



County of Yolo

WASTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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

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(NO MEETING WAS HELD DUE TO THE CORONAVIRUS)

UPDATES FOR THE YOLO COUNTY WASTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING FOR APRIL 23, 2020

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Regular Agenda

Member Updates Provided by Email

Yolo County – Ramin Yazdani

Organic Waste/Composting/Anaerobic Digestion Update:

- 1) In-Vessel Digester project update:
 - a) Equalization Mixing Tank and Concrete Pad- Construction contract (Syblon Reid) is waiting for the Building department to review and approve the construction plans before starting construction. Review process is expected to be done by May 2020, which is delayed due to COVID-19. Construction is to start soon after. New estimate for concrete pad construction is now July 2020 followed by installation of equalization mixing tank and other equipment with a completion date of August 2020.
 - b) Food depackager- Installation of the food depackager will follow the completion and curing of the concrete pad and it is expected be done in August 2020.
 - c) Metering Pedestal and PG&E new service- The contractor, Coastal Mountain Electric (CME) is installing the pedestal and is currently waiting for PG&E to do their portion before CME can complete their work. PG&E has stated that they will be able to do their share of the work in late May.
 - d) Electrical Control Panel for In-Vessel Digester Project- Due to staff shortage this project has been delayed. Final design will be released in Spring 2020 and construction is expected to be completed by Summer of 2020.
- 2) Anaerobic Composter Operation (Composting Facility #1)
 - a) Seventh cell is under construction currently.
 - b) Liquid addition and methane production has started in all cells.
 - c) Pump Station Control Panel installation was completed and is operational.
 - d) Aeration of AC #3 will begin shortly (prior to the end of April)
- 3) County and City of Sacramento Organics Agreement - County is currently working on negotiations of the draft contracts and intends to take the City contract to the Board on May 19th.

- 4) Future Composting Facility #2 at Yolo County Central Landfill in Partnership with Northern Recycling. County and Northern Recycling are negotiating a contract to take to the Board in June or July.
- 5) Landfill Soil Borrow Site Mitigation- Draft agreements for purchase of Open Space and Swanson's Hawk Easement for 243 acres is underway.
- 6) Landfill Construction and Closure:
 - a) Construction of Waste Management Unit (WMU) 6F- Construction of WMU 6F Phase 1 was approved by RWQCB. Completion of Phase 2 was postponed due to inclement weather, but work has already resumed.
 - b) Closure of Waste Management Units 4 & 5- Completion of the closure was postponed due to inclement weather, but work has already resumed.

Yolo County – Marissa Juhler

- Waste Management, Inc. and Recology Davis completed the first phase of implementation for recycling and organics services to approximately 1,300 customers in rural Winters and Davis. To date, 356 composting exemption applications have been approved.
- Due to COVID-19, Yolo County was issued a letter by Waste Management, Inc. stating that their recycling facility (Sacramento Transfer and Recycling Station) was closing down its sort line to residential recyclables and would start landfilling the material effective March 30th. The County sent a legal notice back to WM requesting that the recyclable materials be redirected to Recycling Industries where capacity had been secured for this volume. Action is still pending on this item.
- Attached is the most recent press release which went out Thursday, April 16th in response to high volume of illegal dumping occurring throughout Yolo County as an unintended consequence of landfill and transfer station closures due to COVID-19. As you will see, the landfill and the HHW facility will resume normal operations, excluding Sundays, effective Saturday, April 18th. The Reuse Paint Shed and Big Blue Barn Thrift Store remain closed at this time.
- Waste Management has suspended all at-home pickups of bulky waste through July 1st as a result of COVID-19. In response to this, Yolo County is working with WM to release new bulky waste vouchers for rural residents that will be good through June 30, 2020 so that residents can bring material to the landfill once the Shelter in Place is lifted for non-essential waste.
- DR3 has temporarily closed its mattress recycling operations in Woodland due to COVID-19 however the landfill will continue to accept mattresses and process them as normal since DR3 drivers are still working. All mattresses will be hauled in the short term to their Stockton or Livermore plants for recycling.
- Yolo County has continued to work on Food Rescue efforts as part of the anticipated signing of SB 1383 this June. We believe less than 100 businesses in Yolo County will be directly affected by these requirements and have narrowed down the scope with the assistance of CalRecycle who has clarified the definitions of each type of required food generating business. County staff will be meeting with Environmental Health in May to start putting together cost estimates of what it would take to administer the enforcement piece of these regulations. We anticipate meeting with the Yolo County food bank to establish costs associated with serving these 100 businesses vs. the option of utilizing Prop 26 to require all businesses, food generating or not, pay into and benefit from this program. If we stay on task,

