EL DORADO COUNTY
SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
PUBLIC MEETING

El Dorado County Environmental Management Department
2850 Fairlane Ct., Placerville, CA 95667
November 13, 2006 2:30–4:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Don Nizolek, Task Force Co-Chairperson
Jeanne Lear, South Lake Tahoe Refuse
Nancy Spinella, County Resident
Bill McCluskey, County Resident
Smokey Rickerd, City of South Lake Tahoe
Gary Pigg, City of Placerville

ALTERNATES PRESENT:

Debi Harlow, El Dorado Disposal
Kristie Downey, El Dorado Hills CSD

COUNTY STAFF:

Jon Souza, Environmental Management
Mina Andujar, Environmental Management

OTHERS PRESENT:

Jason Craft, Amador Disposal / Waste Connections
Jim Greco, Consultant

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Sue Farris, El Dorado Disposal
Dickson Schwarzbach, Task Force Chairperson
Dianna Hillyer, El Dorado Hills CSD
Tammy Mefford, Cameron Park CSD
Randy Pesses, City of Placerville

I. Call to Order

Don Nizolek called the meeting to order.

II. Approval of the Agenda

Approved; on a motion by Don Nizolek and a second by Nancy Spinella.

III. Approval of Minutes from September 11, 2006

Approved; on a motion by Nancy Spinella and a second by Don Nizolek.

We did not have a quorum on September 11 to approve the minutes from July 10, 2006. We officially approved the minutes for July 10, 2006 at this meeting on a motion by Nancy Spinella and a second by Don Nizolek. Don Nizolek brought up some comments on the minutes from September 11, 06 the second page third paragraph: "These people are doing that without paying any fee to us by taking businesses with illegal documents and violating the fact that they are not supposed to be coming here and servicing." He wasn't sure that we should put such sentence in the minutes. Jon Souza explained that it was fine to leave the sentence because we have an issue with people that by a loop-hole in the franchise agreement are allow to remove materials. We have a big concern in that the disposal amount that Waste Management did and WCNX continues to report to Kiefer is much less than what Kiefer is saying they are getting. That leads us to believe that there are a lot of people who are turning in the paper work that says it is C&D but the material is being landfilled. This is a violation of the WCNX franchise. WCNX is trying to formulate a plan and are working on a letter to contractors and owners in El Dorado Hills. Bill McCluskley asked if there was a method of trace ability. Jon Souza says that we have control over was WCNX reports for their customers. But we have to accept what other companies say they receive.

IV. Old Business

A. EDSWAC Minutes / Mailings

Jon said that we didn't have the amplifier for the tape recorder in the last meeting and thus we failed the promise to have the minutes done earlier since listening to the tape and trying to figure what was said was very difficult. Our promise is that we will get the minutes done within a month after each meeting. We will keep that promise for next minutes.

B. Ordinances:

Business Recycling:

Since we don't have mandatory single families recycling we cannot mandate it to business and multiple family residences. But we have an alternate plan that we are working on with WCNX and hopefully we will be able to work on it for the other franchise haulers and see if they can look at their business accounts and convince them that by recycling they can reduce their cost. This is a better plan for WCNX in order to get the diversion.

Multiple-Family Recycling:

We are hoping to start a pilot with an apartment complex in Cameron Park, El Dorado Hills, City of Placerville and one in the unincorporated portion of the County. These areas would be very easy because some complexes have been asking for it. Then we might be able to market it to the others. Nancy Spinella asked if we could hold the same cost saving to the apartment owners? Debi Harlow said that it is about getting in there and getting someone who wants to do it and see that there is the room for it. She said; we need to educate people about the program. When WCNX did the three-cart program in El Dorado County only 20% wanted to do it and now we are up to 50%.

Don Nizolek said that from an ordinance standpoint and even from the building if apartment complexes are been constructed without waste collection areas large enough to support the dumpsters for recycling, then they should be looking at some building ordinance changes. Debi Harlow said they educate them and go out there with the planning department, do site checks and tell them what would be best for their recycling and trash before they start new building construction. What they are having difficulties is with the older buildings. Jon Souza says that the County wants to go with a new building design ordinance, not to mandate recycling but to have them set up for recycling. Don Nizolek asked Debi Harlow if she could provide the group with some results from how many of those that they have tried to educate on the recycling program have implemented it. Debi Harlow said the she has sent out surveys to all the commercial accounts trying to promote recycling. They are working with El Dorado Hills on an ordinance for the C&D and they are all for it.

