



# County of Yolo

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## WASTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

c/o DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES  
DIVISION OF INTEGRATED WASTE MANAGEMENT

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### MINUTES OF THE YOLO COUNTY WASTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING OF AUGUST 25, 2016

John Geisler called the August 25, 2016 meeting to order at 3:35 p.m. Those present were:

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

Staff: Linda Sinderson – Yolo County DCS, DIWM  
Marissa Juhler – Yolo County DCS, DIWM  
Jeff Sutopo – Yolo County DCS, EH

Guests: Dotty Pritchard – Deputy to Supervisor Rexroad

Absent/Notified: Michael Fan

#### **Introduction**

Introductions were made around the room.

#### **Public Comment**

Jacques Franco informed us that he attended the Southern California Conversion Technologies Convention and learned good information about thermal chemical processes which proved very positive. If any of the cities are interested in learning more please contact Jacques.

#### **Consent Agenda**

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

**MOTION:** There was a motion by Carol Scianna to approve the April meeting minutes and a second by Larry Fisher. (Jacques abstained)

**DISCUSSION:** County staff is seeking legal direction on whether a voting member may vote on meeting minutes for a meeting they were not in attendance at. This discussion arose from the fact that the June meeting minutes were presented; however Jacques and Paulina were not in attendance, nor did we have a quorum that day so they felt they needed to abstain.

**FOLLOWUP:** Per County Counsel they have advised that if no quorum is present then the meeting should not occur, or if the meeting is held, minutes should not be taken, as nothing can be recorded officially. Additionally, there is a technicality that would allow a member to vote on minutes for a meeting when they weren't present. However, County Counsel does not advise this for the same reasons stated, which is that a voting member could not verify that the information in the minutes occurred as indicated if they were not present. (This item to be further discussed at September 2016 meeting)

#### **Regular Agenda**

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

###### **Yolo County – Marissa Juhler**

- SB1229 is slated to pass releasing pharmacies of liability should they host a take back pharmaceutical kiosk for controlled and non-controlled substances. Since there was support from CSAC the Yolo County Board of Supervisors did not sign an individual support letter.

- The 2016 list of liens were approved for delinquent solid waste accounts. 53 rural homes were on the list with one in rural Davis.
- 2015 Electronic Annual Report (EAR) was submitted outlining all the programs that the Division has implemented in the last year to comply with AB939. Any WAC members are welcome to see a copy.

**City of Davis – Jacques Franco**

- No report from city representative
  - John Geisler from DWR noted that the organics roll out is going better than expected. The weight of green waste/food waste mix in the carts is higher than expected.

**City of West Sacramento – Paulina Benner**

- City Council approved and executed new 10-year franchise agreement with Waste Management effective July 1, 2017. (This agreement has two 5-year options for extension)
  - On 7/1/17 under this new agreement WM will be accepting appointment based hazardous waste and bulky item pickup at the curbside.
  - 7/1/18 is the anticipated start date of their citywide organics program

**City of Winters – Carol Scianna**

- WM franchise agreement expires on 12/31/16 so they are working on contract negotiations.

**City of Woodland – Roberta Childers**

- Continue to work on Multi-Family outreach and recycling efforts.

**UC Davis – Michael Fan**

- Absent, no report

**3. MAC (Meeting of Area Coordinators) Update – Marissa Juhler**

- Thanks to all the Recycling Coordinators we won first prize “blue ribbon” at the 2016 Yolo County Fair for best of show in Community Service!

**4. Composting and C&D Facilities Update – Linda Sinderson**

- At the start of the new B&D Geerts contract in July, several C&D loads were rejected that should not have been. Davis Waste Removal worked with Jeff Keiffer, County Senior Civil Engineer and the issue was resolved.
- In January of 2017 the new CalGreen standards will require that 65% of all C&D materials are recycled, which will make screening loads even more difficult. Marissa Juhler and Pamela Hedrick, who handle the unincorporated building projects, have already started to inform contractors of this upcoming change. If they do not get the message more and more loads will be headed to disposal. Attached is a copy of those new standards.
  - Jacques asked how this will be enforced and County explained that each jurisdiction is responsible for enforcement through their individual permit counters and building departments. There is a series of plans and/or reports that are submitted and reviewed alongside weight receipts to ensure compliance. Each jurisdiction also has a different ordinance which requires various fees, penalties or deposits.
- Roberta Childers asked for an update on the digester and Linda Sinderson responded that we are still working on the permits with the Air Resources Board. Nothing has been approved to date. Waste Discharge Permits also need to be updated to include language on anaerobic digesters. Staff anticipates receiving the permits by the end of the calendar year.

**5. Potential Sale or Lease of the Yolo County Central Landfill – Linda Sinderson**

- The County Board of Supervisors is planning to meet on Tuesday, September 13<sup>th</sup> to address the item of a potential sale or lease of the landfill. Linda Sinderson said she has

asked our Director for an extension on that timeframe to allow the WAC to comment, however she heard back that the 13<sup>th</sup> was a firm date. Both Linda and Dotty Pritchard will request that the item be rescheduled to a later Board meeting.

- The Board has stated that is it very happy with the services that the landfill staff is providing. However, the Board does not know definitively whether or not the legal liability rests with County regardless of ownership, or the current value of the landfill as an asset. At the last Board meeting, they did not vote to hire a consultant to start this process, but rather asked county staff to put together options for them and include the division in the process.
- After a lengthy discussion about the potential sale/lease, the members felt that they did not have enough time to get written comments back from their elected officials to write a WAC letter that they could support.
- There was a motion made by Michael McDonald and a second by Carol Scianna for the County staff to draft a "letter of concern" with the items discussed so that the WAC members' issues could be addressed in a more general sense.
- See attached draft letter of concern for full list of discussion items from the committee and cities

**FOLLOWUP:** The item was rescheduled to the October 11, 2016 Board meeting to allow further discussion at September 2016 Waste Advisory Committee meeting.

### **Other Discussions**

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Members requested that the County provide the Meeting Agenda and any supporting materials at least 4-5 working days in advance of the meeting date. It was also requested that the minutes of each meeting be provided to all members in a prompt fashion so that comments can be given in a substantial way.

A member requested that the Waste Advisory Committee pages on the website be reviewed and updated with current information.

### **Member Questions**

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None.

### **Meeting Adjournment**

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Meeting was adjourned by Chairman John Geisler at 4:47 p.m.

### **Next Meeting**

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The next meeting of the Yolo County Waste Advisory Committee is scheduled for September 22, 2016 at 3:30 p.m. in the Conference Room of the Yolo County Central Landfill.

John Geisler, Chair  
Yolo County Waste Advisory Committee

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