EL DORADO COUNTY
SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
PUBLIC MEETING

El Dorado County Environmental Management Department
2850 Fairlane Ct., Placerville, CA 95667
May 12, 2008, 2:30–4:30 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: **Don Nizolek, Task Force Co-Chairperson**
Gary Pigg, City of Placerville
Jeanne Lear, South Lake Tahoe Refuse (via phone)
Nancy Spinella, County Resident
Sue Farris, El Dorado Disposal
Bill McCluskey, County Resident

ALTERNATES PRESENT: **Kristie Downey, El Dorado Hills CSD**

COUNTY STAFF: **Jeff Rusert, Environmental Management**
Mina Andujar, Environmental Management

OTHERS PRESENT: **Jason Craft, Waste Connections, Inc., Amador Disposal**

MEMBERS ABSENT: **Dickson Schwarzbach, Task Force Chairperson**
Dianna Hillyer, El Dorado Hills CSD
Livia Amidon, Cameron Park CSD
Richard Angelocci, City of South Lake Tahoe

I. Call to Order
Don Nizolek called the meeting to order.

II. Staff Announcements
No staff announcements.

III. Approval of the Agenda
Revise and Prioritize
Agenda approved by Gary Pigg and second by Nancy Spinella.

IV. Approval of Minutes from March 10, 2008
Documents that were passed out at the last meeting were not posted on the website along with the minutes. Mina Andujar will have those items attached after today's meeting. Don Nizolek suggests we follow the Brown Act code and attach all documents to the minutes. Minutes approved by Sue Farris and second by Nancy Spinella.

V. Old Business
A. El Dorado Disposal Program Based Tonnages (Sue Farris)
This subject related to the Forward Planning sub-committee meeting not just for El Dorado Disposal. Waste Connections has program base tonnages specific to jurisdictions and the Forward Planning meeting is for the entire County. They will have one more forward planning meeting and Jeanne Lear worked on a possible meeting day with Sue Farris, Jon Souza and Dickson Schwarzbach. A report from that meeting would be sent out before next meeting to be included with the agenda.

Jeanne Lear said she had the numbers from 2007 from STR and Waste Connections but she still needed additional information from other areas such as the golf courses, Fire Safe Council, El Dorado

Disposal (WERS), and El Dorado County Department of Transportation. Jeanne Lear will e-mail the document to Jeff Rusert for those items that have missing information.

B. Committee on C & D Pending Changes to meet sometime during the next two weeks
A meeting date will be set up with the sub-committee.

C. Approval Signatures for EDSWAC By-Laws
The By-Laws are still at County Council. Don Nizolek said that it has been 32 weeks since the EDSWAC By-Laws were approved by the EDSWAC Committee and we still do not have County Management's Approval Signatures (EMD & BOS) indicating their commitment in support of the Committee's protocol for conducting its business. Don Nizolek asked Jeff Rusert to send him the date when we made the original request to County Council to review the By-Laws; the proposed date to have a response back; dates of follow up with the lawyer and comments on why it has taken so long to review this item, by the close of business on Tuesday, May 13, 2008. Don Nizolek said he would go to County Council and set up a meeting with them to find out why it has taken so long to have the By-Laws approved and signed.

VI. Legislative/Regulatory Update
No reports on this item.

VII. Meeting Assembly Bill 939 Goals
The reports were due March 15th for the 2006 year and Don Nizolek recalled that the City of Placerville was at 80% diversion, the County was at 59% and the City of South Lake Tahoe was at 49%. Jeanne Lear said that since they started doing the record keeping on all incoming loads, the numbers have been shifting over to the City of South Lake Tahoe and away from El Dorado County and Douglas County.

The Integrated Waste Management Board shows a percentage diversion history for 2006 of 53% or 54% for the County Unincorporated Areas whether using the consumer price index or the taxable sales inflation index. Don Nizolek asked how those percentages get estimated and why do these differ from the 59% that we reported. Sue Farris thought these percentages were for a different year. She also said Waste Connections had updated the numbers for their base year and perhaps that is why the numbers were different. The group would wait for Jon Souza to explain the difference in percentages at the next meeting.

Sue Farris would bring in a sample of the report she does for Cameron Park to the next meeting. This sample would only show a couple of jurisdictions following the same format as El Dorado Hills. The benefit of doing a program base monitoring is to see how the programs are affected.

VIII. Agency/Jurisdiction Reports:

A. Amador County
Jason Craft reported dropping off a few more cardboard bins at some of the wineries.

He also mentioned that a couple of months ago recyclables were stolen from customers and blue bags were being mined for aluminum cans.

B. Cameron Park Community Service District
Cameron Park is looking for additional ways to increase their diversion. Based on services that Waste Connections provides, Cameron Park is at 35% diversion. These numbers do not include items such as

oil, tire, and grass recycling because they are not part of the service. However, if they were to add all these items to the program, Cameron Park should be at 50%.

Waste Connections implemented a 32 gallon cart for seniors in Cameron Park. They are still working on green waste. Due to the remodeling at Bell Air some bins from that collection area would have to be eliminated. Waste Connections is looking for land in Cameron Park where they can have a staffed buy-back center.

Cameron Park had a very successful Clean-Up event.

