project is completed. FCC-like a public owner-will have to operate and maintain the facility after construction for many years to come. FCC's interests are the same as any public owner.

Furthermore, the Subletting and Subcontracting Fair Practices Act (the "Act") express and singular purpose is to prevent bid shopping and bid peddling. (*JMS, supra*, 30 Cal.App.5th at p. 958.) Here, FCC in is the same position as any public agency in a substitution hearing. It has a lump sum contract with Cambridge, pursuant to which Cambridge is required to timely complete the Project in accordance with the plans and specifications. There is nothing to indicate that FCC, or the Hearing Officer, have any incentive to overlook any bid shopping or bid peddling. Finally, the court in *Synergy Project Management, Inc., v. City and County of San Francisco* (2019) 33 Cal.App.5th 21, did not find any conflict when a public agency can demand removal of a subcontractor, prosecute the hearing to substitute the subcontractor, as well as oversee and rule on the hearing. Given that a public agency does not have a conflict ruling on its own substitution request, the Hearing Officer does not see any basis to claim FCC who has no interest in the

substitution of Skutley, other than the same interest as any other project owner or operator, cannot oversee this hearing. (*Id.* at p. 35-37.)

B. Substitution Under Public Contract Code Section 4107 (a)(1).

Cambridge seeks to substitute Skutley pursuant to Public Contract Code section 4107 (a)(1), which provides:

When the subcontractor listed in the bid, after having had a reasonable opportunity to do so, fails or refuses to execute a written contract for the scope of work specified in the subcontractor's bid and at the price specified in the subcontractor's bid, when that written contract, based on the general terms, conditions, plans and specifications for the project involved or the terms of that subcontractors written bid, is presented to the subcontractor by the prime contractor.

Cambridge claims that it presented Skutley with a subcontract for the work specified in Skutley's bid and for the price in Skutley's bid, and after having a reasonable opportunity to do so, Skutley failed or refused to execute a subcontract with Cambridge. Skutley disputes Cambridge's claim, and argues that Cambridge never presented it with a subcontract that complied with all of the terms of Skutley's bid. Skutley claims that, by listing Skutley, Cambridge is required to accept all of Skutley's bid terms, citing *Flintco Pacific, Inc. v. TEC Management Consultants, Inc.* (2016) 1 Cal.App.5th 727.

On February 15, 2023, and again on February 20, 2023, Skutley downloaded Addendum No. 1, from Cambridge's download site. Addendum No. 1 included the General Conditions for the Project, as well as the Project milestones, and the proposed contract between Cambridge and FCC. Additionally, between February 14, 2023 and March 16, 2023, Skutley downloaded the available Project plans. (Barnhorst Ex. 1.) On March 17, 2023, Skutley provided a bid to Cambridge to perform the concrete work for the Project. (Skutley Ex. 1.) Skutley's proposal broke down the different scopes of concrete work it was proposing to perform and provided a price for each. It proposed to do the following work: C&D Compressor Office Building concrete for \$2,988,140.00; Maintenance Building concrete for \$311,711; C&D site concrete §181,577, for a total of \$4,480,791.00. Skutley also proposed a deduct of \$93,457.00, if the Push Wall was removed. (Skutley Ex. 1.)

Cambridge in its bid to FCC listed Skutley as its proposed concrete subcontractor. On March 27, 2023, after bid opening and after Cambridge was determined to be low bidder, it sent Skutley a letter of intent indicating it was Cambridge's intent to use Skutley as the concrete subcontractor on the Project for a subcontract price of \$4,387,334, which was Skutley's price including the deduct of the Push Wall.

On April 18, 2023, Cambridge sent Skutley a written subcontract. The scope of work specified in the proposed subcontract was concrete, and Exhibit A to the subcontract listed the same scope of work that Skutley listed in its proposal. (Barnhorst Ex. 4.) The price in the subcontract was \$4,387,334.00, which is the price in Skutley's proposal, including the deduct for removal of the Push Wall. (Barnhorst Ex. 4 ¶6.1; & Ex A.) Furthermore, the subcontract Exhibit A, Scope of Work, references the "contract documents provided by Cambridge Companies, Inc. and designed

by SCS Engineers, Asplundh Engineering Associates, Arcon Structural Engineers, Terry Engineering, Ko Architects, per bid documents . . ." (Barnhorst Ex. 4.)

At the time the Project bid, the final Issued for Construction drawings had not been issued. Thus, beginning in April, Skutley began requesting the Issued for Construction drawings from Cambridge. On May 5, 2023, the Issued For Construction Drawings were provided to Skutley.

