

Alameda County Special District Association (ACSDA) Meeting Minutes

Wednesday May 13, 2026

8:00 A.M.

Hosted by: StopWaste

Presiding: Roland P. Williams, Jr. President

1. CALL TO ORDER

1.1 Roland P. Williams, Jr. ACSDA President, called the meeting to order at 8:10 a.m.

1.2 Mr. Williams welcomed attendees and extended appreciation to StopWaste for hosting the meeting. He highlighted CVSan's close partnership with StopWaste.

2. SELF INTRODUCTIONS

2.1 The attendees introduced themselves and shared what they had done for Earth Day.

3. SPEAKERS

3.1 Introduction by Timothy Burroughs, Executive Director, StopWaste.

Mr. Burroughs provided an overview of StopWaste and its role as a Joint Powers Authority (JPA), noting it includes 14 cities. He stated that StopWaste partners with agencies to support programs for the community and is formally known as Alameda County Waste Management Authority.

3.2 Presentation on countywide efforts to increase reuse, repair, and recycling, by Timothy Burroughs, Executive Director, StopWaste (Alameda County Waste Management Authority).

Mr. Burroughs provided a PowerPoint presentation (see attached) and explained that StopWaste's goal as a public agency is to advance environmental sustainability and to help build healthy and resilient communities in Alameda County, by empowering people to use materials to their full usefulness and promote a circular economy.

Mr. Burroughs reviewed StopWaste's mission and strategic goals which include supporting a healthy food system, promoting a circular economy and supporting an innovative Bay Area construction sector. He discussed programs related to reuse and repair, safety and household hazardous waste disposal, reusable systems for packaging and foodware, organics recycling and pre-waste planning for construction materials. Some discussion ensued acknowledging legislation and work that has been done.

Mr. Burroughs provided an overview of funding information at StopWaste which included regulatory fees, grants and contracts. He explained how revenues support the implementation of waste reduction and recycling programs. He used the example of how water utilities manage costs by using less water as a comparable scenario for what the future of waste reduction will look like. He explained how the work of minimizing waste materials is also creating markets where most materials being landfilled now will have a reusable value in the future, and their vision where landfills will potentially become an artifact.

Mr. Burroughs discussed partnerships with jurisdictions that support StopWaste's priority focus areas. Discussion followed about funding, education to minimize contamination, and outreach and incentives for change. There was additional discussion regarding pushback from producers and Mr. Burroughs noted that pushback is a sign that their work is being taken seriously. Mr. Burroughs also noted that StopWaste is a leader, but they work with other counties as well to model and build broader systems of incentives and change.

4. UPDATES

4.1 Alameda County Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCo) Chapter Representatives: Ralph Johnson, Mariellen Faria, Peter Rosen and Executive Officer Rachel Jones.

Mr. Johnson reported that LAFCo achieved its independence from Alameda County. He reported a Commission Meeting was scheduled on May 14th and agenda topics included a discussion on social security and financial matters related to the transition from Alameda County. Mr. Rosen reported there will also be discussion on annexation related matters.

Melissa Dimic, Fairview Fire Protection District Board Member, announced recruitment for a General Manager position. Colleen Haley, CSDA Public Affairs Field Coordinator stated CSDA could assist with posting the position on their website.

4.2 East Bay EDA Chapter Representative: Ryan Clausnitzer

Mr. Clausnitzer reported the previous East Bay EDA meeting was held at John Muir Health, and there was a discussion led by four panelists on the overall state of the healthcare industry. Topics included federal changes to healthcare costs and workforce challenges with fewer doctors.

Mr. Clausnitzer reported the next meeting was scheduled for May 14th and would focus on economic development updates. He noted that East Bay EDA promotes investment and government support in the East Bay. Some discussion followed about Berkeley's Alta Bates Summit Medical Center moving to a new medical campus in Emeryville.

4.3 East Bay Regional Park District Park Advisory Committee Chapter Representative: Roland P. Williams, Jr.

Mr. Williams reported on a recent discussion by the Park Advisory Committee which included a District Plan Review, Trails Plan and budget review. He also reported that volunteers supported a vegetation management effort with goats as well as a previous meeting discussion on the District's Second Century Plan. He highlighted their long-range planning and referenced an approximate \$389 million budget.

4.4 CSDA General Updates: Colleen Haley

Ms. Haley reported on California Air Resources Board (CARB) regulatory matters and noted there was potentially more realistic legislation coming soon. She thanked districts for submitting letters and reported a public hearing was scheduled for August 1st.