C. El Dorado County
Environmental Management Department
El Dorado Disposal/ Western El Dorado Recovery Update
The theater production company has already done six performances at schools promoting recycling education. Sue Farris said Buckeye Union School District and Rescue Union School District are interested in the program. Jeff Rusert said these schools should be on the schedule.

Don Nizolek asked for an update on information regarding the new Materials Recovery Facility (MRF). Jeff Rusert said they are still going through the EIR process, the County permitting process and application process.

Don Nizolek said we need to talk about our responsibilities as a task force and where it fits into the planning review check list. He explained that under the resolution of this task two of ten responsibilities apply to the MRF relocation: "The task force shall provide review and comment on the scope of work and schedule City or County proposals and contracts affecting county-wide waste management;" and "Provide review and comment on the establishment of a new or expanded solid or hazardous waste management facility for the County." Don Nizolek asked when the County is expecting this task force to put together a formal response of comments and review of this program.

Jeanne Lear commented that there was no formal motion or blessing by the committee regarding the expansion at South Lake Tahoe. Don Nizolek thought that was probably an oversight as well when looking at the specific responsibilities of our task force. He explained that this was typically one of the main reasons why this task force was established and not necessarily to meet and have the jurisdictions talk about how well everything is going and how pleased everyone is. He said this is something that we really need to be involved with.

Don Nizolek wanted to know whether we needed to comment before or after the EIR. He said there is a lot of information from the EIR that the task force would need to look at. He said we need to have the person responsible for information (such as the benefit cost analysis, who is going to pay for this new building; whether we need to update and modify the household hazardous waste element, and source reduction element), make a presentation to this committee that outlines the specific requirements, the regulatory citations, and the interpretation as to whether these items are required and if they are, how are they going to be done.

Don Nizolek added that when Waste Connections was bought out from Waste Management, not one of the Board of Supervisors questioned how this new business was going to affect the diversion. He is curious as to what can be expected from this new facility in diversion by commodity from the old facility. Sue Farris offered to make a presentation or have someone come to the group and discuss what is happening and what could be anticipated. Farris said they are proposing a single stream facility to be able to do the sorting rather than shipping it outside. We would not see a higher diversion rate, but

would separate into commodities here instead of doing it in Benicia. The trips to Benicia associated with commingling would not change. Sue Farris said there are a number of reasons why this facility needs to be relocated and offered to find out when they can bring in more information to this task force.

Bill McCluskey said he would like to know what the Board of Supervisors needs from us and how often would they want a report from our task force. Sue Farris expressed her understanding as the information being collected in the minutes and passed on to County staff and it's then passed on to the Board. Jeanne Lear said that issues of concern by this committee are brought up to Gerri Silva, Environmental Management Director through Greg Stanton, Environmental Management Deputy Director. Mina Andujar said she was told to e-mail minutes to the committee and post them on the website. Don Nizolek explained that if we are required to provide reviews or comments they should to be done in a formal manner. Sue Farris agreed that we need to have some clarity on what our responsibilities are and have a better understanding on how valuable we are as a committee. She added that Jon Souza would know the answers to our questions and we should wait until we meet with him.

A. El Dorado Hills Community Service District

The Community Clean Up event on May 3rd brought 554 vehicles in six hours. They collected 62 bicycles that would be refurbished and used for Toys for Tots. They also collected 31.22 tons of mixed solid waste. There were six tons of green waste collected and 7.8 tons of recycling. Half of the $1,200 that was collected will go to Deputy Jeff Mitchell public memorial fund. El Dorado Hills's first quarterly diversion report was at 63% and the average for the last four quarters was over 55%.

Serrano Homeowners Association invited El Dorado Hills to participate on a conservation technology fair to show ways in which EDH could reduce their solid waste.

E. City of Placerville

The City is finalizing negotiations with El Dorado Disposal for a three cart system. Gary Pigg thanked the Environmental Management Department and Sue Farris for having their staff to help at the Clean Up event.

Nancy Spinella asked if there were events for other areas. Sue Farris said there are two County-wide Clean Ups in Placerville, there are also Clean Up events at Cameron Park, Camino, El Dorado Hills, Rescue, and Cool, Garden Valley, and Mosquito.

Nancy Spinella mentioned that as a customer, you may receive up to two vouchers per year from PG&E to remove any appliances with Freon but the appliances must be in working conditions.

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

All food vendors at the Earth Day and a Zero Waste event had compostable containers. A Clean Up event is scheduled for June 7th at the transfer station.

Lear said they have their grading permit and demolition permits for the Resource Recovery Facility. They are hoping to start demolishing this week.

South Lake Tahoe is in partnership with a grant with the Department of Conservation to increase recycling at the schools, parks, recreation areas and bus stops.

IX. Open Forum / Public Comments

It was suggested that we include action items at the end of the agenda/minutes as a reminder for those who need to follow up on those actions. The action should include what the action is and when it is due.

The group would also like to move the meeting from 1:30 pm to 3:30 pm. Don Nizolek would e-mail everyone and find out if anyone objects to changing the meeting time.

The next meeting is July 14, 2008.

X. Meeting Adjourned.
Motion by Don Nizolek.

Submitted by Mina Andujar

Approved: _____

Date: _____
Chairperson