

**Oro Loma Sanitary District
MEMORANDUM**

TO: Board of Directors

FROM: Solid Waste Committee – Director Young

DATE: July 13, 2017

SUBJECT: MEETING MINUTES OF July 11, 2017

The Solid Waste Committee meeting was called to order by Director Young on Tuesday, July 11, 2017, at 2:00 p.m. Director Duncan had previously notified Chair Young that she would not be at the meeting. Staff in attendance included General Manager Jason Warner, Acting Administrative Services Manager and District Secretary Sally Green, and Solid Waste Consultant Natasha Browne, and representing Waste Management, Operations Manager Tom Gallardo, Public Sector Manager Vanessa Barberis, and Recycling Coordinator Beverly Perez. There were no members of the public present.

• PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

• PROPOSED SOLID WASTE RATES 2017-2018

The District's solid waste program is governed by Ordinance No. 34 (regulating the collection, removal and disposal of refuse and other discarded materials) and the Oro Loma – Waste Management Agreement for Services. The agreement provides for an annual adjustment to solid waste rates based on a combination of two factors: 50% of the April-April CPI-U, and 50% of the weighted average of teamster wage, benefits and pension contract increases. The new rates are to go into effect on September 1, 2017.

Staff presented the proposed garbage rates for 2017-2018, as calculated by WMAC, in accordance with the requirements of the Oro Loma – Waste Management agreement for services. The residential, multi-family and commercial garbage rates, and commercial recycling and green waste charges are contractually adjusted by 3.54%. The increase on the 35-gallon garbage cart in the L1 and L2 areas is \$0.60/month, and in the L3 area \$0.70/month. There will be no increase to residential recycling or green waste charges for the duration of the Oro Loma – Waste Management agreement.

Staff is exploring adding rates for commercial organics bin customers and finance fees for past due accounts to the Ordinance; however, negotiations for these items are not finalized. These items may be brought to the Board at a later date.

The Committee reviewed the information and recommended that the Board set a public hearing to adopt the changes to Ordinance 34 and the 2017-2018 rates, effective September 2, 2017.

- **REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE – TWO COMMUNITY CLEANUP EVENTS**

Staff presented a request for assistance from the office of Supervisor Nate Miley for two community cleanup events. The first, scheduled for July 22, 2017, is a Commercial Corridor Clean Up in the Mission Boulevard, Lewelling Boulevard, and East 14th Street areas. The second, scheduled for September 23, 2017, is a general clean up of the Ashland and Cherryland areas. The District was asked for assistance with dumpsters and recycling containers. The Oro Loma – Waste Management agreement provides for no-cost assistance for District-sponsored public events. Chair Young expressed her full support and approved the request for both events, asking Waste Management to make the arrangements and communicate the details directly with Supervisor Miley's office.

The Committee accepted the report.

- **PUBLIC OUTREACH UPDATE**

Beverly said that in June she completed contacting the L1 (Unincorporated area) list of 228 businesses. She conducted the last 40 calls, and met with 21 commercial customers. Of the 21 meetings, 14 customers changed their services – eight added recycling programs, three added organics programs, three added both recycling and organics programs, and 6 customers reduced their service levels for trash.

Natasha reported that the recognition event for the San Lorenzo Unified School District custodians was held on Wednesday, June 21 at Del Rey Elementary School in San Lorenzo. The custodians were recognized for their efforts in implementing lunchtime sorting at their schools. In addition, for the first time this year the lunch supervisors were also recognized for their efforts in maintaining successful food scraps programs in their schools. Natasha said the recognition event was a success, and those receiving the gift cards were most appreciative. There will be a custodian training in August, with emphasis on working with those at the middle schools and high schools.

On Thursday, July 13, 2017, Sally and Beverly will be representing the District on the Municipal Panel at the Alameda County Recycling Board meeting. This year the topic for discussion is schools recycling. Natasha will assist them by providing background information on Oro Loma's food scraps/organics programs in the San Lorenzo Unified School District schools.

The Committee accepted the report.

- **SOLID WASTE PROGRAM UPDATE**

Sierrah reported that there was a fire in the engine compartment of one of the green waste trucks. Staff responded according to the Fire Response Program in place, and the fire was successfully extinguished.

Staff reported 213 occurrences of overages in June, for \$2,453, up from 207 occurrences in May. The request for oil jugs remained constant, at about four jugs per route per day

The Committee accepted the report.

- **STAFF AND DIRECTOR COMMENTS**

Natasha reminded the Committee of the Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event, scheduled for September 10, 2017, sponsored jointly by Oro Loma and Alameda County. To participate, residents are required to register in advance either on-line or by phone. Cal Safety will be present at the event for traffic management.

Chair Young said she attended a meeting of the Rental Housing Association, where the topic of teaching property managers about recycling was discussed. She said that Waste Management is invited to participate in the property manager education, and requested that literature, both in English and Spanish, be made available for distribution.

- **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Committee, Chair Young adjourned the meeting at 2:25 p.m.