



County of Yolo

WASTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

WAC 5/28/09
Agenda Item 1

c/o PLANNING AND PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT
DIVISION OF INTEGRATED WASTE MANAGEMENT

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MINUTES OF THE YOLO COUNTY WASTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING OF MARCH 26, 2009

John Geisler called the March 26th 2009 meeting to order at 3:35 p.m. Those present were:

Members: John Geisler, Denise Kotko, Roberta Childers, Dorothy Peterson, Michael McDonald

Staff: Linda Sinderson – Yolo County Planning and Public Works
Marissa Juhler – Yolo County Planning and Public Works
Tamara Lokteff – Yolo County Planning and Public Works

Guests: Moushumi Hasan – Yolo County Environmental Health

Absent/Notified: Sue Gedestad, Carol Scianna, and Jason Magness

Quorum was met.

Introduction

Introductions were made around the room.

Public Comment

An opportunity for members of the public to address the Waste Advisory Committee (WAC) on subjects relating to waste management.

Consent Agenda

1. Approve Meeting Minutes from January 22, 2009.

MOTION: Dorothy Peterson moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Michael McDonald.
DISCUSSION: None.
MOTION: Passed unanimously

Regular Agenda

2. Member/Jurisdiction Updates

Yolo County – Marissa Juhler began with an overview of the last Tire Amnesty event. Quarterly data reports are available to show how many tires are coming from each jurisdiction at each event. Local advertisements are working extremely well and will continue to run for each event through grant funding. Two events are scheduled for next month; one for City of Woodland residents and one in West Sacramento open to all county residents.

The sharps program will begin on April 1st, details have been worked out with the contractor. Final lists for sharps sites still to be provided by city staff. Unincorporated areas of Davis will begin mandatory trash service with Davis Waste Removal on April 1st. Currently, we are working with Waste Management and West Sacramento on the landfill carbon footprint and the waste flow.

All controlled substances/prescription pharmaceuticals for disposal should be taken to city police departments or the county sheriff's office. Attempts are being made to ensure that police/sheriff staff will be well aware of the procedure so that public will not be turned away. Controlled substances brought to the landfill during HHW events can be properly sorted and evaluated by Clean Harbors, the County's hazardous waste contractor.

The Sharps Disposal Task Force has not met for a couple of months; however a sharps kiosk is available at the Woodland Healthcare pharmacy.

Sac Sewer, who contracts with West Sacramento, contacted the county with a potential rebate program on mercury thermostats. It is yet to be decided on what to do with funds that have been collected for education of the public on keeping water free of mercury contaminants.

Marissa thanked the City of Woodland staff for including landfill staff in vanpooling to and from regional meetings. She also suggested that future WAC meetings be run "paperless" by using a digital projector for viewing agendas and attachments during meetings. Hard copies will be available as needed.

Linda Sinderson added that the Board of Supervisors approved the July 1st removal of the Clarksburg green waste bin which will save our department about \$20,000 per year. Also, the Esparto Convenience Center will no longer be open on Wednesdays and fees will go up by 10% to balance the deficit in revenue from that facility. If revenues and/or scrap metal prices go back up, it could be possible for the ECC to reopen on Wednesdays.

DWR – John Geisler reported that the City of Davis will be having the Bulky item turn in next Thursday, Friday, and Saturday for the City of Davis and the exclusive Davis franchise area.

City of West Sacramento – Denise Kotko explained that a stop work notice on the multi-family grant from the DOC has led to time spent compiling invoices to be turned in by April 6th. Researching the process of putting a Solar Farm on the new high school campus, the Green Team is tracking stimulus bills for new funding of environmental projects. Work is also being done on the budget.

City of Woodland – Roberta Childers commented that they are working on the budget, looking at solar, and tracking economic stimulus packages. The city has moved from weekly back to monthly green waste pick ups and confusion brought on by the schedule change continues to be an issue. Through additional workshops and meetings this year, the city council must decide on whether to continue with the current hybrid program or go to a complete cart program during non-leaf drop season with continued weekly cart and street pick ups during leaf drop season.

