EL DORADO COUNTY
SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES

El Dorado County Environmental Management Department
2850 Fairlane Ct., Placerville, CA 95667
July 14, 2008, 1:30–3:30 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: **Dickson Schwarzbach, Task Force Chairperson**
Don Nizolek, Task Force Co-Chairperson
Gary Pigg, City of Placerville
Jeanne Lear, South Lake Tahoe Refuse
Bill McCluskey, County Resident
Dianna Hillyer, El Dorado Hills CSD

ALTERNATES PRESENT:

COUNTY STAFF: **Jon Souza, Environmental Management**
Greg Stanton, Environmental Management
Jeff Rusert, Environmental Management
Mina Andujar, Environmental Management

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: **Sue Farris, El Dorado Disposal**
Livia Amidon, Cameron Park CSD
Richard Angelocci, City of South Lake Tahoe
Nancy Spinella, County Resident

I. Call to Order
Dickson Schwarzbach called the meeting to order.

II. Staff Announcements
No staff announcements.

III. Approval of Agenda
Revise and Prioritize
Agenda approved by Dickson Schwarzbach.

IV. Meeting of May 12, 2008

A. Minutes Approval
The scope and expectations of the committee would be discussed later in the meeting. Jon Souza wanted to respond to some of the questions that had risen at the last meeting before approving the meeting minutes.

May 12, 2008, meeting minutes item **A** under **Old Business**:
Dianna Hillyer will describe the attachment from Sue Farris under Agency Jurisdictions Reports.

May 12, 2008, meeting minutes item **C** under **Old Business**:
Environmental Management sent the revised By-Laws to County Council on January 17, 2008. Jon Souza explained that Environmental Management is not a position to make demands of County Council. However, County Council has responded on the By-Laws document in confidentiality. Jon Souza proposed a meeting with a subcommittee to discuss the items in a manner that would not reveal County Council confidentiality.

The items that will be covered at the subcommittee meeting are items that fall under Article II, Goals and Objectives, Article III, Membership, Article VII, Member Responsibilities and Article VIII, EDSWAC Public Meetings. One comment by County Counsel regarded an omission of a planning document that advisory committees should review. The Waste Board direction to form advisory committees was to review all planning documents. One of these is the Non-Disposal Facility Element (NDFE) which was left off the Board of Supervisors Resolution 267-92 that created EDSWAC. The NDFE was reviewed during the 2000 and 2005 Five-Year Countywide Integrated Waste Management (CIWMP) Review Reports.

County Counsel questioned the number of members, "no less than eleven". We will need to indicate that the ideal calls for each Supervisor and City Council member to appoint a representative.

During a discussion on the relevancy of advisory committees, Jon Souza indicated that the Waste Board made no provision for a committee to meet more than every five years to review planning documents. He indicated that El Dorado County desired to have continuous input on solid waste issues. We are one of very few jurisdictions that continue to maintain an advisory committee process.

Don Nizolek talked about the Brown Act requirements and whether they applied to EDSWAC meetings. It was agreed that since this is a public meeting established through an Assembly Bill that we should abide by the Brown Act

A motion was made by Dickson Schwarzbach, seconded by Diana Hillyer to abide by the Brown Act.

Yes: 6 Schwarzbach, Nizolek, Pigg, Lear, McCluskey and Hillyer
Absent: 4 Farris, Amidon, Angelocci and Spinella

May 12, 2008, meeting minutes item **VII. Meeting Assembly Bill 939 Goals:**
A question had been raised regarding two different diversion numbers in 2006. The 56% was based on taxable sales. Jon Souza pointed out that this number was created by a complicated formula used by the Waste Board. The 59% is due to the unincorporated area receiving a credit of 5% for biomass.

May 12, 2008, meeting minutes item **VIII. Agency Jurisdiction Reports,** El Dorado County: There were questions in regards to the Materials Recovery Facility (MRF) location, application, the EIR and the permitting process.

This committee will have time to look at those documents when they become available to Environmental Management. Although it is a solid waste issue that requires permitting, its driving force is the Planning Department. An Environmental Impact Report is being prepared and should be released next August. Greg Stanton said it was important to have comments from this committee; however, the project is still in its early stages.

