



# County of San Mateo

## Inter-Departmental Correspondence

**Department:** COUNTY MANAGER: OFFICE OF SUSTAINABILITY

**File #:** 19-1092

Board Meeting Date: 11/12/2019

**Special Notice / Hearing:** None  
**Vote Required:** Majority

**To:** Honorable Board of Supervisors  
**From:** Jim Eggemeyer, Director, Office of Sustainability  
**Subject:** Countywide Integrated Waste Management Plan Five-Year Review Report

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

Adopt a resolution:

- A) Approving the Five-Year Countywide Integrated Waste Management Plan Review Report; and
- B) Directing the Director of the Office of Sustainability to submit the Five-Year Countywide Integrated Waste Management Plan Review Report to CalRecycle and the City/County Association of Governments, acting as the Local Task Force.

### **BACKGROUND:**

Each county in California is required by the California Integrated Waste Management Act of 1989 (AB 939) to prepare and adopt a Countywide Integrated Waste Management Plan (CIWMP). In San Mateo County, County government (representing the unincorporated area) and all the cities in the county have prepared and adopted elements that make up the CIWMP. The five elements of the CIWMP are listed below:

1. **Source Reduction & Recycling Element (SRRE):** One plan for each city and one for the County's unincorporated areas
2. **Household Hazardous Waste Element (HHWE):** One plan for each city and one for the County's unincorporated areas
3. **Nondisposal Facility Element (NDFE):** One plan for each city and one for the County's unincorporated areas
4. **Siting Element (SE):** One countywide plan
5. **Summary Plan (SP):** One countywide plan

The California Integrated Waste Management Board, now known as CalRecycle, approved the original elements in the CIWMP in October 1999. This approval date determines a five-year review reporting cycle in accordance with AB 939 for the County's CIWMP. The objective of the five-year

review is to determine if the CIWMP elements are still relevant and appropriate tools for guiding waste reduction programs in San Mateo County. The City/County Association of Governments, acting as the Local Task Force (LTF) for San Mateo County, reviews the CIWMP and provides comments to the County. The subsequent five-year reviews were completed in 2004, 2009, and 2014. The current five-year review was completed during August and September of 2019 through the formation of a CIWMP Five-Year Review Ad-Hoc Committee.

Having completed the current five-year review, the LTF has determined that all of the existing elements of the CIWMP, with the exception of the HHWE, are no longer adequate to guide waste reduction and diversion programs in San Mateo County. The LTF recommends that the County update and revise all the CWIMP elements, except the HHWE. The LTF also requests that the County prepare a new Five-Year Countywide Integrated Waste Management Plan Review Report (Review Report), see Attachment A. The letter from the LTF, included in the Review Report addressed to the Director of the Office of Sustainability (OOS), was received on October 15, 2019. This initiated the Review Report process.

### **DISCUSSION:**

Based on feedback from County Environmental Health Division staff, and facility operators, the OOS completed a draft Review Report utilizing the template provided by CalRecycle. County staff and these other representatives have concluded that the elements of the CIWMP are no longer adequate tools for the continued implementation of AB 939, with the exception of the HHWE (in agreement with the LTF).

Upon your Board's adoption of the Resolution approving the Review Report, staff will forward the Review Report to CalRecycle. CalRecycle will provide OOS staff with its findings within 90 days, including any requests for updates to specific elements of the CIWMP. Staff will then update all requested elements of the CIWMP and bring the updated elements to your Board for final approval and subsequent submission to CalRecycle. The updates to all the CWIMP elements (except the HHWE) are anticipated to take approximately 30 months to complete from receipt of CalRecycle's comments.

County Counsel has reviewed and approved the Resolution as to form.

### **FISCAL IMPACT:**

There is no Net County Cost associated with the approval of the Five-Year Countywide Integrated Waste Management Plan Review Report.

### **ATTACHMENT:**

- A. San Mateo County Five-Year CIWMP Review Report