



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 MARCH 28, 2013

Paulina Rosenthal called the March 28th, 2013 meeting to order at 3:30 p.m. Those present were:

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

Guests: Greg Kelley – Northern Recycling Compost, Zamora facility
Rick Moore – Edgar & Associates
Justin Caporusso – Waste Management Public Affairs Manager

Absent/Notified: Jacques De Bra

Introduction

Introductions were made around the room.

Public Comment

None.

Consent Agenda

1. Approve Meeting Minutes

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

DISCUSSION: None.

MOTION: Passed unanimously.

Regular Agenda

2. Member/Jurisdiction Updates

Yolo County – Marissa Juhler announced the addition of the Yolo Oak area (about 100 homes) to mandatory trash/recycling services. Two new agricultural partnership contracts are set to begin in April. Triple rinsed ag plastics will continue to be accepted free of charge but will soon be processed on site, a much safer option. Agricultural irrigation drip tape recycling is the new pilot program getting the attention of other counties. “Encore”, the vendor, keeps all plastics within the United States. Linda

Sinderson added that revisions to the budget and master fees are in progress and will be available for review at the next meeting.

Davis Waste Removal – John Geisler spoke about a public workshop for the Integrated Waste Management plan where they received a good amount of input. A bulky item turn in event is scheduled for April 11, 12, and 13th. DWR will also be hosting a free shred day on April 27th at their facility in Davis.

City of West Sacramento – Paulina Rosenthal announced an Earth Day event on April 20th where the focus will be sustainable living. Vendors will be on hand offering tools, goods, and services that can benefit residents in energy and water conservation and composting. Master Gardeners will be available as well as representatives from Yolo Transportation, Yolo-Solano Air Quality Management, and Energy Benefits Yolo a group that facilitates lower cost solar programs. April 27th is the oil filter exchange at local stores as well as a wood chip give-away to residents. Efforts continue toward finishing the Climate Action Plan.

City of Winters – Carol Scianna shared that on March 5th a presentation on the Yolo BioGreen Digester was given to the city council. Discussion among city personnel continues as they gather information from Waste Management. ZunZun, a special environmental/recycling assembly is scheduled for K-5th grade. Another E-waste fundraiser will be sponsored in April by one of the school booster clubs.

City of Woodland – Roberta Childers reported 100 participants at the semi-annual composting workshop, a considerable increase from typical attendance. There is also a bulky waste collection event on Saturday, April 13 at the Yolo County Fairgrounds.

3. Northern Recycling Compost Facility Presentation

Rick Moore of Edgar and Associates gave a presentation on the proposed expansion of the Northern Recycling Compost Facility in Zamora. A pdf copy of the hand out is available upon request. Questions were answered regarding tipping fees, traffic and road maintenance, vector control, renewable energy generation, and the mitigated negative declaration.

4. MAC (Meeting of Area Coordinators) Update

The March MAC meeting was cancelled; there was nothing new to report.

Linda Sinderson, Marissa Juhler, and Ramin Yazdani used this time to answer specific questions that were submitted by cities regarding the BioGreen contract timeline, definitions of acceptable materials, contamination rates, stepped rate increases, use of CNG trucks/fuel, and consistency in agreements. Discussion continued among the members regarding school programs, outreach, and the task of educating the public in new procedures. All aspects of financing for the project will be handled by a contracted financial consultant.

Ramin Yazdani added an update on grants he has been working on. A 600K award will be given thru the PG&E Self-Generation Incentive Program, provided all deliverables are on schedule. After a debriefing with the California Energy Commission, Ramin was encouraged to apply for the next grant cycle, which will be two years in duration and have 26 million in funds available. Lastly, work is beginning on a research grant with UC Davis and UC San Diego to gather data from the gasification of residual waste.

5. Load Check Hazardous Waste Procedure

Marissa Juhler explained that recent issues involving hazardous waste found in routine load checks may lead to an updated policy. Currently, when the customer/business that dumped the waste can be identified, they are called and given 3 business days to pick it up. If the waste is not picked up, the customer/business will be charged. If the generator of the waste is unknown, the hauler will be

charged the \$300 fee for management of the hazardous waste. In answer to a question about documentation, scale house attendants can provide the truck number, ticket number, time of day, quantity of material, and photographs if needed.

6. Proposed California Legislation

Linda Sinderson alerted the committee to 3 bills that are related by EPR (Extended Producer Responsibility)

- SB 727 – Pharmaceutical Safe Disposal Act/EPR of pharmaceutical producers
- AB 403 – Safe Sharps Collection Act/EPR of sharps producers
- AB 488 – Household Alkaline Battery Recycling Act/EPR battery producers

It was noted that the California Product Stewardship Council supports all three, and actually sponsored two of them. Draft letters of support for each bill were prepared and available for signature by the Waste Advisory Committee chairman. Support of these bills must be submitted by April 9th.

MOTION: Sharlene Katz moved to accept the letters recommending support of the three bills as discussed. Carol Scianna seconded the motion.

DISCUSSION: None.

MOTION: Passed unanimously.

Member Questions

None.

Meeting Adjournment

Roberta Childers motioned to adjourn the meeting at 5:10 p.m., seconded by Sharlene Katz.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Yolo County Waste Advisory Committee is scheduled for April 25th, 2013 at 3:30 p.m. in the Conference Room of the Yolo County Central Landfill.

Jacques De Bra, Chair
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