Dickson Schwarzbach said we could give input on specific questions that are relevant to our role. Gary Pigg suggested waiting to make comments and statements until after we have the documents to review.

May 12, 2008, meeting minutes item **VIII**. **Agency Jurisdiction Report,** El Dorado County: Don Nizolek had asked if the affect of the diversion rate had been questioned when Waste Connections bought out Waste Management. Jon Souza pointed out that the Board of Supervisors had requested that the Waste Connections agreement included continuing the diversion efforts after the purchase from Waste Management. A letter was sent to Environmental Management Director, Gerri Silva, stating what Waste Connections was going to continue encouragement of diversion in the county. The letter also made reference to the problems that were site related when the franchise was a Waste Management facility.

May 12, 2008, meeting minutes item **VIII**. **Agency Jurisdiction Report,** El Dorado County: Someone had questioned how much feedback and information the Board of Supervisors receives from the meetings that this committee holds. It was pointed out that the Board of Supervisors has access to the minutes. Environmental Management meets with them at least once a year when requesting appointments to this committee and as needed during the year. There have also been reports made by department managers at various supervisor meetings with regards to solid waste issues.

Don Nizolek asked why we could not follow the By-Laws now. Jon Souza explained that they had not been totally approved by County Council and we could not decide which sections to follow or not. Greg Stanton added that the County has over 50 or 60 boards and commission that meet regularly and perhaps the Board would not want minutes and agendas being sent to them from every meeting. Don Nizolek expressed that it had been over 40 weeks since the By-Laws were approved by this committee. Dickson Schwarzbach clarified that the committee's role is to serve the Board and that therefore we need to wait until the By-Laws are approved in order to proceed.

Bill McCluskey wanted to understand who the committee responded to. Greg Stanton explained that this was an advisory committee to the County of El Dorado via Environmental Management staff.

Minutes approved by Jeanne Lear and seconded by Don Nizolek.
Yes: 6 Schwarzbach, Nizolek, Pigg, Lear, McCluskey and Hillyer
Absent: 4 Farris, Amidon, Angelocci and Spinella

B. Advisory Committee Role Clarification

The attached document was provided to us in the early days of AB 939 from the California Integrated Waste Management Board. The two major functions of the committee are advisory and review. There is nothing in scripture or state legislation that requires this committee to meet more than once every five years. This County has chosen to meet regularly to discuss solid waste and recycling issues.

Jon Souza expressed to the committee that Environmental Management is a liaison to this committee and therefore should be treated with the same courtesy as staff provides the committee. Jon Souza reminded the committee that Environmental Management Solid Waste is one of five divisions. He also said the Cameron Park, El Dorado Hills, City of Placerville and City of South Lake Tahoe have their own separate service agreement with franchise haulers. Thus, the County does not control all the issues of solid waste and recycling.

Jon Souza explained that the resolution was based on what we were provided with the Role of the Task Force except that the non-disposal facility element, item number one under the resolution, was overlooked. We have taken these advisory and review items and placed them in our ten items as to what this committee would be advising on. These are the same items listed in the By-Laws.

Jon Souza hoped to have answered and satisfied the concerns of members regarding their value as a member of this committee.

Bill McCluskey said he contacted Supervisor Ron Briggs after the last meeting and asked him how much input he received from this task force. Bill McCluskey is still trying to understand why the committee exists and expressed that he was not being negative toward the committee or any individuals. Jon Souza said there would be many items in the near future in which this committee will be asked to make comments and review documents.

There followed discussion on the value of jurisdictional reports at EDSWAC Meetings. Dickson Schwarzbach felt that it was agreed between the County and committee members that the subject was beneficial and the meetings were needed. Having the different jurisdictions allows for communication and exchange of practices among agencies. Having the public input is also beneficial. We have had an excellent relationship with Environmental Management who provides support to this committee and looks at items when questions arise. We report to the Board of Supervisors with the purpose of meeting AB 939.

Dickson Schwarzbach would like for the County to come to the committee with very specific questions for comments with regards to the Materials Recovery Facility relocation. Greg Stanton said that from a County staff perspective and as a resident that he appreciated everyone's participation in this committee. He recalled when the Construction and Demolition Ordinance was being developed and that this committee worked very hard contributing to the development of that ordinance which contributed to the success of our County achieving 50% diversion. When we were looking into a three cart program a letter from this committee was included in support of the three cart program.

