



# County of Yolo

Taro Echiburú  
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 DECEMBER 3, 2020

Rosie Ledesma called the December 3, 2020 meeting to order at 2:30 p.m.  
Those present were:

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

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

Guests: David Moreno – Supervisory Sandy's Office  
Jennifer Gilbert – City of Davis  
Jennifer Jones – UC Davis  
David Drake – UC Davis  
Sara Benedict – Recology  
Sue Vang – UC Davis  
Suzie Dawley – LEA  
Johanna Keys – Waste Management  
Lauren Fong – Waste Management  
Michael Bisch – Yolo Food Bank

Absent:

#### **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 December Agenda:** Paulina Benner

**SECOND:** Christine Crum

**AYES:** Rosie Ledesma, Richard Tsai, David Powell, Larry Fisher, Kristine DeGuerre, Kayla Rodriguez, Michael Fan

#### **4. Regular Agenda**

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a. Approve 2021 WAC meeting calendar

**MOTION to Approve the 2021 Calendar with revisions:** Paulina Benner

**SECOND:** Larry Fisher

**AYES:** Rosie Ledesma, Richard Tsai, David Powell, Larry Fisher, Kristine DeGuerre, Kayla Rodriguez, Michael Fan

### 3. Consent October Minutes

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

**SECOND:** Christine Crum

**AYES:** Rosie Ledesma, Richard Tsai, David Powell, Larry Fisher, Kristine DeGuerre, Kayla Rodriguez, Michael Fan

b. Member Updates - Yolo County, Cities of Davis, West Sacramento, Winters and Woodland; UC Davis and others

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

**Yolo County – Ramin Yazdani**

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

In-Vessel Digester project update:

Food depackager- Depackager testing was successfully completed in October and waiting for approval to start operation.

Electrical Control Panel for In-Vessel Digester Project- Bid was released in October and due next week.

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

Annual emissions source testing was completed and report due in December.

Organics Agreements with Cities – County emailed agreement to all cities and now working on Sacramento County agreement.

Future C&D Recycling and Composting Facility#2 (Northern Recycling)- Design of the C&D Recycling and Composting Facility #2 is under way. Construction will start in Spring 2021 and is projected to be completed and ready for operation by July 2022.

##### Landfill Module Closure:

Closure of Waste Management Units 4 & 5-Project construction is complete and board of supervisor will approve completion in December.

##### Landfill Environmental Impact Report (EIR):

County staff continue to work with consultant on the landfill EIR.

**Yolo County – Marissa Juhler**

- Our “Avoid the Spark” Campaign began December 1<sup>st</sup> to educate residents about the importance of proper battery disposal and the fire risks associated with batteries. Flyers are being distributed through the scale house and Esparto Transfer Station as well as social media outlets by all cities and county. County staff is also working on a direct mailer to all rural residents asking that they affix a provided sticker label to their trash and recycling carts to remind them that batteries due not go in their carts. A follow up article to

the latest landfill fire will also be printed in December by the Davis Enterprise. (see attached)

- Due to COVID closures at YCCL and ECC, the County is giving a free pass to those on the self-haul exemption program during the time these sites were closed. No make up trash runs are required.
- Appointment based Big Blue Barn Thrift Store events are being pushed to January 2021.
- At the November 17<sup>th</sup> BOS meeting, it was approved to move forward with putting an appliance recycling rate increase on the master fee list for January 1, 2021. Standard appliances such as washers, dryers and stoves will go from \$6/unit to \$8/unit and unit with Freon such as refrigerators, freezers and AC Units will go from \$6/unit to \$12/unit. These rate increases are comprised of general annual labor increases, increase equipment and fuel cost to stage appliances for servicing and the new requirement to service units onsite before transport for the removal of all hazardous waste (Freon, bulbs, batteries, capacitors, circuit boards, etc.)
- Reminder – Under the new franchise agreements, annual rate increases fall in January each year now instead of July. January 1, 2021 will mark 12 months since the start of the new agreements.
- Pressure Treated Wood regulatory changes are confirmed to go into effect on January 1, 2021 and therefore rates will increase significantly for all. The industry has still yet to establish a plan for where this material will go.

**Davis – Richard Tsai**

- December 1 - city council approved revisions to the C&D ordinance which will be effective in 30 days.

**West Sacramento – Paulina Benner**

- On November 19, 2020, the city released a request for proposals for consultant services to assist with SB 1383 Compliance. Proposals are due on December 11, 2020.
- On November 12, 2020, CalRecycle staff informed the city that they decided to not send a formal letter request for the City's mandatory commercial organics recycling compliance plan and will instead keep the city in its current informal compliance status.

**Winters – Kristine DeGuerre**

- None

**Woodland – Rosie Ledesma**

- Issues with COVID-19 cases with hauler. Working with WM on green waste and street sweeping.

**UC Davis – Michael Fan**

- READ facility - Campus is exploring the possibility of installing a depackager unit to accommodate feedstock with higher contamination. We are also looking at the feasibility of installing a generator that converts biogas and landfill gas to electricity.
- UCD Medical Center Waste - Similar to other efforts where the Davis and Sacramento campuses work together, we are evaluating the option of managing their solid waste service (refuse, organic waste and recyclables) including hauling and disposal. There is no specific timeline but, if everything goes well, we hope to have an agreement in place by spring 2021.

## 6. MAC

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Marissa Juhler

- The 2021 Recycling calendars will be in at YCCL and ECC by Friday, December 11th. Not all jurisdictions decided to print hard copies this year so if you'd like one, we recommend stopping in at HHW or one of our disposal sites in the next couple of week to get one.

### **Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the Yolo County Waste Advisory Committee is scheduled for **January 28, 2021 at 2:30 p.m.** via Zoom.

Rosie Ledesma, Chair  
Yolo County Waste Advisory Committee

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Prepared by: Rose English

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