



County of Yolo

WASTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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MINUTES OF THE YOLO COUNTY WASTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING OF DECEMBER 4, 2014

Paulina Benner called the December 4th, 2014 meeting to order at 3:31 p.m. Those present were:

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

Staff: Linda Sinderson – Yolo County PPWES
Marissa Juhler – Yolo County PPWES
Jeff Kieffer – Yolo County PPWES
Tamara Lokteff – Yolo County PPWES

Guests: None.

Absent/Notified: Michael Fan

Introduction

Introductions were made around the room.

Public Comment

None.

Consent Agenda

1. Approve Meeting Minutes

Meeting minutes were unavailable. Approval of September and October 2014 minutes was postponed to the next meeting, when December will also be available.

Regular Agenda

2. Member/Jurisdiction Updates

Yolo County – Marissa Juhler began with an update on E-waste. Certification of the county landfill as an official DTSC Treatment/Processing facility begins December 13th. So far, a set of trial procedures have been developed so that we can adjust as we learn more about the process. Currently, attendants forklift full containers from the customer area to the HHW facility where a table is set up for sorting and hand packing. By using our own staff time for sorting and hand packing the E-waste, the county will be paid .01 per pound. In contrast, the county would have to pay CEAR (California Electronic Asset Recovery) at a rate of .12 per pound to pick-up the unsorted E-waste. Based on 2013 records, it would cost the county approximately \$34,000 to pay for the amount of E-waste generated in a year. After six months, a cost analysis is planned to see if we can continue the current E-waste program without having to charge county residents.

In response to a question from Kerry Wicker at the September meeting, Marissa researched options for doing spring and fall greenwaste events in Esparto. While it would be cost prohibitive for the county to host an event at this time, further discussion with citizen advisory committees is still an option. Marissa will follow-up directly with Ms. Wicker.

Linda Sinderson reminded members that appointment terms will soon expire for the representatives of Industry (John Geisler) and UC Davis (Michael Fan). There currently are two vacancies on the committee that would represent the “public” and “special district”.

Davis Schools/Public – The pilot composting program in the schools continues to go well. Maintaining the quality of compost has been a challenge with recent rains. Other issues include contamination coming in from the weekends with visitors to the neighboring parks. Dorothy is enlisting the help of parents to improve signage and increase educational outreach.

City of West Sacramento – Paulina Benner requested direction from the city council (11/19/14) on whether to hire a consultant to manage the competitive procurement process for a waste hauler, the current West Sacramento contract expires in 2016. Based on council feedback, they asked that an RFP be done for a consultant to first do an analysis of the pros and cons of negotiating a contract extension versus going out to bid. The RFP procurement process takes 18 months. A performance evaluation/appraisal of the existing hauler will be involved, and perhaps focus groups to get feedback from the customers. Regarding the November used oil filter exchange event, Paulina reported a lower turnout than previous filter exchange events.

City of Woodland – Roberta Childers reported a good turnout in Woodland at the used oil filter event in November, 164 filters were exchanged.

Jacques Franco announced that on November 18th, five projects were awarded grants from CalRecycle. Fifteen million dollars was allotted from a recently passed bill which designated the funds specifically for organic infrastructure construction and recycling. Three of the projects are digesters and the remaining two are composters. Hopefully these cap-and-trade funds will be re-approved next year and be available to jurisdictions for more projects in years to come.

3. MAC (Meeting of Area Coordinators) Update

Marissa Juhler passed out copies of the new 2015 Recyclopeda Calendars to the members. The county and each jurisdiction will have copies available for residents while they last.

4. Waste Advisory Committee Ordinance Review

Linda Sinderson asked the WAC committee to review the ordinance before the meeting and offer suggestions for revision, if any. Many of the neighboring counties have JPA's (Joint Powers Authority) so they operate differently than this committee. It was noted that the current WAC functions as the Local Task Force, the advisory committee for hazardous waste, with regular meetings being considered informal public meetings. A question was raised whether more representatives of industry should be included. In the case of industry, perhaps an exception could be made for an appointed representative who lives outside the county but works within an industry relevant to the county. It was decided this item will be brought up again at the January meeting so that members can consult city officials.

Regarding the 2015 meeting calendar, all members agreed to continue in the usual pattern. Marissa Juhler will send out the 2015 WAC Meeting Calendar.

5. Composting Facility Update

Jeff Kieffer gave a brief description of the procurement process underway to find a contractor to manage the CDI (Construction, Demolition and Inerts) and GW (Green Waste) facility. A timeline of the city's co-collection of greenwaste and food waste are still unavailable. Jeff shared the Proposal Evaluation Worksheet that will be used for ranking the proposals and asked for input from members of the WAC committee. Helpful feedback from the member's perspective would include comments such as, which should carry a heavier weight, environmental technology or cost? Recommendations will need to be given within the next week so that the RFP will be ready by the end of December. The time line is very short – contractors will need to prepare proposals, the preliminary contract award must go

before the Board of Supervisors for approval, and then the start date for work must be by April 14th. Marissa Juhler will email the RFP packet to WAC members for their review, along with the rating sheet including a brief explanation of each item. Additional opportunities will be available for WAC members to provide comments during the advertisement process.

Member Questions

A question was raised regarding mattress recycling at the start of the New Year. Letters from CalRecycle have gone to mattress retailers reminding of the new law requiring sellers to accept old mattresses. Infrastructure for actual recycling and reimbursement is not yet in place.

Meeting Adjournment

Carol Scianna motioned to adjourn the meeting at 4:50 p.m., seconded by Roberta Childers.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Yolo County Waste Advisory Committee is scheduled for January 22nd, 2015 at 3:30 p.m. in the Conference Room of the Yolo County Central Landfill.

Paulina Benner, Chair
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