



# 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 May 28, 2020**

### **Regular Agenda**

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#### **Member Updates Provided by Email**

**Yolo County – Ramin Yazdani**

#### Organic Waste/Composting/Anaerobic Digestion Update:

In-Vessel Digester project update:

Equalization Mixing Tank and Concrete Pad- Construction contract (Syblon Reid) has started the construction of the concrete pad.

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.

Metering Pedestal and PG&E new service- The contractor, Coastal Mountain Electric (CME) has installed the pedestal and PG&E has completed the installation of the new service.

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.

#### Anaerobic Composter Operation (Composting Facility #1)

The 7<sup>th</sup> cell is being filled and has about 2 more months of capacity.

Liquid addition and methane production has started in all cells.

One of the cells has gone through the aeration process and finished compost is currently being excavated from the cell.

County and City of Sacramento Organics Agreement – BOS approved the City of Sacramento Organics Agreement in May 19. County will start receiving organic waste from City of Sacramento in July. County will start working on Sacramento County Organics Agreement.

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.

Landfill Soil Borrow Site Mitigation- Draft agreements for purchase of Open Space and Swanson's Hawk Easement for 243 acres is underway.

### Landfill Construction and Closure:

Construction of Waste Management Unit (WMU) 6F- Construction of Phase 2 has been completed and BOS approved acceptance of the project. Final report has been prepared and submitted to RWQCB.

Closure of Waste Management Units 4 & 5- Completion of the closure has resumed and is expected to be finished in July 2020.

### **Yolo County – Marissa Juhler**

- 383 compost exemptions have been approved allowing rural residents the ability to opt out of the new organics cart collection program.
- 27 self-haul applications have been approved allowing rural residents the ability to opt out of the newly mandated solid waste collection services provided by WM and Recology.
- Due to COVID-19 and the recommendation to Shelter in Place, Yolo County extended its free at-home hazardous waste pickup program to all residents, not just seniors and disabled. As a result of this, coupled with an already planned senior mailer on this program under our HD31 hazardous waste grant, we've scheduled 280 Door-to-Door pickups in April and May. Due to the high volume of requests, the County worked with Stericycle to increase weekly pickups from 1 driver and 10 stops to 4 drivers and 40 stops each week. We've also temporarily added a Friday route to keep up with the demand. Once the Shelter-in-Place is lifted, we plan to resume normal Saturday only operations and gradually work our way back down to 10 stops a week offering the program to senior and disabled only. We are currently taking appointments for June 13th.
- Food Recovery Update: We were required to stop conducting site visits at businesses due to COVID-19 however have continued to make progress by working with CalRecycle on fine tuning the definitions and narrowing down our list. We are currently at 74 required businesses. Yolo County sent in comments to CalRecycle sharing our concern regarding how COVID-19 will impact our local businesses. Not only does the new program have costs associated with implementation, it also has significant penalties if not adhered to. We asked that CalRecycle consider extended the implementation start date out farther to allow time for the economy to rebound before enforcing a new regulation. They responded stating at this time, no extension was being considered. Since the time of that correspondence, both California State Association of Counties (CSAC) and the California League of Cities submitted additional comment letters which echoed these same concerns, so we are hopeful that this will result in a different outcome. Since we cannot plan on an extension being granted, the Yolo County Division of Integrated Waste hosted a virtual meeting with Yolo County Environmental Health to discuss options for implementation, regulatory compliance and enforcement. Both Divisions are developing costs to administer this program for Yolo County Board of Supervisor consideration. Once those costs have been established, we will be meeting with the Yolo County Food Bank to ask that they too establish cost options for food collection services to include as part of our board presentation.

**Davis – Richard Tsai**

- On May 19<sup>th</sup>, Davis City Council recognized Davis' Recycling Program's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary via proclamation.

Full text is available here:

<http://documents.cityofdavis.org/Media/Default/Documents/PDF/CityCouncil/CouncilMeetings/Agendas/2020/2020-05-19/03A-3-Recycling-Program-50th-Anniversary-2020-Proclamation.pdf>

**West Sacramento – Paulina Benner**

- No updates to report

**Winters – Kristine DeGuerre**

- No updates to report

**Woodland – Rosie Ledesma**

- Woodland is going through a reroute for residential services starting June 1

**UC Davis – Michael Fan**

- Suspended Operation - The campus is still in suspended operation mode but essential functions like solid waste continue in operation. There are 470 students live on campus and we expect that number will decrease to 250 students during the summer break. The campus plans to have all the students back to campus this fall.
- Bio-digester – the digester is still in operation though at a reduced capacity due to the decrease in available feedstock. Still work on Tank #2 mixer problem.
- Compost Feasibility Study – The FBS is closed to finish in June.

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Marissa Juhler

- Nothing to report at this time

**Next Meeting**

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The next meeting of the Yolo County Waste Advisory Committee is scheduled for **June 25, 2020 at 2:30 p.m.** in the Conference Room of the Yolo County Central Landfill.

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Yolo County Waste Advisory Committee

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