Davis RISE – Dorothy Peterson announced the Earth Day Recycle Art Fair on April 22, at the Central Park gardens. A resolution will announce that May is "Green Schools" month in Davis, with a Green Schools Extravaganza scheduled for Saturday, May 23rd. Students will be encouraged to participate in activities having to do with energy. As of 2010 the schools will have green curriculum built into their budget to maintain savings and education on the elementary level. Sponsored by the Davis Farm to School Project, a \$200 stipend will go to the secondary school that shows they have the most responsible/competitive program.

Capay Valley - Michael McDonald asked questions about franchised waste collection in the Capay Valley region. Marissa Juhler responded that additional customers were added to the franchise agreement to facilitate Waste Management in securing all residential accounts along the Capay Valley route. Part of the reasoning also factored into this decision was to secure lower pricing for all residents while increasing the level of service, i.e., roadside recycling and bulky waste pick-up.

A question was raised regarding extended hours for the upcoming Tire Amnesty Event at the Esparto Convenience Center. Marissa Juhler explained that the contractor servicing the tire event needs to have ample time at the end of the event to load all collected tires and off site before the ECC 5pm closing. Often times the contractor will continue to accept tires after the event closes, as long as they are still on the site and there is space for more tires in the load.

3. MAC (Meeting of Area Coordinators) Update

Marissa Juhler announced that biomass credits will now be included on the quarterly disposal based reports. The MAC also discussed efforts to resolve the question of small quantity generators hauling universal waste. The DTSC has been inconsistent in their response of whether or not certain businesses need to have EPA identification numbers to haul batteries that have come from residents.

At the regional Household Hazardous Waste Information Exchange (HHWIE) there was talk about a requirement that all alkaline batteries will need to be individually bagged and taped. While this would help to avoid potential transportation hazards, efforts would be time consuming and wasteful. Marissa will keep WAC members posted as to the outcome.

4. City/County Waste Flow Agreements

Linda Sinderson reported on the gradual progress of city/county waste flow agreements. The contract looks very similar to the out-of-county import waste contracts. Details are still being worked out in the County Council's office. A letter will be going out to all city managers and appropriate UC Davis staff, a "carbon copy" will also go out to all WAC members.

5. DIWM 2009/10 Draft Budget

At the start of the budget discussion, Linda Sinderson alerted WAC members to particular fees that will be affected by the CPI increase as of July 1st, pending approval from the Board of Supervisors. One of the largest increases will be seen for the disposal of Styrofoam, which will not affect municipal solid waste. Marissa hopes to meet with local companies that dispose of large amounts of Styrofoam on a regular basis. Latex paint accepted daily from residents will now be assessed a flat \$2 handling fee per visit (within DOT limits).

Questions on individual budget items were answered with explanations in general discussion. Linda will correct noted errors and omissions and email corrected budget pages to WAC members. No landfill staff cuts are anticipated, but significantly less is budgeted for capital improvement projects in the upcoming year.

6. Legislative Update

Of the 84 legislative bills relating to waste, Linda Sinderson mentioned those that have potential for local impact. Since bills are constantly evolving, online research is the best resource for accurate and current information. Topics noted include: EPR, multi-family dwellings, home generated pharmaceutical waste, extension of recycling market development zones and revision of loan guarantees and amounts, architectural paint recycling, solid waste diversion, medical sharps waste, school recycling, and hazardous waste generator fees. Letters of support submitted by the WAC will be considered by the Yolo County Board of Supervisors.

Member Questions

None.

Meeting Adjournment

John Geisler adjourned the meeting at 5:05 p.m.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Yolo County Waste Advisory Committee is scheduled for May 28th, 2009 at 3:30 p.m. in the Conference Room of the Yolo County Central Landfill.

John Geisler, Chair
Yolo County Waste Advisory Committee

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