



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 MAY 27, 2021

Rosie Ledesman called the May 27, 2021 meeting to order at 2:30 p.m.
Those present were:

Members: Rosie Ledesma, Paulina Benner, David Powell, Larry Fisher, Richard Tsai, Kristine DeGuerre

Staff: David Moreno - Asst. Supervisor's Deputy, District 3
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
Sarah Benedict - Recology
Esperanza (Bella) Iglesias – Waste Management
Michael Bisch – Yolo Food Bank

Absent: Christine Crum, Michael Fan, Kayla Rodriguez

1. Call to Order & Roll Call

Introductions were made around the room

2. Public Comment

No Public Comment

3. Consent Agenda

MOTION to Approve May Agenda and March Minutes: Paulina Benner

SECOND: Richard Tsai

AYES: Larry Fisher, Dave Powell, Rosie Ledesma

4. Regular Agenda

a) Chair and Vice Chair Section

Nomination for Chair: Rosie Ledesma nominated Richard Tsai

Discussion: Richard Tsai mentioned that a rotation between city and public, this would give us a city member as chair and a public member as vice chair.

Motion: Passed

Nomination for Vice Chair: Richard Tsai nominated Dave Powell

Discussion: Dave Powell declined the offer for Chair but agreed to be nominated for Vice Chair.

Motion: Passed

b) SB 1383 Food Rescue Update

- Food Recovery Update – Yolo County held its call with EH to establish that we will be hosting a stakeholder workshop in August. We will also be developing an SB1383 food rescue inspection checklist by way of paper copy since the EH software program is likely to change in the next year or two. This way the county and all its cities have a physical paper trail of each inspection to fulfill the recordkeeping requirements of SB 1383. To date, our food rescue consultants have made contact with 37 non-profits and established that there are an additional 20+ “word of mouth” food pantries in Yolo County. They are collecting data from each to see who is working in conjunction with the Yolo Food Bank and who is working independently. This data will help us determine how to distribute funding appropriately to various organizations that will help expand our capacity throughout Yolo County. This outreach includes surveying who would need scales to weigh food, additional refrigeration units, etc. to build their expanded capacity within each community as well as at a centralized facility such as the Yolo Food Bank. Cal Recycle additionally released a step by step guide for all California jurisdictions on how to effectively identify Tier 1 and Tier 2 generators, using Yolo County’s work as a model. Next Steps: Over the next four weeks we will be completing all outreach and surveying with the required generators to discuss what needs they have. Additionally, will be seeking input on when in August is a good time to host our stakeholder meeting. Date and Time TBD by stakeholders.

c) CIWMP Plan Update

- Review of document and request for feedback. County will bring back final document in June for approval and WAC Chair signature.

Member Updates

Yolo County – Ramin Yazdani

Yolo County Organics Programs Update:

a) In-Vessel Digester Operation:

Food depackager- Depackager operation started in May 1, 2021 and currently received source separated loads for processing.

Evaluation of UCD Loads-Working with UCD on evaluation of organic loads and which facility it will be best suited for UCD waste.

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

Continue with daily operation. During the months April and May Yolo County has given 500 cubic yards of free compost to about 500 customers. An average of 1 cubic yard per customer.

c) Construction of Composting Facility#2 and C&D Recycling and (Northern Recycling)-

Construction began in April 2021 and continues. The project is projected to be completed and ready for operation by July 2022.

d) Organics Agreements with Cities – County is reviewing City of West Sacramento and City of Davis agreements and will be meeting to discuss and finalize agreements.

- e) Organics Agreement with County of Sacramento – Final agreement was approved by County of Sacramento in April 20, 2021.

Future Landfill Construction:

County released a bid for construction of Module 6H Subgrade in April 8, 2021. Five bids received on May 20, 2021. The apparent low bidder was Ford Construction Company (\$2.3million). Next year we will bid the rest of the landfill construction.

Landfill Environmental Impact Report (EIR):

County staff continue to work with consultant on the landfill EIR. Draft for public comments will be released in July 2021.

Yolo County – Marissa Juhler

- SB289 Letter of Support – Yolo County Board of Supervisors' Chair, Jim Provenza has signed a letter of support for SB289, in cooperation with the California Product Stewardship Council's efforts to get an Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) bill signed into law for battery manufacturers to take financial responsibility in the end of life disposal of this hazardous waste. Over the last 10 years, Yolo County has collected over 400,000 lbs. of batteries at a cost of over \$250K.
- Yolo County sent out final notices to the 25 rural businesses who have failed to bring themselves into compliance with AB 341. We will be exercising our authority under Ordinance No. 1529 to set up services on their behalf to bring them into compliance. 5 of the 25 willingly complied after receiving notice. The other 20 will have recycling containers dropped off between June 1-15th.

Davis – Richard Tsai

- On June 5th the City of Davis will be hosting another paper shredding event for residents and it's first come first serve until the truck is full.
- The City of Davis is continuing to work on the Implementation Plan SB1383 with our consultants. Updated web pages will be going up on the cities website soon regarding regulations.

West Sacramento – Paulina Benner

- West Sacramento is also working with our consultants to finalize our resource analysis.

Winters – Kristine DeGuerre

- No updates given

Woodland- Rosie Ledesma

- At next month's Sustainability Advisory Committee meeting, an update to our committee on the SP 1383 progress will be given along with other things we're doing, including the contract that we're funding with Yolo County to utilize services for the food recovery program.
- Woodland's bulky waste voucher program kicks off June 1

UC Davis – Jennifer Jones

- UC Davis updates, the construction on the ammonia extractions system at the Read facility was delayed, while campus determine the funding source, if there are no more significant delays, it should be an operation by spring of 2022.
- Campus has met with stakeholders regarding our accomplice facility study and is evaluating various options such as contracting with a private company or having it owned and operated by the University so still working on that.

6. MAC

Marissa Juhler

- (HD 31) 1,900 online survey responses received; over 400 refillable propane cylinders have been mailed out to Yolo County residents; on June 12th from 8-Noon we will host a Refuel Your Fun exchange event at our HHW and the remaining portion of funds will be used to promote the retail sites that joined the Refuel Your Fun campaign as part of this grant.
- We will be putting together a small celebration at our June 18th and 19th Blue Barn event recognizing 5 years since our Grand Opening. To date we have diverted 458,000 lbs. (229 tons) of waste from the landfill while educating thousands about the importance of upcycling, reusing and repairing.
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Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Yolo County Waste Advisory Committee is scheduled for **June 24, 2021 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