



County of Yolo

WASTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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MINUTES OF THE YOLO COUNTY WASTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING OF JANUARY 24, 2013

Michael McDonald called the January 24th, 2013 meeting to order at 3:30 p.m. Those present were:

Members: Michael McDonald, Paulina Rosenthal, Roberta Childers, Jacques De Bra, 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
Tamara Lokteff – Yolo County Planning and Public Works

Guests: none

Absent/Notified: John Geisler

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: Roberta Childers moved to approve the November, 2012 meeting minutes as written. Carol Scianna seconded the motion.

DISCUSSION: None.

MOTION: Passed unanimously.

Regular Agenda

2. Elect 2013 Chair and Vice Chair

MOTION: Paulina Rosenthal nominated Jacque De Bra to the position of Chairman of the Board. Roberta Childers seconded the motion.

DISCUSSION: None.

MOTION: Passed unanimously.

MOTION: Carol Scianna nominated Paulina Rosenthal moved to the position of Vice Chairman. Larry Fisher seconded the motion.

DISCUSSION: None.

MOTION: Passed unanimously.

3. Member/Jurisdiction Updates

Yolo County – Marissa Juhler talked about the application due on February 7th for a CalRecycle Tire Amnesty Grant. Contingent on receiving the grant, the county would host 4 events over the next two years where residents could bring up to 9 tires free of charge. Additionally, there is an application due on February 21st for a CalRecycle Household Hazardous Waste grant. A regional award (\$75K) would require signed resolutions from each city council before the due date. Marissa asked for recommendations from the members on how the current HHW program could be added to or enhanced. As educational outreach, “Keep your children safe...” was added to the top of HHW flyers and distributed to all students in the unincorporated county schools. Regarding paint recycling, an agreement between Yolo County and Paint Care has not yet been finalized. In the meantime, residents can bring up to 25 gallons per visit to the local Kelly Moore or Sherwin Williams paint stores.

City of Davis – Jacques DeBra commented on progress with the environmental documentation involved for a single use carry out bag ordinance. The Integrated Waste Management Plan will go to the City council on April 9th for approval. The agreement with Davis Waste Removal is being amended to include a 15 year extension. Among the changes and provisions are the addition of a franchise fee, an environmental mitigation fee and a variable can rate. The compost pilot program will be continued for commercial customers through 2013 at least.

City of West Sacramento – Paulina Rosenthal spoke about implementing program components of the commercial recycling and beverage container grant funds. Commercial waste and recycling enclosures will be improved to reduce blight along the West Capitol corridor. As part of the Greenhouse Gas Inventory Update and Climate Action Plan, an April 20th Earth Day event focusing on sustainable living will take place at the community center. Working with Waste Management, the city will apply for “Keep America Beautiful Think Green” grant funds to highlight important components of the LEED certified community center building. In local education, ideas are being exchanged at the high school level to develop environmental programs and new curriculum projects. The annual Conservation Fair with 4th graders is scheduled for April 12th at the Waste Management Recycling and Transfer station.

City of Winters – Carol Scianna shared briefly that while initial climate action plan findings have been given to the council, additional work must be done before a plan can be implemented for actual greenhouse gas reduction. Sewer improvements and a trail project are in progress for the city with a ¾ mile trail now paved with ADA accessibility.

UC Davis – Michael Fan described a 2 month project currently underway on campus. Volunteer students concerned with the environment are conducting weekly waste audits and sorting to identify the character of waste. Hopes are to break ground on the new digester in March 2013.

City of Woodland – Roberta Childers reported working with multifamily recycling grant funds. A specially designed recycled bag will be available for people in apartment complexes for easier dumping of sorted items. New dumpsters will be ordered in the spring followed by outreach efforts to multifamily complexes.

Davis Schools – Dorothy Peterson shared about the school pilot compost. Five out of eight sites reduced their waste from two full bins dumped every day to a one bin dumped only twice a week. Opportunities for more education in classrooms and assemblies are coming through the city’s “Why Recycle” program which offers answers about the end results of recycling. By reducing the most, Birch Lane School won a visit from Radio Disney sponsored by the city. Discussions are moving toward changes in MOU’s both in district and city levels to educate and encourage people to be more aware and accountable.

4. MAC (Meeting of Area Coordinators) Update

Marissa Juhler announced that April 27th is the date of the next used oil filter exchange event at certified collection centers in the county, which now includes a site in Dunnigan. Program details were discussed among members and Marissa answered questions about how grant funds are used in administering the program.

5. 2013 WAC Meeting calendar

Meetings will continue to be on the fourth Thursday of each month in 2013. To account for holidays in November and December, there will be just one meeting on December 5th, 2013.

6. Anaerobic Digester Project Update

Linda Sinderson spoke about the “behind the scenes” progress on the project. The County CAO sent a draft (unsigned) letter to city managers explaining what will be needed from cities to make the project a success. The letter will be emailed to the city WAC members as well. A sample agreement will soon be available and distributed. In the discussion that followed, members acknowledged the rich benefit this opportunity holds for the future. With the many variables and layers of the project dependent on each other, genuine collaboration and intentional long term commitment will be critical.

7. Pharmaceuticals

Marissa Juhler encouraged frequent communication with city police departments to confirm acceptance of controlled substances. Residents are still being given misinformation at times. The goal is to keep these controlled pharmaceuticals out of the water and the soil. Other potential options that are within the scope of use for HHW grant funds are still being explored.

Member Questions

None.

Meeting Adjournment

Paulina Rosenthal motioned to adjourn the meeting at 4:35 p.m., seconded by Dorothy Peterson.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Yolo County Waste Advisory Committee is scheduled for February 28th, 2013 at 3:30 p.m. in the Conference Room of the Yolo County Central Landfill.

Michael McDonald, Chair
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