



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 SEPTEMBER 26, 2013

Roberta Childers called the September 26th, 2013 meeting to order at 3:45 p.m. Those present were:

Members: Roberta Childers, John Geisler, Michael McDonald, Jacques Franco, Dorothy Peterson, Larry Fisher, Michael Fan, and Carol Scianna

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: Paulina Rosenthal, Sharlene Katz

Introduction

Introductions were made around the room.

Public Comment

None.

Consent Agenda

1. Approve Meeting Minutes

MOTION: John Geisler moved to approve the August, 2013 meeting minutes. Carol Scianna seconded the motion.

DISCUSSION: None.

MOTION: Passed unanimously.

Regular Agenda

2. Member/Jurisdiction Updates

Yolo County – Marissa Juhler detailed positive results from the Tire Amnesty Event. In four hours, 1460 tires were collected from rural unincorporated county residents, Davis, Woodland, and Winters. The next event is scheduled for Wednesday, October 23rd at the Esparto Recycling and Transfer Station. The county hosts events every other year with grant funds as a service to the public and to address issues such as illegal dumping, fire hazards, and vector control.

On September 22nd, the county hosted a creek clean-up service day. Three truck loads, about 2040lbs, of trash were collected in the Willow Slough area between County Roads 102 and 105.

In connection with the Regional Marketing Development Zone (RMDZ), the county will participate with the Farm to Fork organization in support of waste reduction, recycling and composting programs.

Davis Waste Removal – John Geisler informed that the Davis City Council approved a variable can rate beginning December 1st. The rate is all inclusive, one bill to cover everything – street sweeping, trash, recycling, brush and green waste. City of Davis customers will be charged per size toter they request: 95 gallon - \$37/month, 65 gallon - \$32/month, 35 gallon - \$28/month. Currently, residents are offered three different sizes but are charged a flat rate, no matter the size of toter they request.

City of Winters – Carol Scianna shared her experience with the creek clean up event. Over 100 volunteers participated in removing close to 4,000 pounds of trash. Part of the clean-up involved removing habitat restoration cages/tree protectors that would otherwise be washed away in the creek when water levels rise. Additionally, Firestone Tires awarded a tire grant to the Putah Creek Council which covered disposal costs of tires removed from the creek. Carol added that an E-waste recycling event is scheduled for the end of October.

City of Woodland – Roberta Childers announced the 3rd annual pharmaceuticals take back event on Saturday, September 28th for City of Woodland residents. The city departments of Solid Waste, Waste Water Treatment, and Police combine efforts and are able to accept both controlled and non-controlled substances. All who participate will be given an HHW flyer and surveyed to ensure they are aware of the county's weekly program at the landfill.

UC Davis – Michael Fan commented that new school year student move in took place on campus last weekend despite pouring rain. The campus digester construction continues with plans to begin initial operation in December. A clean, food waste feed stock schedule is in the works to move toward eventually operating at full capacity. Green waste will generally not be used in this digester, so it will continue to be brought to the Yolo Landfill.

Davis Schools – Dorothy Peterson announced a Cool Davis festival on October 12th at Central Park. Davis schools will use a graph to showcase the amount of solid waste that has been diverted by their efforts in recycling and composting; amazing results! There will be kid friendly activities available, such as vermicomposting and paper pot seed planting. Kids and parents will be encouraged to continue reducing and reusing as much as possible.

3. MAC (Meeting of Area Coordinators) Update

Area coordinators are working on the annual calendar. The “Recyclopedia” concept of last year was very popular. The Yolo County Health Department has requested space to promote child car seat expiration and recycling. Any other waste stream related topics would also be a welcome addition to improve the educational value of the calendar. The next oil filter exchange event at all Napa and O'Reilly Auto Parts stores in Yolo County will be on Saturday, November 16th.

4. Yolo County Recycling Market Development Zone

Linda Sinderson explained the Recycling Market Development Zone (RMDZ), an opportunity for the whole county to be designated by CalRecycle as a zone where businesses that develop new products using recycled materials are eligible for loans with lower interest rates. City and county representatives are working together in completing the application process which is due at the end of October. The zone would include the entire county, allowing the business a choice of location in either a city or unincorporated county area. To avoid competition between cities, Marissa Juhler suggested that the economic development offices of each city provide a regular report to the Waste Advisory Committee (WAC) who would then act as liaison for the zone as a whole. Linda Sinderson provided a template letter of support on behalf of the Waste Advisory Committee.

MOTION: Carol Scianna moved to approve the letter of support from the committee to CalRecycle regarding the RMDZ application. John Geisler seconded the motion.

DISCUSSION: None.

MOTION: Passed. (1 Abstain)

5. Composting Facility Update

Marissa Juhler reported on the progress of contract negotiations with Northern Recycling and Compost (Northern). A facility flow chart revealed potential traffic routing and some procedural changes. All inbound waste transactions will be done by the county to maintain accurate state and local enforcement agency reporting records. Northern agreed to install certified scales and will be equipped to handle compost sales which also include sales tax.

