



County of Yolo

WASTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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MINUTES OF THE YOLO COUNTY WASTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING OF JANUARY 26, 2012

Carol Scianna called the January 26th, 2012 meeting to order at 3:40 p.m. Those present were:

Members: Carol Scianna, Michael McDonald, Dorothy Peterson, John Geisler, Roberta Childers, Paulina Rosenthal, Sharlene Katz, Jacques DeBra 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
Jeff Pinnow – Yolo County Environmental Health

Guests: Jason Smith (Waste Management), Rosie Salas (City of Woodland)

Absent/Notified: Larry Fisher

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

MOTION: Michael McDonald moved to accept the November 17, 2011 meeting minutes. Jacque DeBra seconded the motion.

DISCUSSION: None.

MOTION: Passed unanimously.

Regular Agenda

2. Member/Jurisdiction Updates

Yolo County – Linda Sinderson highlighted recent approvals from the Board of Supervisors, including the Countywide Integrated Waste Management Plan (CIWMP) 5 year review initial plan, working with Waste Management for a composting facility, and a long term waste contract with UC Davis.

City of Davis – Jacque DeBra mentioned the efforts of the Natural Resources Commission (NRC) toward a plastic bag ban in the city. Work is being done on a long range Solid Waste Management Plan to outline general plans regarding sanitation rates and composting. Additionally, the City of Davis will attend a presentation from the CAO's office regarding a potential solar project with the county.

City of West Sacramento – Paulina Rosenthal reported completing phase II of the beverage container grant proposal with a focus on commercial recycling.

City of Winters – Carol Scianna spoke briefly about beginning work on a Climate Action Plan with PG&E and a group of interns from UCD.

City of Woodland – Roberta Childers remarked on their development of a Climate Action Plan with help from UCD interns as well as applying for phase II of the beverage container grant with a focus on multi-family recycling.

UC Davis – Michael Fan talked about a full scale digester. A private company has put up funding to treat up to 25 tons of food and manure waste. An Agreement of Intent has been signed and a pilot digester is in testing for the full scale at the campus landfill site. The project is moving forward; EIR and CEQA documents are expected.

Davis Community – Dorothy Peterson hailed efforts at the two Davis schools taking part in a pilot program to compost milk and juice containers. The RISE website continues to draw outside interest with visitors from other schools coming in to observe the process and efforts.

3. MAC (Meeting of Area Coordinators) Update

Marissa Juhler updated members on the growth of the HHW program.

Staff will be taking the hazardous waste contract out to bid in the next few months. New paint care product stewardship regulations will be taken into consideration with paint blending and recycling being added to the new agreement.

As a result of increased advertisement, there is more participation in the business hazardous waste program. Conditionally Exempt Small Quantity Generators (CESQG) of hazardous waste are still required to pay for disposal, but they can save on service costs using our program. There are 40 slots available for the CESQG program, however only an average of 10 slots is filled each week.

Since making a transfer bin available for pressure treated wood at the landfill, the bin was filled in 58 days. Cost estimates were right on the money and the program has been successful beyond our expectations.

Utilizing grant funds and working with the City of Woodland, a direct mailer will go out to highlight HHW events.

As directed by the state, mandatory commercial recycling will be brought to the Board of Supervisors by July 1st. Recycling services will be offered to haulers for the 60-65 business customers in the county.

4. 2012 Meeting Calendar

Members agreed to the proposed dates for WAC meetings in 2012 and asked to be notified at least 1 week in advance of a meeting cancellation.

5. Election of Chair and Vice Chair for 2012

MOTION: John Geisler nominated Michael McDonald for chair, seconded by Jacque DeBra.

DISCUSSION: None.

MOTION: Passed unanimously.

MOTION: Michael McDonald nominated Sharlene Katz for Vice Chair, seconded by John Geisler.

DISCUSSION: None.

MOTION: Passed unanimously.

Linda Sinderson noted that Michael McDonald, Larry Fisher and Paulina Rosenthal are the members up for reappointment in 2012.

6. Update on approval of the 5-year review of the CIWMP

Marissa Juhler explained that no involvement from the cities is needed at this time. CalRecycle and the DTSC directed that UC Davis is considered a business and are exempt from regulations that would normally govern a jurisdiction. The county is still in the process of determining whether a change in the Siting Element is required to report the activity at the campus, including the closure of the UC Davis landfill. Regarding the revision of the countywide plan, all jurisdiction plans should be used as historical documents to guide the Waste Advisory Committee in a yearly review. The county intends to revise the document to reflect current progress of the plan. It will then serve as a guide which will be reviewed and assessed annually according to progress. Jurisdiction plans are still available within the WAC webpages.

7. Proposed Composting Operation Update:

The Board of Supervisors agreed to move forward in negotiations with Waste Management (WM) in setting up a compost facility at the landfill. As meetings with WM and plans progress, updates will be shared and feedback solicited from the WAC.

Member Questions

Jeff Pinnow offered insight into a question about "in-vessel" composting. Discussion followed regarding a small research and development program in West Sacramento using a 1,000 gallon enzymatic digester. The process involves adding moderate heat and enzymes to homogenous comingled food waste to yield liquid compost in a matter of hours.

Meeting Adjournment

Carol Scianna motioned to adjourn the meeting at 4:20 p.m., seconded by Michael McDonald.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Yolo County Waste Advisory Committee is scheduled for February 23rd, 2012 at 3:30 p.m. in the Conference Room of the Yolo County Central Landfill.

Carol Scianna, Chair
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