EL DORADO COUNTY
SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
PUBLIC MEETING

El Dorado County Environmental Management Department
2850 Fairlane Ct., Placerville, CA 95667
July 10, 2006 2:30–4:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Dickson Schwarzbach, Task Force Chairperson
Jeanne Lear, South Tahoe Refuse
Sue Farris, El Dorado Disposal
Nancy Spinella, County Resident

ALTERNATES PRESENT:

Gary Pigg, City of Placerville

COUNTY STAFF:

Jeff Rusert, Environmental Management
Jon Souza, Environmental Management
Kady Winter, Environmental Management

OTHERS PRESENT:

Jim Greco, Consultant

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Smokey Rickerd, City of South Lake Tahoe
Don Nizolek, Task Force Co-Chairperson
Randy Pesses, City of Placerville
Bill McCluskey, County Resident
Dianna Hillyer, El Dorado Hills CSD
Tammy Mefford, Cameron Park CSD

I. Call to Order

Dickson Schwarzbach called the meeting to order.

II. Approval of the Agenda

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

III. Approval of Minutes from March 13, 2006

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

IV. Old Business

Jon Souza said that we were still working on the C&D issues with regard to the ordinance. We have a list of neighboring jurisdictions that we want to call and see if they have an ordinance and

if they're going to be charging a fee. If not, are they planning one and will they have a fee. The big contact that we have to make yet is with the El Dorado Builders Exchange. A subcommittee can be formed after this legwork is done and someone addresses it with the Board of Supervisors. Dickson Schwarzbach inquired about whether Bob Hollis would be able to come back and share information with the group. Jim Greco said that he would check with him.

V. Staff Announcements

No staff announcements.

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

With regard to the disposal issues, we went before the Sustainability and Market Development Committee on April 4 of this year and we were unanimously approved for our base year request for 2003. The full Board approved it on April 11. What that does now is establishes 2003 as what we get compared to. We were at 56%; when you add in the 5% biomass, that pushed us to 61%. I called Natalie Lee who has replaced Kyle Pogue as our representative to see what that did to our 2004 report. She indicated that we have gone from 30% [which was submitted in our report for 2004 in February] to 54%; with the 5% biomass, puts us at 59% for 2004. Natalie printed out our 2005 disposal numbers, and it showed two quarters in a row where 14,000 plus tons went to Forward. We will have to face the problem of Forward's reporting head on. We're seeing some extra tonnage going to Kiefer, and because of some issues last year at Waste Management, there was disposal that didn't get sorted first that had to go directly to disposal. Even with what those things did to us, we'll end up with about a 53% for 2005. That looks pretty good for us for three years running now. We did have a 16,000 ton increase in disposal over 2004. I want to put time on that issue because that's what drives us down.

There was a discussion and concern expressed about finding out a way to get more accurate reporting from facilities. Jon Souza said he is concerned about the C&D haulers that just want to take their material to Kiefer to save money and the material just gets disposed of because they're not a processing facility. Dickson Schwarzbach said that it would be good to have a monitoring system so that the reporting was done correctly with regard to C&D. Sue Farris said that in the El Dorado Hills CSD, if there are haulers other than El Dorado Disposal and they are not actually building those homes, then they're illegally poaching on the franchise. Ron Mittelstaedt has committed that poaching will be ceasing.

Jon Souza said that the second five-year Countywide integrated Waste Management Review Report is supposed to be on the Waste Board's agenda in September. Also, we're hoping to nominate Sierra Pacific and Snowline for the waste reduction award program with the state.

VII. Agency/Jurisdiction Reports:

Cameron Park

Sue Farris said that she put together a preliminary report for Cameron Park for the first quarter. Cameron Park is looking for assistance with going to some of their places where someone other than El Dorado Disposal hauls their recyclables and get that information. Sue plans to work with Cameron Park regarding their numbers and anticipates two quarters worth of data at the next meeting. Also, Sue will be working with Cameron Park regarding phasing in a green waste service.

