



# County of Yolo

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DIRECTOR

## 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 FEBRUARY 25, 2021

Christine Crum called the February 25, 2021 meeting to order at 2:30 p.m.  
Those present were:

Members: Paulina Benner, Christine Crum, David Powell, Larry Fisher, Michael Fan  
Richard Tsai, Kristine DeGuerre

Staff: Dotty Prichard – Supervisor’s Deputy, District 3  
Davis Moreno - Asst. Supervisor’s Deputy, District 3  
Suzie Dawley – Yolo County, Environmental Health  
Ramin Yazdani – WAC, Liaison, Yolo County DCS, DIWM  
Marissa Juhler – Yolo County DCS, DIWM  
Rose English – Yolo County, DCS, DIWM

Guests: Jennifer Jones – UC Davis  
Jennifer Gilbert, City of Davis  
Lauren Fong – Waste Management  
Bella Iglesias – Waste Management  
Jay Cohan – Yolo Food Bank

Absent: Rosie Ledesma, Kayla Rodriguez

#### **1. Call to Order & Roll Call**

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Introductions were made around the room

#### **2. Public Comment**

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No Public Comment

#### **3. Consent Agenda**

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**MOTION to Approve the February Agenda:** Larry Fisher with the noted changes made by Richard Tsai, representing the City of Davis. The City of Davis request the agenda be posted on the Yolo County Central Landfill, Waste Advisory Committee Meeting webpage 72 hours prior to the WAC meeting, per the Brown Act.

**SECOND:** Paulina Benner

**ABSTAIN:** Richard Tsai

**AYES:** David Powell, Kristine DeGuerre, Michael Fan, Christine Crum

**MOTION to Approve the January Minutes:** Paulina Benner

**SECOND:** David Powell

**AYES:** Richard Tsai, Larry Fisher, Kristine DeGuerre, Michael Fan, Christine Crum

#### 4. Regular Agenda

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- a) SB 68 treated wood waste management support letter – Ramin Yazdani

**MOTION to approve sending a letter forward from the WAC signed by the chair of our committee: Paulina Benner**

**SECOND:** Kristine DeGuerre

**AYES:** Richard Tsai, Larry Fisher, Kristine DeGuerre, Michael Fan, David Powell

- b) SB 1383 Food Rescue update – Marissa Juhler

- The SB 1383 food rescue implementation plan outlines the first six months. This is our guiding document for the counties, the cities and the consultants. The task that we are currently working on is reviewing the feeding America guidelines along with the guidelines that are set by the Department of Public Health, as it regards to donating food.

#### Member Updates

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**Yolo County – Ramin Yazdani**

- The In-Vessel Digester food depackager will start operations once the Water Board has approved the project. The electrical control panel is currently under construction.
- At the next WAC meeting I will present the draft budget.

**Davis – Richard Tsai**

- The City of Davis & Recology will not be hosting a bulky waste drop off this year. City has requested that Recology work with Yolo County Landfill and offer a bulky waste voucher program to City of Davis residents. Possible dates would be from April to November of this year.

**West Sacramento – Paulina Benner**

- The City of West Sacramento is working with R3 Consulting Group to provide us with compliance assistance for SB 1383. My staff and I had the opportunity to tour the West Sacramento Nugget edible food recovery program

**Winters – Kristine DeGuerre**

- No updates given

**Woodland**

- No updates given

**UC Davis – Michael Fan**

- UC Davis campus plans to conduct an internal discussion about the next step following the completion of the campus composting facility feasibility study.
- An ammonia extraction system is currently being constructed. Waiting for parts to arrive, hopefully by August of this year.

## 6. MAC

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Marissa Juhler

- The County is partnering with Woodland and Davis to host bulky waste coupons again. Here is the current schedule:
- City of Davis Residents – Coupon Valid April 1 – November 30
- Unincorporated Yolo Residents – Coupon Valid May 1-31
- City of Woodland Residents – June 1-30
  
- The jurisdictions are wanting to wrap up the HD 31 hazardous waste grant by August of 2021 and are planning to host one final “Refuel Your Fun” propane cylinder exchange in April, around Earth Day, at the Yolo County Central Landfill’s HHW Facility.
  
- Thanks to the Mattress Recycling Council and the City of Woodland, our electronic billboard advertisement started running early in late February. Keep an eye out for it on I-5 in both English and Spanish.

### Next Meeting

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The next meeting of the Yolo County Waste Advisory Committee is scheduled for **March 25, 2021 at 2:30 p.m.** via Zoom.

Rosie Ledesma, Chair  
Yolo County Waste Advisory Committee  
*Rose English*

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Prepared by: Rose English

CC: City Managers via email (Davis, Woodland, West Sacramento, Winters) and Yolo County CAO



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February 25, 2021

The Honorable Jared Blumenfeld  
Secretary for Environmental Protection  
California Environmental Protection Agency  
1001 I Street  
Sacramento, CA 95811

**Subject: Support for Signing Assembly Bill (AB) 332 regarding Treated Wood Waste Management**

Secretary Blumenfeld,

On September 29, 2020 Governor Newsom vetoed SB 68 (Galgiani), which would have repealed the sunset date for management and disposal of Treated Wood Waste (TWW) in a composite-lined portion of a solid waste landfill - standards that have been in place since 2004. The solid waste industry and local governments are largely responsible for managing the handling and disposal of TWW. Now that the Health and Safety Code Section 25150.7 expired on December 31, 2020, we face significant management challenges and **an exponentially increased risk of illegal TWW disposal**. We are concerned that the veto of SB 68 leaves us with no effective management standards or guidance for TWW, no practical alternatives for managing the handling and disposal of this waste.

