



# 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 March 22, 2018

Richard Tsai called the March 22, 2018 meeting to order at 3:30 p.m. Those present were:

Members: Richard Tsai, Larry Fisher, Paulina Benner, Rosie Ledesma, Christine Crum (Harlan), Michael Fan, Carol Scianna, David Powell, John Geisler

Staff: Marissa Juhler – Yolo County DCS, DIWM  
Ramin Yazdani – Yolo County DCS, DIWM

Guests: Scott Pardini – Recology  
Justina Vega - Recology  
Scott Chamberlain – Waste Management  
Jennifer Gilbert – City of Davis  
David Drake – UC Davis  
Ken Loman-City of Woodland  
Dotty Pritchard – Yolo County, BOS  
Susan Strand – City of West Sacramento

Absent: Mike McDonald

#### **Introduction**

Introductions were made around the room.

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#### **Public Comment**

No public comment

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#### **Consent Agenda**

##### **1. Approve Meeting Minutes for January**

MOTION: Carol Scianna moved to approve January meeting minutes.  
SECOND: Paulina Benner  
MOTION: Passed

##### **2. Member Updates**

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

- **Tires:** We have been having a lot of illegal dumping tire issues in and around Woodland. We are working closely with the Sacramento Conservation Corp through the farm and ranch grant to help clean up those piles. We only have one tire recycler in the area, which is Tri-C. Tri-C, in West Sacramento and they set their own rates. They cannot keep up with the demands of tire pickups and as a result we have had 5 new haulers get applications approved by CalRecycle in the last 6 weeks. Some of these haulers are cutting the side walls of the tires off which then classifies them as trash and lowers their cost for disposal. CalRecycle, has verified that we can accept these tires as trash however we have made a business decision not to accept these tires leaving the landfill space for MSW. We're getting ready to build a new cell and we can't fill it up with 50 tons of tires a day.

- Green Waste/Food Waste haulers: Drivers need to be aware to use the new 07 code so your jurisdiction can get credit for AB1826 diversion.

**Davis – Richard Tsai**

- Davis is having their bulky drop off event on April 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>. On April 14<sup>th</sup> there will also be a mulch and compost give away event. The idea behind this event was those dropping off bulky waste could then take a load of mulch or compost back with them.
- Davis is publishing an online survey. This was at the request of our Utility Rate Advisor Commission. This survey will be going out community wide to see what type of loose pickup program the community is interested in. Then our rate consultant will take the top choices and develop that into rates for city council to consider.
- Davis is also doing an organic processing study and will be looking at the County as an option for an organics processing facility. Davis also wants to make sure that they're sensitive to everyone's needs not just locally but region wide.

**West Sacramento – Paulina Benner**

- West Sacramento has hired a couple of interns which started in February. They've started their outreach to commercial customers. Especially those companies involved in organics.
- After our annual conference call with CalRecycle. Our programs are going well. We're still getting more direction from CalRecycle about who are the threshold businesses for our organics and also finding out who is hauling and where they are taking their materials.
- West Sacramento's Earth Day will be happening April 21<sup>st</sup>. Our annual Each Day festival has been going on now for 6 years. This year we're moving away from just have information on sustainable living to having vendors selling materials that are made locally or made from recycled or natural materials.

**Winters – Carol Scianna**

- Winters is having their bulky drop off event on May 12<sup>th</sup>. This will also be the day for our city wide yard sale.

**Woodland – Rosie Ledesma**

- Woodland's residential organics program is doing well. The bulky drop off event is April 14<sup>th</sup>.

**Updates- Larry Fisher**

- Trash bins – I've noticed when the trash bins are being dumped the truck arms can grip the sides. A possible fix might be using banding material for reinforcement.
- Recycle containers – these containers have a design flaw that can be easily fixed by adding a larger washer.
- Labels on the bins need to be updated.

**UC Davis – Michael Fan**

- UC Davis is still working on the digester

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

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Marissa Juhler

- We're working on a regional CalRecycle visit. This will give CalRecycle the opportunity to do their annual site visits all at one time.
- Tire Amnesty – April 14 in Woodland only, May 12, in Winters and November 3<sup>rd</sup> in Clarksburg.
- Battery/Pharmaceuticals Collection – Revised MOUs. Over the last 12 years the cities have been reimbursing the County so that County employees can be sent to collect batteries at different locations. This program will be staying however with the addition of the

pharmaceutical kiosks at each law enforcement location, we're now adding language to the MOUs to cover the expenses related to this new program.

#### **4. Chair and Vice Chair Election**

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Richard Tsai

Nomination for Chair

NOMINATED: Carol Scianna nominated by Paulina Benner

SECOND: Larry Fisher

MOTION: Passed

Nomination for Vice Chair

NOMINATED: Rosie Ledesma by Paulina Benner

SECOND: Carol Scianna

#### **5. Review and Discussion of County Code of Ordinances**

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- John Geisler (DWR) is holding the only industry position with the Waste Advisory Board. He has turned in his letter of resignation due to his retirement. We currently have several industry representatives that would like the spot. Currently we only have one spot available. The Board of Supervisors will need to make a discussion to accept one or the other.

OPEN DISCUSSION

- Do you want two industry representatives or would you like us to take information back to the board of supervisors that we would like to keep the industry representative and keep the alternate to fill our other vacancy from the community.
- John Geisler – it might be beneficial to have two representatives for the industry.
- Paulina Benner – If we add another person how would the voting go?

MOTION: Paulina Benner

1. Ask staff to look into special district spot. Get a definition on this position.

2. Ask staff to research having two industry spots

SECOND: Carol Scianna

#### **6. Compost Facility and Digester Update**

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Ramin Yazdani

- We received three bids for the anaerobic digester. The approval will go to the Board of Supervisors on April 3<sup>rd</sup>. With a projected completion date of early this summer.
- The anaerobic digester and the other is liquid digester. Phase one of these projects will be going out this month. Projects are scheduled to be completed by 2019.

#### **7. County Franchise Hauler RFP Update**

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Marissa Juhler

- The DWR and Waste Management Franchise Agreements are coming up to term. I'm currently in the process of meeting with each of the communities to get feedback on their solid waste and recycling needs. After meeting with the communities Ramin and I will be meeting with Taro and the CAO to see if they would like us to move forward with negotiations or a request for proposals.

## 8. E-Waste – Annual Net Cost Report

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Marissa Juhler

- How we manage all your jurisdiction's electronic waste – The fee collected at time of sale of electronics is not enough to pay for the actual cost of recycling. The state will need to increase the fee at point of sale. This report goes to CalRecycle each year to show them the actual cost of recycling the e-waste. The \$144,000 is the cost of time staff spent sorting out the e-waste for all the jurisdictions. We're looking to reduce this cost by doing a general sort here and then shipping the e-waste to ECS. This could give us about \$100,000. We will have a better understanding of these costs over the next 2 years. If we can't lower our cost to recycle e-waste, then we will have to start charging the general public. Currently only businesses are being charged a fee to drop off e-waste.
- Tickets we ran last year - We had a total of 167,000 tickets last year. Out of this 5,780 were specific to e-waste drop off. The next annual net cost report will be out in March of 2019.

## 9. Member Questions

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None

## 10. WAC Long Range Calendar

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Richard Tsai

MOTION: Carol Scianna moved to adopt the long range calendar as amended.

SECOND: Paulina Benner

MOTION: Passed

## 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 April 26, 2018 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*

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