



County of Yolo

WASTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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MINUTES OF THE YOLO COUNTY WASTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING OF JUNE 28, 2012

Michael McDonald called the June 28th, 2012 meeting to order at 3:45 p.m. Those present were:

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

Staff: Linda Sinderson – Yolo County Planning and Public Works
Marissa Juhler – 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:

Absent/Notified: Carol Scianna

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: Paulina Rosenthal moved to accept the April 28, 2012 meeting minutes. Jacques DeBra seconded the motion.

DISCUSSION: Revisions completed as requested by Paulina Rosenthal and Roberta Childers.

MOTION: Passed unanimously.

Regular Agenda

2. Member/Jurisdiction Updates

Yolo County – Marissa Juhler announced the transition from Clean Harbors to the new HHW contractor, Phillips Services Corporation (PSC). Businesses will now have the option of an HHW pick-up at their location for an additional pick-up fee of \$75. Contact phone numbers have changed for business hazardous waste and senior/disabled pick-ups; however the previous phone number is still being forwarded to county staff. A new flier with updated information will soon be available.

Linda Sinderson added that battery MOU's have been approved by the Board of Supervisors. Signed copies of the memoranda were distributed to respective city representatives at the WAC meeting. Also, per contract guidelines, as of July 1 city disposal fees have increased by 2.08%. A letter will be going out to cities in the mail including specific figures.

City of Davis – Jacques DeBra stated that prop 218 notices increasing sanitation rates were approved by the city council in June. The 3% rate increase will become effective in December. Work continues on the Solid Waste Management Plan to address long term composting and organic solutions for the city. Amending a 10 year old agreement with Davis Waste Removal to modernize and allow more flexibility for cost effective investments to provide future services.

City of West Sacramento – Paulina Rosenthal gave a quick report on the June 23rd filter exchange in West Sacramento. A total of 62 residents exchanged filters at either Auto Zone or O'Reilly Auto Parts. Although advertising was limited by time constraints, both residents and the automotive stores were receptive and hope it will be an annual program.

City of Woodland – Roberta Childers announced close to 300 oil filter exchanges on June 23. The event gave the opportunity to educate Woodland residents about used oil recycling, curbside pick-up, and the \$.40 per gallon rebate available from certified oil collection centers. The first public reading of the commercial recycling ordinance passed without comment or opposition. A second public reading is scheduled for next week.

UC Davis – Michael Fan talked about a recent higher education sustainability conference. A key topic was anaerobic digestion and organic diversion. The pilot digester on site has generated excitement and positive feedback. A full scale digester for organic food waste and manure is set to be operational at UC Davis in January 2013.

3. MAC (Meeting of Area Coordinators) Update

Marissa Juhler was pleased that 56 residents of the rural jurisdictions participated in the oil filter exchange. Advertising was put out on local radio and the website, newspaper ads, newsletters, posters, and word of mouth.

Radio Disney's Rock 'n Road Show will be at the Yolo County Fair again this year, on Friday, August 17th, at 6pm (exact time slot still tentative). Sponsored by a partnership between Yolo County and the cities of Woodland and West Sacramento, the 90 minute interactive production incorporates popular music with an environment centered message. Kids are encouraged to bring a recyclable item to receive a prize. Schools in the Woodland Joint Unified School District will not yet be in session so that students can attend.

4. Alameda County Pharmaceutical Ordinance

Marissa Juhler explained that Alameda County has requested a letter of support regarding an extended producer responsibility ordinance going to their board on July 24th. Marissa provided a draft letter of support and asked members of the Waste Advisory Committee for their feedback. So far Alameda County has received 250 letters of support. They are leading the charge on the huge task of putting the responsibility of disposal back to the pharmaceutical companies.

MOTION: Jacques DeBra moved to approve the letter of support from the committee to Alameda County regarding pharmaceutical extended producer responsibilities for disposal of pharmaceuticals. Roberta Childers seconded the motion.

DISCUSSION: Without time to get official approval from their governing body, members could choose to abstain from the vote. The letter will be sent on the WAC letterhead and from the Chairman of the WAC committee rather than the County.

MOTION: Passed. (6 Ayes, 1 Nay, 2 Abstain)

5. Legislative Update

Linda Sinderson discussed AB1900 which is of special concern because it involves the direct transfer of methane to pipelines for PG&E or SMUD. Potentially, this bill could affect work being done on the Landfill Greening Project by Ramin Yazdani. Staff will keep a close watch and if necessary go to the Board of Supervisors with a letter of support.

Marissa Juhler shared her interest in AB341 which presents the new goal of 75% diversion set forth by CalRecycle. She urged members to look at revised definitions of diversion credits which could affect municipal fee structures. Copies are available online for those who require those details. Time to submit comments are short which are due by Monday, July 1st. Plans are to go to legislation in December. The County will submit comments to CalRecycle and WAC members were encouraged to email comments as well.

6. Proposed Anaerobic Digestion Operation Update

Ramin Yazdani provided a general model of the facility and discussed challenges involved in the proposed Landfill Greening Project. One of the next steps will be to put together a cost feasibility analysis of a MRF (Materials Recovery Facility). Ramin addressed questions regarding CEQA permitting and the potential of federal funding. The Board of Supervisors has given approval to move forward with researching the project; however they also requested staff to provide a valuation of the landfill.

Member Questions

None.

Meeting Adjournment

Dorothy Peterson motioned to adjourn the meeting at 5:00 p.m., seconded by Shar Katz.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Yolo County Waste Advisory Committee is scheduled for July 26th, 2012 at 3:30 p.m. in the Conference Room of the Yolo County Central Landfill.

Michael McDonald, Chair
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