EL DORADO COUNTY
SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
PUBLIC MEETING

El Dorado County Environmental Management Department
2850 Fairlane Ct., Placerville, CA 95667
September 11, 2006 2:30–4:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Dickson Schwarzbach, Task Force Chairperson
Don Nizolek, Task Force Co-Chairperson
Sue Farris, El Dorado Disposal
Nancy Spinella, County Resident

ALTERNATES PRESENT:

COUNTY STAFF:

Jeff Rusert, Environmental Management
Jon Souza, Environmental Management
Mina Andujar, Environmental Management

OTHERS PRESENT: Jason Craft, Amador Disposal / Waste Connections

MEMBERS ABSENT: Bill McCluskey, County Resident
Jeanne Lear, South Lake Tahoe Refuse
Dianna Hillyer, El Dorado Hills CSD
Tammy Mefford, Cameron Park CSD
Randy Pesses, City of Placerville
Smokey Rickerd, City of South Lake Tahoe

I. Call to Order

Dickson Schwarzbach called the meeting to order.

II. Approval of the Agenda

Approved; on a motion by Dickson Schwarzbach and a second by Sue Farris.

III. Approval of Minutes from July 10, 2006

Approved; on a motion by Dickson Schwarzbach and a second by Sue Farris.

IV. Staff Announcements

Jon Souza introduced Mina Andujar from Environmental Management who will be taking the place of Kady Winters.

V. Old Business

A. C & D

Jon said he had visited with different rural counties and jurisdictions and found that only Butte County, Nevada County, and Tehama County had an ordinance. Butte County does not charge any fees and does not request a final report until sixty days after the permit is final. Nevada County has no fees but requires a letter from the contractors stating that they will bring their material to their processing facilities. Tehama County does not charge a fee but requires sixty days prior to final. Jon said that because of the fees on new construction, now is not the time to establish another fee. But we want to go with a sixty day prior to final.

B. Disposal

We still have some disposal issues where people are coming under the veil of being C&D haulers which the franchise allows them to do. But when they get to Sacramento County it goes to disposal not to recycling because it is a lot cheaper for them. We are shocked as to how much difference Sacramento County is reporting that they received in waste from us versus what WCNX says they sent them. That shows us they are getting a lot of waste from haulers in our county that never comes to our franchise. WCNX is going to be sending out a letter to builders and homeowners in EDH letting them know this will no longer be allowed and that they are violating the franchise. Not only WCNX is losing the business, we are losing the numbers plus we are loosing the franchise fees that WCNX would be paying on that.

Jon says we had our first demolition that qualified under the C&D ordinance with the apartment fire in Cameron Park that had three bids to do the demolition. The insurance company was resistant and so were the potential bidders. Staff researched where materials could be recycled in Sacramento. As of January every appliance that had mercury or any of the universal waste must go to a legal facility and have it removed. Snitzer took them for free. They also had a lot of painted and burned wood that was taken by L&D Landfill, which is a wood processing facility. Jon says they have to use the facility here but a jurisdiction can't tell you where you have to take it. Nancy Spinella says they need to have a sign-off where they took it. She also asked if there was a way that they could charge more for out of county. Jon says that that is a problem with landfill because they are competing for business. Dickson says: If the franchise is going to be enforced then they need to submit paper work showing that it was in the county, and if it is not going to be enforced they have to submit something where they take it showing what happened to it. Nancy Spinella asks: How dedicated and committed is WCNX to threatening to sue them? Jon says that nobody is paying franchise fees on that material and yet everything that Waste Connections does in the county they pay a franchise fee so that is a violation. These people are doing that without paying any fee to us by taking business with illegal documents and violating the fact that they are not supposed to be coming here and servicing. Dickson says: Jeff sending them a letter doesn't work and it's not enough. There needs to be some way of having documentation showing that they went to EDC and if it doesn't show that then they are violating a legal contract and are subject to fines. We should also do the 60 days prior to the completion so that they cannot get their occupancy until they get their paper work done. He says that WCNX is now working on a letter to send to these companies and to the haulers that they know about. Don asked: Why are we not putting the responsibility to do this legally on the company that takes out the building permit and those who hired these people. Jon says the franchisee is allowed to pick up the garbage. The franchisee agreement does not say that everything has to come to EL Dorado

Disposal. Dickson said: maybe we need some more information or WCNX can come up with some sort of proposal for our next meeting to address this issue so that we can move forward. Jon says that in their weekly meeting with WCNX he will suggest if we can have in our ordinance something that directs materials that have to go into their facility. And also ask WCNX to come up with some options, plans, and a time line. Jon also said that WCNX had been very busy in the last month or so because of the change over. Last month, the Waste Board had a press conference at WCNX for the 50% diversion and WCNX worked pretty hard for two weeks to get the facility ready.

Another old business with some disposal issues that ties in with C&D is that Calaveras and Amador have some kind of agreement with WCNX and Atlas and somehow there is a trade off disposal numbers. Where one will accept some wastes at their landfill for free if the other accepts the same amount all due to transportation issues. Jon says the Waste Board doesn't think it is a legal deal. Those two counties approached us a couple weeks ago and said that they reported it to the Waste Board.

