



County of Yolo

WASTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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

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DIRECTOR

MINUTES OF THE YOLO COUNTY WASTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 24, 2020

Rosie Ledesma called the September 24, 2020 meeting to order at 2:30 p.m.
Those present were:

Members: Rosie Ledesma, Paulina Benner, Christine Crum, David Powell
Michael Fan

Staff: Marissa Juhler – Yolo County DCS, DIWM
Ramin Yazdani – WAC Liaison, Yolo County DCS, DIWM
Rick Moore – Yolo County DCS, DIWM
Rose English - Yolo County DCS, DIWM
Pam Hedrick – Yolo County DCS, DIWM

Guests: Dotty Pritchard – Board of Supervisors
David Moreno – Board of Supervisors
Jennifer Gilbert – City of Davis
Jennifer Jones – UC Davis
David Drake – UC Davis
Lauren Fong – Waste Management
Johanna Keys – Waste Management
Sarah Benedict - Recology

Absent: Richard Tsai, Larry Fisher, Kristine DeGuerre

1. Call to Order & Roll Call

Introductions were made around the room

2. Consent September Agenda

MOTION to Approve the September Agenda: Paulina Benner

SECOND: David Powell

AYES: Christine Crum, Michael Fin, Rosie Ledesma

3. Consent August Minutes

MOTION to Approve the September Agenda: David Powell

SECOND: Paulina Benner

AYES: Christine Crum, Michael Fin, Rosie Ledesma

4. Public Comment

No Public Comment

5. Regular Agenda

a. 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- Installation of the food depackager was delayed until October 2020 due to contractor availability.

Electrical Control Panel for In-Vessel Digester Project- Construction was delayed due to consultant plans not finished. Expect to release in October 2020.

Anaerobic Composter Operation (Composting Facility #1)

Working on annual emissions source testing. Compost produced and hauled for final curing and sale.

Organics Agreements with Cities – County staff working on draft city agreement. Draft version with County Counsel comments is currently under review and will be finalized and sent out to cities.

Future C&D Recycling and Composting Facility#2 (Northern Recycling)- In July the Board of Supervisors approved the agreement with Northern Recycling for the construction of the C&D Recycling and Composting Facility #2. Construction will start in Spring 2021 and is projected to be completed and ready for operation by July 2022.

Landfill Construction and Closure:

Closure of Waste Management Units 4 & 5-Project construction will be complete by end of September 2020.

Landfill Environmental Impact Report (EIR):

Short presentation on potential projects (see attached Notice of Preparation).

Yolo County – Marissa Juhler

- County staff is set to take a revised solid waste ordinance to the BOS for its first reading on 10/6 to bring the County into compliance with new organics regulations, add exemption criteria by which rural residents and business can manage their own waste and provide guidelines for loose pile green waste collection. The second reading of the ordinance and planned adoption is set for 10/20.
- County staff is working on an education and outreach plan for Fall/Winter of 2020 and early 2021 to encourage the proper segregation of recyclables and organics now that carts have all been delivered. Our Waste Management monthly diversion reports are already showing an upward trend. We hope to see more progress once the additional

outreach is completed.

- CalRecycle determined that California is not meeting diversion goals statewide therefore they officially have made the new threshold for all businesses 2 cubic yards for the organics mandate. There are some rural exemptions that are being allowed to extend out these regulations to 2026 however Yolo County is not clear on how these might apply to us yet. County staff will be working with CalRecycle next month to determine if we can apply this time extension to our rural farms/ranches and businesses.

Davis – Richard Tsai (provided by Jennifer Gilbert)

- Recology Davis is offering a free shredding event for Davis residential customers on October 17, 2020 from 9 AM to noon at their recycling center (2727 2nd Street).
- The fall/winter on-street yard material pile collection season will start up again on October 19 in Davis

West Sacramento – Paulina Benner

- CalRecycle told West Sacramento to expect a formal letter request for the Ab 1826 compliance plan.

Winters – Kristine DeGuerre

- Nothing to report

Woodland – Rosie Ledesma

- Woodland is in on a formal compliance plan for AB 1826. We were at about 50% compliance with commercial organics before the new threshold took effect.
- Waste Management will start their residential Smart Truck program in Woodland on November 1. There will be a 60-day pilot where residents will receive sample warning notices for overfilled and/or contaminated carts. Fees will start on January 1, 2021.

UC Davis – Michael Fan

- Students moved in at the end of Sept, which normally generates more cardboard and other recyclable materials.
- Campus finished its compost facility feasibility study. Options including campus owns and operates or partnership with the city of Davis or private own/operate/fund were evaluated. Will discuss the next step with the campus leadership.
- Campus is working on constructing an ammonia recovery system that will recover ammonia from the bio-digester liquid waste and convert to organic fertilizer. We expect the system will be online July, 2021.
- Campus is a successful recipient of EPA grant. The grant will be used to study nutrient recovery and increase efficiency of bio-digester operation.

6. Member Questions

Opportunity for members of the Waste Advisory Committee to ask questions, but not to take action, on waste management issues not listed under either the Consent or Regular Agenda items.

7. MAC

Marissa Juhler

- Nothing to report on HD31.
- Due to city and county facilities, schools and libraries closed during COVID, we are looking at doing a 100% digital/online based 2021 recycling calendar.
- County staff will be looking into the cost of fire proof battery boxes for the city/county battery run.

Meeting Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned by Rosie Ledesma at 3:30 p.m.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Yolo County Waste Advisory Committee is scheduled for **October 22, 2020 at 2:30 p.m.** via Zoom.

Rosie Ledesma, Chair
Yolo County Waste Advisory Committee
Rose English

Prepared by: Rose English

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