



County of Yolo

WASTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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DIVISION OF INTEGRATED WASTE MANAGEMENT

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MINUTES OF THE YOLO COUNTY WASTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING OF JANUARY 23, 2014

Paulina Benner called the January 23rd, 2014 meeting to order at 3:35 p.m. Those present were:

Members: Paulina Benner (Rosenthal), John Geisler, Michael McDonald, Jacques Franco, Dorothy Peterson, Sharlene Katz, Michael Fan, and Carol Scianna

Staff: Linda Sinderson – Yolo County Planning and Public Works
Pamela Hedrick – Yolo County Planning and Public Works
Tamara Lokteff – Yolo County Planning and Public Works

Guests: Rosie Ledesma – City of Woodland

Absent/Notified: Roberta Childers, Larry Fisher

Introduction

Introductions were made around the room.

Public Comment

None.

Consent Agenda

1. Approve Meeting Minutes

MOTION: Michael McDonald moved to approve the September, 2013 meeting minutes. Jacques Franco seconded the motion.

DISCUSSION: None.

MOTION: Passed unanimously.

Regular Agenda

2. 2014 Chair and Vice Chair Elections

MOTION: Carol Scianna nominated Paulina Benner to remain as Chair of the committee. Michael McDonald seconded the motion.

DISCUSSION: None.

MOTION: Passed unanimously.

MOTION: Michael Fan nominated himself for the position of Vice Chair. Michael McDonald seconded the nomination.

DISCUSSION: None.

MOTION: Passed unanimously.

3. Member/Jurisdiction Updates

Yolo County – Linda Sinderson announced that John Bencomo (Director of Planning and Public Works) retired on December 13th, 2013. The department is currently operating with Interim Director, Edmund Smith. Also in December, the Board of Supervisors approved plans to merge Planning and Public Works with the Environmental Health Department. Residents will be able to go to one location for all permits and sign-offs. Intentions behind the merge are to facilitate and improve customer service as well as provide cost savings to the departments. It has not yet been determined where the new department will be housed or what its name will be.

Discussion followed regarding the merger. Some members were concerned about a conflict of interest between the two departments and expressed disapproval. Although it is not within the scope of the WAC to object to the merger, Linda Sinderson advised that any resident in the county could offer their comments to the office of the CAO or the Board of Supervisors.

At the next meeting an agenda item will be included to review the Yolo County Waste Advisory Committee's mission statement as it relates to AB939 and to clarify the scope of its influence.

City of Davis – Jacques Franco shared about his experience participating with a regional technical advisory committee in Placer County as they explore options for organics management. Cities and jurisdictions were first brought together to discuss goals and potential issues. Contracted environmental and financial consultants then prepared technical and economic feasibility studies. A comparison report was given with six different organics management solutions, each focused on achieving the same set of goals. Jacques encouraged WAC members further to review the January 9th meeting minutes of the Western Placer Waste Management Authority and to consider how information in those reports could apply to Yolo County. (See http://www.wpwma.com/WPWMA_Agenda.pdf)

Davis Waste Removal – John Geisler referred to the first reading of a new scavenging ordinance at the last Davis City Council meeting generated a lot of comment. The ordinance would change scavenging from a misdemeanor to an infraction, making it a citable offense. Proposals were requested for containerizing green waste and adding food waste to bins both residentially and commercially. The council identified three options that they were interested in and DWR is currently evaluating details to provide more information and cost estimates.

City of West Sacramento – Paulina Benner first noted that her surname has recently changed from Rosenthal to Benner. A resolution was adopted by the city council in support of SB405, the single use plastic bag phase out. Senator Alex Padilla, author of the bill, actually attended the January 15th meeting and spoke to the city council, asking for their support. If the state bill is eventually passed there will be no need for local ordinances. A coupon will be going out in utility bills for free tire recycling at the Yolo Landfill (limit 9 per household) during the month of March.

City of Winters – Carol Scianna reported that with the temporary bridge in Winters now open, the old one is being torn down. All acceptable gravel mix from the demolition will be kept on site for reuse in other creek projects. A coupon will be in the city newsletter for free tire recycling at the Yolo Landfill (limit 9 per household) during the month of March.

City of Woodland – On behalf of Roberta Childers, Rosie Ledesma commented on the continuing effort to follow-up with a phone call to every business for the commercial recycling program. Without an award from the competitive beverage container grants, city staff has not yet been able to start the education outreach for the mandatory multifamily recycling program.

UC Davis – Michael Fan reported that construction on the anaerobic digester is finally complete. Initial loads have been fed into the digester; however it is not yet working to capacity. It is designed for 50 tons per day but the UCD campus can only provide about half of that at the most. Plans are in the works for an official opening ceremony in March. They are currently working to develop alternative methods of dealing with high levels of ammonia in the residuals. With discharge regulations for UCD to Putah Creek being very stringent, resulting in a system limitation at this time.

