EL DORADO COUNTY
WASTE MANAGEMENT TASK FORCE
PUBLIC MEETING

El Dorado County Environmental Management Department
2850 Fairlane Ct., Placerville, CA 95667
January 23, 2006 2:30–4:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dickson Schwarzbach, Task Force Chairperson
Don Nizolek, Task Force Co-Chairperson
Bill McCluskey, County Resident
Jeanne Lear, South Tahoe Refuse
Sue Farris, El Dorado Disposal
Smokey Rickerd, City of South Lake Tahoe
Dianna Hillyer, El Dorado Hills CSD

ALTERNATES PRESENT:

COUNTY STAFF: Jeff Rusert, Environmental Management
Kady Winter, Environmental Management

OTHERS PRESENT: Jim Greco, Consultant
Mark Urquhart, SHAW/EMCon

MEMBERS ABSENT: Nancy Spinella, County Resident
Randy Pesses, City of Placerville

I. Call to Order

Dickson Schwarzbach called to meeting to order.

II. Approval of the Agenda

Approved; on a motion by Dianna Hillyer and a second by Sue Farris.

III. Approval of Minutes from November 14, 2005

Approved; on a motion by Jeanne Lear and a second by Sue Farris.

IV. Old Business

Dickson Schwarzbach suggested setting up a subcommittee meeting.

Don Nizolek said that he doesn't understand why it takes so long to come up with a list of programs that we have and the responsibilities for those people that are responsible for them unless they really don't exist. Dickson Schwarzbach said that we do have reports by program, but that they are in pieces and parts and have never been pulled together into one. Jeanne Lear said that her understanding is that not only do we have an encapsulated discussion of

where that program is now and where we want it to get, but that we want to see it in volume, tons, and quantities. She said that she felt this was the piece that we were missing. For example, how many Christmas trees did we do this year, and how many will we do the next year? We won't be able to do it all at once, but we can start getting a pretty good idea of the programs that add a lot to the numbers and get those quantified. Dickson Schwarzbach said that we have a number of formats to choose from. Sue Farris said we need to find out where we're at today and what differences we are going to make that can then increase or enhance the performance and then track it. Measuring and tracking is what's lacking. It's not that it's not done somewhere; it's just not done consistently in a place where we can all observe it. Dianna Hillyer said that they already use a form that has most of the information and she would like a similar form used when countywide information is given. Dickson Schwarzbach asked what people thought about having the subcommittee working on drafting something. Sue Farris said that she felt it required a subcommittee because it was a very task oriented process. Don Nizolek said that he wants people not just to look at a documentation process, but a forward thinking planning process as well. Not look at the last five years and copy all the data, but we need to have a schedule of things to pursue to get to the 50 percent. Dickson Schwarzbach said that in the last meeting we decided that we needed to have a forward thinking plan, we needed to have targets, we needed a way to be accountable, and that a small group working on that was the best way to proceed. Dianna Hillyer said that she would like for Jon Souza to email each of their areas to get a list of their programs to see which ones were current or not. Smokey Rickerd wanted to know whom the point person is for the county that someone could contact regarding the different county programs. Dianna Hillyer and Sue Farris said that they thought that Jon Souza would be that person. Dickson Schwarzbach said that the state does not require a forward thinking plan; we are saying that we need it. We have met the requirements from the state for the annual report. Jim Greco said that we are all headed in the right direction, it's just a matter of how fast some want to go compared to others. Smokey Rickerd said that we need to be careful what we put down for five-year goals because different entities may want to focus on different categories. Dickson Schwarzbach said that different entities may have different targets, but it would be good to have a document that listed the targets and be able to monitor them.

V. Staff Announcements

Jon Souza is ill.

VI. Meeting AB 939 Goals {Five-year review}

Jeff Rusert said that Jon Souza was working on the annual report.