On May 15, 2023, approximately one month after being provided with the subcontract and after his review of what portion of the Issued for Construction drawings he had been provided, Joe Skutley sent an e-mail to Cambridge providing a list of what he called the "current understanding of the projects complexities." Mr. Skutley's May 15, 2023, e-mail went through about five separate items Mr. Skutley believed were issues on the Project. Mr. Skutley provided a cost increase Skutley was seeking for each item and the total additional funds requested were \$950,877. Mr. Skutley's e-mail went on to state, "If CCI is desiring SCC to enter into a Contractual Agreement preceding sufficient Project Documents the project will need to be Rebid with Real Time/Current Information."

Cambridge took the May 15, 2023, e-mail as a refusal by Skutley to sign the subcontract. Mr. Skutley testified at the hearing that his May 15, 2023, e-mail was not a refusal to sign a subcontract, but simply an e-mail to highlight issues with the Project to further negotiations with Cambridge. Skutley argued that it never refused to sign a subcontract, because it was never given any indication by Cambridge that the subcontract was "its last best and final" offer.

Mr. Barnhorst, the Project Manager for Cambridge testified at the hearing that Cambridge prepared the subcontract it sent to Skutley based on the Project documents available at bid time. Mr. Barnhorst further testified that the schedule provided as Exhibit D to the subcontract had the same durations and sequencing as outlined in the bid documents provided to Skutley. Mr. Barnhorst testified that the Issued For Construction documents were not the basis of the subcontract, and that Cambridge recognized that if the Issued For Construction documents changed Skutley's work, it could request a change order per the terms of the subcontract.

Based on the evidence presented at the hearing, including, but not limited to, the testimony of Mr. Skutley and Mr. Barnhorst, the Hearing Officer finds that Skutley refused to sign a subcontract, that was based upon the general terms, conditions, plans and specifications for the Project. Mr. Skutley's May 15, 2023, e-mail makes an unequivocal statement that if Cambridge desires Skutley to sign a subcontract, "the project will need to be Rebid with Real Time/Current Information." That statement indicates that Skutley is not signing the subcontract provided by Cambridge, unless Skutley gets to provide an updated bid number. Nothing requires Cambridge to follow up Skutley's unequivocal statement with a further demand that Skutley sign the subcontract. Even if Skutley had not refused to sign it. The evidence supports the finding that Cambridge provided Skutley a subcontract that contained the scope of work specified in Skutley's bid as well as the price specified in Skutley's bid. And that the subcontract was based on the general terms, conditions, plans and specifications for the Project.

Therefore, Cambridge is entitled substitute Skutley pursuant to Public Contract Code section 4107(a)(1).

Skutley argues that the subcontract provided by Cambridge was not consistent with Skutley's bid proposal and, therefore, Skutley cannot be substituted for failing to sign a subcontract. Skutley

claims under *Flintco* by listing Skutley Cambridge had to accept all of Skutley's bid conditions, including, its exclusions. *Flintco*, is not applicable because it was a case dealing with whether a subcontractor could be held to its bid price under the theory of promissory estoppel, not a subcontractor substitution, under Section 4107. (*Flintco, supra*, 1 Cal.App.5th at 730.) In *Flintco*, the subcontractor (TEC) submitted a written bid to the general contractor (Flintco) to perform glazing work for \$1,272,090 on a project to construct a new building at Diablo Valley College. (*Id.* at p. 729.) The bid contained terms and conditions that affected the bid price, such as a deposit of 35% of the bid amount to lock in prices with suppliers. (*Id.* at p. 730.) Other conditions included that the bid could be withdrawn if not accepted within 15 days, and that the proposed price was subject to a 3% minimum escalation, per quarter, after the 15-day acceptance period. (*Ibid.*)

Flintco used TEC's bid price in compiling its own bid to the owner, but admitted on bid day it disregarded the terms and conditions in TEC's bid. (*Id.* at p. 729.) After Flintco was awarded the contract, it sent a standard-form subcontract to TEC that differed materially from its bid. (*Ibid.*) TEC refused to enter the subcontract. (*Id.* at p. 730.) Flintco hired another subcontractor to complete the work and sued TEC on a theory of promissory estoppel for \$327,050, the difference between TEC's bid and contract price paid to the replacement subcontractor. (*Ibid.*) The Court of Appeal found that Flintco could not pursue a promissory estoppel claim against TEC, because Flintco did not reasonably rely upon TEC's bid to its detriment, since Flintco's reliance on the bid price alone, without the conditions was not reasonable. (*Id.* at p. 735.) The Court found that Flintco's subcontract to TEC was a counter offer to TEC's bid, and thus Flintco lost the power to accept TEC's bid. (*Id.* at p. 736.) *Flintco*, did not, however address the language of Section 4107, or even mention the Act.