Diana Hillyer said El Dorado Hills CSD had nothing to do with move of the MRF but it is something that they are interested in following as County residents of El Dorado Hills but also from the CSD. Hillyer said she greatly appreciated the support of Environmental Management in this committee. She has learned a lot of what is going on at the County level and it is her opportunity to develop relationships with other agencies, cities, and the public. She feels her role as someone who is helping the County through the CSD to meet the AB 939 goals. She also said she was very proud of the work that El Dorado County Solid Waste Advisory Committee (EDSWAC) had put together as well as the County.

Gary Pigg seconded Hillyer's comments about County staff. He also added that he appreciated the networking and the ideas from other jurisdictions that they could also try in the City and vice-versa. He felt that one of our goal as a committee was to keep abreast of what is changing regarding solid waste and advice the Board in a different direction when needed.

Don Nizolek asked if it was an unreasonable request to ask a Board member (who appointed all of us) to address the committee and give us their perception of what is expected of us. Dickson Schwarzbach said it might be more appropriate for members to ask their Supervisor if there is

something they would like for them to work on. Dickson Schwarzbach said that as a courtesy, member should let the committee know when they were going to contact their Supervisors.

Dickson Schwarzbach said having the Jurisdiction Reports is beneficial to all of us.

A motion was made by Dickson Schwarzbach and seconded by Diana Hillyer to have in our agendas: The Staff Announcements, Old Business/Action Items, Legislative of Regulatory Update, AB 939 Goals, Agency Jurisdictions, Open Forum and Public Comments.

Yes: 6 Schwarzbach, Nizolek, Pigg, Lear, McCluskey and Hillyer
Absent: 4 Farris, Amidon, Angelocci and Spinella

Attachments: Attachements for 7-14-08\Role of Local Task force.pdf

C. Concerns Expressed at Meeting
This subject was covered between the approval of the minutes and the Advisory Committee Role Clarification.

D. Future Direction of Committee
By-Laws
There will be a short meeting with the By-Law committee Don Nizolek, Sue Farris, and Dickson Schwarzbach.

Construction & Demolition Ordinance Revisions
Jon Souza said he had a two week break in service and the only person who responded was Diana Hillyer. He had no response from the two building reps.

Forward Planning Tool
Greg Stanton said that Environmental Management contracted with New Point Group to do a solid waste survey for the County. We have a draft that is being reviewed and should be finalized by next month and then it will go for review to the Supervisors. That survey would be reviewed by this group as well.

We originally asked New Point for thirteen deliverables. The second phase is providing us with a guidance of how we should proceed. The County is considering entering into a second contract that would basically create a forward planning tool for the County to help us direct our efforts for the future. Greg Stanton said he was unaware of how much work this committee is putting into the Forward Planning Tool but the draft that has been prepared by New Point will be passed to this committee for review and comments.

Diana Hillyer would like for Greg Stanton to look at what the subcommittee has done on the Forward Planning Tool and let them know if they are on the right track and if it would be a useful tool for the County. Greg Stanton said they had contract with New Point on a higher level, but did not include programs and specific commodities and how well we are diverting them.

A motion was made by Dickson Schwarzbach and seconded by Jeanne Lear for Greg Stanton to provide this committee information on what New Point is looking for and what they are doing for the Forward Planning subcommittee to see if there might be a match.
Yes: 6 Schwarzbach, Nizolek, Pigg, Lear, McCluskey and Hillyer
Absent: 4 Farris, Amidon, Angelocci and Spinella

V. Agency/Jurisdiction Reports

A. Amador County

Jason Craft mentioned that his portion of El Dorado County has about 2,000 residential customers and about 60 commercial businesses that include wineries, and not much is going on month after month.

B. Cameron Park Community Service District

No report from Cameron Park.

C. El Dorado County

Environmental Management Department

We exhibited at Home and Garden Show, Kids Expo, County Fair and also participated in the Mow-Down Air Pollution event in Sacramento. We had county staff speak to the Georgetown Divide Women's Club, Shenandoah High School Recycling Club, Placerville Lions, and we also have a guest spot on Saturday morning on "Everything is Green" on KFOK in Georgetown.

