

**Oro Loma Sanitary District
MEMORANDUM**

TO: Board of Directors
FROM: Solid Waste Committee – Directors Young and Simon
DATE: April 8, 2019
SUBJECT: MEETING MINUTES OF APRIL 8, 2019

The Solid Waste Committee meeting was called to order by Chair Young on Monday, April 8, 2019, at 3:32 p.m. Director Simon joined the meeting at 3:39 p.m. Staff in attendance included Administrative Services Manager Andreea Simion, Solid Waste Consultant Natasha Browne, and representing Waste Management, Sr. District Manager Todd Nienhouse, Public Sector Manager Virginia Harrington (replacing Vanessa Barberis, who is no longer affiliated with the Oro Loma contract), Recycling Coordinator Monika Starr, and Route Manager Spencer Mills. There were no members of the public in attendance.

Chair Young welcomed Virginia to Oro Loma and asked her to extend regards to Vanessa.

- **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None.

- **EXCELLENCE IN SERVICE AWARDS FOR JANUARY-MARCH 2019**

Last year, the Committee decided to distribute Excellence in Service awards to drivers at the WM office at 98th Avenue once a year, in the summer. As such, Chair Young asked staff to issue the award checks and pass them on to Route Manager Spencer Mills for distribution. Staff said that all 20 drivers qualified for the awards, having achieved 10 or fewer missed pickups in January through March 2019. Furthermore, two drivers, Rene Ramos and Terry Kuykendall, had zero missed pickups. Chair Young congratulated Spencer for the outstanding performance of his drivers.

The Committee accepted the report.

- **SPECIAL ASSESSMENT PROCESS UPDATE**

Staff reported that the third and final letter requesting past due payment was mailed to 1,576 delinquent garbage customers (a decrease from 2,273 in March and 3,433 in February). The letters indicate that payment must be made in order to avoid the collection of the delinquent amounts on the tax roll. To date, the delinquency amount is \$452K (a decrease from \$606K in March and \$825K in February). The next step in the process is for the Board to set a public hearing where to consider approving the list of customers whose delinquencies are to be collected by Alameda County through a special assessment. Waste Management will continue to accept payments until the public hearing.

The Committee accepted the report.

- **CLEAN-UP EVENT ASHLAND-CHERRYLAND**

Staff reported on a request for assistance (dumpster) for an April 20 cleanup event in Ashland and Cherryland. The Committee concurred with staff's recommendation to provide the dumpster, as allowed by the Oro Loma – Waste Management agreement. Natasha is working on making the arrangements.

The Committee agreed with staff's recommendation to provide the assistance.

- **PUBLIC OUTREACH UPDATE**

Monika reported that, in March, she worked with the nine businesses in the Arroyo Shopping Center (across from Arroyo High School). All nine customers have recycling and organics collection programs in place, so Monika provided information, educational materials, and training on what goes where. Chair Young asked if plastic straws were prohibited in the restaurants in that shopping center. Natasha said that providing plastic straws is only prohibited in sit-down restaurants that employ servers. Director Simon asked if we could provide information anyway on how plastic straws are harmful to the environment. Staff said that the message may be confusing to customers, as it would clutter the information about the mandatory programs with information about an issue that may or may not become a mandate in the future. Director Simon asked how often contamination is recorded. Waste Management said that tags are left on contaminated containers, and that cameras mounted in the hoppers of commercial route trucks are able to detect contamination.

The Committee accepted the report.

- **SOLID WASTE PROGRAM UPDATE**

Spencer reported that the focus in March has been on accident prevention, specifically backing and side swipe accidents. While there have been no occurrences in Oro Loma, Waste Management noticed an increase in backing accidents. The number of overage charges increased to 177 in March (from 169 in February). Lastly, Spencer reported that two drivers returned from personal long-term leaves and a third is expected to return later this month.

The Committee accepted the report.

- **STAFF AND DIRECTOR COMMENTS**

None.

- **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Committee, Chair Young adjourned the meeting at 4:15 p.m.