



County of Yolo

WASTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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MINUTES OF THE YOLO COUNTY WASTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING OF FEBRUARY 28, 2013

Jacques De Bra called the February 28th, 2013 meeting to order at 3:30 p.m. Those present were:

Members: Jacques De Bra, Michael McDonald, John Geisler, Roberta Childers, Larry Fisher, Carol Scianna, 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
Tamara Lokteff – Yolo County Planning and Public Works

Guests: Charles Hoes – Zamora resident
Evan Edgar – California Compost Coalition
Rick Moore – Edgar & Associates

Absent/Notified: Paulina Rosenthal, Sharlene Katz, Michael Fan

Introduction

Introductions were made around the room.

Public Comment

Rick Moore addressed the group with a packet of information about the Northern Recycling Compost - Zamora facility. He provided a hand out and briefly described proposed expansions/improvements that are going through the CEQA process. Their objective is to increase the permitted amount of organics coming into the facility and thereby increase products and services offered to existing and new customers. Mr. Moore suggested that the Zamora facility would function as a complement to the Yolo County BioGreen Digester Project.

Evan Edgar of the California Compost Coalition shared the "Summary of Climate Action Plans" with the committee and spoke about the role of composting facilities in California's requirement of 75% diversion by 2020. Mr. Edgar mentioned that he will return next month for a more detailed discussion on how technology at the Zamora facility can be utilized to fulfill requirements of the state initiative and the city/county climate action plans.

Consent Agenda

1. Approve Meeting Minutes

MOTION: Roberta Childers moved to approve the January, 2013 meeting minutes as written. Carol Scianna seconded the motion.

DISCUSSION: None.

MOTION: Passed unanimously.

Regular Agenda

2. Member/Jurisdiction Updates

Yolo County – Marissa Juhler said that the California Department of Health has approved the use of rigid plastic containers for residential sharps disposal. Containers must have a lid and be clearly labeled as sharps. A printable label will be designed and available to residents through the county website. In regards to the recent application for 1.7 million in grant funds, Ramin Yazdani announced that the Yolo BioGreen Digester was ranked 5th out of 30 proposals; however funding was only available for the top 4 projects. While the grant would have been a welcome supplement, the budget was designed independent of those funds. An application was also submitted for a ½ million PG&E incentive grant, but the awards have not yet been announced.

City of Davis – Jacques DeBra spoke about the continued development of the city integrated waste management plan. A completion date is not yet set, but they hope that it will go before the City Council by the end of the fiscal year. The service agreement with Davis Waste Removal is in the process of being updated. A proposed 3% rate increase for solid waste is anticipated for the June prop 218 notice.

City of Winters – Carol Scianna mentioned the grand opening of an ADA accessible trail. On March 5th a presentation on the Yolo BioGreen Digester will be given to the city council. A bulky waste event is being scheduled for June.

City of Woodland – Roberta Childers had nothing new to report. However, referencing the “Summary of Climate Action Plans” (Evan Edgar), she noted that the measures listed in the technical report for the City of Woodland’s climate action plan are actually a menu of suggested choices and have not yet been decided.

3. MAC (Meeting of Area Coordinators) Update

Marissa Juhler reminded the WAC of the April 27th Oil Filter Exchange. Grant funds are divided up and each city will conduct a local campaign.

4. C&D Debris Diversion

Linda Sinderson alerted the committee to a recent decrease in C&D diversion rates at the landfill. In December, Recycle America, the C&D Facility contractor, moved the location of their processing facility. During the transition, changes in daily operating procedures resulted in less drywall being diverted. The average diversion rate for Oct/Nov/Dec dropped to 55% which is still within contract limits. However, in January diversion rates dropped further to 37% which is, by contract, unacceptable. After meeting with county staff and to avoid further liquidated damages, Recycle America attendants are now hand sorting on our site to make sure they are meeting at least a 50% diversion rate.

5. CalRecycle HD20 Grant Application

Marissa Juhler spoke about the challenge of meeting the requirements for grant projects. The focus of CalRecycle for this grant is facility design and/or the implementation of building a new facility. Any projects associated with medical waste were rejected. Ultimately, the city/county application for 75K was accepted but was written for weekly advertising and direct mailers to very specific demographics such as businesses or senior citizens.

6. PaintCare Agreement

Marissa Juhler announced that an agreement has been signed between Yolo County and Paint Care. Beginning tomorrow, all residents and businesses may bring unlimited amounts of latex paint to the landfill free of charge. Residents can also bring oil-based paints but businesses must go through the

appointment process for business hazardous waste. Businesses will still pay the \$25 fee for oil-based paint, however all disposal fees will be waived. Additionally, all participants in the program will be tracked through the scale house by jurisdiction.

7. Anaerobic Digester Project City/County Agreements

Linda Sinderson referred to the letter and sample agreement sent to city managers wherein the county requested that initial agreements of intention be in negotiation by June 2013. Roberta Childers with the City of Woodland expressed concern about the many logistics involved with such a short timeline. Marissa Juhler acknowledged the many stages of agreement modification and public outreach that will be necessary to implement a new program. Per the sample agreement, full facility operation by 2017 allows time needed to establish collection routes. Permitting, funding, contractor agreements and participation from each jurisdiction are only a few of the factors that directly impact the overall timeline of the project. Without some degree of commitment from every jurisdiction the timeline projections will require adjustment and be pushed further into the future. Jacques De Bra suggested that parallel action among each city council would be effective. Discussion of climate action plans and the benefits of a regional facility can be coordinated within the same time frame as presentations given by county staff of the Renewable BioGreen Digester. In agreement, Marissa Juhler restated that the reasoning behind all county waste coming to a regional facility is to help to maintain overhead costs and keep the solid waste rates lower for residents. City representatives agreed to coordinate efforts for a county presentation on city council agendas in mid to late April.

Member Questions

Larry Fisher commented on an excellent interview about used oil recycling that he heard on a local Spanish radio station. The City of Woodland is using their used oil grant funds for an outreach campaign to the Spanish community.

Meeting Adjournment

Dorothy Peterson motioned to adjourn the meeting at 4:40 p.m., seconded by Carol Scianna.

Next Meeting

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

Jacques De Bra, Chair
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