



County of Yolo

WASTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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DIVISION OF INTEGRATED WASTE MANAGEMENT

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MINUTES OF THE YOLO COUNTY WASTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING OF DECEMBER 16, 2010

Roberta Childers called the December 16th, 2010 meeting to order at 3:40 p.m. Those present were:

Members: Paulina Rosenthal, Michael Fan, Carol Scianna, Roberta Childers, and Dorothy Peterson

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

Guests: Richard Tsai (for Sue Gedestad),

Absent/Notified: Michael McDonald, John Geisler, 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 October 28, 2010

Minutes from October 28, 2010 were not available.

Regular Agenda

2. Member/Jurisdiction Updates

Yolo County – Linda Sinderson announced that Sharlene Katz was appointed to the WAC by the Board of Supervisors. On January 31st appointments will expire from the City of Winters and the Yolo County Industry and UC Davis representatives.

City of Davis – Sue Gedestad will retire on December 31st. A new representative for the WAC has yet to be appointed.

City of West Sacramento – Paulina Rosenthal shared about internal employee event held at the city offices on America Recycles Day. Items that were commonly recycled incorrectly included waxed paper, disposable cups, zip lock bags, and film plastic. The city is preparing for a county tire amnesty event, scheduled for February 26th. In response to Prop 218, a Disaster Debris plan is being prepared. In case of disaster, lead personnel and qualified vendors will be in place for effective waste management.

City of Winters – Carol Scianna arranged for a drum to be stored at the Ace Hardware so that the battery program could run more smoothly. In regards to fluorescents, Ace no longer offers bulb recycling because they ran out of the recycle by mail boxes provided by special grant funds. Carol will inquire with the city's hauler, Waste Management, about other possibilities.

City of Woodland – Roberta Childers reported on a mostly positive performance review of Waste Management by R-3 Consulting. The city's Extended Producer Resolution has now been adopted which makes Yolo the second county in the state to have all jurisdictions in agreement.

UC Davis – Michael Fan gave members the status of the UC Davis landfill. An agreement is in the works to bring waste to the county landfill but has not been finalized and has no start date. An inventory is being taken on waste in the landfill to determine formulas for a bio-gas digester on site. Food waste is now being shipped to Zamora for their 2-year pilot project.

Davis RISE – Dorothy Peterson was awarded the 2010 A.G. Brinley Award for outstanding service. She expressed gratitude to all those who have encouraged her and helped the efforts along the way.

3. MAC (Meeting of Area Coordinators) Update

Marissa Juhler stated that the 2011 Recycling Calendars are available. The transition to HHW events at the landfill every Friday and Saturday is going fairly smoothly. The number of cars being served per month has remained about the same, but the processing time is now faster. Although the contract for HHW services with the City of Sacramento is due to expire on December 31, residents coming from Yolo County will be given information on the weekly program available to them free of charge at the landfill. Richard Tsai mentioned that they are able to post reminders for events on Davis Recycling Facebook and Twitter accounts. After December 31st, the City of Sacramento will no longer accept HHW from Yolo County residents free of charge.

4. Light Brown Apple Moth Quarantine

The quarantine for the Light Brown Apple Moth was lifted from Woodland and Davis, however three days afterward a moth was found in Davis and the quarantine was reenacted. Woodland is still clear. The County's annual Christmas tree recycling program will not be publicized; but any trees coming from areas not under quarantine will still be recycled at no charge. Christmas trees coming from the quarantined area will be charged a fee for disposal.

5. YCCL Tonnage and Host fees

A spreadsheet of tonnage and host fees is now available and can be emailed. Overall tonnage at the landfill is down, so host fee payments for the third quarter will be sent out as soon as the funds are available. A letter of explanation will be mailed with each check.

6. 2011-12 Budget

Although trends are showing that tonnage will continue to drop, it is expected that fees in the upcoming budget year will not be significantly affected beyond the annual CPI adjustment. Drops in the housing market and construction industry as well as changes in green waste acceptance account for part of the decrease, but there is also evidence of higher diversion rates of recyclable goods. At this point, there are no plans to cut any programs currently offered at the landfill. Linda will be taking an update to the Board of Supervisors in January.

Member Questions

A question regarding disposal of controlled substances versus general pharmaceuticals sparked a discussion on educating the public on the importance of proper disposal.

Meeting Adjournment

Roberta Childers adjourned the meeting at 4:25 p.m.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Yolo County Waste Advisory Committee is scheduled for February 24th, 2011 at 3:30 p.m. in the Conference Room of the Yolo County Central Landfill.

Michael McDonald, Chair
Yolo County Waste Advisory Committee

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