



County of Yolo

WASTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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

Taro Echiburú, AICP
DIRECTOR

MINUTES OF THE YOLO COUNTY WASTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING OF September 28, 2017

Richard Tsai called the September 28, 2017 meeting to order at 3:30 p.m. Those present were:

Members: Richard Tsai, John Geisler, Larry Fisher, Michael McDonald, Paulina Benner, Rosie Ledesma, Christine Crum, Dave Powel

Staff: Linda Sinderson – Yolo County DCS, DIWM
Ramin Yazdani – Yolo County Landfill
Marissa Juhler – Yolo County DCS, DIWM
Rose Cook - Yolo County DCS, DIWM

Guests: Scott Chamberlain – Waste Management
Jennifer Gilbert – Conservation Coordinator for City of Davis

Introduction

Introductions were made around the room.

Public Comment

No public comment

Consent Agenda

1. Approve Meeting Minutes for August

MOTION: John Geisler moved to approve the August 2017 meeting minutes.
SECOND: Paulina Benner
DISCUSSION: Rosie's name was misspelt. Correction has been made.
MOTION: Passed

2. Member Updates

Yolo County – Marissa Juhler

- Yolo County Landfill will be piloting carpet recycling with “Carpet Care” in the spring and in the summer. There are going to be operational challenges. Certain times of the year Yolo County may not be able to offer this service and can only recycle carpet when it's dry. Jeff Kieffer will be the lead on this project because it will be located at the C&D facility.
- Yolo County's Household Hazardous Waste annual, 303 report is due. Marissa shared a spreadsheet with each county's reported statistics. The second spreadsheet was the actual 303 report sent to CalRecycle. Copies of both these spreadsheets will be sent out with the minutes.
- Yolo County, as the representative for all the jurisdictions, is responsible to report all the organics on behalf of everyone. We have been asked to use the default numbers provided by CalRecycle.
- Discussion: Richard Tsai, the response letter will come from Yolo County with backup documentation from the individual cities. As a baseline we should pursue the 27% diversion. Davis' justification will be that Davis has already implemented the organics program since 2016. The baseline already has some of those organics tonnages removed from our solid waste stream. Provide the organic tonnage for backup.

Davis – Jennifer Gilbert

- Mac has started working on the Yolo County Calendar for next year. Next year's theme is "Five Ways to Live Sustainable in Yolo County." The calendar will be addressing more than just recycling. The calendar will be covering water conservation, water quality, alternative transportation, energy - all dealing with sustainability. MAC's goal is to have calendars printed in November so they will be available by the first week of December.
- Davis will be having an event on October 10, called Discovery Davis, during the event we will be handing out more of the compost pails for food scrap disposal.

West Sacramento – Paulina Benner

- Nothing to report

Woodland – Rosie Ledesma

- Woodland's commercial organics program has been postponed until next month.

3. MAC (Meeting of Area Coordinators) Update

Marissa Juhler

- MAC is working on the Yolo County calendar

4. Proposed Sale of Davis Waste Removal to Recology

Linda Sinderson

- A notice has been received from Davis Waste Removal that DWR owners are retiring and will be looking to sell their business and facility to Recology at the end of October. Yolo County is waiting to see if Recology meets the requirements of our current contract. Yolo County's contract with DWR is a contract for hauling services only and will expire in a year and a half.
 - Discussion: Marissa Juhler
Once we know what the plan is with the city we'll start meeting with our jurisdictions.
 - Discussion: Richard Tsai
City of Davis has a 15-year agreement with Davis Waste Removal. Davis is 2 years into the agreement and it's transferable. So everything would transfer to Recology intact including the contract and maximum contractor compensation rates. In the agreement, there is a clause where the City of Davis has the right of first refusal if the business is up for sale. The city's attorney's office is currently analyzing all aspects of that now. This will go to Davis City Council on October 3rd for a decision to either purchase all of the Davis Waste Removal business or just a portion of Davis Waste Removal's business assets. Once this decision is made by Davis City Council, the city will have 90 days to respond back to Davis Waste Removal with all the conditions of the sale.

5. WAC Long Range Calendar

Linda Sinderson

- Presented a sample of the long range calendar added to the WAC meeting.
 - Discussion: Richard Tsai
Benefits for a long range calendar would be to bookmark any upcoming topics. Please add: for our October 26th meeting the sale of Davis Waste Removal to Recology update.

Motion: Paulina Benner, change the long range calendar by removing things that happen on a monthly basis. Keeping the three columns as is and to shorten the time out to 6 months. Add a table to the calendar for items that happen on an annual basis.

Second: Rosie Ledesma

Motion: Passed

6. Composting and C&D Issues

Ramin Yazdani

- We received the approval to send out a bid for the Anaerobic Composter project in June from the Water Board. One bid came in and it was twice the amount of the engineers estimate. We will be putting this project back out to bid again in January. Along with the Anaerobic Composter project we will also be listing the Liquid Digester & Food Waste Depackager Project.
- The Liquid Digester will have two phases. The first phase will be the actual tank and the pond portion with expected completion of this project in October 2018. The second phase will be the actual depackaging equipment. We expect this project to be operational by May of 2019.
- The Composting project did require a lot more steps. Because this project will be in the 100-year flood zone, we need to complete a floodplain assessment along with the CEQA process. We will keep the WAC members informed as information comes in.
- Wood chips are currently on sale through the Yolo County Central Landfill. Please help spread the word.

Member Questions

This item will be moved above the long range calendar for the next meeting.

Meeting Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned by Chairman Richard Tsai at 4:25 p.m.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Yolo County Waste Advisory Committee is scheduled for October 26, 2017 at 3:30 p.m. in the Conference Room of the Yolo County Central Landfill.

Richard Tsai, Chair
Yolo County Waste Advisory Committee

Rose Cook

Prepared By: Rose Cook