



# 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 APRIL 25, 2013

Jacques De Bra called the April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2013 meeting to order at 3:30 p.m. Those present were:

- Members:** Paulina Rosenthal, John Geisler, Roberta Childers, Sharlene Katz, Carol Scianna, Dorothy Peterson, Michael McDonald, and Michael Fan
- Staff:** Linda Sinderson – Yolo County Planning and Public Works (arrived about 4:30 pm)  
Marissa Juhler – Yolo County Planning and Public Works  
Tamara Lokteff – Yolo County Planning and Public Works
- Guests:** Kat Campau – Waste Management of Woodland, Recycling Coordinator
- Absent/Notified:** Larry Fisher

#### **Introduction**

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Introductions were made around the room.

#### **Public Comment**

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None.

#### **Consent Agenda**

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##### **1. Approve Meeting Minutes**

- MOTION:** Roberta Childers moved to approve the March, 2013 meeting minutes as written. Carol Scianna seconded the motion.
- DISCUSSION:** None.
- MOTION:** Passed unanimously.

#### **Regular Agenda**

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##### **2. Elect Officers**

Jacque DeBra announced that the City of Davis recently appointed Jacque Franco, a Davis resident, to the Waste Advisory Committee. Jacque DeBra will no longer be able to serve as the committee Chairman and proposed that the current Vice Chairman fill the position.

- MOTION:** Carol Scianna moved to appoint the current Vice Chairman, Paulina Rosenthal, to the Chairman position effective immediately. Roberta Childers seconded the motion.
- DISCUSSION:** None.
- MOTION:** Passed unanimously.

- MOTION: John Geisler moved to appoint Roberta Childers to the Vice Chairman position effective immediately. Carol Scianna seconded the motion.
- DISCUSSION: None.
- MOTION: Passed unanimously.

Paulina Rosenthal presided over the remainder of the meeting.

### 3. Member/Jurisdiction Updates

**Yolo County** – Marissa Juhler noted that the “green curtain” is now in effect which means that plastics can no longer be exported overseas. More specifically as related to the Yolo County Landfill, rigid plastics will be accepted as trash only, not as a recyclable commodity. In regards to composting, county staff would like to meet with the cities to adjust the timeline given the added variables of hauler contracts and public education. A BioGreen Digester presentation is set for the Davis City Council meeting on May 21<sup>st</sup>.

**City of Davis** – Jacque DeBra shared about the increased interest in the city’s solid waste and utility enterprise while the Integrated Waste Plan is being developed. Staff is hopeful that the plan will be adopted by this summer along with an updated waste hauler agreement with Davis Waste Removal. Solid waste rates are expected to rise, so variable rates may also be considered.

**Davis Waste Removal** – John Geisler spoke briefly regarding contract negotiations. DWR will be hosting a free shred day on April 27<sup>th</sup> at their facility in Davis.

**City of West Sacramento** – Paulina Rosenthal was pleased with the first Earth Day/Sustainable Living event on April 20<sup>th</sup>. There were at least 250 people in attendance throughout the day at the Community Center. Vendors offered goods, services and information geared toward energy efficiency and sustainable living practices. Local children’s performance groups boosted participation level by bringing in family members. “ReCreate” set up tables and interacted with children while parents browsed vendor tables. Among the prizes donated for a raffle give-away was an electric lawn mower from Yolo-Solano Air Quality Management.

On April 27<sup>th</sup> the oil filter exchange will be going on in local stores and wood chip give-away to residents at the Public Works Corporation yard. Integrating the Commercial Recycling Program grant, a presentation was recently given to the local Chamber of Commerce. Efforts continue toward finishing the Climate Action Plan. A meeting with Waste Management about implementing the composting program brought some preliminary numbers but nothing in writing.

**City of Winters** – Carol Scianna reported on a very well received program by ZunZun. Youth Day is next week and will include a parade through the community. The challenge every year is to have recycling collection points in enough key locations so that the public will use them. In May there is a meeting is planned with Waste Management to discuss rates and composting. There is also a bulky waste event scheduled for June.

**City of Woodland** – Roberta Childers has a meeting planned with Waste Management to discuss rates and services as they might relate to the BioGreen Digester Program. At the Bulky Waste Event, high school students volunteered for community service hours by collecting E-waste and made just under \$500 for the ASB (Associated Student Body) at Woodland High School.

**UC Davis** – Michael Fan talked about the ongoing waste audit being done by students on campus to identify the amount of organic waste generated by each department. In another campus waste stream, almost 30 percent of the campus’ annual tonnage can be attributed to the disposal of gravel used to line the cages of over 5,000 primates. Through a pilot program this year, a method of washing gravel at the wastewater treatment plant was developed so that it can be recycled.

Estimates show that a full scale gravel wash set up running twice a week could save the campus over \$150K per year! Purchasing the necessary equipment for a full scale wash is now in process. Regarding the campus anaerobic digester project, agreements are in place with the private company funding construction; however there are still geotechnical studies to be done for its foundation. September 1<sup>st</sup> is the new start goal on the timeline to processing organic waste. Additionally, the university continues to work on the closure of its landfill.

#### **4. MAC (Meeting of Area Coordinators) Update**

Marissa Juhler talked about the filter exchange event coming this Saturday. However, the only certified collection center in Winters no longer wants to be in the program. Efforts will be made to find another partner in Winters. On a positive note, the Esparto Joint Unified School District has agreed to move forward with recycling.

#### **5. California Legislative Update**

Marissa Juhler gave a quick update regarding letters that were sent on behalf of the WAC in support of the following three bills:

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

All three bills passed through committee and are now scheduled for the Assembly Appropriations Committee on May 9<sup>th</sup>.

#### **6. FY 13-14 Fee Changes & Budget**

Marissa Juhler provided a fee estimate spreadsheet to the WAC and explained fee changes that will be coming with the new Master Fee Schedule and 13-14 Budget. Linda Sinderson arrived in time to answer additional questions regarding the budget.

#### **Member Questions**

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None.

#### **Meeting Adjournment**

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Michael McDonald motioned to adjourn the meeting at 4:40 p.m., seconded by Roberta Childers.

#### **Next Meeting**

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The next meeting of the Yolo County Waste Advisory Committee is scheduled for May 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2013 at 3:30 p.m. in the Conference Room of the Yolo County Central Landfill.

Paulina Rosenthal, Chair  
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