and SB 1383 is signed in June, it is anticipated that County staff will present the results of these discussion to the Board of Supervisors this summer for direction. Due to the fact that COVID-19 has presented a major financial challenge to our local businesses, we did ask CalRecycle if they would be considering an extension on the start date of the Food Rescue requirements, or at minimum on the penalties associated with these requirements, to ease the financial burden associated with this program and at this time CalRecycle has said no time extension will be granted.

Davis – Richard Tsai

- Bulky Items Drop-off event and paper shredding event postponed
- Compost give-away postponed
- Jennifer Gilbert providing backyard composting classes via webinar

West Sacramento – Paulina Benner

- City offices have been closed since March 17th and all Environmental Services Division staff are working from home.
- Waste Management has suspended all bulky waste appointments, at-your-door household hazardous waste collection appointments, and collection of used motor oil and filters. They will not collect extra trash, recyclables or yard waste unless it is containerized. They are collecting up to one extra personal can of trash each week at no charge to help residents manage the extra solid waste being generated during the shelter in place order.
- Our Earth Day event that had initially been rescheduled to May 9th has been cancelled.

Winters - Carol Scianna

- Our new bulky waste voucher program got off to a good start before the pandemic hit.

Woodland –

- Woodland City Council presented a proclamation at the April 21 meeting recognizing April 22, 2020 as the 50th year of Earth Day and reiterated our commitment towards environmental stewardship and sustainability.

UC Davis – Michael Fan

- Nothing to report at this time

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Marissa Juhler

- Nothing to report at this time

7. Yolo Landfill Resumes Self – Haul Waste on April 18

- See Handouts

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Yolo County Waste Advisory Committee is scheduled for **May 28, 2020 at 2:30 p.m.** in the Conference Room of the Yolo County Central Landfill.

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Yolo Landfill Resumes Self-Haul Waste on April 18

(Woodland, CA) – Effective Saturday, April 18th, the Yolo County Central Landfill (Landfill) will reopen to all customers. The Landfill, located at 44090 County Road 28H in Woodland, will be open Monday - Saturday from 6:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. and will be closed on Sundays. No cash is being accepted at this time, only credit card and check payments. No EBT.

In response to the current COVID-19 pandemic, all customers will be required to wear a facial covering or mask before utilizing Landfill services. These measures are being implemented with the public's health in mind as well as for the health and safety of County solid waste workers.

All residents with Waste Management, Inc. and Recology Davis curbside services, should first utilize their curbside collection carts for refuse, recycling and yard waste before considering a trip to the Landfill. It is in everyone's best interest to stay at home, as much as possible, for the duration of the health order. Therefore, hold onto recyclable items that don't require immediate disposal.

Also in effect April 18th, the Household Hazardous Waste Facility will reopen to residents. To serve the needs of businesses, hazardous waste appointments will remain available every Friday between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. To encourage social distancing, residents may also contact the Landfill at (530) 666-8813 to schedule a free at-home pick up of hazardous waste.

Since it is not essential for residents to be out picking up trash on the roadside, our Good Neighbor Program is not currently being offered. Any illegal dumping should be reported to the Roads Division by filling out a Road Maintenance Request Form at: <https://www.yolocounty.org/community-services/planning-public-works/public-works-division/road-maintenance-request/road-maintenance-request-form>.

The Reuse Paint Shed Program and Big Blue Barn Thrift Store are still closed at this time. For more information call (530) 666-8852 or visit: www.yolocounty.org/landfill. Learn more about facial coverings, including step-by-step instructions on how to make them at: www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/diy-cloth-face-coverings.html.

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