Ms. Haley also provided an update on California's High-Speed Rail Project noting it was on track to being approved by the legislature. She provided updates about the Howard Jarvis initiative and stated that the measure was challenged as requiring two-thirds voter approval.

Ms. Haley provided reminders about Senate Bill (SB) 827 Fiscal and Financial Management training requirements. She reported CSDA was offering webinars, and an in-person training would be hosted at Hayward Recreation and Parks District (HARD), and trainings were also available at the Special District Leadership Academy and CSDA Annual Conference in Palm Desert, which was scheduled August 24th – 27th. Ms. Haley also announced the Board Secretary/Clerk Conference was scheduled for November 3rd – 5th in Santa Barbara and

Mr. Clausnitzer reported the CSDA Legislative Committee had met the previous week and discussed proposed legislation and policy related to artificial intelligence (AI).

Discussion followed regarding the California Voting Rights Act (CVRA) and potential impacts.

5. BUSINESS

5.1 Approval of January Membership Meeting Minutes

Mr. Clausnitzer moved approval of the January Membership Minutes, and Ms. Young seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

5.2 ACSDA By-Laws Revisions

Mr. Williams reported that Ms. Young had led the review and revisions of the ACSDA Bylaws. He highlighted revisions to Article III: Membership, Section 2. Dues and noted membership dues are payable on or before August 31st each fiscal year.

Mr. Rosen inquired about the addition of the Past President position. Ms. Young stated this was just to formalize what was already an existing practice.

Mr. Benny Lee, OLSD Board Member moved approval of the bylaws revisions, and

Ms. Vonheeder-Leopold seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

5.3 Financial Report: Georgean Vonheeder-Leopold, Treasurer

Ms. Vonheeder-Leopold reported a bank balance of approximately \$12,000.

5.3.1 Membership Dues

Ms. Vonheeder-Leopold reported that all membership dues had been paid and there were no outstanding balances.

5.3.2 Budget for Fiscal Year 2026/27

Ms. Vonheeder-Leopold reported the proposed Fiscal Year 2026/27 Budget reports an income of \$12,200 and expenses of \$10,550. Mr. Williams noted that ACSDA membership dues were not proposed to increase and sponsorship support for events continued to grow.

Ms. Vonheeder-Leopold moved approval of the 2026/27 Budget, and Mr. Lee seconded. The motion was approved unanimously

Discussion followed regarding the Annual Dinner and Ms. Duncan recommended distributing a post-event survey to collect feedback. Mr. Williams expressed support for formalizing a process.

Ms. Vonheeder-Leopold reported that alternative venues had been researched for the Annual Dinner but Wedgewood was selected due to its central location, parking availability and meal options, and she noted that most people have been pleased with the venue.

5.4 ACSDA Officer Nominations for 7/1/2026 – 6/30/2026

Mr. Williams expressed appreciation to Mr. Clausnitzer for coordinating the new officer recruitment process and recognized his efforts.

Mr. Williams announced that he would be moving into the Past President role and noted that he had served on the ACSDA Board for nearly 20 years.

Mr. Williams presented the proposed slate of officers, noting new members James Wheeler, HARD General Manager for President, Rick Hatcher, HARD Board Member for Treasurer, and Angus Cochran, Washington Hospital Chief of Community Support Services for At-Large Member. He added that Mr. Wheeler and Mr. Hatcher would be added to ACSDA's bank account and Ms. Vonheeder-Leopold and himself would be removed.

Mr. Clausnitzer thanked the candidates for their willingness to serve on the ACSDA Board.

Mr. Williams called for nominations from the floor and no additional nominations were received.

Mr. Clausnitzer moved approval of proposed slate of officers, and Mr. Rosen seconded. The motion was approved unanimously

5.5 Annual Dinner Raffle Continued.

Mr. Williams stated two raffle prizes remained from the Annual Dinner event in March. Raffle tickets were drawn and the remaining prizes were awarded.

6. UPCOMING MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

6.1 Thursday, July 8, 2026.

ACSDA/CCSDA Joint Meeting 10:00 a.m..

Location: Diablo Water District, Oakley

Mr. Williams stated if there was interest, a carpool could be arranged from CVSan for the joint meeting.