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Environmental Management Department

Jon Souza reported that the Environmental Management Department (EMD) had three household hazardous waste events in April. EMD exhibited at the Kids Expo on the 8th and at the Home & Garden Show on the 22nd – 24th. EMD staff also participated in a joint El Dorado County / City of Placerville clean up day held on Earth Day. In May EMD had three household hazardous waste events. In June EMD had a staff-manned informational booth at the County Fair. Also, EMD finished a year long Waste Tire Enforcement Grant where 128 facilities were inspected. In July EMD will have two household hazardous waste events. Last Saturday EMD staff was up at South Lake Tahoe at the Marina helping with the clean boating giveaway

El Dorado Disposal / Western El Dorado Recovery Update

Sue Farris said El Dorado Disposal (EDD) also participated in the Fair and Kids Expo. EDD has done four clean ups in the last two months. Debi Harlow ensured that Snowline Hospice was at the events and Trucycle was there for the e-waste program. It was a much more comprehensive clean up for the communities and a lot of volume. EDD has been converting –Waste Connections actually took over June 7. In 30 days, EDD has gone live on the phone system, fully staffed customer service [the customer service calls now go to the facility instead of a call center], has new paint, new carpet, new phone system, and new computer system. All of the dispatching is done on site. All of the container repair is done on site. EDD has ordered over 15,000 carts. EDD has repaired over 50 roll-off containers. Waste Connections brought in two different transition teams over the course of the last 30 days for additional resources, training, and to get things caught up. The management team stayed in tact. Approximately 85% of the employees stayed on. EDD has hired an additional 10-15 people over what was there already to make sure the office and container shop were fully staffed. There is still a lot of work to do. EDD will be able to do better jurisdictional reporting. All routes are fully staffed. EDD is still hiring new drivers. Six new pieces of equipment are coming in: a cart delivery truck, an eight-yard mini truck, and 4 automated side loaders. Commercial recycling will be a focus. Also, Ron Mittelstaedt committed that EDD will have something for the City of Placerville by the end of the year. The MRF retrofit has started. Jim Greco asked what Waste Connections short-term and long-term goals were. Sue stated that things are status quo for the short term. For the long term, an RFP just went out for a long-haul contract. Also, EDD is looking at multiple facilities for those contracts. EDD is also looking at facilities where they can take items like clean wood for free rather than pay to dispose of them.

El Dorado Hills Community Services District

There was no report for El Dorado Hills.

City Of Placerville

Gary Pigg stated that the City had a clean-up event on Earth Day in April. It was relatively well attended. The City is hoping to do it maybe twice next year.

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

Jeanne Lear gave the reports for both the City of South Lake Tahoe and South Tahoe Refuse. Jeanne stated that she was meeting with Smokey Rickerd and Natalie Lee tomorrow. She stated that they participated in an Earth Day event. They also had a clean Tahoe day on June 10 and got a lot of e-waste. The City has the 2004 diversion rate between 54% and 57% depending on which inflators are used. It's sparked a renewed discussion on whether or not they need expansion. They feel the numbers are unstable and want to continue to develop their programs specifically focusing on organics. They are still hung up with their permit regarding the roof pitch requirement. They are probably going to be going to the planning commission and possibly city council to have that resolved. They are planning to build in the spring of 2007. They are also working on their state permit renewal and that includes integrating all this new potential expansion.

VIII. Task Force Matters

Dickson Schwarzbach said that the subcommittee needs to meet and continue working on the forward planning tool.

IX. Open Forum / Public Comments

Nancy Spinella said that she was doing worm composting and a discussion regarding the value of that took place. Sue Farris said that she would try to get Ron Mittelstaedt to come to the September 11 meeting. Jon said that he would get Natalie Lee for the next meeting. Jon said that he hoped to have something to report on our disposal concerns and then the C&D ordinance changes.

The next meeting is September 11, 2006.

Meeting Adjourned.

Submitted by Kady Winter

Approved:_____ Date:_____
Chairperson