Financial records of the proposed contracts have been passed on to KNN Consultants for thorough review and verification. Considering storm water regulations and other new requirements, county staff is confident that financial estimates are valid. A detailed draft implementation schedule was also shared that will be available to WAC members once revisions are completed.

Opening date is still set for January 2014. Annual reviews and a 5 year review are written into the contract. Northern will be evaluated on their customer service, meeting or exceeding standards, and reliable benchmarks set out in the contract beforehand. Phase one will be built in an "L" shape (to the east and south) around the current Construction, Demolition and Inerts (CDI) facility. Once the current contract with Waste Management ends, Northern will take over CDI facility operations and that space will then be available for expansion. Waste Management is very supportive and has made clear their intention to fully cooperate with the transition to Northern. Additionally, Northern expressed interest in helping meet diversion requirements as they are able by pulling reusable items from the CDI facility.

The contract is scheduled to go to the Board of Supervisors on October 22nd at 9am. Any and all show of support from the WAC, city staff, or residents will be greatly appreciated. Comments at the meeting will be limited to 3 minutes, but letters of support are also welcome to show that this will indeed be a regional facility.

Jacques Franco voiced concern over the scope and cost of the project and what seems to be a "rushed" timeline. He clarified that he is in favor of a composting facility but ultimately is concerned with the process of procurement that has been followed and whether this contract is in the best financial interests of the county. Linda Sinderson briefly reviewed the two year history of this project which included significant shifts in party, design and process. A contract with Northern would include fundamental benefits for the county including new jobs, capital investment, and economic resource. Marissa Juhler restated that a financial review will be completed to ensure the county's interests. Dorothy Peterson interjected a sentiment of trust in the research and commitment of county staff to this project. Michael Fan credited Northern as taking the greater risk because they are willing to move forward with this financial investment before long term contracts are in place with the cities. Jacques indicated that perhaps more of Northern's interests would be served by facilitating expansion for their growing needs. Linda responded that the mutual benefits to both the county and Northern have been evident throughout the process. Marissa restated that the county is asking only for conceptual support from the WAC about the composting facility being built at the landfill. Jacques maintained that he is in support of a composting facility, but he questions whether this is the best choice for the county in the long run. By making this decision now, the scope is narrowed in such a way that any other options or technologies available in the future would be excluded from consideration. As acting chairperson, Roberta Childers acknowledged the group's understanding of Jacques Franco's position and put the question to a vote.

MOTION: Michael McDonald moved to support the proposed composting facility project.
Carol Scianna seconded the motion.

DISCUSSION: None.

MOTION: Passed. (7 Ayes, 1 Oppose)

Member Questions

None.

Meeting Adjournment

Michael Fan motioned to adjourn the meeting at 4:50 p.m., seconded by Dorothy Peterson.

Next Meeting

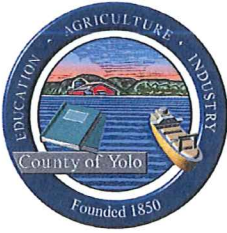
The next meeting of the Yolo County Waste Advisory Committee is scheduled for October 24th, 2013 at 3:30 p.m. in the Conference Room of the Yolo County Central Landfill.

Roberta Childers, Vice Chair
Yolo County Waste Advisory Committee

Prepared By: Tamara Lokteff
Division of Integrated Waste Management

Attached:

Letter in support of RMDZ



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CalRecycle
Local Assistance and Market Development Division
Attention: RMDZ Designation Team Lead
1001 I Street (P.O. Box 4025)
Sacramento, CA

Subject: Letter of Support for designation of the Yolo Recycling Market Development Zone

Dear RMDZ Designation Team:

The Waste Advisory Committee (WAC) voted at its September 26, 2013 meeting to support the application to CalRecycle for the new Yolo Recycling Market Development Zone (YRMDZ), which will include the Cities of Woodland, Davis, and Winters, plus unincorporated Yolo County. The regional benefits of the YRMDZ include:

- Strengthens the manufacturing sector and diversifies the regional economy;
- Increases the potential for local manufacturers to use recycled content in their products;
- Provides additional economic development and marketing tools for all jurisdictions;
- Increases the diversion of solid waste from landfills;
- Helps local jurisdictions find local markets for recyclables;
- Promotes the management of all resources to their highest and best use; and
- Makes RMDZ benefits available to existing local businesses and manufacturers.

The WAC wishes to commend our local jurisdictions for pursuing this forward-thinking project.

Sincerely,

Roberta Childers
Vice Chair

Cc: Duane Chamberlain, Chair, Yolo County Board of Supervisors
Linda Sinderson, WAC Liaison, Yolo County Division of Integrated Waste Management
Waste Advisory Committee Members