



County of Yolo

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

**MINUTES OF THE
Yolo County Waste Advisory Committee Meeting
For Thursday, January 25, 2024
2:30 pm**

David Powell called the January 25, 2024, meeting to order at 2:30 p.m.

Those present were:

Members: David Powell (Chair), Christine Crum (WAC Vice Chair-Public), Jennifer Jones (U.C. Davis), Larry Fisher (Environmental), Rosie Ledesma (City of Woodland), Kristine DeGuerre (City of Winters), Traci Kent-Stone (West Sacramento), Lindsey Rotteveel (Industry-Recology), Jennifer Gilbert (City of Davis)

Staff: Marissa Juhler – WAC Liaison/Director, Yolo County, Division of Integrated Waste Management, Connie Robledo – Sr. Admin Analyst, Pam Hedrick – Waste Reduction/Recycling Coordinator, Dave Ghirardelli – Waste Reduction/Recycling Supervisor

Guest: Joe Cadelago (Industry – Waste Management), Kayla Rodriguez (Industry-Recology)

Absent: n/a

1. Call to Order & Roll Call

2. Public Comment

No Public Comment

3. Consent Agenda

- a. Approve January Agenda and the December Minutes

MOTION to Approve: Kristine DeGuerre

SECOND: Rosie Ledesma

ROLE CALL VOTING: David Powell (yes), Christine Crum (yes), Jennifer Jones (yes), Traci Kent-Stone (yes), Lindsey Rotteveel (yes), Jennifer Gilbert (yes), Larry Fisher (yes)

MOTION is CARRIED

4. Regular Agenda

- a. **Vote on new 2024 WAC Vice-Chair**

- Rosie Ledesma nominated Jennifer Gilbert of City of Davis. Jennifer accepted and is the 2024 WAC Vice Chair. Christine Crum is the Chair.

- b. **City of Davis** (Jennifer Gilbert)

- New Environmental Resource Division Manager : Sandra Macomb

- SB 1383 enforcement started. Example of what they are seeing: business has organics service but no waste bins. Outreach has increased ten-fold.
- Wrapping up on-street pile collection in February. It has been a very busy year.

City of West Sacramento (Traci Kent-Stone)

- Started SB 1383 enforcement. Assessing penalties for businesses that don't meet regulations.
- Exceeded organics procurement by 10% through giveaways and partnerships with parks division, as well as through the lawn-be-gone program. Hopeful that next year can be even higher.
- Have a new agreement with Breathe CA to provide outreach for their schools.
- Starting work on Earth Day event (which happens in conjunction with Easter Egg Hunt).
- Renewing SB 1383 funding agreement with Yolo Food Bank.

City of Winters (Kristine DeGuerre)

- No new project updates.

City of Woodland (Rosie Ledesma)

- Planning for bulky voucher program. City was notified that Caltrans wants to fund their event by end of FY 23-24.
- Beginning enforcement as well. City could fine and send out notices but hoping to get another position that will do follow-up and inspection.
- Wrapping up evaluation with Waste Management.
- Looking for food recovery resources for Tier 2 generators.

UC Davis (Jennifer Jones)

- READ facility continues to be offline. Working on getting a purchase order for repairs.

WAC Public Member

- (Larry Fisher) News Report: People envision climate change so far in advance that they fail to act on time and prioritize it.

c. Non-Member Updates

- No industry/hauler comments.
- (Christine Crum) Landfill continues to work on odors and garbage on side of the road.

Yolo County – (Marissa Juhler)

- New solid waste facility permit made it through the public process and was signed off by CalRecycle. This allows Yolo County to increase composting amounts to meet the demand, increases overall tonnage acceptance up to 3,000 tons per day and corresponding vehicle counts. While this type of capacity is not needed yet, this allows for future growth. A big thank you to Jeff Kieffer and his engineering staff for their hard work on this permit.
 - As part of the CEQA process, YCCL will be required to set aside funding toward road maintenance and improvements as part of this new permit. This will be itemized out in the FY 24-25.

- Working with Recology and the Willowbank community to provide a 3rd street pile collection system option which would include a leaf drop season with 3 additional pickups. It is up to the community at this point on whether they would like to pursue this option and take it to community vote.
- Operational updates: The depackager is operating smoothly: impressed with how well it separates organic waste from inorganics though there are some challenges, such as with chopsticks going through the screens. Last year YCCL accepted 12,300 tons of food waste, most of it coming from Sacramento. Had this been disposed of most of it would have gone to a landfill other than here. The LoCI project is also going well – they will present to the WAC in March at which point additional questions can be answered about the details of their project. The Ameresco solar project (solar on top of closed landfill units) is still in the contract negotiation phase. Forefront project is stuck waiting on power from PG&E.

d. Item F moved up due to staff time constraints: **Quarterly Legislative Update** (Dave Ghirardelli)

- SB 560 – bill regarding Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) in gas cylinders. Asking for a letter of support signed by WAC. WAC will discuss and vote on whether to sign at the next meeting (February).
- SB 54 – legislation already passed. EPR for plastic pollution prevention for single use plastics.
- SB1013 – Went into effect on 1/1/24, Increases the California Redemption Value (CRV) program to include wine and juice containers.

e. **MAC Update** (Pam Hedrick)

- Shared SB 1383 compliance efforts
- Talked about legislation.
- Discussed working with haulers and cities to create a uniform bulky waste voucher.
- Decided to do regional outreach to C&D contractors for C&D diversion efforts.

f. **Presentation – Carton Recycling**

- Carton Council expressed concern over CalRecycle’s limited data points and analysis on carton recycling at California Material Recovery Facilities (MRFs). The data is believed to be skewed because only a few MRFs were sampled and from those few many don’t process cartons. This data is in regulatory process which allows the Carton Council to present other information and municipalities to provide comment.
- Carton Council willing to help Waste Management or Recology with funding for machinery to add carton recycling equipment to their MRFs.
- Also, Carton Council is committed to making the Yolo Landfill a drop-off site in the interim, if it looks like haulers are committed to looking into curbside collection long term.

g. **Discussion**

- n/a

5. Adjournment (3:35 pm)

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Yolo County Waste Advisory Committee is scheduled for **February 22, 2024, at 2:30 p.m.** In the Conference Room of the Yolo County Central Landfill

David Powell, Chair
Yolo County Waste Advisory Committee

Constance Robledo

Prepared by: Connie Robledo

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