



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 NOVEMBER 15, 2012

Michael McDonald called the November 15th, 2012 meeting to order at 3:30 p.m. Those present were:

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

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
Pam Hedrick – Yolo County Planning and Public Works
Tamara Lokteff – Yolo County Planning and Public Works
Moushumi Hasan – Yolo County Environmental Health

Guests: none

Absent/Notified: Jacques DeBra, Paulina Rosenthal

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: Carol Scianna moved to approve the September, 2012 meeting minutes as written. Sharlene Katz seconded the motion.

DISCUSSION: None.

MOTION: Passed unanimously.

Regular Agenda

2. Member/Jurisdiction Updates

Yolo County – Linda Sinderson announced that the closure construction for the first half of WMU 2 is almost complete. Marissa added comments regarding the paint care programs that are currently available to residents around the county. In the next 6-8 months the county's HHW contractor is planning an educational outreach campaign to the public about sharps and pharmaceuticals. Details are being worked through for a pilot "Ag Plastics" recycling program which has the potential to provide a savings for farmers with irrigation film plastic and drip line.

City of Winters – Carol Scianna coordinated an E-waste/Household Waste event at the end of October. Winters High School was also doing a fundraiser so all E-waste went to them.

City of Woodland – Roberta Childers reported that close to 350 pounds were collected at the 3rd Annual Pharmaceuticals Collection Event in September. Although the residents are reminded about weekly HHW collections, the amount coming in has increased each year. A survey question will be included in next year's surveys asking residents if they are aware of HHW events at the landfill.

UC Davis – Michael Fan shared that their site's closure plan is in the final stages of detailed engineering design and quality control documentation. Grant funding requirements are delaying the start of the anaerobic digester project, but they hope to begin construction in March 2013.

Davis Schools – Dorothy Peterson asked Marissa Juhler regarding the availability of calendars for all schools in the county to promote recycling and the farm to school project.

3. MAC (Meeting of Area Coordinators) Update

Marissa Juhler announced that to work within CalRecycle guidelines for use of grant funds, the county has purchased "ad space" in the calendar publication. Each jurisdiction also contributed to the overall cost of production and ordered copies based on their own budgets. The success of the used oil filter exchange last fall brought an invitation to our county to be showcased at the Northern California HHWIE meeting on November 29th. Each city representative will have the opportunity to speak about specific accomplishments of their sites.

4. CIWMP Siting Element

Linda Sinderson shared that the CIWMP Siting Element was approved and passed by the Board of Supervisors in October. Resolutions are set to go before each city council in December so that the final package can be submitted in January.

5. Anaerobic Digester Project Update

In order to reduce the projected 14.6 million dollar cost of the Anaerobic Digester Project, Ramin Yazdani is submitting multiple grant applications. The "Community Scale Energy Development, Deployment, and Integration," a grant from the California Energy Commission (CEC), could provide up to 1.75 million for the project. The CEC is looking for a model project that can be replicated in other jurisdictions which supports renewable energy, and contains a locally available source of electricity that can reduce the electricity load on the grid. We have a letter of support from CalRecycle stating that ours is an ideal project for this grant. A show of community support through letters and resolutions is also required for the application. Other sources of funding may come from the California Solar Initiative and state loans with low interest financing. City policies or resolutions regarding greenhouse gas reduction are requested as they also show stakeholder support.

6. Grant Application Letter of Support

Letters of support from the cities and the Waste Advisory Committee will be given to Ramin to be included in the grant package.

Linda Sinderson added that she is working on amendments to the city waste agreements that will include the dedication of all green waste to the landfill in order to support the project. A timeline has been set up and a letter will be sent out to city managers in the next week or two.

Ramin Yazdani continued with a discussion about various specialized grants that are available. Yolo County is part of a joint project with UC Davis and UC San Diego that has received a grant of \$95,000 from the CEC. They will study and document the potential gasification of residual waste from the bioreactor process.

Member Questions

Dorothy Peterson suggested press releases to educate the public about all the work being done to further innovative projects in progress at the landfill.

Meeting Adjournment

Roberta Childers motioned to adjourn the meeting at 4:00 p.m., seconded by Dorothy Peterson.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Yolo County Waste Advisory Committee is scheduled for January 24th, 2013 at 3:30 p.m. in the Conference Room of the Yolo County Central Landfill.

Michael McDonald, Chair
Yolo County Waste Advisory Committee

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