



**CITY OF HAYWARD**  
**AGENDA REPORT**

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WORK SESSION ITEM WS#4

**TO:** Mayor and City Council

**FROM:** City Manager

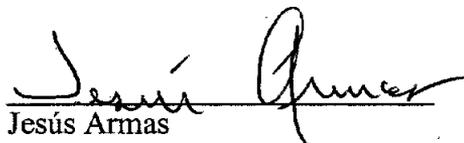
**SUBJECT:** Compost Facility Siting

The Alameda County Waste Management Authority is desirous of establishing one or more composting facilities in the County as a means of meeting the diversion goals established by the passage of Measure D by Alameda County voters a number of years ago. Recent efforts to establish such a facility in Sunol proved to be unsuccessful.

Attached is a letter from the Authority asking cities to identify potential locations for siting a composting facility. Although not stated in the letter, it was subsequently learned that the Authority is looking for property comprising at least 20 acres. This acreage assumes that multiple composting facilities, to be distributed geographically in the County, will ultimately be established.

Staff is unable to identify any suitable locations in Hayward for this purpose, with one possible exception. Adjacent to the wastewater treatment plant at the end of Enterprise Avenue, the City owns approximately 200 acres of land (the oxidation ponds) which are used in conjunction with the treatment activity of the plant. It may be possible to identify 20-acres within this general area for use in concert with composting operations. At this point, there is insufficient information to determine whether using some of the land in this capacity is appropriate. Such a determination can be made only after more discussions with Authority staff.

Accordingly, the staff is seeking Council direction on whether to respond to the Authority's letter by identifying a portion of the oxidation ponds as a possible candidate site. In responding to the Authority's request for information, it would be with the understanding that it does not in any way constitute approval of a composting operation, but only a willingness to explore this use in more detail. Further, it would be with the understanding that allocation of land for composting purposes cannot interfere in any manner with the operation of the treatment plant.

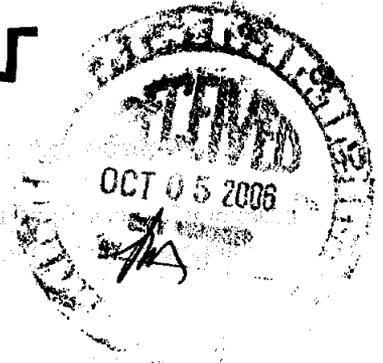
  
Jesús Armas  
City Manager

Attachment

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# STOPWASTE.ORG

Reducing the Waste Stream for Alameda County



September 28, 2006

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Jesus Armas  
City of Hayward  
777 B Street  
Hayward, CA 94541

Re: Compost Facility Siting

Dear Mr. Armas:

*Member Agencies*  
Alameda County  
Alameda  
Albany  
Berkeley  
Dublin  
Emeryville  
Fremont  
Hayward  
Livermore  
Newark  
Oakland  
Piedmont  
Pleasanton  
San Leandro  
Union City  
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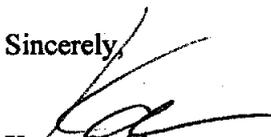
The Alameda County Waste Management Authority ("Authority") is contacting public agencies in Alameda County to determine (1) if location(s) suitable for composting organics including greenwaste and food scraps are available within their jurisdiction, and (2) if they would be interested in pursuing composting operations in partnership with the Authority. Currently, 2,100 tons per day of organics are disposed in landfills serving Alameda County jurisdictions. Composting facilities are needed to recycle current and future diversion of this material.

If your agency is interested and you believe there is a location within your jurisdiction potentially suitable for composting, please respond to this solicitation by sending a letter to  
Olden Henson  
President – Alameda Co. Waste Management Authority Board  
777 Davis Street, Suite 100  
San Leandro, CA 94577  
Attn: Brian Mathews

by October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2006. In your response please provide as much detail about the location(s) as is readily available. At a minimum, please identify on a site map the specific location(s) where composting operations could occur, the dimensions of the area and the applicable zoning designation.

The Authority Board will review and discuss your response at its November 15<sup>th</sup> meeting. If you have any questions, please contact Karen Smith at 510-618-2107 or Brian Mathews at 510-618-2118.

Sincerely,

  
Karen Smith  
Executive Director

Cc: Sylvia Ehrental

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Household Hazardous Waste Recycling  
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