



County of Yolo

WASTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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

Michael McDonald called the April 26th, 2012 meeting to order at 3:45 p.m. Those present were:

Members: Sharlene Katz, Dorothy Peterson, Michael McDonald, Michael Fan, Larry Fisher, Paulina Rosenthal, John Geisler, Roberta Childers, Jacques DeBra, Carol Scianna

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

Guests: Kerry Wicker – Resident of Yolo County, unincorporated area

Absent/Notified:

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: Shar Katz moved to accept the March 22, 2012 meeting minutes.
Dorothy Peterson seconded the motion.

DISCUSSION: Minutes were posted on the overhead screen prior to the start of the meeting.

MOTION: Passed unanimously.

Regular Agenda

2. Member/Jurisdiction Updates

Yolo County – Linda Sinderson asked members of their interest in any specific state or federal legislation. Answers included pharmaceuticals, plastic bags, tipping fees, or anything that would affect the bottom line. At the next Board of Supervisors meeting staff will request agreement approval for the partial closure of waste management unit 2.

City of Davis – Jacques DeBra stated that prop 218 notices increasing sanitation rates will be going to the city council on June 12. Public opinion and interest are still very diverse on the issue of plastic bags. Composting in Davis long term will be addressed with planning in the Solid Waste Management Plan.

City of West Sacramento – Addressing the new state commercial recycling mandate, Paulina Rosenthal talked about including a flyer in utility bills going out to commercial customers this month. Through a beverage container grant awarded by CalRecycle, the City will purchase collection containers specific for business and restaurant recycling. Interior containers as well as containers with special lids that lock and have a cut out will be offered locally. Additionally, tri-lingual (English/Spanish/Russian) outreach pieces will go to apartment/business with clear images making them easy to understand. Two local grants (up to \$20,000) will then be available for the construction/expansion of a recycling enclosure. The city hosted a woodchip give-away at the corporation yard that was a huge success; 20 cubic yards given away in just over two hours. Staff will research the feasibility of future events during prime tree trimming time. West Sac is joining with the jurisdictions in using Oil Payment Program (OPP) grant funds for a countywide free oil filter exchange on June 23.

City of Winters – Carol Scianna had nothing new to report.

City of Woodland – Roberta Childers explained that development of a commercial recycling ordinance accentuated the need for revisions to the existing residential recycling ordinance. The new overhauled ordinance will go through the Solid Waste Committee and the City Council and should be in place shortly after July 1st. A letter will go out to multifamily complexes and businesses containing a combined multifamily residential and commercial recycling flyer. Currently under consideration is an exemption process for older locations that do not have enough space or have other issues. The city of Woodland is also using OPP grant funds to participate with the jurisdictions in the free oil filter exchange for county residents. Recently a City Council member became very interested in establishing a city-based pharmaceutical collection site. However, various state regulations and a federal law that requires collection of controlled substances be done by a sworn officer are presenting complex challenges. Pharmaceuticals continue to be collected from residents weekly (free of charge) at the Household Hazardous Waste events at the county landfill.

UC Davis – Michael Fan shared briefly on their work with Clean World Partners (CWP) on the draft CEQA document set to go out for agency review in September. Plans are to build a full-scale anaerobic digester on the [UC Davis](#) campus. CWP is the private contractor responsible for building the first commercial high-solid anaerobic digester system at American River Packaging (ARP) headquarters in the Northgate area of Sacramento.

Davis Schools – Dorothy Peterson highlighted the pilot program at Caesar Chavez School that has reduced their lunch time garbage to ½ can for 625 students. Through recommendation by the Davis Farm to School, students will be awarded for their efforts with the Radio Disney Team Green interactive show. Also, the Davis Tour de Cluck is coming May 26th to benefit the Davis Farm to School organization. Get tickets soon before they are sold out.

3. MAC (Meeting of Area Coordinators) Update

On May 29th the franchise contracts with new rates will be going to the Board of Supervisors. By incorporating maximum rates, haulers will be able to provide recycling services to any commercial customer. Aligning with state legislation, changes in commercial recycling services will be brought to the Board by July 1st. Public education will be phased in over the next three years. Year 1 provides the opportunity for participation. Site visits will begin in Year 2, and by Year 3 commercial recycling will be mandated with an ordinance. There is potential for a revision of the Esparto Convenience Center (ECC) permit to allow commercial waste and recycling for businesses of the Capay Valley.

A 5 year review for the ECC permit is due on June 20. Marissa discussed this as an opportunity to make some changes such as adding E-waste and cardboard recycling. Hopefully the hours will be expanded once again to include Wednesdays which would benefit commercial as well as residential recycling and disposal.

OPP grant funds will also be used to purchase oil filters for the unincorporated county area residents. The filter exchange program on June 23rd will be basically the same as Woodland, West Sac, and Davis. There may be additional allowances made for ranches and farms of the unincorporated areas. Advertising will be done with using websites, local radio, newspaper, newsletters, posters, and word of mouth.

4. Battery MOU's

Every four years the MOU's between the county and cities are resigned for the collection and disposal of used household batteries. Marissa explained that the document is very similar with the only real change being an increase in cost – from \$28 to \$32 per pick-up. Sites are being more resourceful now and require fewer pick-ups by using a larger 30 gal drum. An email will be sent out to the city partners next week with new pricing and rate sheets.

5. Pharmaceutical Collection

In response to recent inquiries, Marissa shared information from “HealthWise” a company that has developed a double locked kiosk program for pharmaceutical collection. Any city has the ability to contract this service but would be responsible for the kiosks and all costs. A disadvantage of these Kiosks is that controlled substances cannot be accepted. The most cost effective and logical solution is to direct residents to the county HHW events every Friday and Saturday from 7:30am to 3:30pm. Either way, controlled substances must be taken to local law enforcement agencies.

The discussion moved to the importance of educating the public on the proper disposal of pharmaceuticals. Marissa noted that specific HHW mailers have shown increased participation in HHW events. An initial step in the next year may be to create a specific educational mailer or flyer to go out in schools targeting parents with information about the importance if proper pharmaceutical disposal.

6. 2013 Integrated Waste Management Division Budget

Linda Sinderson showed a visual comparison of the current year's budget with the proposed 2013 budget. Specific program details were shared and questions answered regarding the differences.

Member Questions

None.

Meeting Adjournment

Dorothy Peterson motioned to adjourn the meeting at 4:55 p.m., seconded by Carol Scianna.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Yolo County Waste Advisory Committee is scheduled for May 24th, 2012 at 3:30 p.m. in the Conference Room of the Yolo County Central Landfill.

Michael McDonald, Chair
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