



# 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 MARCH 24, 2011

Paulina Rosenthal called the March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2011 meeting to order at 3:45 p.m. Those present were:

- Members:** Paulina Rosenthal, Dorothy Peterson, and Sharlene Katz
- Staff:** Linda Sinderson – Yolo County Planning and Public Works  
Marissa Juhler – Yolo County Planning and Public Works  
Gina Daldeiden – Deputy to Supervisor Provenza (via conference call)
- Guests:** none
- Absent/Notified:** Michael McDonald, John Geisler, Jacques DeBra, Carol Scianna, Roberta Childers and Michael Fan

Quorum was not met.

#### **Introduction**

Introductions were made around the room. Two new members announced: Jacques DeBra, City of Davis and Sharlene Katz, Yolo County Public.

#### **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**

Quorum was not met. Minutes will be tabled to the next meeting.

#### **Regular Agenda**

##### **2. Member/Jurisdiction Updates**

**Yolo County** – Linda Sinderson mentioned the continuing budget issues with the county. Waste flow at the landfill is down, but progress is being made in other sources of revenue. The liquid waste facility at YCCL is now open and accepting septic material and concrete grindings (slurry) from the Highway 505 resurfacing project. Cal Recycle and the Regional Water Board are requiring additional steps to ensure the landfill is properly permitted for the slurry. Marissa Juhler provided statistics regarding the most recent tire amnesty event at the landfill where over 2000 tires were collected in 5 hours. Customer surveys confirmed that direct mailers were an effective source of advertisement of the tire event. Residents were complimentary of the program and the Farm Bureau facilitated hauler exemption permits for farmers with more than nine tires. Coming up on March 31<sup>st</sup>, bids will be due for on-call roadside hazardous waste collection services in the county.

**Davis RISE** – Dorothy Peterson announced recycling and conservation related upcoming events:

- Tour de Cluck (a bicycle tour of Davis chicken coops) on May 14<sup>th</sup>
- Recycled Art Faire and Farmers Market at Central Park on Saturday, May 28<sup>th</sup>

**City of West Sacramento** – Paulina Rosenthal spoke about the Radio Disney campaign scheduled for April, May and June to promote recycling in the City of West Sacramento. An interactive production will also be given by the “Green Team” for kids with proactive messages about the environment. Awards were given to students who participated in the annual Earth Day grocery bag decorating contest. Over 900 bags were judged based on the originality of Earth Day messages. At the West Sacramento tire amnesty event, less than 500 tires were collected despite ample advertisement. Through a CalRecycle grant, funding will be given for the construction of a recycling enclosure at a local multifamily complex.

**City of Davis, member of the public** – Shar Katz shared her excitement for the food waste program starting up in Davis. Although the service would be more expensive, she is encouraging other restaurateurs and establishments to look at the cost savings benefits of the program and the positive effect on conservation.

### **3. Election of 2011 Committee Chair and Vice Chair**

Quorum was not met. Elections will be tabled to the next meeting.

### **4. MAC (Meeting of Area Coordinators) Update**

Marissa Juhler spoke further about the Radio Disney project. Three of the jurisdictions are pooling grant funds to host the Rocket Road Show to promote recycling at the Yolo County Fair this year in lieu of having a fair booth. Although Davis and West Sacramento are not participating in the fair event, their portion of funding for Radio Disney will be within their cities. Sound bites promoting recycling in Yolo County can be heard on Radio Disney, AM band channel 1470. Using HHW grand funds, a direct mailer will be sent out to the residents of the City of West Sacramento in hopes of increasing their participation in the county HHW events.

Marissa also gave brief highlights of the Used Oil and HHW conference that she attended. Included in the three day event were informative workshops and discussions which revealed discrepancies between CUPA (Consolidated Unified Permitting Agency) and local HHW facilities. Maintaining compliance is necessary to continue to serve the local business and residents. Seeking out workshops and conferences sponsored by each of the regulatory agencies will help to ensure an up to date facility for Yolo County.

Dorothy Peterson offered that the Cool Davis Initiative publishes a newsletter that could promote positive information about current programs and what is available to residents and small businesses. Discussion continued regarding public outreach and education of the requirements for small business to be considered a Conditionally Exempt Small Quantity Generator (CESQG).

### **5. Division of Integrated Waste Management’s 2011-12 Budget**

Linda Sinderson shared information from the first draft of fees to be expected for the 2011-12 fiscal year. In addition to the .50 -.75 cent CPI increase, new regulatory requirements also dictate an additional increase of up to .35 -.45 cents. These changes will be effective July 1, 2011. In addition, our local enforcement agency will be its fees which will require further adjustments to landfill fees. More information will be sent to all the cities as soon as it is available.

In the past, landfill revenue was enough that the operating costs of the Esparto Convenience Center (ECC) could be subsidized. Going forward however, the ECC must be fully self sufficient in its operating

costs. Franchised waste collection has meant a smaller amount of material coming through the transfer facility. It is likely that fees will be raised and that it will be closed an additional day per week.

### **Member Questions**

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Dorothy Peterson asked questions about the feasibility of a composting facility at the landfill. Current economic conditions are prohibitive; however work is still being done to develop a program that will be cost-effective enough to motivate businesses and residents to work toward. Landfill staff continues to develop and research alternative methods that will provide more effective services that meet the needs of our residents.

### **Meeting Adjournment**

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Paulina Rosenthal adjourned the meeting at 4:50 p.m.

### **Next Meeting**

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The next meeting of the Yolo County Waste Advisory Committee is scheduled for April 28<sup>th</sup>, 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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