



County of Yolo

WASTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

c/o PLANNING AND PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT
DIVISION OF INTEGRATED WASTE MANAGEMENT

44090 County Road 28H
Woodland, CA 95776
(530) 666-8852 FAX (530) 666-8853
www.yolocounty.org

MINUTES OF THE YOLO COUNTY WASTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING OF MAY 23, 2013

Paulina Rosenthal called the May 23rd, 2013 meeting to order at 3:35 p.m. Those present were:

Members: Paulina Rosenthal, John Geisler, Roberta Childers, Larry Fisher, Sharlene Katz, Michael McDonald, Jacques Franco, 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
Moushumi Hasan – Yolo County Environmental Health Department

Guests: none

Absent/Notified: Michael Fan, Carol Scianna

Introduction

Introductions were made around the room.

Public Comment

None.

Consent Agenda

1. Approve Meeting Minutes

MOTION: Michael McDonald moved to approve the April, 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 shared that the county is still looking into financing options for the Yolo BioGreen Digester project. The irrigation tape/ag plastics (HDPE) recycling program has been delayed while the informational flyer is being updated. To avoid any confusion, the flyer will list the specific types of agricultural plastics that absolutely cannot be taken as well as those that can be taken. Linda Sinderson added that the Board of supervisors approved an agreement between the landfill and the Davis Waste Water Treatment Plant for the disposal of excess liquid waste at a lower price.

City of Davis – Jacque Franco introduced himself as the new City of Davis representative. Mr. Franco currently works for CalRecycle in the Statewide Technical and Analytical Services Branch on climate change and conversion technology. He is eager to learn more about what's happening at the local level.

Public Member/Davis Schools – Dorothy Peterson promoted the Davis Tour de Cluck coming up on May 25th. A special "Fowl Food Frolic" menu will be available at select dining locations where 15% of all proceeds will go to the Davis Farm to School program. There will also be a Master Gardener on hand to offer a special workshop that morning, "Chicken Manure to Compost". Among other raffle prizes for those taking part in the event is a metal artwork (horseshoe rooster) from a graduating senior who was involved in the farm to school program since he was 3 years old.

City of West Sacramento – Paulina Rosenthal talked about the annual Conservation Fair held at the Sacramento Recycling and Transfer facility for 4th grade students. At the city bulky waste drop off event about 42 tons were collected, 49% of which was recycled. Over the course of 20 hours in three days, about 400 cars attended.

City of Woodland – Roberta Childers gave an update regarding her meeting with Waste Management about how the Bio Green Digester could affect customer rates. However, information provided was still incomplete and another meeting will be scheduled. Additionally, in response to a question raised at the last meeting about C&D loads being disposed of as trash, Roberta advised that when a customer requests a bin the call center asks whether it is mixed trash or C&D. Loads are designated according to the customer's reply, not necessarily according to what actually ends up in the bin.

Davis Waste Removal – John Geisler added to the conversation about C&D loads going to trash. In the screening process for Davis Waste Removal, the customer indicates where the load will go if it is not from a mandated C&D project. All new construction project loads go to C&D, but the city has yet to lower the threshold below 2000 square feet for tenant improvement projects.

3. MAC (Meeting of Area Coordinators) Update

Marissa Juhler announced that Yolo County was selected to receive a \$67,500 award from HD20, the CalRecycle Household Hazardous Waste grant. The funds will be used for a multijurisdictional educational outreach campaign that will highlight the weekly Household Hazardous Waste program. Once again this year Radio Disney's "Team Green Nation Recycling Show" will be at the county fair on Friday, August 16th at 6pm. Advertising for the filter exchange event in Winters brought out 158 residents and \$1500 in filter sales for Napa Auto Parts.

4. Fiscal Year 13/14 CPI Increase Estimates

Linda Sinderson shared a spreadsheet of fee estimates for the new fiscal year. Beginning July 1, the city contracted disposal rates will go up to \$40.58/ton, a CPI increase of 2.39%. Since the agreements began in April 2009, overall costs have gone up 9.3%. As of the last Master Fee Schedule adjustment, the gate rate for disposal will be \$45.00/ton.

5. FY 12/13 Host Fee Payment Estimates

Linda Sinderson provided fee estimates for the year's host fee payments based on the first three quarters. Concern was voiced that the schedule of host fee payments was not consistent which has caused some confusion in city accounting departments. It was suggested that county staff send a letter to city offices regarding adjustments to the schedule, such as payments being made annually rather than quarterly.

Member Questions

A member asked a question regarding grants and the BioGreen Digester. Marissa Juhler explained that the county was actually awarded 1.7 million but was obligated to refuse the grant. Unfortunately, City agreements were not yet in place for the feedstock/waste flow needed to support the composting operation to warrant the risk of such a financial investment. Between Prop 218 notices, the adjusted timeline, and other issues, the guaranteed waste flow could not be met. KNN Public Financing Consultants are looking into all options and will present the best one.

Dorothy Peterson added that the Farm to School program is very appreciative of Northern Recycling's contribution and assistance with compost for the school gardens.

Meeting Adjournment

Michael McDonald motioned to adjourn the meeting at 4:05 p.m., seconded by Roberta Childers.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Yolo County Waste Advisory Committee is scheduled for June 27th, 2013 at 3:30 p.m. in the Conference Room of the Yolo County Central Landfill.

Paulina Rosenthal, Chair
Yolo County Waste Advisory Committee

Prepared By: Tamara Lokteff
Division of Integrated Waste Management