



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 APRIL 28, 2011

Carol Scianna called the April 28th, 2011 meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. Those present were:

Members: Roberta Childers, Carol Scianna, John Geisler, Paulina Rosenthal, Dorothy Peterson, Michael Fan, and Jacques DeBra

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

Guests: none

Absent/Notified: Michael McDonald and Sharlene Katz

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

Quorum was met however the minutes were unavailable. Approval was tabled for the next meeting.

Regular Agenda

2. Member/Jurisdiction Updates

Yolo County – Marissa Juhler discussed the closing of HHW Grant HD-17. A PDF version of the second and final report is available to WAC members on the calendar page of this meeting on the Yolo County Website. Go to <http://www.yolocounty.org/index.aspx?recordid=5321&page=1084>. The next step in dealing with medical waste is the potential approval of sharps disposal through the use of a county developed label that could be affixed to any rigid plastic container.

City of Davis – Jacque DeBra discussed requests to the city council for adjustments to utility rates. The plastics recycling program is now being implemented and has been very successful. Regarding the commercial food organics composting program, proponents are working at getting minimum participation needed to get off the ground. Currently in a holding pattern, sign up for 80 carts is needed and there are currently 37 willing participants. The NRC (Natural Resources Commission), as an advisory board to the city council, wants to see an ordinance in place banning plastic bags.

City of West Sacramento – Paulina Rosenthal also reported that notices have gone out for utility increases associated with Prop 218. A proposed 5 year plan for water and sewer increases will be going to the city council on June 1. The first zero waste farmers market will debut in West Sacramento on May 19th. Cans for recyclables and compostables will be on site, but there will be no garbage cans.

Earth Day projects included the annual paper bag decorating contest done with local schools and Raley's Supermarket, and a conservation fair for 4th grade students at the Sacramento Recycling and Transfer Station.

City of Winters – Carol Scianna reported that Youth Day will be celebrated on Saturday, April 30th down Main Street in Winters. Effort is being directed at getting more participation in recycling. Water meters have been installed and readings are being taken. In January the actual billing will begin for residents. The city is working on hosting an HHW event in mid June but is still dealing with possible permit issues.

City of Woodland – Roberta Childers announced about 700 vehicles at the recent Bulky Waste Event at the fairgrounds amounting to 87½ tons waste. Almost 1100 tires were collected in addition to 12 ½ tons of E-Waste. The success of the event was largely attributed to increased advertising done by Waste Management. An EPR purchasing policy has finally made it to the city council for review. Next week will be pharmaceuticals take back event sponsored by the Woodland Police Department.

UC Davis – Michael Fan told the committee that a permit has been approved for the expansion of the UC Davis landfill to extend its life another 7.5 years. Treated medical waste will continue to be accepted from both in and out of county. Regarding a campus bio gas digester, a detailed feasibility study done by a consultant is now in review. The campus hopes to be able to extract gas from food waste and manure. Large drums would be used to prepare solid organics for the digester; however, handling liquid waste on site is the biggest hurdle. As is, the program is environmentally sustainable but not cost effective. Research continues to find an approach that is both practical and economical.

3. Election of 2011 Committee Chair and Vice Chair

- MOTION: Roberta Childers nominated Carol Scianna for the position of Committee Chairman; seconded by Dorothy Peterson. John Geisler nominated Dorothy Peterson for the position of Vice Chairman; seconded by Paulina Rosenthal.
- DISCUSSION: Nominations accepted with no further discussion.
- MOTION: Passed unanimously.

4. MAC (Meeting of Area Coordinators) Update

Marissa Juhler shared about Radio Disney's (AM 1470) "Rockin' Radio Road Show" sponsored by the MAC for the Yolo County Fair. It will be a 90 minute family friendly interactive presentation at Rotary Park that will deal with issues related to recycling and water conservation. Members asked for flyer information that could be distributed in schools for promotion. Marissa also announced that there are two tire amnesty events left, one each in May and June. The tire grant will be completed by June 30.

5. Division of Integrated Waste Management's 2011-12 Budget and proposed fee/service changes

Linda Sinderson shared information from the first draft of fees to be expected for the 2011-12 fiscal year. Waste flow is still down about 20% from 2008. Revenue overall is down and fees must be increased to continue operations. Landfill tip fees will go up 1-3%. Regarding City agreements, a 120-day written notice of the CPI index will be provided. Notification will be sent out in June of other new fees that will become active January 1, 2012. New requirements of AB 32 are increasing time and personnel needed for quarterly surface scans for green house gas. In addition, all landfills above a certain size and daily tonnage have had annual storm water permits raised considerably. The Yolo County Landfill's storm water permit went from about \$3,000 per year to \$28,000 per year with no advance notice.

Regarding the unincorporated county area franchise hauler agreements, the CPI adjustment will be determined in mid-May and notification will be sent out accordingly. Since the franchised agreements have been in place there has been a loss in tonnage received at the Esparto Convenience Center. As directed by the Board of Supervisors, the Integrated Waste Management Division can no longer subsidize the transfer facility's operation. Fees at the ECC will increase significantly and it is likely that the number of operation days will go down to one day per week.

Member Questions

None.

Meeting Adjournment

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

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Yolo County Waste Advisory Committee is scheduled for May 26th, 2011 at 3:30 p.m. in the Conference Room of the Yolo County Central Landfill.

Michael McDonald, Chair
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