



County of Yolo

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WASTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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

MINUTES OF THE YOLO COUNTY WASTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING OF August 23, 2018

Rosie Ledesma called the August 23, 2018 meeting to order at 3:30 p.m. Those present were:

Members: Carol Scianna, Larry Fisher, Paulina Benner, David Powell, Michael Fin, Michael McDonald, Rosie Ledesma, Christine Harlan,

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

Guests: Justina Vega - Recology
Kayla Rodriguez – Waste Management
Ken Loman – City of Woodland
Suzie Dowley – LEA
Jennifer Gilbert – City of Davis

Absent: Mike McDonald, Richard Tsai

Introduction

Introductions were made around the room.

Public Comment

No public comment

1. Consent Agenda

Approve Meeting Minutes for May and June

MOTION: Paulina Benner moved to approve May meeting minutes.

SECOND: Dave Powell

MOTION: Passed

June meeting minutes were not ready for approval. Minutes will be postponed until the September WAC meeting.

2. Regular Agenda

Member Updates-

Yolo County – Marissa Juhler

- West Sacramento and the County have contracted with News and Review to do an eight-page full color publication. This publication will go out to all West Sacramento and Yolo County unincorporated residents educating them about MCR and MORE and all the new organics mandates. We have a business section and a residential piece. Ramin was interviewed about the new digester composter cells. CalSTRS will be interviewed from the West Sacramento side, and from the grower's side Artisans Mills will display their full organic process. Showing how their organic olive oil pulp is made into cattle cakes; a food for cattle. We also have a Clarksburg resident that is highlighting at home curbside composting. A draft is due out in a couple of weeks with a target release date of October 15th.
- Working with the law enforcement groups to clean up the homeless camps.

Question from Michael McDonald – “What do you have to do with the homeless program?”

Marissa – We help them organize the waste providers who provide the dumpsters. When you go into these areas you have to post a 72-hour notice. Items picked up are held in a dumpster up to 90 days that are deemed personal property, and trash is hauled off.

Question: Dave Powell – “Do you handle other issues other than the dumpsters?” Do you have to store them?”

Marissa – No, for my staff we would get involved if hazardous materials are found such as hypodermic needles, spray paint or propane canisters. They don't have the training to pick these things up.

- Electronic Annual Report (EAR) –Did everyone get a change to turn in their EAR on August 1st to CalRecycle? I wanted to talk about the part of the report today, where the county is responsible to report on behalf all the jurisdictions. In the tonnage they want us to do some further explanation on special organic waste. We did put in a section about lab waste. Prevalent in Davis and Woodland in particular. We are taking animal science bedding, straw, shavings, manure. Things that are unique to labs. We're working with a couple of different growers such as Monsanto and UC Davis to move away from nylon twine when they are growing in their green houses. We received approval from Northern to work with those sites to switch to jute twine, so that the twine will break down in the composting process.
- CalRecycle has established a calculator that says how much organic material we're going to divert every year for the next 15 years. Last year when I reported on this the calculator was coming out 3,072 tons. I have a call with CalRecycle on Wednesday and will be talking about this and will report back with any new information.
- Reminder: – A big component of next year's report is independently or collectively coming up with an edible food program. They ask a lot of detailed questions for us on behalf of all the jurisdictions. I will be bringing that up to the MAC for discussion.

Question: Michael Fin – “What is an edible food recovery program?”

Answer: Marissa Juhler – On the UC Davis campus you have the Food Recovery Network “FRN”. This basically is setup for special events venues. Where after an event there are large amounts of food left over that have been prepared but not consumed. They don't want the food to go into the trash or compost. They want to see that each city has an established program to make sure that food makes it to a food closet. They need us to have a written plan and have a source for drop off. UC Davis has a program on campus which diverted 9.5 tons of food waste last year. This site could be a possible countywide solution however we need to explore all options.

Ken Lowman – At the “CRRA” conference, there was a very interesting presentation by Orange County. They have a county wide program they developed for doing just that. Part of that presentation was how they did their recruiting for both the participants and program volunteers including different cost issues. I'll be reaching out to them to get more information.

