EL DORADO COUNTY
SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES

El Dorado County Environmental Management Department
2850 Fairlane Ct., Placerville, CA 95667
September 8, 2008, 1:30–3:30 p.m.
Meeting was held at South Tahoe Refuse, South Lake Tahoe, CA

MEMBERS PRESENT: **Dickson Schwarzbach, Task Force Chairperson**
Don Nizolek, Task Force Co-Chairperson
Gary Pigg, City of Placerville
Jeanne Lear, South Lake Tahoe Refuse
Dianna Hillyer, El Dorado Hills CSD
Sue Farris, El Dorado Disposal
Livia Amidon, Cameron Park CSD
Nancy Spinella, County Resident
Rick Angelocci, City of South Lake Tahoe

ALTERNATES PRESENT:

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

OTHERS PRESENT: **Tammy Mefford, Cameron Park CSD**
Jim Greco, Consultant
John Marchini, South Tahoe Refuse

MEMBERS ABSENT:
Bill McCluskey, 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. Approval of Minutes from July 14, 2008
Agenda approved by Dianna Hillyer and second by Don Nizolek

Yes: 9 Schwarzbach, Nizolek, Pigg, Lear, Hillyer, Farris, Amidon, Spinella, Angelocci
Absent: 1 McCluskey

V. Old Business / Action Items
A. By-Laws Draft (County Counsel Comments)
The By-Laws were sent to Don Nizolek, Dickson Schwarzbach, and Bill McCluskey with the following possible changes:

<u>II Goals and Objectives</u>
It was noted that we needed to add the following under item 1. "…in accordance with Public Resource Code section 40950 and 14 California Code of Regulations 18760 et seq."

The actual reason for forming an advisory committee by the Waste Board was to review the planning documents. One of those documents was the Non-Disposal Facility Element (NDFE). When the resolution went forward to the Board of Supervisors the NDFE was left off. County Council is now asking that we pulled out the NDFE section because it was not in the original resolution. Nancy Spinella asked if we could add this in a different section since we know this is one of the items that we look at every five years. Dickson Schwarzbach suggested adding a note in blue.

Under Item 8., the actual resolution said "On or before the third anniversary of Board approval, review and submit comments on the adequacy of the plan to meet the goals of AB 939;" We had every five years review and submit comments but County Council wanted us to remove "every five years." Jon Souza added a note in *blue*: "Note: Public Resource Code section 40950 calls for the convening of a task force every five years." It was suggested at the meeting that we include the dates starting at "2000 and every five years thereafter." El Dorado County asks that we come back for reviews every third year of the resolution. The resolution was in 1992 and we should have gone back in 1997 to the Waste Board. The writing in *red* stays because it was in the resolution back in 1999. The writing in *black* will be removed and the writing in *blue* will be added to the document.

III Membership:
County Council was confused because we were only able to account for six members and we said that we would have no less than 11. It was agreed that item 3 would read: "The remaining five (5) appointments will come from the El Dorado County Board of Supervisors".

VII Membership Responsibilities:
Item E., will be changed to: "…shall assign as staff member as a representative (EMD Representative)…"This is actual verbiage that County Council wanted us to include.

VIII EDSWAC Public Meetings:
Item B., County Council asked us to remove: "*The location should be normally in the regular posting of the meetings".*

Item C., would include: "The meeting agenda shall state the date, time and location of the Public Meeting. The agenda shall also set forth a brief general description of each item of business to be transacted or discussed, including any items to be discussed in closed session." Jon Souza said we may want to add the notes shown in *blue* "Per County Council, this is not legally necessary, but the language mirrors the Brown Act requirements for the agenda."

We had the wrong chairperson for the Board of Supervisors.

A motion was made by Dickson Schwarzbach and seconded by Nancy Spinella to make the changes mentioned above.

Yes: 9 Schwarzbach, Nizolek, Pigg, Lear, Hillyer, Farris, Amidon, Spinella, Angelocci
Absent: 1 McCluskey

Attachments: **By-Laws**

B. Meeting for Committee on C & D Pending Changes
Jon Souza will set up a meeting with Mr. Costa and some of the EDSWAC members at 10:00 a.m. for September 24th.

VI. Legislative/Regulatory Update

SB 1016 by Wiggins:

This bill was going to enact an alternative diversion and would require City to utilize and implement diversion programs and household hazardous waste element to prevent an increase in countywide total tonnages of solid waste disposed by listing entities. The Waste Board would be required to determine the tonnage of solid waste disposed through each jurisdiction at least once every two years. The bill is looking for more emphasis on programs and is also considering a per capita disposal rate. It will take the total annual disposal in pounds, divide by the total industry employment per jurisdiction, and divided again by 365 days. The bill will not be factoring in population but will be using employment rate. It will not be bringing in the consumer price index either, but there might be an adjustment to the rural jurisdiction.

SB 1020 Padilla:

This bill seeks to increase diversion to 60% by January 1, 2015, with another increase of 75% by January 1, 2020. It is also possible that this will be a statewide goal and not necessarily a goal for our jurisdictions. By January 1, 2011, each jurisdiction whether city, county, solid waste authority, or joint power located in the county with a population of 200,000 or more will adopt a commercial recycling ordinance. The estimated 2006 population for our county was 176,000. Jon Souza said the problem in the unincorporated area is that we don't have residential mandatory and now we are going to make commercial mandatory.