As of January 1, 2021, "... all hazardous treated wood waste managed in California must be stored and manifested as hazardous waste and transported to class I hazardous waste landfills for disposal." As a result, any treated wood that is generated by a business or household is subject to the full range of standards for management and disposal of hazardous waste. These include a limit that the material cannot remain on the generator's site longer than 90 days, cumbersome storage and labeling requirements, required shipment on a hazardous waste manifest, and disposal at a full hazardous waste facility.

Yolo County currently accepts an average of **350,000 pounds annually at our Central Landfill's Construction and Demolition Facility**. This material comes from a variety of sources and is transferred offsite for proper disposal at the Kieffer Landfill in Sacramento or the Hay Road Landfill in Vacaville, both of which are no longer options if action is not taken to reverse course on the Veto of SB68.

If Assembly Bill 332 is not signed, and TWW is required to be disposed in a hazardous waste Class I landfill, it will create significant disruptions to local waste handling operations and significantly increase illegal disposal. Transportation costs are also prohibitive, given that there are no more than three Class I landfills in California, and all are located in remote areas that are considerable distances from where TWW is generated. For perspective, **a typical household currently pays \$35** to get rid of a mini-pickup

truck worth of TWW fencing from their yard. The Veto of SB 68 has created an unrealistic cost of approximately **\$420 for that same load.**

These types of cost increases greatly increase the potential for illegal dumping and burning by both residents and businesses, as traditional transportation and disposal pathways may turn away those wastes or customers may be unable or unwilling to pay for this. Any increase in illegal disposal will result in additional cost pressures on already strained state and local governments that will have to clean up those illegal hazardous waste disposal sites.

A recent study required by SB 162 (Galgiani, Chapter 351, Statutes of 2015), TWW Implementation of Senate Bill 162, found a 93% compliance rate with the Alternative Management Standards (AMS), ensuring the protection of the environment and public health. Furthermore, the AMS decreased illegal dumping of TWW to “no reported instances.” Administrative type violations were noted in the review and were primarily addressed in SB 68 with improved data collection, outreach, and reporting.

The existing alternative management standards effectively result in proper management of TWW and a curtailment of illegal dumping, illegal burning, and illegal storage. Local governments are particularly concerned with illegal management of TWW now that the standards have expired. **Without the old management standards, illegal dumping and burning will increase dramatically as homeowners, farmers, wineries, and businesses come to realize the increased costs and complex procedures that are now in place through the variance program offered by DTSC.**

To avoid these outcomes, we strongly recommend that Cal EPA, DTSC, and the Governor’s Office work expediently toward signing Assembly Bill 332, to require the treated wood waste regulation that was adopted before January 1, 2008, pursuant to previous provisions exempting a hazardous waste management activity from one or more of the requirements of the hazardous waste control laws to remain valid unless repealed. AB 332 should repeal this provision as of an unspecified date and declare that it is to take effect immediately as an urgency statute.

Thank you for your attention to this matter of statewide and local concern.

Sincerely,

Rosie Ledesma  
Waste Advisory Committee, Chair

# SB 1383 FOOD RESCUE IMPLEMENTATION

## January 2021

TASK	
13 <sup>th</sup>	City Manager Meeting
28 <sup>th</sup>	Waste Advisory Committee (WAC)
A	Schedule Meeting with UC DAVIS
B	Schedule Meeting with Cities/Consultants
C	Schedule Tours with Nugget
D	Schedule Meeting with EH

## March 2021

TASK	
8 <sup>th</sup>	Meeting with Cal Recycle Legal/Yolo and Food Bank
18 <sup>th</sup>	Meeting of Area Coordinators (MAC) Review
25 <sup>th</sup>	Waste Advisory Committee (WAC) Update
A	Create subcommittee with Food Bank, Industry & Govt.
B	EH established no additional fee will be charged in 2022 (v)
C	Jurisdictions to establish draft plan for Tier 2 challenges Ex. Hospitals, Senior Care Facilities, Special Event Venues

## May 2021

TASK	
20 <sup>th</sup>	Meeting of Area Coordinators (MAC) Review of Tasks
27 <sup>th</sup>	Waste Advisory Committee (WAC) Food Rescue Update
A	IWM to create educational outreach materials for Tier 1
B	EH to establish training/guidelines for new inspection tasks
C	Research private funding partnerships
D	Mail invitation to community meeting

## February 2021

TASK	
8 <sup>th</sup>	Meeting with UCD
17 <sup>th</sup>	Meeting with EH – Review Feeding America Guidelines
18 <sup>th</sup>	Meeting of Area Coordinators (MAC) Review
22 <sup>nd</sup>	City/County/Consultants
25 <sup>th</sup>	Waste Advisory Committee (WAC) Update
A	Establish Capacity Planning Guidelines for UCD
B	Review Feeding America Guidelines with EH for Tier 1
C	Finalize Scope of Work with Consultant and City of Winters
D	Host meeting with cities and consultants to divide up tasks

## April 2021

TASK	
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Waste Advisory Committee (WAC)
A	Establish increased capacity needs/costs with Food Bank
B	Research needs (ed posters/refrigerators) for generators
C	Establish other capacity needs with list of other agencies

## June 2021

TASK	
17 <sup>th</sup>	Meeting of Area Coordinators (MAC) Review of Tasks
24 <sup>th</sup>	Waste Advisory Committee (WAC) Food Rescue Update
A	Host Tier 1 Generator Community Meeting
B	Cities/County to establish funding for increased capacity
C	Establish capacity planning for Tier 2
D	Apply for grants to purchase generator needs