



# County of Yolo

## 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 APRIL 27, 2017

Richard Tsai called the April 27, 2017 meeting to order at 3:30 p.m. Those present were:

Members: Richard Tsai, John Geisler, Roberta Childers and Carol Scianna, David Powell, Larry Fisher

Staff: Linda Sinderson – Yolo County DCS, DIWM  
Rose Cook - Yolo County DCS, DIWM  
Dotty Pritchard – BOS Yolo County

Guests: Rosie Ledesma – City of Woodland  
Scott Chamberlain – Waste Management  
Jacques Franco – Public

#### **Introduction**

Introductions were made around the room.

#### **Public Comment**

No public comment

#### **Consent Agenda**

##### **1. Approve Meeting Minute**

**Motion:** Richard Tsai to approve the agenda.

**Discussion:** Jacques Franco would like to know why he did not get a copy of the agenda and draft budget before this meeting. This would be helpful so he could have come prepared with questions.

**Discussion:** Linda Sinderson agreed with the motion from Jacques Franco's request to provide agenda and agenda items well in advance for review.

**Discussion:** Richard Tsai responded with general knowledge about the meeting. Letting everyone know that if there is not enough time to review the material we can postpone the item for a future meeting. Would you like to hold this item over until our next meeting?

**Discussion:** Jacques Franco how is this information you gather at the WAC meeting helpful in creating the budget and how is this information used?

**Discussion:** Linda Sinderson gave an example of how the information gathered at the WAC meeting can then be shared at the Board of Supervisor's meetings. Letting the Board know that the WAC members have reviewed the budget; we also do this for the fees. Fees have not been approved at this time.

**Discussion:** Jacques Franco what is the time frame to get this out to the officials before the final decision is made?

**Discussion:** Linda Sinderson the draft budget is brought to the Board in the middle of June. The Board has not seen the draft budget yet.

**Discussion:** Jacques Franco would like to request from staff to provide full documentation with the time to review and provide meaningful input and postpone this item to the next meeting.

**Motion:** John Geisler seconded.

**Discussion:** Roberta Childers requested a read back on the motion from Jacques Franco.

**Motion:** Richard Tsai: "A motion as been made to take agenda item number 5, *"Draft 2017-18 IWM Division Budget/Proposed Master Fee Changes for the Landfill and Transfer Station,"* without the information regarding the master fee changes and hold it over until our next meeting."

**Discussion:** Linda Sinderson: Information regarding the Division's proposed fee changes could not be included, because the fiscal review staff has not reviewed and provided the information out to her yet. The budget includes some changes based on fees, but the proposed fee changes haven't been approved by the Financial Services Department.

**Discussion:** Roberta Childers would still like to discuss the draft budget and not table number 5.

**Discussion:** Jacques Franco asked Roberta Childers, "Would you like to amend my motion?"

**Discussion:** Roberta Childers stated that she would like agenda number 5 left open at this meeting to ask questions and review again at the next meeting.

**Motion:** Richard Tsai: "Let's take a vote on the first motion; all in favor?" "3" ayes and "3" nays.

**Motion:** Jacques Franco: seconded the alternative motion.

**Motion:** Richard Tsai: "The second motion carried unanimously. We will take number 5 today and have members ask questions, and then place item number 5 on the May WAC meeting agenda."

**Motion:** Richard Tsai no more changes to the agenda?

Agenda approved - Yes

Any changes to our last minutes – No

Approved – Yes

## 2. Member Updates

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**Yolo County** – Linda Sinderson

- Our reuse event went very well.

**Winters** – Carol Scianna

- Saturday will be Youth Day. Which is one of our biggest events and recycling is always a big challenge. We're going to council on Tuesday with Waste Management contract. They've decided to do a hybrid with green waste on the street once a month and then ever week for the fall leaf season. Currently our green waste is dumped in the street and just gets picked up. This will be going away. We're hoping to finalize the agreement and roll out on July 1. We've gotten rid of our alley service. This was another big change.
- I've been working on a lot of storm water stuff. We don't have a storm water management plan but have a group of people who want to do bio-swales at our storm drain out flows. This is a huge place where we have a lot of debris. We're hoping this help with our garbage in the creek issue.

**Woodland** – Rosie Ledesma

- We just had our oil filter collection but we don't have the data on the event yet. The Honey Festival is coming to Woodland. We're incorporating our annual landscape tour with it.

**Davis** – Richard Tsai

- We had our compost give away today. Any compost left over will be going to the city parks department.

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

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Rosie Ledesma

- Went over oil filter exchange stuff.
- We'll have a both this year at the county fair.
- Carpet stewardship presentation. They would like to talk more with the landfill about sitting up a collection site.
- We applied as a regional group, for the HD29, the hazardous waste grant through Cal Recycle. If we get awarded, we would be contracting with CPSC and doing more HHW out reach.

