



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 OCTOBER 28, 2010

Michael McDonald called the October 28th, 2010 meeting to order at 3:35 p.m. Those present were:

- Members: Michael McDonald, John Geisler, Paulina Rosenthal, Michael Fan, Carol Scianna, Roberta Childers, Dorothy Peterson
- Staff: Linda Sinderson – Yolo County Planning and Public Works
Tamara Lokteff – Yolo County Planning and Public Works
- Guests: none
- 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 April 22, June 24, and August 26, 2010

- MOTION: Carol Scianna moved to approve the April 22nd, June 24th, and August 26th minutes, seconded by Roberta Childers.
- DISCUSSION: None.
- MOTION: Passed unanimously.

Regular Agenda

2. Member/Jurisdiction Updates

Yolo County – Linda Sinderson reported that the Board of Supervisors appointed a new member of the public to the WAC, Sharlene Katz of Davis. At the recent Tire Amnesty Events, close to 2,800 tires were collected; almost 1,000 in Winters and about 1,800 at the Esparto Convenience Center. The next event is scheduled for February in West Sacramento.

Davis Waste Removal – John Geisler talked about a pilot food waste composting project at the Café Italia in Davis. Based data collected an initial proposal has been given to city staff. Davis Waste Removal hopes to gain support from the Davis City Council to start a commercial food waste collection program. The Northern Recycling-Compost facility in Zamora has a registration permit that allows them to accept food waste for co-composting with green waste.

City of West Sacramento – Paulina Rosenthal gave a report about the Bulky Waste Event in West Sacramento. Over 50% of the waste accepted is diverted to recycling facilities for tires, cardboard, wood waste, metal, and rigid plastics. A multi-family recycling grant from CalRecycle is coming to an end with a 51% participation rate in the program which offered specialized recycling lids that prevent contamination and minimize scavenging at complexes. Denise Kotko has retired; Paulina Rosenthal is assuming most of her responsibilities and will likely be appointed to serve on the WAC.

City of Winters – Carol Scianna reported on well received HHW collection that was offered alongside the tire amnesty event. The high school is planning an E-waste fundraiser event in November.

City of Woodland – Roberta Childers remarked that the pharmaceutical collection event in September went very well and was also a learning experience. Over 200 lbs (without packaging) of expired and unwanted pharmaceuticals were collected. Residents were grateful to finally have an outlet for their unused medication. A local pharmacist donated her time to help sort and identify while Veolia was contracted to take them away. A Woodland police officer was also on hand to deal with all the controlled substances. Thanks go to Marshall Echols who was the primary person from the city who researched and organized the event. Regarding mention at past meetings of a food composting project with Costco, hindrances involving city ordinances and state disposal restrictions have postponed that project.

Roberta also announced that the City of Woodland would be accepting turkey fryer oil through the holiday season at the wastewater treatment plant. All oil collected will be taken to a rendering plant.

UC Davis – With the annual September move-in, Michael Fan noted that several trips were needed to haul all the cardboard, Styrofoam and old furniture brought to a recycling event. Afterward, some students expressed interest in doing a sort/study at the landfill to study what is typically brought into the landfill. Building in the West Village has begun. Although there are still hopes for an anaerobic digester and gas collection system, funding has yet to be found. Currently the food waste collected on campus is trucked to the Jepson Prairie composting facility. As the campus landfill is nearing its capacity university staff are evaluating how best to proceed, whether with closure or expansion.

Linda Sinderson added that the campus publication *The California Aggie* recently featured a story on the HHW facility at the landfill.

Davis RISE – Dorothy Peterson reported on the Cool Davis Initiative as a successful event on 10/10/10 that inspired and encouraged folks to see the bigger picture. The goal is to reach 75% of households that are committed to change habits and develop a greater awareness of their carbon foot print.

3. MAC (Meeting of Area Coordinators) Update

The 2011 Calendar is almost complete and is expected to be going to print soon.

4. Weekly HHW Days

Since October 2nd, HHW events have been held weekly and overall attendance seems to be evening out across the month very nicely. There are still some operational and organizational changes to work through, but overall, events are running smoothly. Regular hours now for HHW collection are every Friday and Saturday, from 7:30am to 3:30pm (except Christmas and New Years Day).

5. Light Brown Apple Moth Quarantine

Although a few more Light Brown Apple Moths have been found in Yolo County, the quarantine area has remained about the same. Green waste from the quarantined area is accepted as “disaster waste” and is disposed of at the face. Although it is being disposed of as trash, the disaster waste designation means that diversion rates will not adversely be affected.

6. Landfill Entrance & CR 28H Construction Activities

Linda Sinderson was pleased to announce that the new front entrance and scale house are essentially complete. Connection of the automatic gate and a few minor punch list items will be addressed before going to the Board for the final notice of completion.

Member Questions

None.

Meeting Adjournment

Michael McDonald adjourned the meeting at 4:25 p.m.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Yolo County Waste Advisory Committee is scheduled for December 16th, 2010 at 3:30 p.m. in the Conference Room of the Yolo County Central Landfill.

Michael McDonald, Chair
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