



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 FEBRUARY 27, 2014

Paulina Benner called the February 27th, 2014 meeting to order at 3:35 p.m. Those present were:

Members: Paulina Benner, John Geisler, Jacques Franco, Roberta Childers, Michael Fan, Michael McDonald, Dorothy Peterson, 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

Guests: Jennifer Gilbert – City of Davis
Ken Henderson – public

Absent/Notified:

Introduction

Introductions were made around the room.

Public Comment

None.

Consent Agenda

1. Approve Meeting Minutes

MOTION: John Geisler moved to approve the January, 2014 meeting minutes. Roberta Childers seconded the motion.

DISCUSSION: None.

MOTION: Passed unanimously.

Regular Agenda

2. Member/Jurisdiction Updates

Yolo County – Marissa Juhler attended a recent “Spray Safe” event for growers to promote recycling programs for triple rinsed pesticide containers and ag drip tape at the Yolo County Landfill. During the month of March a tire amnesty event will be in effect for residents of Yolo County. Up to nine tires can be brought to the landfill for free disposal with a coupon that was mailed in utility bills and can also be printed from the Yolo website. Linda Sinderson commented that the merger with the Environmental Health Department is moving forward.

City of Davis – Jacques Franco deferred to Jennifer Gilbert for the city update. Jennifer shared about outreach to the community regarding the single use plastic bag ban ordinance that was passed in November. City staff is meeting one on one with businesses and is hosting workshops for the public. The ordinance applies to all retail and food service and is the most restrictive of its kind in

California except for San Francisco. Bulky Item Drop-Off Days are April 3rd-5th at Davis Waste Removal. Dates have not yet been set, but composting classes will be offered in April. Also, the city council just approved the containerization of yard waste so that food scraps can also be collected.

City of West Sacramento – Paulina Benner noted the upcoming April oil filter exchange event (more details to follow in the MAC Update).

City of Winters – Carol Scianna reported briefly on efforts to recycle/reuse demolition debris from the old bridge as well as properly disposing of any hazardous waste such as lead paint.

City of Woodland – Roberta Childers announced a composting class by the Yolo County Master Gardeners on Saturday, March 15th at Woodland City College.

UC Davis – Michael Fan reported that loads are being fed into the new anaerobic digester as they are re-examining the process of using methane gas to heat digester liquids. They are researching composting options to address the issue of a concentrated build-up of liquid waste in six months

Davis Schools/Community – Dorothy Peterson expressed thanks to the City of Davis for their help in bringing two Radio Disney programs to the schools that have been active in diminishing the carbon footprint of their school. She also announced the annual Tour-de-Cluck this year on May 24th. Anyone interested in being a “Community Crower” is welcome to set up a table outside the bike museum to pass out information which promotes composting or recycling.

3. MAC (Meeting of Area Coordinators) Update

Marissa Juhler announced the Yolo County Filter Exchange Event on Saturday, May 17th at all Napa and O’Rielly/Auto Zone locations in Yolo County. The new HHW promotional campaign (HD-20 grant funds) is moving forward. A variety of images were chosen to target a broad cross section of our communities. “It’s what you do with it when you’re DONE with it” is the new slogan with the additional line added, “It’s not just the right thing to do, it’s the law.” Posters will be distributed in the communities, newspapers will have updated ads, and by March 15 ads will be seen on Yolo Buses. Other new advertising soon to be visible in the community will be for the start of an E-waste collection program at the Esparto Recycling and Transfer Station (ECC). Press releases will be issued as well for the expansion of hours from Saturdays only to Wednesdays and Saturdays, 9:30am-3pm.

4. Wood Facility and C&D Facility Update

Linda Sinderson revisited the announcement that May 27th is the last day that Waste Management will manage the landfill’s Construction, Demolition, Inerts/Green Waste facility. A short term interim agreement is being worked on with Northern Recycling and Compost (Northern) to take over operations on May 28th, 2014. Staff will be going to the Board of Supervisors with that interim agreement on March 11th. Continuing green waste operations as Waste Management has been doing, Northern will truck all green waste directly to their site in Zamora. Although the landfill is currently not permitted for processing C&D on site, staff will be reviewing alternate method and permitted options over the next few months that will allow C&D sorting/processing to be done onsite.

5. Composting Facility Update

Work continues on the long term composting agreement with Northern with plans to have the agreement in place by the end of this fiscal year. Staff intends to have the long term agreement with Northern in place before the end of the short term operations agreement of the CDI/Green Waste Facility. An updated implementation schedule for the composting facility will be provided to each of the cities and the WAC as changes are made.

6. Solar Panel Disposal

Marissa Juhler gave a brief history of solar panel recycling and disposal in Yolo County. Until recently the landfill has accepted solar panels for recycling through our E-waste contractor, CEAR (California Electronic Asset Recovery). After an inspection of CEAR's operation by the DTSC (Department of Toxic Substances Control), it was decided that solar panels should still be classed as hazardous waste and not universal waste because they contain small amounts of lead and cadmium. CEAR can no longer accept solar panels, consequently, the landfill can no longer offer free recycling to residents. Further complicating the issue, a past program offered by SMUD to City of Davis residents has participants looking to the City to cover disposal costs for old panels. County staff is working on options to account for these changes in acceptability and generate funds needed for proper disposal. Accepting panels at weekly HHW events would require an expanded budget to accommodate them as a new HHW waste stream. The second option would be to make an overall adjustment in the gate tipping fees to fund all disposal expenses. Marissa asked members for feedback on two choices; a) disposal per unit cost, and b) spreading cost over all landfill tipping fees. Consensus of the group was that disposal per unit would be the fairer option. They agreed on the plausibility of a regulatory shift in the near future would bring solar panels into the Universal Waste category with disposal fees built in to the initial purchase price.

7. WAC Mission Statement

Linda Sinderson shared the Yolo County ordinance that created the Waste Advisory Committee in the County Codes section of the Board of Supervisors website. While there was no official "mission statement", a written list of duties adequately defined the scope of the committee. It was noted that the driving force behind the Waste Advisory Committee is AB939 and The Tanner Act. Among the listed duties are guiding the development of the Siting Element of the *County Wide Integrated Waste Management Plan* and the *County Hazardous Waste Management Plan*. Links to pertinent pages on the website were shared via email with those who requested them.

Member Questions

None.

Meeting Adjournment

Michael McDonald motioned to adjourn the meeting at 3:35 p.m., seconded by Carol Scianna.

Next Meeting

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

Paulina Benner, Chair
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