

STATE OF CALIFORNIA
CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
SAN FRANCISCO BAY REGION

STAFF SUMMARY REPORT (Bruce Wolfe)
MEETING DATE: June 10, 2009

ITEM: 9

SUBJECT: **The Role of Local Governments' Waste Ordinances and Regulations in Water Quality Protection – Status Report**

DISCUSSION: The State has required each city and county to divert from landfills 25% of its waste by 1995 and 50% by the year 2000. Many agencies have set goals for more aggressive diversion, such as Alameda County's goal of 75% diverted by 2010 and San Jose's goal of "zero waste" by 2022.

To achieve these diversion rates, most local agencies have developed and implemented various waste reduction and recycling programs, adopted waste and other "sustainability" ordinances, and initiated green building and landscaping/gardening programs. These efforts focus on eliminating waste at its source and parallel local water quality protection programs, such as pretreatment and pollution prevention programs.

Former State and Regional Water Board member, Gary Wolff, now Executive Director of StopWaste.Org, and John Stufflebean, Director of San Jose's Environmental Services Department, will discuss their agencies' ongoing efforts to reduce waste. StopWaste.Org is the Alameda County Waste Management Authority and the Alameda County Source Reduction and Recycling Board operating as one public agency. San Jose's Environmental Services Department oversees the City's waste management programs, as well as its wastewater and urban runoff programs.

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DATION: Information item – no Board action required.