



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 24, 2014

Michael McDonald called the April 24th, 2014 meeting to order at 3:37 p.m. Those present were:

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

Staff: Linda Sinderson – Yolo County Planning and Public Works
Marissa Juhler – Yolo County Planning and Public Works
Pam Hedrick – 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
Allison Eichele – City of Davis
Louis Ortiz – Waste Management

Absent/Notified: Paulina Benner, Michael Fan, Carol Scianna

Introduction

Introductions were made around the room.

Public Comment

None.

Consent Agenda

1. Approve Meeting Minutes

February 2014 minutes were unavailable. They will be listed on the next agenda for approval.

Regular Agenda

2. Member/Jurisdiction Updates

Yolo County – Marissa Juhler announced that beginning July 1, the new fiscal year, PSC will be adding CEWs (TVs and computer monitors) to the Senior/Disabled resident pick up program. Following up with discussion from the last meeting, flyers for the irrigation ag plastic recycling program have been delivered to all local suppliers of irrigation drip tape. While the drip tape recycling is still a pilot program, the county is researching agreement options so that the agricultural community will continue to benefit from the service at no charge to the farmers or the county. Changes at the Esparto Transfer Station are going very well. Residents brought e-waste and filled a container in the first 17 days. The next projects are to make the Esparto site a certified collection center for used oil and to add them as a paint care partner by July 1.

City of Davis – Jacques Franco deferred to Jennifer Gilbert for the city update. Since the City Council's approval in January/February of the containerization of yard waste, staff is working out contract details with Davis Waste Removal on how the program will move forward. In addition to a bulky items event in April, there were several composting classes with a combined attendance of almost 100 people, a record for the program. The new carry out bag ordinance will go into effect on July 1.

City of Woodland – Roberta Childers reported composting classes and the annual bulky waste event with Waste Management. This year's event was the first to have a reuse area available for residents.

Jacque Franco interjected information about the growing field of anaerobic digesters. UC Davis hosted a grand opening event for the new digester at their site. During the last 15 months, the number of operating anaerobic digestion facilities in the state has gone from five to eleven, and more continue to be constructed.

Davis Schools/Community – Dorothy Peterson explained a new program which involves students as "taste testers" in the elementary schools. The goal is to help the children discover variety in vegetable choices (raw and cooked) so that they will not throw them away. Don't forget about the annual Tour-de-Cluck this year on May 24th. At this year's "chicken school", there will be two chicken composting classes. Please spread the word about activities happening all month with the actual tour on Saturday, May 24th in Central Park.

3. MAC (Meeting of Area Coordinators) Update

Giving an update on the HD 20 grant, Marissa Juhler talked about the new posters, flyers, and bus ads, and newspapers promoting the HHW program. Specific cards were mailed out to households with Yolo county residents who are 60 or older and have generated an increased interest in the Senior/Disabled Pick-up Program. Saturday, May 17th, is the regional used oil filter exchange event at Napa and O'Reilly Auto Parts stores. Additionally, two new franchised areas have been added from unincorporated Davis and Woodland with services to begin in July or sooner.

Jacque Franco interjected information from a recent presentation by the City of Napa. They partner with their franchisee to pick-up bulky items and other special waste (HHW, medical, etc.) Speaking to the bottleneck that often occurs with these types of waste, this is an avenue by which higher levels can be reached when it comes to the collection of certain items.

4. 2014-15 Proposed Budget Summary

Linda Sinderson provided a proposed budget for this year, which is just over 10 million dollars (on par with normal.) While last year's budget was 24 million, however, it included 14 million for equipment and construction of a composting facility. This year's increase is made up primarily from fee changes for additional green waste and garbage. The fee increases to be implemented are balanced with fee reductions in other areas. In mid to late June the Board of Supervisors will look at all the department budgets and accept them as draft. No one department's budget will be approved in final form until September, following notification of state and federal amounts so that adjustments can be made if necessary. In the meantime, select pages of the draft budget are available on the Yolo County website and can be sent to WAC members at their request.

5. 2014-2015 Proposed Fee Changes

Linda Sinderson provided a spreadsheet that included all fees. New and proposed fee changes, both increases and decreases were highlighted. The majority of fees will not change at all. Every 5 years the state requires weight surveys of waste. Many of the fees reflect contrasts in the weight surveys from 2008-09 to 2013-14. All fee changes will take effect on July 1, the start of the new fiscal year. Solar panels were added at a rate of \$33 per 2x3 feet panel. Truck wash-outs and waste that requires special handling also have updated fees. Fees at Esparto Transfers Station are going down.

6. Composting Facility Update

Marissa Juhler reviewed the progress of the new composting facility with Northern Recycling and Compost (Northern.) A short form contract for the temporary operation of the current facility was approved and the board was satisfied with our presentation which outlined the reasoning behind a sole source. Moving forward, Northern has begun the application process for a Yolo County RMDZ (Recycling Market Development Zone) loan from CalRecycle. Specific questions are being asked regarding how the funds will be used and for which aspect of the facility (composting or construction & demolition). Communication is going well between Waste Management and Northern regarding the transition. There will be training in May together for county scale house staff and northern staff so that they can become familiar with terms and procedures of each other's facility.

7. Legislative Update

Linda Sinderson shared updates of bills that were supported by the California State Association of Counties (CSAC). AB 1893, known as the Medical Waste Management Act, would mandate that sharps sold in CA must be sold with an approved disposal container. The biggest challenge is in enforcing regulations when medications are sold online from other states. It was noted that the California Product Stewardship Council does support this bill. Linda Sinderson requested that the Waste Advisory committee consider submitting a letter of support.

MOTION: Roberta Childers moved to request a letter of support for AB1893. John Geisler seconded the motion.

DISCUSSION: None.

MOTION: Passed. (1 Abstain)

Two additional bills supported by CSAC were discussed briefly, however no action was requested. AB 498 would revise the definition of "biomass conversion". This could benefit the landfill by allowing more waste to energy options. SB 1014 relates to pharmaceutical waste take back programs. Although it requires submittal of product stewardship plans, it seems to be more supportive of industry programs rather than county collection programs.

Larry Fisher asked if there were any updates to legislation regarding mattress recycling. Marissa Juhler responded that no significant progress is evident so far, that SB 1118 is still in limbo.

Member Questions

None.

Meeting Adjournment

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

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Yolo County Waste Advisory Committee is scheduled for May 22nd, 2014 at 3:30 p.m. in the Conference Room of the Yolo County Central Landfill.

Paulina Benner, Chair
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