As outlined above, the substitution of Skutley is governed by the language of section 4107 (a)(1), which provides the subcontract must be "for the **scope** of work specified in the subcontractor's bid and at the **price** specified in the subcontractor's bid, when that written contract, based on the **general terms, conditions, plans and specifications for the project** involved **or** the terms of that **subcontractors written bid** . . ." Section 4107 (a)(1) calls out that the subcontract must contain the price of the subcontractor's bid and the scope from the subcontractor's bid. It then says it must contain the general terms, conditions, plans and specifications for the Project **or** the terms of the subcontractors written bid. It does not mandate that all terms of the subcontract contains the general terms conditions, plans and specifications for the project, or the terms of the subcontract, only the price and scope. Provided the subcontract contains the general terms conditions, plans and specifications for the project, or the terms of the subcontractors written bid. Here the subcontract met the former condition.

Interior Systems, Inc. v. Del E. Webb Corp. (1981) 121 Cal.App.3d 312, 317, which is relied upon by Skutley, supports the above conclusion. In *Del E. Webb*, a general contractor listed defendant as a subcontractor in its bid to the public agency. The subcontractor's bid contained various exclusions. After the general contractor was awarded the project it provided a written contract to the subcontractor, which did not include the exclusions contained in the subcontractor's bid. (*Id.* at p. 314.) The subcontractor refused to sign and therefore the general requested that the subcontractor be substituted. In considering the propriety of the substitution the Court of Appeal stated [T]he content of the pleading discloses a fact on which permission may be given by the administrative authority, i. e. failure to sign a subcontract. Although not containing the terms of appellantsubcontractor's bid, the written contract submitted to appellant was 'based upon the general terms, conditions, plans and specifications for the project involved' and which respondent used in its bid on the prime contract. Failure to sign such a contract when tendered is ground on which the public agency may give permission to substitute.

(Id. at p. 317 (bold added).)

As the Court found in *Del E Webb* the subcontract presented to Skutley need not include all of Skutley's exclusions from its bid, provided it is "based upon the general terms, conditions, plans and specifications for the project involved". (*Id.* at p. 317.) As outlined above, the Hearing Officer finds that the subcontract presented to Skutley met that criteria and thus Skutley's refusal to sign is a basis for its substitution.

IV. CONCLUSION

After having had a reasonable opportunity to do so, Skutley refused to execute a written subcontract for the scope of work specified in Skutley's bid at the price specified in the Skutley's bid, when that written subcontract was based on the general terms, conditions, plans and specifications for the Project. Therefore, under Public Contract Code section 4107(a), Cambridge is entitled to substitute Skutley as a subcontractor on the Project.

As outlined above, the Hearing Officer had authority to conduct this hearing. However, should either party believe this matter needs to be considered by WPWMA Board of Directors, they can—within five business days of the date of this Ruling—notify the Executive Director of WPWMA at 3013 Fiddyment Road Roseville, CA 95747, and <u>info@wpwma.ca.gov</u>, in writing that they are requesting this matter go before the Board.

Very truly yours,

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Re: WPWMA Facility Improvements: Skutley Contracting Corporation's Request for Hearing

Dear Mr. Grehm:

Skutley Contracting Corporation ("SCC") has previously notified Western Placer Waste Management Authority ("WPWMA") of its objections to Cambridge Companies, Inc.'s ("Cambridge") request to substitute SCC from the WPWMA Facility Improvements Project ("Project"), and its objections to the claimed authority of FCC Environmental, Inc. ("FCC") to rule upon Cambridge's request. Notwithstanding these objections WPWMA allowed Cambridge's request to substitute SCC to be decided by FCC, the "Contractor" for performance of the "Agreement for Design-Build Services" for the construction of the Project.

On August 4, 2023, FCC issued its "decision with regard to Cambridge Companies, Inc.'s request to substitute Skutley Contracting Corporation," stating that either party could request the matter go before the Board. SCC hereby requests a hearing *de novo* before the Board.

For the sake of clarity, SCC confirms that it considers the record to include the following documents:

• June 16, 2023, letter from Matthew J. Weber to SCC.

• June 23, 2023, letter from Stephen McCutcheon to WPWMA and FCC and Declaration of Joe Skutley with attached exhibits.

• July 7, 2023, letter from Matthew J. Weber to Eileen Diepenbrock and Stephen McCutcheon.

• July 13, 2023, letter from Stephen McCutcheon to WPWMA and Matthew Weber.

- July 14, 2023, letter from Eileen Diepenbrock to Matthew Weber and WPWMA.
- July 18, 2023, letter from Stephen McCutcheon to Matthew Weber and WPWMA and exhibits.
- July 18, 2023, letter from Eileen Diepenbrock to Matthew Weber and WPWMA and J. Barnhorst Declaration and exhibits.
- August 4, 2023, decision by Joel Blake on behalf of FCC.

SCC reserves the right to submit additional documents and testimony to the Board prior to any hearing on Cambridge's request for substitution.

Sincerely,

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