

**EL DORADO COUNTY
SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES
September 12, 2016**

Locations: 2850 Fairlane Court, Placerville, CA
1052 Tata Lane, South Lake Tahoe, CA

Members Present: Dickson Schwarzbach, Chair, County Representative, District 3
Don Nizolek, Vice Chair, County Representative, District 1
George Turnboo, District 2
Jeanne Lear, South Tahoe Refuse
Nancy Spinella, County Representative, District 4
Frank Papandrea, County Representative, District 5 (SLT)
Dr. Katrina Jackson, El Dorado Hills CSD
Jeff England, El Dorado Disposal
Pierre Rivas, City of Placerville

County Staff: Greg Stanton, Director
Amy Velasco, Supervising Environmental Health Specialist
Paul Harden, Environmental Health Specialist
Barbara Houghton, Environmental Health Program Manager
Timothy Engle, Environmental Health Specialist

Members Absent: Ray Jarvis, City of South Lake Tahoe
Mary Cahill, Cameron Park CSD

Members of the Public: Laurel Stroud

1. **Call to Order**
 - ❖ Meeting was called to order at 2:32 p.m. by Dickson.
2. **Roll Call (Members)**
 - ❖ Roll call was taken.
3. **Approval of Agenda and Consent Agenda**
 - ❖ Nizolek made a motion to approve the agenda, pull Item 6 a. and move to Discussion and Possible Action Items. Lear seconded the motion. All members present unanimously approved the motion. Nizolek requested "Other Items for Discussion" be added back to future agendas.
4. **Public Comment (non-Agenda Items)**
 - ❖ None

Consent Agenda:

5. **Approval of EDSWAC Meeting Minutes – September 12, 2016**
 - ❖ Approved in item #3.
6. **Agency/Jurisdiction reports – Receive and File**
 - ❖ Dickson made a motion to receive and file the jurisdiction reports. Lear seconded the motion. All members present unanimously approved the motion.

Discussion and Possible Action Items:

ITEMS PULLED FROM CONSENT:

Report 6 a., County of El Dorado

- ❖ Nizolek inquired about the status of the Environmental Purchasing Preference Policy (EP3). Stanton advised to keep in mind that from a diversion stand point, it will not noticeably impact the diversion rate. Nizolek's concern is not about the impact, but about keeping on target with the SWMP. Velasco shared with the Committee that she has completed a draft of the EP3, but needs some additional time to work on a few areas of the Policy. Additionally, she will email the draft to the Committee by the next meeting or before. Nizolek requested sufficient time to review the draft EP3.
- ❖ Nizolek passed out a hand-out to the Committee and shared his concern that seven out of twelve intermediate and short term programs have been implemented five years after the SWMP started, and the County is still at the same diversion rate. His concern is that the numbers are the same and yet we say we're doing better.
- ❖ Stanton responded that it's important for the committee to keep in perspective that (1) changes are incremental and it takes time for them to add up; and (2) Several of the strategies presented to the Board as being complete were incorporated into the Franchise Agreements, and the most significant Agreement did not get adopted until October, 2014 on the West Slope. Carts were just rolled out in Area B, formerly Amador Disposal Service, when El Dorado Disposal purchased the Franchise. England added that Area B curbside recycling jumped approximately 60%.
- ❖ Dickson commented that data shows we are moving forward, and thanked everyone for their hard work.

7. **C&D Ordinance implementation update & data summary – Velasco & Stanton**

- ❖ Velasco gave an overview in the staff report. Additionally, she discussed some of the areas of concern at the meeting:
- ❖ Option 2 – Utilize Waste Stream Reduction Alternative: It's difficult to review and evaluate the projects. About 82% are expanding on a building project or new buildings. Some are being placed in this option that should not be there. She is striving for improvements in training staff to ensure this Option is followed correctly.
- ❖ Option 4 – Exempt Projects: Velasco provided information relating to why 81% of the projects are coming through as Option 4. Most projects are small and do not generate a significant amount of C&D, such as electrical permits for example. There are some projects that they will take a closer look at. Roofing is hard to capture because there is no place that accepts this type of material at this time. Velasco further explained that the focus is on those projects that are required by law to comply with the Green Building Code.

8. **EDDS & STR list of businesses & schools participating in organics recycling – England and Lear.**

- ❖ England does not have a list, but is working on it, and will email the list out this week.
- ❖ Lear did not bring a list, but stated that they have five schools and five businesses on the food waste program, including Heavenly Resort. They are meeting with larger generators such as Barton Hospital, and have met with the school district about expanding to the middle school and high school.

- ❖ Dickson requested Lear to provide the report at the next meeting – Lear agreed.

9. West Slope Solid Waste Joint Powers Authority – Stanton

Stanton provided a detailed overview of the history behind the potential formation of a West Slope Solid Waste Joint Powers Authority (JPA) specifically in reference to the April 17, 2012 Board date. There was discussion by one Board member in support of forming a JPA; however, he made statements referring to getting franchise negotiations started because the negotiations will tell us if we even have a need for a JPA. The Board member's comments centered around the MRF. Going back to 2007, there was recognition that something had to be done about the need for a new MRF, and the belief that the CSD's, City and County would have a more persuasive voice with our franchise haulers speaking in one voice via a JPA.

- ❖ On June 14, 2016, Stanton provided a SWMP update to the Board, and offered to bring the video of the meeting up on the monitor for all to view and listen to the discussion as he does not want to speak for the Board. The decision to form a JPA is up to the jurisdictions to decide; it is not for EDSWAC to decide. Stanton's recommendation to the Committee is to have County Council's staff ask the CSD Boards and City Council to have this item placed on their Board's agenda so they could hear a presentation, make a decision and take formal action.
- ❖ Rivas stated that the City is not against moving forward with a JPA, but wants to see the benefit of moving forward. The City has mandatory pick-up. He does not understand the benefit for the City to be part of the JPA, and does not see any purpose behind entering into a JPA at this time.
- ❖ Jackson agreed with Rivas and has the same opinion regarding formation of a JPA.
- ❖ Stanton went on to explain that EDSWAC can make a recommendation to staff to either (1) go out to CSD's and City Council and formally place an item on their agendas; or (2) make a formal recommendation to staff that there does not appear to be a desire to form a JPA and recommend staff go back to the Board and ask them what they'd like them to do. A decision needs to be made so we can move forward. Stanton recommended Option 1.
- ❖ Dickson made a motion that County staff contact those that are referenced in the plan to identify what they might want in a JPA, and determine if there is an interest in forming a JPA. Spinella seconded the motion. Nizolek opposed the motion. All other members present unanimously approved the motion.

10. Update on progress of new state-of-the-art MRF and C&D Recycling Facilities - England

- ❖ England provided an overview of the status of the MRF: They're in the process of environmental work in cooperation with the Central Valley Water Board. In the franchise agreement it states the MRF is to be built by October, 2019. The next meeting will be held at the MRF to see how the MRF works now, and the next tour will be to show how the new MRF will be designed on the existing site.

11. **Action items for next meeting:**
1. Add "Items for discussion" back to the Agenda
 2. Staff to contact CSD's and City of Placerville to present information regarding the potential formation of a West Slope Solid Waste JPA.
 3. Provide up-to-date organics recycling list – England & Lear
 4. EP3 draft - Velasco
- ❖ Dickson made a motion to adjourn. Cahill seconded the motion. All members present unanimously approved the motion.

Meeting adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

Next meeting: Monday, November 14, 2016, 11:00 a.m., located at El Dorado Disposal.

"Approved


Catherine Tardem Schwarzbach

Chairperson


11/14/16
Date"