Wednesday September 9 2026 (evening)

Host: OLSD

Location: OLSD

Rescheduled: November 18, 2026

~~Wednesday, November 11, 2026~~

Host: TBD

Location: TBD

7. ADJOURNMENT

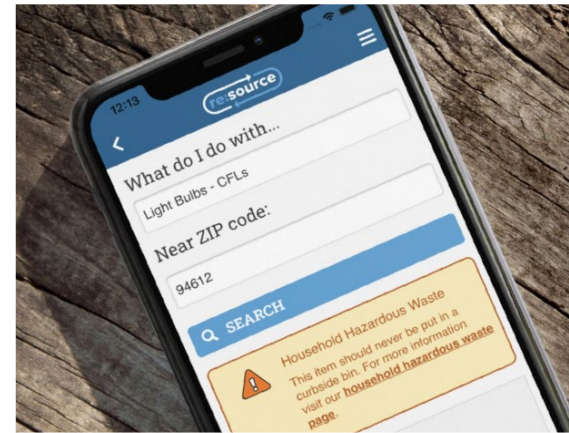
The meeting adjourned at 10:10 a.m.

STOP WASTE

Timothy Burroughs
Executive Director

**Alameda County Special Districts
Association**

May 13, 2026



Who We Are

- StopWaste is a public agency committed to advancing environmental sustainability and building healthy, climate resilient communities in Alameda County.
- We help residents, businesses, schools, and local governments reduce waste, use energy and water efficiently, and increase building electrification.





Our Vision

An Alameda County in which people thrive and are empowered to utilize resources and energy in ways that are good for the health of our communities, our local economy, and the planet.

Overarching Goals



Healthy Local Food System

A healthy, equitable food system that minimizes food loss and waste, while prioritizing soil health, local livelihoods, and community access to nutritious food.

Thriving Circular Economy

An equitable, flourishing circular economy that enables easy and affordable access to repair, reuse, and refill services designed to prevent waste, and a recycling and composting system that contributes to material circularity in ways that are good for people and the planet.

Innovative Bay Area Construction Sector

A Bay Area construction sector that advances energy and resource efficiency in the built environment to prevent waste, fight climate change, and improve the health of our communities.

Funding Information

Revenue Distribution – Total \$42.5M

Discretionary Revenue	Regulatory Fee Revenue	Grant & Contracts Revenue	Household Hazardous Waste Program	Pass-through Funding
This funding comes mostly from surcharges on solid waste disposed in Alameda County landfills. Similar to a city’s general fund in that our Boards have the most discretion over how these resources are allocated.	Funds collected via the new StopWaste Regulatory Fee are used to support implementation and enforcement of statewide waste reduction laws.	These funds, from federal, state, and regional contracts & grants, are a primary source of funding for the Agency’s energy efficiency and clean energy transition programs.	Funding for HHW facility operation and administration comes from landfill tipping fees and a fee collected via property tax bills.	This category reflects funds that the Agency distributes directly to member agencies to advance waste prevention and recycling programs.
\$10.4M	\$4.1M	\$15.4M	\$7.4M	\$5.2M

Supporting Compliance with State Requirements

- SB 1383 compliance monitoring, enforcement, technical assistance, outreach, and reporting
- Coordinating with Alameda County Environmental Health Dept to enforce SB 1383 food recovery requirements and build food recovery capacity
- Outreach and enforcement of Reusable Bag Ordinance, aligning with SB 1053



Regulatory Fee Amounts Per Account

Account Type	Proposed FY 27 Fee Amount
Single Family	\$0.30 per account per month
Multifamily	\$1.10 per weekly cubic yard per month
Commercial	\$1.10 per weekly cubic yard per month

Approx 60% of MF and Commercial accounts subscribe to 2 cubic yards or less

A photograph of two women standing in a garden. The woman on the left is wearing a dark hoodie with a logo and light-colored pants, holding a pitchfork. The woman on the right is wearing a dark tank top and jeans, with her arms crossed. In the foreground, there is a large pile of weeds and a dark tarp. The background shows more greenery and a house.

About our Work

Priority Focus Areas



Healthy Local Food System

- Food Waste Prevention
- Edible Food Recovery

Thriving Circular Economy

- Compost & Mulch Market Development
- Increase Organics Recycling
- Circularity in Packaging & Foodware
- Reusable Bag Policy
- Household Goods & Hazardous Waste

Innovative Bay Area Construction Sector

- Circular Building Materials
- Energy Efficiency & Electrification Transition

Building a Healthy Local Food System

Upstream Food Waste Prevention

- Stop Food Waste residential campaign with emphasis on date labeling
- Preventing food waste in businesses through technical assistance, pilots
- Schools outreach & expanding food share tables

Food Recovery and Donation

- Supporting SB 1383 compliance – partnership with ACEHD; supporting school districts
- Advancing policy and systems to support sustainable food recovery, including funding gaps
- Alameda County Food Recovery Network – 100+ members
- Grants program



UC Berkeley's Bear Pantry provides surplus healthy food to University Village community members.