Marissa Juhler – I want to sit down with Environmental Health as well to fully understand the regulations on food storage and travel time allowed for this type of reuse. I'm sure there are procedures and protocols that we need to adhere to.

Davis – Jennifer Gilbert

- This is the busiest time of year for Davis. All the apartments are turning over and the leases are ending. Our annual apartment move out; waste reduction program starts tomorrow. Tomorrow we setup all the donation stations so the students can start donating items. The non-profits start coming in to pick up stuff. For the last couple of months, we've been increasing the amount of outreach we send to apartments and rental units about where to take the e-waste and mattresses.

West Sacramento – Paulina Benner

- Thank you Marissa for taking the lead on the contract for the News and Review publication. We just sent out another round of materials to our commercial customers about AB341 and 1826.

Winters - Carol Scianna

- Winters went to council last month to request changes to the residential green waste program encouraging and enforcing (possibly through fines and citations) that green waste not be put out a month ahead of time. Council however was not ready to go in this direction. The outcome of that meeting is we need more education and outreach for our residents.

Woodland - Rosie Ledesma

- Woodland will be implementing a new residential reroute next week. It will affect about a third of Woodland. Residents have been notified of these changes. Woodland filed their three reports; EAR, OPP Used Oil and CAPP.

UC Davis – Michael Fan

- UC Davis will be preparing for the Davis move out and have a lot of stuff generated. UC Davis was finally awarded a contract to repair the bio-digester tank. Repair is scheduled to be completed by October or November. UC Davis is drafting an RFQ for a composting facility to study.

Other Members – Larry Fisher

- During my trip to Mexico, my son and I meet with one of the Port's personal and we discussed importing some of our recycled reusable items that might be of some help to the local villagers. They liked the idea that was presented, so I will be following up on this and report back and ideas that might be beneficial.
- Ramin Yazdani – September 19th the city managers will be meeting here at the Landfill to talk about the tipping fees and then taking a tour of the landfill.

3. MAC (Meeting of Area Coordinators) Update

Marissa Juhler

- The Landfill had an amazing booth this year at the Yolo County Fair. We took 6th place this year.
- Next month we start working on the 2019 Recycling Calendar.

4. Anaerobic Composter Construction Update

Ramin Yazdani

- Ramin showed pictures of the progress so far with the anaerobic composter. The operations layer has been placed on the composter. We've covered 50% of the cells. For the other 50% we're waiting on grinding more wood to complete the cell covering.

5. In-vessel digester & Food Depackager Update

Ramin Yazdani

- We had two bids come in last week. Both bids were a little high one bid was closer to the estimated amount we were expecting. It will be about 6 months before the work will start and

the equipment arrives. The other part of the digester the liner over the pond, will take a little longer it had to go back out to bid. We meet with PG&E to have a new 800 AMP service installed for operation of the depackager. The fiber optic project went out to bid and bids will be received on September 4th. We have installed 5,000 linear feet of conduit to connect the fiber optics. This project is scheduled to take 120 days.

- Two more projects going out to bid. The concert pad for the In-vessel digester will be going to bid and in October the above ground tank and mixer will going to the Board of Supervisors for approval.

6. Member Questions

Dave Powell – Marissa, you had mentioned that people that were putting on events had to send their left over food to a food bank or food closet. Is this going to be a regulation?

Marissa – It's written into SB1383 as a regulation. Right now CalRecycle is planning on that to pass in 2020. What CalRecycle is doing now is asking us "What is your plan to comply with this future law?"

Dave Powell – "Who is going to pay for all this?"

Marissa – The businesses and the resident will have to find a way to absorb the cost.

Meeting Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned by Carol Scianna at 4:30 p.m.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Yolo County Waste Advisory Committee is scheduled for September 27, 2018 at 3:30 p.m. in the Conference Room of the Yolo County Central Landfill.

Carol Scianna, Chair
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