VI. Meeting AB 939 Goals {New Base Year Request - 2003}

It looks like we are going to have three years on a row at about 50% and that will be 2003, 2004, and 2005. 2005 is troubling in that we had a spike of about 16,000 tons in disposal, so we are not at 61% anymore, we are going to be dropping down to 53% but we are still ok. But other nice things have happened. This week the City of Placerville had their bi-annual review for 2003 and 2004 approved by the Waste Board. Since S.L.T and the County had extensions they will not review us until 2007 and that will be for 2004 and 2005. They are doing bi-annual reviews and our five-year countywide Waste Management plan review is been bumped to the Waste Board in October.

Our Electronic annual report will not be due until January or February. So we are reporting a year later.

Jon says he and Jeff will be attending the Multiple Family Recycling Workshop at the Waste Board. Which is something this county and or EDSWAC should look at. Sacramento County has solid waste affiliation with all the small cities and counties where they have a Multiple Family Recycling Ordinance in place which requires the haulers and apartment complexes to provide the same type of recycling that is provided by single families residence. This might be a good vehicle to help us stay on 50%.

They are also getting ready to get approval for a recycling ordinance to require any business that produces 200 cubic yard of waste a week to have a recycling program for their employees. The haulers like this because they haven't been able to convince the businesses to do recycling but yet it ends up reducing their waste removal fee since they are not going to get charged for the recycling.

VII. Agency/Jurisdiction Reports:

A. Cameron Park/ C. El Dorado Hills Community Service District / D. City of Placerville

Dickson asks if we knew about the time line for Cameron Park green waste bins and for Placerville to have the 3 carts. WCNX is also going to approach Cameron Park about when only the three carts service will be available. It is all going to be the automated system. Being able to do that in the unincorporated area may be tough but hopefully someday we will be able to. Nancy Spinella asks what kind of recycling is available for people who insist on taking their own garbage to the dump? Is it simple for them to separate it when they go in? Why would they take the trouble to sort it? Jon says when they bring in all their recycling and e-waste they are not charged. When they come in someone directs them to where they need to dump it depending on what it is then they can have their other load weight for a charge. Jon says he could tell some people who have done this before because they put their dumping piles on the back of the load and then took their other items around to be weighted.

Sue Farris indicated they have a defined area and are going before City Council tomorrow night for the price increase and the fuel surcharge and identify that they are working on the pilot. She says they picked a full route section of commercial business and a section for residential. She will be recommending for them a smaller option of a 35 gallon cart for those who cannot handle a larger cart such as the 65 and 96 gallons. The pilot will be studied until December of 2006 and then will go to City Council to report their finding and make a recommendation to put the system in place. Jon asked about the green cart for Cameron Park. She said that about a third of Cameron Park customers already have green waste carts that were put in place for free but the whole program was not intended to be for free. Instead they had agreed to put out carts for customers if they requested them. She wants to meet with County staff and Cameron Park's board to discuss some kind of rate adjustment. She will be proposing a 35 gallon cart to split the rate and have a broader rate differential for their senior citizens customers who need something lighter. For all of EDH (CSD) she wants to include an extra roll-off green waste and cardboard containers. She is trying to get them fully into carts in order to get automated trucks in the area. They also put some extra containers at Snowline Hospice for people to bring cardboard and are also trying to get a green waste container in that area and will like to do the same for Cameron Park. This will be mainly for residential customers who have done a lot of clean up and have a lot of yard waste bags. She wants to have a place for them to take it without them leaving it on a curve.

EDH is close to 50% and Cameron Park is in the low 20% but this is a huge step up for them since they were at about 3% when we started their program. They could do more if we could get them a new 64 gallon.

B. El Dorado County

Environmental Management Department

There were two HHW events in August. We did Echo Lake weekend and the 50% event. We also have one event still scheduled and one already completed for HHW this month. There are four events in October and Tahoe will have their Fire fest on October 7th and that is something we will be involved with.

El Dorado Disposal / Western El Dorado Recovery Update

El Dorado Disposal was the only rural county that received an award from the Waste Board for reaching 50% diversion. The numbers were based on 2004; the last official year that everyone reported.

E. City Of South Lake Tahoe / South Tahoe Refuse Co., Inc. Update

There was no report for South Lake Tahoe.

Amador Disposal / Waste Connections

Jason Craft, General Manager for Amador / Calaveras Disposal has about 2,000 customers in the southwestern area in El Dorado County. He has no reports at this time. Dickson says that we are looking at 3 carts countywide system. He says they do not have 3 carts but they have a single system with a blue or orange bag for recycling. They also have a separate green waste recycling truck for particular communities but this is not county wide. He would like to work towards a 3 cart container as well.

VIII. Task Force Matters

Until package complete from Sue Farris and Jean Lean, Forward Planning Committee will not set a meeting date.

IX. Open Forum / Public Comments

Don Nizolek asked to make it clear in the July Meeting Minutes that the AB 939 goals that were unanimously approved for our base year request for 2003 by the Board is for the unincorporated area of the County. Nancy Spinella asked Sue Farris if you had to be a senior citizen in order to get the smaller garbage can. Sue Ferris says that for now they are going to propose that only for Cameron Park and for the county she will come back when they do budgets and rate adjustments.

The next meeting is November 13, 2006.

Meeting Adjourned.

Submitted by Jon Souza and Mina Andujar

Approved:_____ Date:_____
Chairperson