

**SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES
January 11, 2016**

Location: 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
Nancy Spinella, County Representative, District 4
Frank Papandrea, County Representative, District 5
Jeff England, El Dorado Disposal
Jeanne Lear, South Tahoe Refuse
Mary Cahill, Cameron Park CSD
Pierre Rivas, City of Placerville

County Staff: Greg Stanton, Director
Donna Cademartori, Department Analyst
Amy Velasco, Supervising Environmental Health Specialist
Paul Harden, Environmental Health Specialist
Barbara Houghton, Environmental Health Manager

Members Absent: Ray Jarvis, City of South Lake Tahoe
George Turnboo, County Representative, District 2
Dr. Katrina Jackson, El Dorado Hills CSD

Others Present: Joe Rasmussen, CalRecycle
Daisy Kong, CalRecycle
Rodney Clara, Mattress Recycling Council
Melody Byers, El Dorado Disposal, Alternate

1. **Call to Order**
 - ❖ Meeting was called to order at 2:35 p.m. by Schwarzbach.
2. **Election of Chair and Vice Chair for 2016**
 - ❖ Lear motioned to elect current Chair, Schwarzbach and current Vice Chair, Nizolek. Spinella seconded the motion. All members present unanimously approved the motion.
3. **Approval of Agenda**
 - ❖ Cahill motioned to approve the Agenda. Motion was seconded by Lear. All members present unanimously approved the motion.
4. **Approval of Minutes**
 - ❖ November 9, 2015: Spinella motioned to approve the November 9, 2015 minutes. Motion was seconded by Rivas. All members present unanimously approved the motion.

5. Presentations

- a) Joe Rasmussen from CalRecycle gave a presentation on Mandatory Organics Recycling, AB 1826. The presentation raised questions about the infrastructure available for commercial organics recycling.
- b) Rodney Clara from Mattress Recycling Council gave a presentation on Mattress Recycling.

6. Old Business

a) C&D Ordinance Revision

- ❖ Velasco advised that the C&D Ordinance is still moving forward. Stanton added that he and Velasco attended the SAGE (Surveyors, Architects, Geologist and Engineers) meeting last week for outreach regarding the Ordinance revision. SAGE attendees also included a member from the North State Builder Industry Association and EDC Builder's Exchange. Stanton stated that after attending a Business Industry Advisory Committee (BIAC) meeting regarding the Ordinance revision, the outreach was stale, and felt that it was important to reach out again for feedback. Attendees from the SAGE meeting did not voice any concerns over the new Ordinance. Stanton updated EDSWAC members that he intends to have the first reading of the Ordinance be heard by the Board of Supervisors the in the beginning of February.
- ❖ Stanton provided clarification regarding fees for self-haulers. Option 3 - Self-haulers will be required to submit a waste management plan for review and approval by the Division. When the job is complete, they will need to return with a final report and receipts. The self-hauler fee is very minimal for the staff time involved. There are no fees listed on the Ordinance itself. All fees will be on the Agency's list of fees to be brought before the Board of Supervisors for approval all at the same time.
- ❖ Nizolek requested clarification regarding exemptions. Stanton clarified that any building permit over 120 SF is required to comply, but there is a list of exemptions, and added the County is going from 5,000 SF required to comply - to any building permit will be required to comply. Nizolek asked why a 1,200 SF home being gutted out isn't captured. Stanton replied that we'll have to look at it, and will report back at the next EDSWAC meeting.

b) EDD and STR Quarterly Tonnage Reports – receive and file

- ❖ Spinella requested dotted or dashed lines be used on the reports for those that do not have colored printers. Velasco acknowledged Spinella's request.

7. New Business

a) Approval of 2016 meeting schedule

- ❖ Cahill motioned to approve the schedule. Lear seconded the motion. All members present unanimously approved.

b) County Solid Waste Management Plan (SWMP) and Strategy Tracking Spreadsheet review.