C&D –Waste Connections plan of attack, options and goals for El Dorado Hills

Debi Harlow reported that they have the ordinance language changed and the proposal is with the CSD. They will be sending letters out to contractors and will be personally going out to visit them. Don Nizolek asked if we could explain the problem of poaching to the group and how we are planning on addressing it. Jon Souza explained that: "If you could have a legitimate developer or contractor that goes to a facility that accepts wood waste and green waste but maybe that that driver does other stops on his way. By the time he gets to the facility he might report all the diversion for Sacramento County even though he started his day in El Dorado Hills." This is one place where we lose the numbers. The disposal numbers are more critical and someone might be going under the umbrella that it is going to be C&D recycled but then it ends up in the landfill. WCNX has to pay the County for franchise fees for everything they accept and these people are not paying any franchise fees. Don Nizolek said that he looked at the ordinance and it does not define this problem of illegal haulers and how it applies to the franchise. He says that the ordinance needs to clearly define what is considered for these haulers. We need to define who are the people that we are worried about. The way he understood it was that if the person who is building his home gets rid of his own waste then he does not have to abide by the franchise requirements. When you look at the ordinance there is not reference to it. The person has to be an expert in each of the three franchisees in order to know what the franchise requirements are. What we need to do is update the ordinance to clearly define what the requirements are and the definition of who they apply to. Debi Harlow said there is a definition. Jon Souza says that it also said that a contractor could subcontract the waste removal. The other thing we need to update is that the final reports are not coming in by the time these people get final. Nancy Spinella asked how difficult it is to make that change. Jon Souza says we have to share with El Dorado Builders Exchange anything that we are going to do because we involve them in the planning process and once they are in agreement then we have to approach the Board of Supervisors.

Don Nizolek said that our data shows that we are at 50% but we are more to 70% and 80% based on the reports. Jon Souza said that since the inception we are at 10,000 tons diverted. Don Nizolek said that we had an acknowledgement letter as part of a recycling plan that would have people certify under penalty of perjury that they would comply with all County

Ordinances. We need to include that they are going to abide by the franchisee requirements as specified under the Ordinance. Then there would be another block where they would certify that they are not going to be doing this illegally. But Don Nizolek noticed that the acknowledgement letter had been changed. We had watered down the certification and taken away the accountability where the person who signed it under penalty of perjury would be responsible. We now changed it in a way that if the person who is responsible does not abide by it the permit will be held up or face possible fines. Don says that it is discouraging to see these changes and see that we have watered down the certification of what they are certifying for. We have also taken away complete accountability from the Department of Environmental Health taking away the signature from the person from Environmental Management out of the whole process. Kristie Downey said that looking at it from different parties perspective if their permit is held up or if they are accessed a fee for not abiding by the ordinance that might be more of a deterrent for someone on the gaining permit. Gary Piggs said the way they do it in the City of Placerville is that we have a special condition in the building permit that it has to be cleared by the agency prior to us issuing a certificate of occupancy. They cannot occupy that building until we get the clearance. The information that we get needs to be in before they can occupy the building. Jon said he wants to change it to 60 says before final. Jon Souza said that in many cases the person who is filling out the paper work at the beginning isn't the same person at the end and that person was never told they needed to keep all the receipts. Our C&D staff has to sit with them and explain to them what they have to do.

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

We are looking at developing a program of "Recycle Where You Play" at golf courses and parks. We are going to attempt to pilot this winter at Bass Lake and EDH golf courses. We will also approach Apple Golf Course in the spring and try to expand to the other golf courses later on. We are also looking at increasing our school outreach by going to the schools with live theater that is both entertaining and educational. Jon Souza said that they could start with local drama and if that didn't work we could go with one of the high schools drama classes or hire a Sacramento theater company. Nancy Spinella said that we could approach El Dorado Music Theater.

VI. Agency/Jurisdiction Reports:

A. Cameron Park Community Service District

No report from Cameron Park CSD

B. El Dorado County

Environmental Management Department

From 2,628 permits that have been issued; we finaled 1,708 and received a report of 10,558 tons of C & D

We had a Tahoe Fire Fest and a Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Event at EDH fire station on October 7. We also had three other HHW events on October at Pioneer Fire Station, El Dorado Hills Fire Station and Garden Valley. Two other HHW events were held in November at El Dorado Hills Fire Station and Auburn Lake Trails. The last two HHW events for the year will be on December 2 and 16 at El Dorado Hills Fire Station.

El Dorado Disposal / Western El Dorado Recovery Update

WCNX provides a two-week recycling period for Christmas trees at the MRF. They are also working on a recycling project in Cool where they are taking old bicycles collected at the MRF and refurbishing them and then donated to needy families in the community.

C. El Dorado Hills Community Service District

Kristie Downey reported that they are taking advantage of recycling bins in their park. Their board meeting approved the cost of living allowance for the fuel surcharge. They will be doing a Christmas tree chipping in January.

D. City of Placerville

Debi Harlow reported that they are meeting with City Council tomorrow for the pilot program for a two cart. She said they have 166 customers they have selected with the help of City of Placerville. WCNX has created a three-month calendar for them with trash pick up every week and recycling every other week. They will get carts. We will have staff in the evening work late and call customers to see how they like it or how it can be improved. Then we will do a survey, go to the Council and see how everything works.

E. City Of South Lake Tahoe

No report from City of South Lake Tahoe

South Tahoe Refuse Co., Inc. Update

No report from South Tahoe Refuse Co.

VII. Task Force Matters

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

VIII. Open Forum / Public Comments

Bill McCluskey's term expires in December so he will let us know of the changes. Nancy Spinella mentioned that she was looking at the WCNX / El Dorado Disposal website and there is not much recycling on it. She asked if they could include a list of what to recycle, the different types of bins.

Jon Souza explained that people could find that information in our website and in the El Dorado Disposal website.

The next meeting is January 8, 2007.

Meeting Adjourned.

Submitted by Jon Souza and Mina Andujar

Approved:_____

Date:_____
Chairperson