Advancing a Circular Economy

Increasing Organics Recycling

- SB 1383 implementation – 98 percent of accounts in compliance with organics service requirements
- Addressing contamination – studies & interventions
- Improving school sorting programs

Expanding Compost Markets

- SB 1383 procurement targets – AB 2346
- City partnerships to support local compost application
- Collaboration with ACRCDC on technical assistance to urban farms, agricultural producers
- Urban farms, community partnerships, Compost Hubs, and SWEET



In partnership with member agencies, StopWaste supports compost application on public spaces and parks to help cities meet procurement targets and fight climate change.

Advancing a Circular Economy

Circularity in Packaging & Foodware

- State & local policy advocacy & implementation
- Supporting SB 54 implementation - Recycling Markets Network, countywide consistency of covered materials

Building Reusables Infrastructure

- Advancing reusable foodware systems in schools, arenas, businesses
- Bolstering local foodware ordinances
- Promoting reusable transport packaging

State and local bag laws implementation & outreach



StopWaste and partners have helped 38 Alameda County schools transition from disposable to reusable stainless steel foodware.

Advancing a Circular Economy

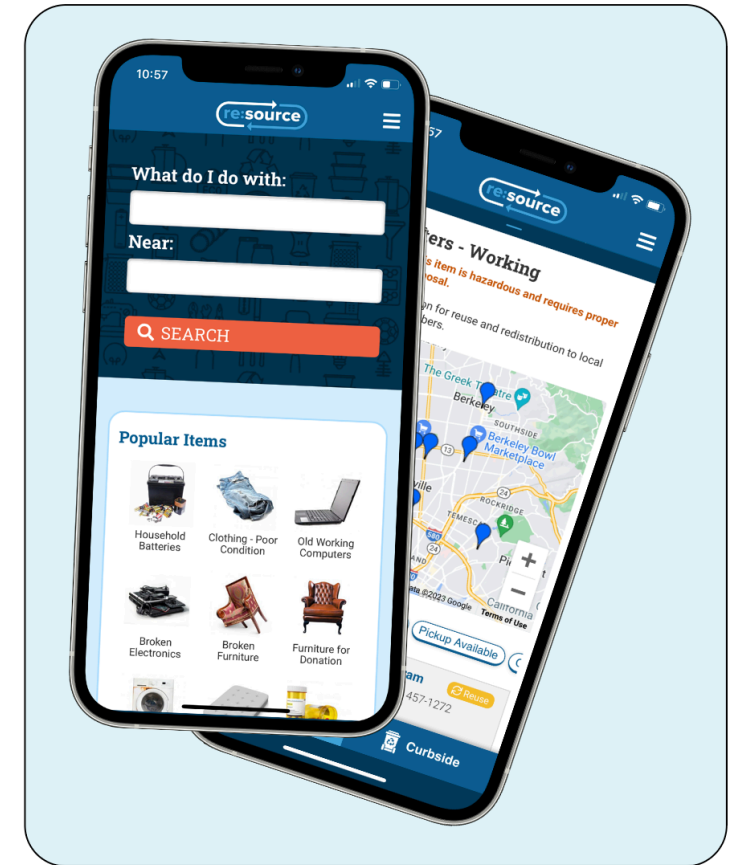
Household Goods and Hazardous Waste

Advance Reuse & Repair

- RE:Source – guide for reuse, repair, recycling, and proper disposal
- Connecting Reuse & Repair online network

Household Hazardous Waste Management

- Promote safe disposal through facilities, campaigns, one-day events
- Advance upstream solutions to household hazardous waste – policy and targeted materials



StopWaste's RE:Source guide provides quick answers to "what goes where?" including reuse and repair options.

Driving Bay Area Construction Innovation

Circular Building Materials

- Increase residential demand for circular building materials
- Bolster regional reuse infrastructure for building materials
- Advance implementation of low-embodied carbon policies

Energy Efficiency & Electrification Transition

- BayREN partnership - equity and expanding access
- Evolve multifamily program
- Transitioning Home Energy Score statewide



oWow, a winner of StopWaste's Environmental Leadership Award for Excellence in Construction Innovation.

A large group of people, mostly young adults, are posing for a group photo outdoors. They are arranged in several rows, some standing and some kneeling or sitting in the front. They are wearing casual clothing, including t-shirts, hats, and overalls. In the background, there is a wooden structure with a sign that reads "STOP WASTE" and "URBAN GARDENS". A large, dark, rounded object is mounted on a tripod stand behind the group. The setting appears to be a park or a community garden area with hills in the distance.

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