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- **DATE:** March 9, 2020
- **TO:** Council Sustainability Committee
- **FROM:** Director of Public Works

SUBJECT

Single-Use Food Service Ware: Consider Coordination with StopWaste to Develop and Implement a Countywide Ordinance to Regulate Single-Use Food Service Ware

RECOMMENDATION

That the Council Sustainability Committee considers coordination with StopWaste to develop and implement a countywide ordinance to reduce single-use disposable food service ware consumption.

SUMMARY

The Council Sustainability Committee has discussed single-use disposable food service ware since March 2018, and at its January 13, 2020 meeting, the Committee expressed support for the Alameda County Waste Management Authority (ACWMA, aka StopWaste) to develop a Countywide ordinance to help reduce disposable food service ware consumption in all eating and drinking establishments in the County.

At the January 22, 2020 StopWaste meeting, the Board decided to postpone drafting a Countywide disposable food service ware ordinance until Authority staff conducted pilot projects as well as additional analysis of similar ordinances in place across the state. The additional work will likely delay the creation of a Countywide ordinance by more than a year. However, it will likely lead to a policy that reduces the chances of creating unintended consequences.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment I Staff Report