El Dorado Disposal

No report from El Dorado Disposal.

D. El Dorado Hills Community Service District

The next Fall Clean Up event is scheduled for October 4th. Latrobe Recycling Center is now collecting E-waste on a regular basis. The Consumer Price Index (CPI) and fuel surcharge have not been approved yet for Waste Connections whose request came up last March. El Dorado Hills CSD wanted to revisit the old franchise agreement but according to Diana Hillyer, Sue Farris from Waste Connections suggested waiting for the approval of the CPI and fuel surcharge first. Waste Connections has withdrawn their request to extend the term of the agreement.

Sue Farris would be making a presentation at the CSD board meeting for their annual report showing the diversion report, the programs that have been implemented and will also have a presentation on the equipment that they use.

The diversion report shows new programs that have been added such as grass cycling. Diana Hillyer would like to get into commercial recycling to increase their diversion. They have contacted different businesses in the area such as car dealers, tire stores, oils from gas stations but have not been very successful with cardboard at the grocery stores. Diana Hillyer reported that Kristie Downey went to the Serrano Outreach on July 5th to talk about the all the programs offered in El Dorado Hills. The attached spreadsheet shows the basic information on their programs but it is not enough to get to where they would like to be. As of now, they have a 51-52% diversion rate for the first quarter.

Attachments: Attachments for 7-14-08\Diversion Programs.pdf

E. City of Placerville

The City of Placerville finally has a three cart system. It is not mandatory but they are glad to have it, and it has been received very well by the community. Gary Pigg said that as part of the contract they will be starting an oil curbside collection by appointment only.

The City of Placerville is still working on a County-wide program with PG&E and Snowline Hospice for compact fluorescent lamp (CFL) recycling. Snowline now accepts CFLs at all their locations.

F. City of South Lake Tahoe
South Lake Tahoe / South Tahoe Refuse
Jeanne Lear said their grant application has been approved from the Department of Conservation. This is a collaborative effort with the City of South Lake Tahoe, the Chamber of Commerce, Clean Tahoe, City Parks and Recreation, and South Tahoe Refuse to expand the visibility of beverage recycling opportunities within the City and the school district. The program would enhance the current programs at all the schools, bus stops, parks, and city golf courses.

South Tahoe Refuse has started a special event recycling program that is free of charge with blue drop boxes. Inside the six yard drop boxes are the beverage containers. The boxes are delivered to different events and once the event is over all containers can be put back in the drop box. All material is then type separated at the MFR. The drop boxes have already been delivered at different events at schools and weekend events at the lake.

Demolition has been completed on the Resource Recovery Facility. The permit has been acknowledged by TRPA and will be going to the City of South Lake Tahoe on Thursday before the final approval. The building permits have been divided in steps due to the large size of the structure in order to the get permits going and the building construction moving.

Jeanne Lear said their webpage would be ready by the end of July.

Jeanne Lear recommended adding Sierra Disposal in the jurisdiction reports. They are working on expanding their commercial recycling program and trying to add another 100 facilities.

A motion was made by Jeanne Lear to add Sierra Disposal Service to the meeting agenda under El Dorado County Agency Jurisdiction Reports.

Yes: 6 Schwarzbach, Nizolek, Pigg, Lear, McCluskey and Hillyer
Absent: 4 Farris, Amidon, Angelocci and Spinella

Next Meeting: September 8, 2008, South Lake Tahoe

A motion was made by Dickson Schwarzbach and seconded by Dianna Hillyer to meet at South Tahoe Refuse on September 8, 2008, at 11:30 for lunch and 1:30 p.m. for the meeting.

Yes: 6 Schwarzbach, Nizolek, Pigg, Lear, McCluskey and Hillyer
Absent: 4 Farris, Amidon, Angelocci and Spinella

VI. Meeting Adjourned
Motion to adjourned by Dickson Schwarzbach and seconded by Bill McCluskey
Yes: 6 Schwarzbach, Nizolek, Pigg, Lear, McCluskey and Hillyer
Absent: 4 Farris, Amidon, Angelocci and Spinella

Submitted by Mina Andujar

Approved:_____

Date: _____
Chairperson