



# County of Yolo

## WASTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

c/o PLANNING, PUBLIC WORKS & ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT  
DIVISION OF INTEGRATED WASTE MANAGEMENT

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### MINUTES OF THE YOLO COUNTY WASTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 25, 2014

Paulina Benner called the September 25<sup>th</sup>, 2014 meeting to order at 3:35 p.m. Those present were:

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

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  
Jeff Sutopo – Yolo County Environmental Health

Guests: Carol Marks – Heard Ranch  
Kerry Wicker - Resident

Absent/Notified: Dorothy Peterson

#### **Introduction**

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Introductions were made around the room.

#### **Public Comment**

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Kerry Wicker questioned the possibility of a commercial chipper available to residents at the Esparto Transfer Station (ECC) as a green waste option. Marissa Juhler responded directly to her questions with results from the last resident survey and offered to investigate permit requirements with the Air District for chipper operation.

#### **Consent Agenda**

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##### **1. Approve Meeting Minutes**

MOTION: Roberta Childers moved to approve the February, April, and May 2014 meeting minutes. Carol Scianna seconded the motion.

DISCUSSION: None.

MOTION: Passed unanimously.

#### **Regular Agenda**

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##### **2. Member/Jurisdiction Updates**

**Yolo County** – Linda Sinderson announced that the Board of Supervisors approved the completed budget for FY2014-15. Included in that is the repayment to the Integrated Waste Management (IWM) division closure trust fund of about 1.5 million in loans by other county departments. Additionally, IWM will now receive 100% of the franchise fees to be used fund various recycling and roads projects, including a low income subsidy program beginning in January that will offer garbage services at a reduced rate to qualifying residents. A new 35 gallon mini-cart will now be available for residents in

the county franchised hauling areas. Two Amnesty Events are being planned for November 15, 2014 at the Esparto Transfer Station and March 7, 2015 in Clarksburg.

**City of Davis** – Jacques Franco gave a report on behalf of Jennifer Gilbert. The August Apartment Move-Out Waste Reduction Program involved local non-profit groups and community volunteers as well as residents from over 2,434 units to collect 60 large bags of clothing and linens for donation. This year only 4 businesses were non-compliant with AB 341's Mandatory Commercial Recycling. The city's annual report has been submitted to CalRecycle with a request for a disposal modification of 1039.61 tons of waste misallocated to Davis. If it is granted, Davis will have a 64% diversion rate for 2013. Five community workshops, which were very well attended, were offered in July/August and covered topics of recycling, waste reduction, composting and HHW. Three more composting workshops are scheduled in October as well as a Halloween themed one on reducing toxics. Using the services of Waste Busters, a 65% waste diversion rate was achieved at the Celebrate Davis event in May, and a 43% diversion rate for the July 4<sup>th</sup> event.

**City of West Sacramento** – Paulina Benner announced the city's Bulky Waste Drop-off event, September 25<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup>. This year a third day was added for the Senior/Disabled Resident Pick-up program because there was so much interest.

**City of Winters** – Carol Scianna shared that over 100 volunteers at the recent clean-up event picked up substantially less waste than in the past. A Bulky Waste Event is scheduled for October 25<sup>th</sup>.

**City of Woodland** – Roberta Childers reported a large amount of energy focused on water issues. The city's 4th annual Pharmaceutical Collection Event is scheduled for the end of October.

**UC Davis** – Michael Fan shared the latest news on the UC Davis digester. A contract from the San Francisco area for organic waste is providing much of the feedstock needed for operation. Liquid waste from the digester is being hauled to Yuba City and used by a farmer. Students will be moving onto campus this weekend so there will be a lot of cardboard boxes for recycling.

**Environmental** – Larry Fisher reported on CalRecycle's public meeting in May on the proposed Used Mattress Recovery and Recycling Program Regulations. The formulation of a program using vouchers was discussed with issues raised, such as consumer participation. In cases like UC Davis where there is a large group of out-of-state students, it was suggested that a group pick-up program would be more effective than a vouchers.

### **3. MAC (Meeting of Area Coordinators) Update**

Marissa Juhler shared details about the Creek Clean-Up event. The Delta Protection Commission worked with community resources division of Bridgestone Tires to have all tires picked up at the site. This year CalRecycle did not approve the calendar as an educational resource but deemed it as SWAG. Each jurisdiction is looking for in-house funding as work continues on the 2015 Calendar.

### **4. Legislative Update**

With the legislative year soon coming to a close, there are a pile of potential bills on the Governor's desk. Two vetoed bills were mentioned, SB 1337 and SB 1383. The outcome of the single use plastic bag ban for California has not yet been determined.

### **5. Composting Facility Update**

Linda Sinderson announced that the Composting Facility with Northern Recycling will not be moving forward. Operations will continue for them at their current site in Zamora with no changes and no expansion. Full agreement among the four partners of Northern Recycling could not be reached and the financial backing is no longer available. Northern Recycling has agreed to continue operating the sorting facility until April 2015.

In the short term, the landfill will continue to operate as a transfer station for green waste. Staff plans to issue an RFP for the operation of the Compost/CDI Facility in December with a new contract in place by April 2015. The challenge in going out to RFP will be that the county has no guarantee of feedstock tonnage to offer potential vendors or investors. At this point, the county will request proposals to fulfill the need of a C&D/Greenwaste facility with transfer options. Additionally, the intention of the RFP will also be to provide opportunity for proposals of other solutions that would include alternative technology.

Paulina Rosenthal suggested that discussions need to be elevated to a higher level at each of the cities so that issues unique to each location can be discussed by city managers and city council. Linda Sinderson added that a memo will be going out from the County CAO to the city managers outlining the significance of being regional partners and the need to make policy regarding it.

### **Member Questions**

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A question was raised regarding disposal of aerosol cans. Marissa Juhler answered that completely empty aerosol cans do meet the DTSC specs for disposal in the garbage. However, commercial businesses are currently being targeted for waste sorts where entire garbage loads can be searched for *potential* hazardous waste. In these cases, aerosol cans may be pulled and taken to another contracted facility for evaluation.

### **Meeting Adjournment**

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Michael McDonald motioned to adjourn the meeting at 4:20 p.m., seconded by Carol Scianna.

### **Next Meeting**

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The next meeting of the Yolo County Waste Advisory Committee is scheduled for October 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2014 at 3:30 p.m. in the Conference Room of the Yolo County Central Landfill.

Paulina Benner, Chair  
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