## 4. Integrated Waste Management Division Business Plan

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Linda Sinderson

- Update on the feedback requested at the last meeting. I did get a couple of comments. We have not made any changes yet because the Board instructed us to visit with a lot of stakeholders. After we meet with the stakeholders then we'll make

our changes. The Board Subcommittee would like to meet with us to find out, with whom we have met and to review any suggestions we have received. We will be going to the Board on May 9<sup>th</sup>.

## **5. Draft 2017-18 IWM Division Budget/Proposed Master Fee Changes for the landfill and transfer station**

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Linda Sinderson

- I've highlighted some of the major changes. Under expenditures, salaries and benefits are going up because of our operations of our new proposed composting, digesters and gas plant.
- We're spending an additional \$600,000 for maintenance cost because we now own all four engines.
- The general funds overhead charges went up by nearly \$200,000.
- The cost for legal fees has gone down because we now own the gas plant. We will no longer need this type of legal counsel.
- Professionals in specialized services, we're spending an additional \$1.5 million for new contactors helping us operate the gas plant and composter cells.
- Digester and Composting Facility will require an outside contractor or a new employee. They would need to help move material around the yard and feed the digesters.
- Equipment cost we're spending about \$750,000 on additional equipment.
- We're potentially going to purchase a portable scale and put the waste wizard for the automated trucks scales out on County Road 104.
- Income from tipping fees will be coming from more tonnage, including additional liquid waste.
- Refueling stations are not in the talks right now. The methane that is coming from the composting facility right is planned to go directly into the gas plant. We will be having a discussion with SMUD about putting the methane directly into their gas pipe. We are looking at cost to produce fuel onsite, but it would depend on whether we would have enough customers.
- The budget looks like it exceeds the revenue cost of about \$2 million dollars. This \$2 million will be paid for through our current fund balance. Because we have a cash balance, we don't have to finance these projects, which helps keep the cost down. We try and keep our fees in balance with our proposed construction cost will be. We break this down by the current year, 5 year, 10 year and 15 year, keeping in mind that we need to be cost competitive with other facilities.
- Potential increase for retirement cost comes from current employees reaching retirement age. We budget for this just in case they retire.
- The tip fees will not be going up much. The largest increase will be for business e-waste. If the Board approves it. These costs keep going up so we will need to raise our cost to cover these new increases. We are still getting some rebates but I'm talking about those e-waste products that we do not get a rebate for.

## **5. Composting and C&D Issues**

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Linda Sinderson

- Some cities have been having questions about low value C&D loads, as well as rejected C&D loads. Jeff Keiffer reported to Linda that cities will be working with their haulers to identify these loads. The March diversion rate was a little higher than the previous month.

John Geisler

- This solution seems to be working. The situation is a lot better than when it first came up a couple of months ago. So far no loads brought by DWR have been rejected.

Linda Sinderson

- We're still working on permitting with different regulatory agencies and still planning on having construction of the anaerobic composter cells complete by October 2017 or before the winter season.

Richard Tsai

- A couple of commissioners are interested in directing staff in doing some sort of survey of the compost at the face. Interested in getting some sort of visual assessment of the compost. The interest in doing this is finding out if our outreach is good enough to minimize the contamination of our organics loads.

Linda Sinderson

- Will talk with staff and Northern to see if there have been any issues of contamination.
- We have a meeting with the Air District next week to discuss permitting of Northern Recycling composting facility. Northern is planning to move its operations to YCCL from the Zamora facility. We also have a meeting with the fire marshal to discuss the design drawings for the construction of the composting facility.

## **7. City/County Waste Agreement Host Fees**

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Linda Sinderson

- Provided two handouts, one on commercial disposed tonnage data showing the cities and city franchise tonnage data and the host fees. The host fees were developed to encourage the cities and the counties to have an agreement for the waste to come to YCCL. The \$5 host fee is for every non county franchise tonnage that comes through our agreements with outside haulers. Currently we only have one contract that the host fees apply.
- At this time the County's Finance division has not issued the host fee payments due to the cities or the Integrated Waste division for FY14/15 and FY 15/16. These payments are forthcoming.

## **Member Questions**

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Opportunity for members of the Waste Advisory Committee to ask questions, but not to take action, on waste management issues not listed under either the Consent or Regular Agenda items.

## **Meeting Adjournment**

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Meeting was adjourned by Chairman Richard Tsai at 4:30 p.m.

### **Next Meeting**

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The next meeting of the Yolo County Waste Advisory Committee is scheduled for May 25, 2017 at 3:30 p.m. in the Conference Room of the Yolo County Central Landfill.

Richard Tsai, Chair  
Yolo County Waste Advisory Committee

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