EL DORADO COUNTY
SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
PUBLIC MEETING

El Dorado County Environmental Management Department
2850 Fairlane Ct., Placerville, CA 95667
March 10, 2008, 2:30–4:30 p.m.

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

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

COUNTY STAFF: **Greg Stanton, Environmental Management**
Mina Andujar, Environmental Management

OTHERS PRESENT:

MEMBERS ABSENT: **Dianna Hillyer, El Dorado Hills CSD**
Gary Pigg, City of Placerville
Livia Amidon, Cameron Park CSD

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

II. Staff Announcements
No staff announcements.

III. Approval of the Agenda
Revise and Prioritize
Don Nizolek wanted to make sure that the two handouts that were passed out at the last meeting for Angora Fire lessons learned and SB 1016 frequently asked questions were included in the meeting minutes. Approved by Jeanne Lear and second by Dickson Schwarzbach

IV. Approval of Minutes from January 14, 2008
Approved by Jeanne Lear and second by Sue Farris

V. Old Business
A. Reschedule C&D Pending Changes Meeting
Greg Stanton said that Jon Souza would send an e-mail to schedule a meeting.

B. Schedule Forward Planning Meeting
The spreadsheet now has three years of data to show trends. Jeanne Lear said she would contact Jon Souza about adding some of the elements that the County has collected. Per Dickson Schwarzbach, a meeting will be set up for the Forward Planning and C&D Sub-Committees and an update for both sub-committees would be presented at the next task force meeting.

VI. Legislative/Regulatory Update
No updates available.

VII. Meeting Assembly Bill 939 Goals
2006 Electronic Annual Reports (EAR) due March 15th.
Greg Stanton reported that Placerville is at 80% diversion and the County is a 59% diversion. Jeanne Lear said they are working on the numbers for SLT.
The numbers El Dorado Disposal provides are program based as opposed to disposal based. This allows for easier identification of programs that are doing well. Sue Farris will bring a report of those numbers to the next meeting.

VIII. Agency/Jurisdiction Reports:

A. Amador County
No report from Amador County.

B. Cameron Park Community Service District
Cameron Park is having a Spring Clean up Day on April 5th.

The Service Franchise Agreement with Waste Connections has been approved and signed. They will be implementing a cart program with a special rate for seniors.

Cameron Park is teaming up with Waste Connections, Team Trevor and Channel 10 News on March 29th and April 19th from 9:30 am until 4:00 pm at the Latrobe Recycling Center and all the proceeds from that day will be donated to the Leukemia Foundation.

Cameron Park is working with Waste Connections on ways to reduce burning by next fall by offering unlimited yard waste. Sue Farris explained that they are trying to work on having a rear load pickup a couple of times a year during the mowing season to pick up green waste bags to encourage residents not to burn but to bag. The long-term plan is to have residents get away from using bags and using the green waste cart. The bags tend to be too heavy for the workers to lift into the trucks; they also create more garbage. The drivers leave notes encouraging residents to call the office and ask for another free green waste cart.

Nancy Spinella asked if burning was an issue that Cameron Park was battling. Greg Stanton explained that Cameron Park CSD only allows two weeks of burning in the spring and two weeks in the fall. The CSD also promotes the Fire Safe Council chipping program through their website newsletter. Nancy Spinella would like to see burning banned from the County with an exception for large parcels. Greg Stanton responded that the Air Quality Management District is looking to team up with Waste Connections to provide some grant funding to reduce burning.

Greg Stanton was curious as to when people have to pay for a cart. Sue Farris said they are charged after the fourth cart. Customers are charged $2.00 a month when they have a fifth cart. Dickson Schwarzbach said a lot of people are not aware of that information and suggested an article in the paper. Nancy Spinella said we should add information on composting to that article.