VII. Agency/Jurisdiction Reports:

Cameron Park

Sue Farris said that Cameron Park was pretty much in the same place that they were last time. At the next meeting, she will get diversion reports that will look the same as Dianna's. Not all programs will be implemented in Cameron Park. They are about 25 percent participation with green waste carts. There are a lot of customers wanting green waste carts. Waste Management is tagging all the green waste bags and asking if the customer would like to have a cart. If so, they are delivering the carts for free. She will meet with Tammy and will be prepared to present the diversion reports if Cameron Park is not here at the next meeting.

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Jeff Rusert presented the C&D numbers as of today. He stated that the numbers were off because the number of permits showing outstanding does not reflect the number of reports we've received because the reports aren't due until the end of the building permit. The permits are good for two years. Kady Winter stated that the number of reports listed on the C&D report is somewhat separate from the tonnage listed. Right now, when a report is received, it is logged into the computer, but the tonnage may not be entered until later. Dickson Schwarzbach asked if we could report the data differently so that it would be easy to see where we're at with diversion. Sue Farris said that she would like to know garbage tons also so that the ratio of recycle to garbage can be counted. Don Nizolek wanted a list brought to the next meeting of the C&D disposal facilities that are being used in the county. Smokey Rickerd said that a lot of tons are not reported because they leave the county, and it would be good to get an idea of those numbers. Sue Farris said that there were a lot of people that didn't fall under the ordinance of having to report their diversion as well.

El Dorado Disposal / Western El Dorado Recovery Update

Sue Farris said that her facility had a large C&D material sort line. She said that the C&D numbers have significantly grown. The numbers would be larger if she could incentify people. There was discussion about possibly large amounts of materials being taken to facilities outside of El Dorado County and how not having those numbers can impact actual reporting.

El Dorado Hills Community Services District

Dianna Hillyer said that so far this year they did have a special event for their Christmas tree chipping with the Boy Scouts. She said they collected a total of 41.57 tons of which 37.1 tons were chipped. Dianna will check and compare the numbers from this year to those of last year. She does know that they used more boxes this year.

City Of Placerville

No reporting for Placerville.

City Of South Lake Tahoe

Smokey Rickerd said that the city decided not to do the rubberized asphalt program because it was cost prohibitive. They are going forward with recycling of the base year. Jim Greco's company will be doing it for them. A concern is the location of where STR is going. Right now, they are staying where they are at.

South Tahoe Refuse Co., Inc. Update

Jeanne Lear said that South Tahoe Refuse is looking forward to moving ahead with the permitting process. They are hoping to do groundwork in 2006. They received a code amendment from TRPA for the building height.

VIII. Task Force Matters

Dickson Schwarzbach asked if we were now EDSWAC. Jeff Rusert said that the name change would not go to the board until next month. She stated that the PARIS planning chart had been discussed.

IX. Open Forum / Public Comments

Jim Greco said that the Waste Board said that 2004 end reports would be due March 1. Also, you can go on line and look at the diversion rates for 2004 for the cities for 2004. Placerville was at 58%, South Lake Tahoe was at 54%, and El Dorado County was at 23%. The Waste Board last year approved the alternate use of a CPI factor. It's up to the jurisdictions if they want to use it. If you do use it, it raises Placerville to 63%, South Lake Tahoe to 59%, and El Dorado County to 30%. This may confuse some people on how we measure diversion rates. These numbers do not include the change in the baseline or biomass credit.

Jeanne Lear said that there is a change in the Californina Codes regarding universal waste. As of February 8, 2006, whole different categories of materials will have to be specially handled through our transfer stations and collection routes. Batteries, mercury containing items, fluorescent tubes, and electronic waste are no longer exempted from regulation. These items will be taken out of the general waste stream and put into established waste streams. Sue and Jeanne will be updating the county and their websites regarding this issue.

The next meeting is March 13, 2006.

Meeting Adjourned.

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Submitted by Kady Winter

Approved:_____ Date:_____
Chairperson