Davis Schools/Community – Dorothy Peterson shared unexpected but encouraging news from her email. In 2008 a Coca-Cola Company grant was awarded to purchase “Clearstream” containers for schools and farmers market events. Now Coca-Cola is offering to provide all new signage and labels for the containers.

Shar Katz announced that her term is ending and that she will be moving to Sutter County. Although her service on the WAC is ending, she expressed her gratitude and respect for the committee and its work.

4. MAC (Meeting of Area Coordinators) Update

On behalf of Marissa Juhler, Pam Hedrick gave updates on the following two agenda items as they were discussed at the MAC.

5. Agricultural Plastics Update

Pam Hedrick shared samples of reusable plastic bags that are the end result of the agricultural plastics being collected at the landfill. All collection and production is done within California, which in effect, closes the recycling loop. The reusable bags are compliant with plastic bag ban ordinances, made of a heavyweight plastic and sturdy enough to be washed and reused. The landfill has partnered with Encore to collect ag plastic material which is then hauled to Salinas and made into pellets. Command Packaging, a Southern California company, uses the pellets to manufacture the reusable bags. At this time, costs for transportation and loading are exchanged for the collected plastic material. Although there are companies that are willing to pay for ag plastics, those companies are less reliable and have large truckload requirements that are inconvenient for most farmers.

6. HD20 Grant Update

Pam Hedrick talked about the new marketing campaign being developed with HD20 grant funds. Carl Costas, a consultant, has been hired to develop an image that can be used county wide to broaden awareness of the HHW program and increase participation by at least 4%. Preliminary ideas and images were shared from the new campaign, “It’s what you do with it when you’re done.” WAC members offered positive feedback on the ideas with some constructive criticism of the chosen images. Another part of the grant is the purchase of mobile fixtures for posters and brochure display that can be moved to different locations in the county as needed.

7. Composting Facility Update

Linda Sinderson confirmed that Waste Management gave a 180 day early termination notice of their operations contract for the Construction, Demolition, Inerts / Green Waste facility. Negotiations are now underway to transfer the operation of those facilities to Northern Recycling and Compost (Northern) on May 27th, 2014, the Tuesday following Memorial Day.

An implementation schedule for the composting facility is now extended to allow ample time for permitting and construction. The new tentative start date of the composting facility is January 2016, instead of January 2015. This will also allow a full two years to incrementally implement necessary fee increases and time to negotiate contracts with the cities.

As changes have come up on our side, issues between partners and other connected entities within Northern are being worked through as well. With these delays in mind, Linda advised that the date of the Board Meeting for this item will most likely be extended beyond February 11th.

Jacques Franco asked for more information on what is involved in operation of the CDI/Green Waste Facility. A Joint Technical Document (JTD) Amendment must first be done that will change the landfill permit to allow construction and demolition sorting on-site to save costs. Northern also intends to bring green waste processing equipment to the landfill for processing and sorting on-site. With only a

few months before the Waste Management contract ends in May, time is short and it would be impractical to conduct a request for proposals (RFP) for just a six month contract. Jacques voiced his concern again in regards to continuing with Northern on the current path without the benefit of a full RFP process.

Michael Fan added comments regarding the significant cost savings inherent with Northern because of the grandfathered air permits and environmental credits that will transfer with them to the landfill.

Member Questions

None.

Meeting Adjournment

Michael McDonald motioned to adjourn the meeting at 4:35 p.m., seconded by Carol Scianna.

Next Meeting

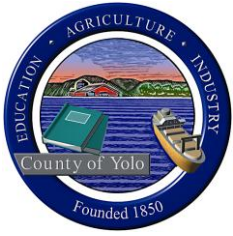
The next meeting of the Yolo County Waste Advisory Committee is scheduled for February 27th, 2014 at 3:30 p.m. in the Conference Room of the Yolo County Central Landfill.

Paulina Benner, Chair
Yolo County Waste Advisory Committee

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Attached:

WAC 2014 Meeting Calendar



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Location:

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<u>Date:</u>	<u>Time:</u>	<u>Location:</u>
January 23 rd	3:30 PM	YCCL
February 27 th	3:30 PM	YCCL
March 27 th	3:30 PM	YCCL
April 24 th	3:30 PM	YCCL
May 22 nd	3:30 PM	YCCL
June 26 th	3:30 PM	YCCL
July	Summer Recess	No Meeting
August 28 th	3:30 PM	YCCL
September 25 th	3:30 PM	YCCL
October 23 rd	3:30 PM	YCCL
<u>November/December Meeting</u>		
Dec. 4 th	3:30 PM	YCCL