1) Ad Hoc Committee

- ❖ Schwarzbach provided a recap from the prior EDSWAC public meeting regarding the formation of an Ad Hoc Committee to review and report back on the status of implementing strategies in the Solid Waste Management Plan. Stanton clarified that an Ad Hoc committee is formed for a specific purpose and dissolved once complete. Stanton also added that it's up to EDSWAC to decide to form an Ad Hoc committee and whether it's necessary or not.

After discussion regarding the effectiveness of an Ad Hoc Committee, Stanton provided guidance and clarification that the committee could be up to five members, and Environmental Management staff could not be on the committee, but could provide staff support to the committee. There was discussion about what the Ad Hoc Committee might address. Schwarzbach discussed the fact that there has not been any interest in forming a solid waste Joint Power's Authority (JPA) on the west slope. As part of the AD Hoc committee's duties, possibly state we tried it, but there was no interest, instead of bringing it back up over-and-over again. Nizolek pointed out that no formal documentation has been presented to date to validate each jurisdiction's change in direction to not support SWMP Strategy 1.1 "Create West slope JPA" as described in the Board of Supervisors' approved SWMP. Stanton provided background explaining that three to four years ago there was an outreach at the staff level to form a JPA. To formally close the door, it would require taking it to the CSD Boards and City Council for consideration.

Cahill shared her concern with the EDSWAC meetings as a whole and lack of direction. She commented that Staff should review something before it's handed out at the meetings to verify that the data provided is correct and meaningful. In addition, the Committee needs to be focused if they are going to be effective.

Schwarzbach suggested putting together an Ad Hoc committee for some specific purposes regarding the Solid Waste Management Plan such as: how are we doing; are we doing what we said we would do; and are there some areas to re-visit. Schwarzbach volunteered to be on the committee and requested volunteers. Byers and Nizolek volunteered to serve on the committee with Velasco providing staff assistance. Stanton requested feedback from the Ad Hoc committee to be provided at the March EDSWAC meeting.

- ❖ Stanton requested a motion for the formation of an Ad Hoc committee. Schwarzbach made a motion to form a Solid Waste Management Plan Review Ad Hoc Committee. Cahill seconded the motion. All members present unanimously approved the motion.

II) Use of percent diversion formula in SWMP

- ❖ Stanton provided feedback after consulting with CalRecycle and the County's consultant used to develop the SWMP. CalRecycle representative said that they do not use a percent diversion formula anymore. Consultant's feedback advised that the calculation is a good approximation, but not the most accurate. Further, the calculation is a good gauge to see how we are progressing, and our current pounds-per-person-per-day is at 3.5%. For every one tenth that number decreases, diversion increases by 1%. We are currently at 68% diversion based upon this formula, and 75% diversion is 2.6% or 2.7%, depending on rounding. This calculation will give us an idea of where we are going.

8. Agency/Jurisdiction Reports – receive and file

9. Open Forum/Public Comments

- ❖ Cademartori requested attendees to provide their name before speaking so that the recorded minutes are meaningful and can be used to transcribe minutes. Stanton added that unless the committee disagrees, minutes for presentations will not be provided. No objections were voiced by EDSWAC members.
- ❖ Velasco shared that home composting has been updated on the Division's web site, and there are now links for mandatory commercial organics recycling.
- ❖ Velasco provided criteria for applying for organics recycling grants. She advised that the grants require a "project ready" submission when applying, and that she wants to ensure that there is a viable project in order to apply for the grant.

10. Action Items for Next Meeting

- 1) Discussion about current infrastructure for commercial organics recycling (MORe)
- 2) Follow-up regarding renovations and the C&D ordinance
- 3) Stanton will provide clarification regarding exemptions for the C&D Ordinance.
- 4) Feedback from Ad Hoc committee

Meeting adjourned at 4:20 p.m.

Schwarzbach made a motion to adjourn. Spinella seconded the motion. All members present unanimously approved the motion.

Next meeting – March 14, 2016 @ 2:30 p.m. located in Placerville

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Chairperson



Date