



# 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 JULY 26, 2012

Michael McDonald called the July 26<sup>th</sup>, 2012 meeting to order at 3:35 p.m. Those present were:

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

Staff: Linda Sinderson – Yolo County Planning and Public Works  
Ramin Yazdani – Yolo County Planning and Public Works  
Tamara Lokteff – Yolo County Planning and Public Works  
Moushumi Hasan – Yolo County Environmental Health

Guests: Jennifer Gilbert – City of Davis

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: John Geisler moved to approve the June 28, 2012 meeting minutes as written.  
Roberta Childers seconded the motion.

DISCUSSION: None.

MOTION: Passed unanimously.

#### Regular Agenda

##### 2. Member/Jurisdiction Updates

**Yolo County** – Linda Sinderson distributed host fee payment calculations and advised that payment amounts are lower now with only one active import waste agreement. Last month the WAC sent a letter to Alameda County in support of a new pharmaceutical ordinance. The ordinance was approved and an email copy is available to anyone interested. Regarding the public discussion of new recycling regulations proposed in AB341, the comment summary can be viewed online (<http://www.calrecycle.ca.gov/75percent/>). Although the county did not submit comments, those given by other local agencies were comparable to those that the county would have given.

Closure construction of WMU 2 is on schedule with the subgrade work almost complete. The landfill valuation is currently in the utilities subcommittee who looking to the most recent experiences of Sonoma County in their effort to sell a closed landfill. Liens on delinquent accounts in the franchised waste program were approved by the Board of Supervisors.

**City of Davis** – Jennifer Gilbert announced that the city of Davis recently received a reuse award from CalRecycle for their apartment move-out reuse/reduction program. Additionally, work continues on a strategic plan for the Solid Waste Management Plan to address long term composting and organic solutions for the city.

**City of West Sacramento** – Paulina Rosenthal stated completion of the electronic annual report to CalRecycle. Final numbers are being put together to complete the annual Oil Opportunity Payment Program report as well. The grant agreement package was received for the Beverage Container Recycling Grant recently awarded. Adoption of the state budget is expected to bring the official word to proceed in late September with the grant funds focused on commercial recycling.

**City of Woodland** – Roberta Childers shared that the second public reading of the commercial recycling ordinance passed without comments or questions. Work continues on annual reports.

**UC Davis** – Michael Fan spoke about construction of the full scale digester to begin in September. Until the digester is operation in January 2013, food waste is being sent to the private facility in Sacramento owned by the company sponsoring construction of the digester.

**Davis Schools** – Dorothy Peterson reported that this next school year all eight elementary schools will mimic the business pilot program for food waste. Thanks go to John Geisler and Jennifer Gilbert for their continued support since 1999 in reducing waste in Davis schools. “If the kids can do it, the city can do it!”

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

Linda Sinderson gave brief comments regarding the MAC meeting. Success of the used oil filter exchange prompted the MAC to plan a fall event for November 17<sup>th</sup>. Radio Disney’s Rock ‘n Road Show will be at the Yolo County Fair again this year, on Friday, August 17<sup>th</sup>, at 6-7:30pm. Transitioning to the new HHW contractor (PSC) has been smooth. Details are being worked out to add pick-up service of business hazardous waste (Conditionally Exempt Small Quantity Generators) for an additional fee.

### **4. Legislative Update**

Approval of Alameda County’s pharmaceutical ordinance will lead to the development of a new, much more complex program. Extended producer responsibility will require that drug manufacturers be responsible for program costs. In regards to Yolo County, disposal of pharmaceuticals will continue through the current HHW program with local law enforcement taking any controlled substances. Continued attention will be given to bills in progress that involve direct transfer of methane gas to pipelines.

### **5. Anaerobic Digestion Operation Update**

Ramin Yazdani presented a financial model of the Yolo County BioGreen Digester Project complete with three potential results. A handout including the all power point screens and a recent article from *BioCycle* magazine regarding food waste in schools was given to members. While program costs cannot be compared to either composting or anaerobic digestion by themselves, real dollar amounts were included in the model which was designed with adjustable options to be changed as needed for a more accurate projection of costs.

WAC members representing the cities were supportive of the concept of a regional composting facility and will seek further direction from respective city management teams. A draft letter was jointly revised by members to reflect a consensus of support for the development of a cost effective regional composting facility.

**MOTION:** Carol Scianna moved to approve the letter of support from the committee to the Yolo County Board of Supervisors regarding the project concept. John Geisler seconded the motion.

**DISCUSSION:** The letter will be copied to the County Administrator, Chairman of the Board of Supervisors, and all WAC committee members.

**MOTION:** Passed unanimously.

**Member Questions**

None.

**Meeting Adjournment**

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John Geisler motioned to adjourn the meeting at 4:45 p.m., seconded by Paulina Rosenthal.

**Next Meeting**

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

Michael McDonald, Chair  
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