Dickson asked if we had any ordinances or plans for the commercial recycling. Jon Souza said that according to Greg Stanton we couldn't do it if we didn't require mandatory residential. He also added that the C&D ordinance was not mandatory until we were at 50% diversion or above. He said that it is the franchisee that is responsible for the commercial in their jurisdiction to go after commercial businesses and show them the savings in disposing of their waste versus recycling. We have a lot of corporations that come from bigger cities that are accustomed to this. All the oil companies and auto shops know about the recycling of oil and the tire industry knows that they have to property dispose of their tires.

SB 1225 (with Abs 2640, 2695 & 2866)

SB 2640 deals with compostable organic management, 2695 with solid waste enforcement of illegal dumping, and 2866 solid waste disposal fees and post-closures. According to Jon Souza, Waste Management is very much supporting of AB 2866 because it is going to save them money. But it is possible that SB 1252 is a two-year bill and we may not see it until next year.

VII Meeting AB 939 Goals

Dickson asked if there were any updates with regards to the relocation of the Materials Recovery Facility (MRF). Jon Souza said he is not aware of all the details but there was a special meeting on August 12th where Environmental Management had made five recommendations and they were to look into studies. Some of the recommendations were the relocation of the MRF, additional sites, and a direction to see the feasibility of county ownership of the facility. Environmental Management will be meeting with the Board of Supervisors in October with the information that they found. Jon Souza would provide that information once it is in the agenda.

VIII Agency/Jurisdiction Reports

A. Amador County

No report from Amador County

B. Cameron Park Community Service District

Cameron Park is having their annual Clean Up Event on October 14th.

They are also working with El Dorado Disposal on finding a piece of land for a recycling center like the one in Latrobe. Due to the overload of green waste, they are trying to discourage residents from using the unlimited bags of green waste and encourage them not to burn. Once the recycling center is up residents will be less likely to burn or have multiple green waste bags.

Debbie Harlow at El Dorado Disposal has been working on getting diversion numbers from the commercial accounts such as the Country Club which grass-cycling reports were not getting to the correct people. Sue Farris added that there would be commingle recycling at the Country Club.

C. El Dorado County
Environmental Management Department
There were Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) events at the El Dorado Hills Fire Station on July 19th, August 2nd and 16th, and September 6th. Other Household Hazardous Waste events are scheduled for September 20, October 2nd, 19, and November 1st at El Dorado Hills Fire Station. Additional HHW are scheduled for October 11 at Pioneer Fire District, and October 25th at Golden Sierra High School. There was a Clean Boating Kit Giveaway at South Lake Tahoe Marinas on August 2nd. The Tire Amnesty will be held at El Dorado County Fairgrounds on October 4th.

El Dorado Disposal
Sue Farris reported that Debbie Harlow has been working with Buckeye, Rescue, and Motherlode Union School Districts trying to cut back on their garbage by increasing their recycling and yard waste. The savings per district have been between $500 and $1,500 a month. The Oak Ridge High School is working on a recycling program to increase recycling at the buy-back center.

With regards to the MRF relocation, Sue Farris said they are looking on putting a program in place for the unincorporated area of a 32 gallon cart for residential customers. If residents sign up for the program, recycling would be a mandatory part of that contract. This program would have an exception policy for customers with some disabilities.

D. El Dorado Hills Community Service District
El Dorado Hills CSD Clean Up Day is scheduled for October 4th.

There was a rate review with a 3.3% CPI increase and 1.5% fuel surcharge increase. This is for a total of $1.12 a month to the basic 64-gallon cart service that started on September 1st. Dianna Hillyer said they are also keeping all of their programs and services in place. It will be three more years before they have to go through this process again.

E. City of Placerville
Gary Pigg reported that the three-cart system is moving very well. He also said the commercial recycling ordinance is in the process. The community Clean Up Day is scheduled for September 27th at the Public Library.

F. City of South Lake Tahoe
South Lake Tahoe / South Tahoe Refuse
The City of South Lake Tahoe adopted several actions to become a sustainable green city a few weeks ago by connecting with the community, residents and commercial businesses and groups. They are also working with the chamber of commerce and different associations by getting them into recycling and generating less waste. As part of this program thousands of recycled grocery bags were donated to the community funded in part by Raley's, Sierra Pacific, the Department of Conservation and a number of groups. These bags were stuffed with light bulbs and water bottles.

The City applied for a grant from the Department of Conservation for beverage recycling with an award of about $400,000. The City's goal is to increase the number of beverage containers that are recycled by 15% by 2012. New recycled containers will be spread throughout the community and schools. There will be clear recycled bags that will allow them to see if the recyclables have been contaminated. There was a public sustainability workshop for the community on August 15th and there will be another one on September 10th. South Lake Tahoe is going through a rate increase request.

Jeanne Lear reported that South Tahoe Refuse special events recycling program is going really well.

IX Open Forum/ Public Comments
A question was raised regarding the waste that will be generated at Red Hawk Casino. Their disposed waste will not count toward County disposal numbers because of the Indian Lands issue. It is still reported to the Waste Board but placed in an Indian Lands folder. Their material will count toward the permitted daily tonnage acceptable at Waste Connections facility. Sue Farris has been encouraging the casino to recycle and to contact her if they have any questions. They will have a separate recycle compactor.

Jon Souza suggested that with the success of today's meeting we make it an annual event to hold the September EDSWAC at South Tahoe Refuse.

Next Meeting: November 17, 2008

VI. Meeting Adjourned
Motion to adjourned by Dickson Schwarzbach and seconded by Jeanne Lear

Yes: 9 **Schwarzbach, Nizolek, Pigg, Lear, Hillyer, Farris, Amidon, Spinella, Angelocci**
Absent: 1 **McCluskey**

Submitted by Mina Andujar

Approved:_____

Date: _____
Chairperson