Bill McCluskey asked if it would be possible for Sierra Disposal to do a green waste collection event in the spring or fall. He explained that there are many properties with piles of green waste out on the street. Jeanne Lear said that Sierra Disposal has met with the County and discussed a range of different programs that they might be able to offer.

The Fire Safe Council's chipper program will re-open in April and the chipper will be on site at the Clean-Up Day on April 5th. Green waste vouchers are also available at the fire station.

Several other ideas were brought up to educate the community on how to handle their garbage, green waste, recyclables and others. An idea was to add an informational video or link to a video on the Waste Connections website. Other ideas were handouts at the clean up events, brochures, and signage with the website address.

A. El Dorado County
Environmental Management Department
Greg Stanton said the Materials Recovery Facility (MRF) relocation is moving forward. There will be two additional Town Hall meetings in April and another one in Sacramento County at the State Clearing House that would involve all the agencies that are associated with this project to make sure there is nothing unknown in terms of permits.

Greg Stanton explained the route that will go to the Diamond Springs Park would be from Missouri Flat Road to Hwy 49 south of Forni Road. This route would improve the circulation for that area but it goes right through the MRF and that is why the MRF is relocating to Industrial Drive on the opposite side of Missouri Flat across from Diamond Station.

Sue Farris said that the current building's layout (columns inside and low ceiling) is inefficient and unsafe. The new building would be designed to fit the MRF needs.

All the details for Diamond Springs Park and the MRF can be found on the County Planning Department website.

El Dorado Disposal/ Western El Dorado Recovery Update
Sue Farris met with the Director of Maintenance to develop a recycling action plan for Buckeye Union School District. The plan is to have containers in the classroom and make it easier for janitors to handle the material. Rescue Union School District has already implemented a recycling program. They will use this data along with Buckeye Union School District to make volume comparisons and see what works before approaching other school districts with a program.

Dickson Schwarzbach suggested putting together information about what is working at these schools before meeting with the other school districts.

There will be an electronic waste container at the Bel-Air Shopping Center in Cameron Park.

B. El Dorado Hills Community Service District
El Dorado Hills CSD is having a Green Party at New York Creek for Earth Day, and their Spring Clean-up Day is on May 3rd. They are now collecting electronic waste at the buy back center on Latrobe Rd. Kristie Downey said there would be photos of the buy back center on their website to help residents visualize the location.

E. City of Placerville
Sue Farris said the three cart pilot program has been very successful and the City of Placerville is getting closer to meeting with County Council. The program might be non-mandatory but those who sign-up for service would use carts. The incentive is to have them put more into their recycling and green waste cart, thus reducing the amount of garbage.

F. City Of South Lake Tahoe / South Tahoe Refuse Co., Inc.
Richard Angelocci had to leave the meeting but mentioned that the JPA meeting would be on Thursday, March 13th.

Jeanne Lear said they have the permits for the new facility. They are finalizing the building plans and are scheduled for demolition in April.

Norma Santiago is hosting a seminar on March 12th at the community college for Angora Fire residents. The seminar will address green building and local resources.

There is an upcoming business Green Expo focusing on green building. Zero waste will also be presented at this event.

STR is sponsoring Earth Day on April 19th and Zero Waste will be part of that event as well.

Clean Tahoe Day will be on the first Saturday in June.

Jeanne Lear said they are working on getting their website up and running and will include a video of the new facility on the website.

IX. Open Forum / Public Comments

Kristie Downey brought up some history on the Earth Day event. The original day was celebrated on March 22nd with the spring equinox. The day everyone now celebrates was established in the 70's by someone who borrowed the term for environmental educational purposes.

Don Nizolek commented that the By-Laws the committee created last September have not been signed off or approved yet. Greg Stanton responded that some things take a lot time to go through County Council. The by-laws are in the approval process.

The next meeting is May 12, 2008.

X. Meeting Adjourned.

Motion by Bill McCluskey and a second by Kristie Downey

Submitted by Mina Andujar

Approved: _____

Date: _____

Chairperson