



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 October 26, 2017

Richard Tsai called the October 26, 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, Michael Fan, Carol Scianna

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

Guests: Scott Chamberlain – Waste Management
Jennifer Gilbert – City of Davis
Jessica Jones – Yolo County
David Drake – UC Davis

Introduction

Introductions were made around the room.

Public Comment

No public comment

Consent Agenda

1. Approve Meeting Minutes for September

MOTION: Paulina Benner moved to approve September 2017 meeting minutes.

SECOND: Marissa Juhler

MOTION: Passed

2. Member Updates

Yolo County – Marissa Juhler

- Yolo County is in the draft stages for an Esparto green waste survey. As a result of new green waste services being provided in town, our roads department did a large alley clean up in Madison and in Esparto to remove all the green waste illegally dumped. This resulted in the possibility of adding green waste carts in Esparto. New Season, which is the community development committee representing downtown Esparto will review the draft letter and survey before it goes out. This process could take a long time but the WAC will be kept informed as more information becomes available.
- Clarksburg completed their first year of the organics pilot program. Clarksburg is in favor of continuing the organics program and making it mandatory but for now the organics pilot program will continue for another year. Yolo County is in the process of putting franchise agreements out to bid or renegotiating new contracts with an added clause for those wanting to opt out of the composting program. Yolo County has the application created if anyone should need one.
- Lithium battery issues: Yolo County staff just had special training on lithium batteries. We have 51 battery collection locations across Yolo County, both in rural areas and within city limits. The cities and counties have a tough decision to make over the possibility of fires that a lithium battery can cause when shorted and decide on how to continue with the battery

collection program. There will be an update on the battery program by Yolo County at the December WAC meeting.

- The Reuse Center will be open November 17, 18 & 19.

Davis – Richard Tsai

- From mid-October to mid-December, Davis Waste Removal provides weekly loose on the street pick-up of yard materials. Due to delays with the cost of service study, changes to the loose on the street pick-up of yard waste will be postponed until the winter season of 2018-2019. Davis staff would like to bring a report to City Council by spring of 2018 for recommendations. Davis is still looking at other organics options with the other study. The sale of Davis Waste Removal is still being discussed, no set plan yet.

Davis – Jennifer Gilbert

- Davis converted the mail in compost correspondence course to an online one. Residents of Davis can go online and take a quiz and then purchase a compost bin for \$10.

West Sacramento – Paulina Benner

- West Sacramento will be participating with Davis, Winters, and Woodland for an oil filter exchange event on November 18th.
- West Sacramento is wrapping up an outreach effort with Waste Management to get their bulky waste collection appointment setup at multi-family complexes. West Sacramento's new contract allows customers from both single family and multi-family units (case by case basis) to set appointments.
- West Sacramento is preparing for a residential organics program to start on January 1, 2018.

Winters – Carol Scianna

- Winters' street pickup of yard debris is happening on a monthly basis. Residents are putting out massive quantities of debris. In some cases, it takes two days to pick up all the piles.
- Winters' offices are getting calls about smelly green waste containers.

Woodland – Rosie Ledesma

- A few weeks ago, Woodland held a pharmaceutical take back event in coordination with Woodland Police Department's fall festival. While there was good collaboration, there was also some confusion between the two events since a lot was going on.
- Woodland just approved Waste Management's contract amendments for implementing organics. Woodland will now have a mandatory commercial organics program. In Spring of 2018, Woodland would like to start a residential program.

UC Davis – Michael Fan

- UC Davis is still working on getting the digester up and running. In six weeks, the digester should be back in service. In the meantime, the food waste is being delivered to the Yolo County Central Landfill.

3. MAC (Meeting of Area Coordinators) Update

Marissa Juhler

- MAC meeting updates – MAC is working on the 2018 printed calendar

4. Sale of Davis Waste Removal to Recology Update

Richard Tsai

- City of Davis is still evaluating the right of first refusal. City staff toured Recology operations in Vacaville and San Francisco this week. During the visit to Vacaville, Davis toured the landfill and went up to the face. Davis also toured the organics facility. While in San

Francisco, the tour consisted of the transfer station, the C&D sort facility and the MRF. City council will be meeting with City staff at a closed session next Monday. City Council will give staff direction on how to move forward on November 7th.

5. Draft Landfill Business Plan Review

Linda Sinderson

- The business plan has been going back and forth between the subcommittee and the CAO's office. The business plan is almost complete and the subcommittee will review on December 12th.

6. Composting and C&D Issues

Linda Sinderson and Marissa Juhler

- Northern Recycling's composting site in Zamora suffered some fires and will be closed for two months. They expect to be back up and running the first week of December. For now, most of the yard waste is staying at Yolo Landfill and being used for vegetative cover. All the food waste is going to Northern Recycling's Napa facility.
- Yolo County Central Landfill composting facility's current plan is to have the anaerobic composting cells in place by summer of 2018 and operational by Fall 2018. The compost facility won't be open until the following year, in Fall of 2019.

7. WAC Long Range Calendar

Linda Sinderson

- Richard Tsai asked Linda to include the draft business plan to the long range calendar.

MOTION: John Geisler request to review the WAC responsibilities in the January agenda packet. Marissa will provide by our next meeting.

COMMENT: Paulina Benner suggested that this is a good idea to review these documents to make sure the WAC is following the guidelines.

MOTION: passed

Member Questions

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

Michael McDonald – asked, "What happened to the idea of selling the landfill?"

Linda Sinderson - The question about selling the landfill turned into the business plan. The Board is still looking at different options.

Richard Tsai – Will these options make it into the business plan?

Linda Sinderson – The subcommittee will be giving the landfill direction on which way to take the business plan.

Meeting Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned by Chairman Richard Tsai at 4:10 p.m.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Yolo County Waste Advisory Committee is scheduled for December 7, 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

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