



County of Yolo

WASTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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 APRIL 22, 2010

John Geisler called the April 22, 2010 meeting to order at 3:35 p.m. Those present were:

Members: John Geisler, Michael McDonald, Denise Kotko, Roberta Childers, Carol Scianna, Dorothy Peterson, and Michael Fan

Staff: Linda Sinderson – Yolo County Planning and Public Works
Marissa Juhler – Yolo County Planning and Public Works
Tamara Lokteff – Yolo County Planning and Public Works
Moushumi Hasan – Yolo County Environmental Health Department

Guests: None Present

Absent/Notified: Sue Gedestad

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 January 2010.

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

DISCUSSION: None.

MOTION: Passed unanimously.

Regular Agenda

2. Member/Jurisdiction Updates

City of West Sacramento – Denise Kotko brought news of the first multi-family complex who will be building a recycling and garbage enclosure utilizing grant funds. There were winners in each age range for the annual Earth Day bag decorating contest with Raley's Supermarket and students from local schools. For Conservation Day, the city brought 285 fourth grade students to the Sacramento Recycling and Transfer Station for a tour of the facility and a presentation from the county on operation of the landfill. West Sacramento staff was also a part of the Earth Day celebration at the CalStrs building.

DWR – John Geisler reported on the annual bulky item turn-in event. Attendance was down but the amount of unsalvageable material brought increased. Salvageable items were available to the public.

City of Woodland – Roberta Childers reported that Woodland's bulky item waste event also saw lower numbers in attendance with fewer recyclable items and more trash (non-recyclables). The city continues to plan community outreach programs, such as composting demonstration, and provides information and "give-aways" at public events.

Yolo County – Marissa Juhler announced higher numbers in the amounts of recycling and trash collected at the county bulky item collection event. Earth day celebrations at the landfill included tours for school and scouting groups, engineers from Japan, and high ranking officials from the Republic of Georgia. The federal government's cash for appliances program begins today. The landfill is one of only a few certified appliance recycler sites in the Sacramento area where consumers can get needed authorization to participate in the rebate program. Customers must still pay regular landfill rates to cover disposal costs. At the start of the new fiscal year the Integrated Waste Management (IWM) Division will take over management of the contract for roadside hazardous waste disposal. Possessing necessary Hazardous Waste Operations training and technical knowledge, IWM staff project a significant cost savings and a more sustainable contract. In the interest of providing more services to the community, staff is working toward becoming a collection point for transfer of agricultural irrigation drip tape and pressure-treated wood.

Linda Sinderson talked about items that will be brought to the next Board of Supervisors meeting. Staff will request approval on contracts for liquid waste acceptance and the equipment needed to process it. Results Radio is working on an agreement with the county for space at the landfill to construct an FM radio tower in exchange for a small amount of revenue. The county continues to work with UC Davis and the tribe on waste flow agreements.

City of Winters – Carol Scianna noted that a different type of recycling container will be used for this year's youth day at the park since the use of totes the previous year was not very effective. Bad weather postponed an Earth Day hiking trip that had been planned. The high school had their second E-waste event to raise funds.

Davis RISE – Dorothy Peterson discussed the 7th Recycled Art Faire to be held May 22, 2010. There will be a "Green Schools Expo" featuring crafts for sale made by students with recycled items. A designer artist from San Francisco will also be present to add another dimension to help promote recycling. The Cool Davis Initiative will be doing an inventory of businesses by asking what they have done in the past and what they intend to do in the future to be more sustainable. An author will come to facilitate small groups for a time of discussion, strategizing and networking. Emerson Junior High, the local secondary school now has a water machine available to refill containers. No plastic bottles, no waste! The Davis Joint Unified School district has cut back on staff so recycling programs will also be affected. Davis RISE will now be managing the composting/gardening in conjunction with recycling which gives them the ability to promote a full cycle program in the schools.

UC Davis – Mike Fan is the new representative from the University of Davis. During the past 15 years his focus has been in the treatment of liquid waste but he will now be working in solid waste management as well. Last weekend was Picnic Day and brought lots of activity to the campus. Coming up this weekend is the Earth Day celebration.

Capay Valley – Michael McDonald had nothing new to report.

3. MAC (Meeting of Area Coordinators) Update

Marissa Juhler highlighted two very successful programs being funded by the Used Oil Block Grant. Working with students at Delta High School and Esparto High School, a curriculum which teaches proper disposal of used oil and filters was developed and is presented in agriculture and auto shop classes. Also, partnering with the City of Winters, Lake Berryessa boaters now have a location to exchange and recycle boat bilge pads.

A question from John Geisler led to a discussion about the used oil redemption program for retail locations. New regulations require names and addresses of customers that request the pay-out value of the used oil they recycle. The county provides the free service to customers but does not offer or receive redemption from the state.

4. 2010 Committee Chair and Vice Chair Elections

MOTION: Nominations for Michael McDonald as Committee Chairman and Denise Kotko as Vice Chairman. Both nominations were seconded by Roberta Childers.

DISCUSSION: None.

MOTION: Passed unanimously.

5. Landfill Construction Activities

Linda Sinderson provided a quick update to construction of the new scale house. The project is on schedule and is set to be completed by the end of July. Repaving of County Road 28H in front of the landfill, and the construction of a new entrance will begin upon completion of the scale house. During construction, County Road 28H will be closed for a short while and an alternate route will be provided for customers.

6. CalRecycle Grant Resolutions

Marissa Juhler discussed the directive that new resolutions must be provided for grants from CalRecycle, formerly the California Integrated Waste Management Board (CIWMB). Open ended resolutions will be drafted and sent to the Board of Supervisors by May 25th. A letter of support is required from each city for each grant separately.

7. Household Hazardous Waste Program

Marissa presented options being considered regarding the current contract with Clean Harbors. The most favorable option both financially and operationally involves moving to Phase 2 of the existing contract. Pending approval from the LEA and the Board of Supervisors, HHW events would be held every Friday and Saturday. October through December would be a trial period that would allow both landfill and Clean Harbors to adjust to changes in staffing and procedures. Advertisement of weekly events would begin in January 2011. Marissa explained servicing and financial details of moving to Phase 2 and answered questions from committee members.

8. Division of Integrated Waste Management 2010 Draft Budget

Linda Sinderson highlighted changes in the 2010-11 budget spreadsheet and answered questions from committee members.

Member Questions

None.

Meeting Adjournment

John Geisler adjourned the meeting at 4:50 p.m.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Yolo County Waste Advisory Committee is scheduled for June 24th, 2010 at 3:30 p.m. in the Conference Room of the Yolo County Central Landfill.

John Geisler, Chair
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