



**Minutes of the April 23, 2026, Special Executive Meeting of the  
Southeastern Connecticut Regional Resources Recovery Authority Regarding the  
SCRRRA Regional Composting Facility,  
Held at the Gales Ferry Office & via Teams**

**CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 1:01 pm.

**1. ROLL CALL**

Joe Bragaw	East Lyme Representative	P	Todd Babbitt	Griswold Representative	A
Gary Schneider	Waterford Representative	V	Stacey Leitch	Groton Representative	P
Cheryl Blanchard	Sprague Representative	V			

P = Present, V = (Virtual), A=Absent

**Quorum Present**

Others: David Aldridge, SCRRRA Executive Director (P); Chris Roman, SCRRRA Finance Manager (P); Liz Chuff, SCRRRA Operations Manager (P); Robin Cano, Operations Administrator (P); Rich Barger, SCRRRA Legal Counsel (V); Jim Bolduc, SCRRRA Consultant (V).

**SOUTHEASTERN CONNECTICUT REGIONAL RESOURCES RECOVERY AUTHORITY  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING – April 23, 2026**

**MOTIONS REGARDING ORGANICS COMPOSTING FACILITY**

WHEREAS, The Authority has received a permit to construct and operate an aerobic food waste composting facility, Organics Composting Facility, (OCF) on or about March 26, 2026; and

Whereas, the Authority has obtained a \$4,500,000 materials management infrastructure grant from Connecticut's Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP); and

Whereas, SCRRRA has solicited and received bids to construct an Organics Composting Facility (OCF); and

Whereas the Authority's consulting engineer, SCS Engineers (SCS) has recommended the award of the contract for construction of the OCF to the low bidder, Suchocki & Son, Inc. (Suchocki); and

Whereas, Suchocki's bid was in the amount of \$5,239,000; and

Whereas DEEP has approved the awarding to the contract to construct the OCF to Suchocki; and

Whereas, it has been determined by Authority's staff that after accounting for the \$4,500,000 DEEP grant there will be additional funds required over and above said grant funds including an estimated \$60,000 for SCS contract administration; a contingency of \$300,000; and an additional \$600,000 necessary for equipment to completely outfit the OCF, these items bringing the amount of funds needed in excess of the grant funds to \$1,700,000; and

Therefore, the SCRRRA Executive Committee adopts the following motions authorization of (1) funds necessary to proceed; (2) interim financing of the project; and (3) the award of the contract for construction as follows:

**Motion 1 - The SCRRRA Executive Committee recommends that the SCRRRA Board of Directors authorize the expenditure of up to \$1,700,000 from the Capitol Projects Reserve Fund in order to fully fund construction of the SCRRRA Regional Composting Facility (OCF) and required associated equipment.**

**Discussion: None**

**Majority were in favor, none were opposed.**

**(Motion by Cheryl Blanchard, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Gary Schneider)**

**Motion 2 - The Executive Committee recommends that the SCRRRA Board of Directors authorize the Executive Director to draw funds from the Capitol Projects Reserve Fund to pay the contractor upon the recommendation of SCS Engineers for progress payments due to the contractor prior to the State of Connecticut's reimbursement to the Authority. All reimbursements received from the State to be put back in the Capitol Projects Reserve Fund.**

**Discussion: None**

**Majority were in favor, none were opposed.**

**(Motion by Stacey Leitch, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Gary Schneider)**

**Motion 3- The Executive Committee recommends that the SCRRRA Board of Directors award the construction contract in the amount of \$5,239,000 for the SCRRRA Regional Composting Facility to Suchocki & Son, Inc. and further to authorize the Authority President to sign the contract and any other required documents to accomplish such award.**

**Discussion: None**

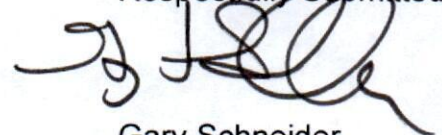
**Majority were in favor, none were opposed.**

**(Motion by Stacey Leitch, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Cheryl Blanchard)**

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Joe Bragaw requested a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion to adjourn was made by Gary Schneider and seconded by Stacey Leitch at 1:16PM and was approved unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,



Gary Schneider  
Secretary