



County of Yolo

WASTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

WAC 1/28/10
Agenda Item 1

c/o PLANNING AND PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT
DIVISION OF INTEGRATED WASTE MANAGEMENT

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MINUTES OF THE YOLO COUNTY WASTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING OF NOVEMBER 19, 2009

John Geisler called the November 19, 2009 meeting to order at 3:35 p.m. Those present were:

Members: John Geisler, Michael McDonald, Denise Kotko, Roberta Childers, Carol Scianna, and Sue Gedestad

Staff: Linda Sinderson – Yolo County Planning and Public Works
Marissa Juhler – Yolo County Planning and Public Works

Guests: None Present

Absent/Notified: Jason Magness and Dorothy Peterson

Quorum was met.

Introduction

Introductions were made around the room.

Public Comment

An opportunity for members of the public to address the Waste Advisory Committee (WAC) on subjects relating to waste management.

Consent Agenda

1. Approve Meeting Minutes from August 2009.

MOTION: Denise Kotko moved to approve the August minutes, seconded by Michael McDonald.

DISCUSSION: None.

MOTION: Passed unanimously.

Regular Agenda

2. Member/Jurisdiction Updates

Yolo County – Marissa Juhler discussed the Request for Proposals that went out to secure an agreement for the drop off recycling area and the onsite transfer of roll off bins at the Yolo County Central Landfill. The bidding process proved very successful and new vendor(s) will begin service on January 4, 2010.

Linda Sinderson informed the group that a new waste flow agreement was being signed with All Waste Systems for solid waste collected at the Sacramento International Airport.

City of Davis – Sue Gedestad talked about the variable can rate study that will be underway shortly. A temporary staff person will weigh residential trash carts ahead of the DWR pickup schedule at select homes, to represent the entire population, to determine if residents utilize the entire capacity of the 95-gallon trash carts. The results will go to the City Council for review on what the City plans to do going forward. Additionally, the landfill Waste Agreement is set to go to City Council on December 1st.

City of West Sacramento – Denise Kotko had nothing new to report.

City of Winters – Carol Scianna highlighted that their combined household hazardous waste/e-waste event proved very successful in October with Waste Management (WM). The city event coincided with a school fundraising event for which WM worked with the City and the school to send all the e-waste

proceeds to the fundraiser through California Electronic Asset Recovery (CEAR), who was recommended by the County.

City of Woodland – Roberta Childers reported that the City Council has made its final decision to keep the hybrid, phase 1 green waste program in effect with a \$1.09 increase to each household.

DWR – John Geisler had nothing new to report.

Capay Valley – Michael McDonald reported that he had not heard too many complaints regarding the closure of the Esparto Convenience Center (ECC) on Wednesday. He also requested information about how tire events are funded, and how the dates and locations are selected.

3. MAC (Meeting of Area Coordinators) Update

See attached MAC meeting minutes.

4. Wal-Mart's Disposable Bag Pilot Program

Marissa provided information regarding Wal-Mart's efforts to reduce plastic bag consumption and waste in the communities they serve. Wal-Mart has selected their Ukiah, Folsom and Citrus Heights stores to pilot their "no plastic carryout bag" program. Beginning in January 2010, Wal-Mart will charge 15 cents for light-weight reusable bags and 50 cents for a heavier reusable bag, and will no longer distribute free plastic bags. Marissa suggested that a letter be mailed to Wal-Mart in support of their program for the City of Woodland and the City of West Sacramento, if Roberta and Denise felt they were interested in the cause. Plastic bags are a huge problem for the landfill and for each community, and anything we can do to promote positive pilot programs like this, is encouraged.

5. Electronic Waste Program

Marissa reviewed new e-waste tracking requirements, which include the segregation of electronic waste that is determined to be "non-eligible". This would include e-waste found at an apartment complex for example that is not able to be tracked back to an individual resident. The apartment manager could still drop it off free of charge however the County will not be able to be reimbursed for the material through CEAR as the state will not reimburse CEAR. Additionally, in early 2010 the landfill will be setting up a recycling area for the tapes/dvds/cds/etc, and will send out a press release once the program is available to the public.

6. Waste/Recycling Legislation

Linda highlighted the new tire regulations, which allow farmers and ranchers the ability to haul more than the current 9-tire limit; however, in order to do this, they would need to get a report from local Sheriff that documents the tires were illegally disposed of on the property/roadside. Additionally, there was some discussion on the AB32's Mandatory Commercial Recycling Ordinance. The language is extremely loose and currently the CIWMB has posted a sample ordinance online that they encourage jurisdictions to follow. Also of importance are the new regulations under AB32 that require monitoring of fugitive methane emissions from the landfill. Linda is currently reviewing the draft regulations, which could affect rates by up to 30 cents per ton.

7. City/County Waste Agreements

Linda Sinderson provided an update that the City of Winters and City of Woodland agreements had been signed, and that the City of Davis is set for approval on December 1st, but will need to go through final legal review. The City of West Sacramento's contract has gone through legal as well, and staff will take the agreement to their City Council on December 17th. Several cities are having issues with CERCLA insurance requirements and are getting a response from YCPARMIA. Linda Sinderson will follow up with YCPARMIA to see what progress can be made.

Member Questions

Questions from Michael McDonald were raised regarding the implementation of electronic waste recycling in Capay Valley. Marissa reported that in our new agreement with CEAR, we will be implementing e-waste recycling at the Esparto Convenience Center in early 2010.

Meeting Adjournment

John Geisler adjourned the meeting at 4:40 p.m.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Yolo County Waste Advisory Committee is scheduled for January 28th, 2010 at 3:30 p.m. in the Conference Room of the Yolo County Central Landfill.

John Geisler, Chair
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