EL DORADO COUNTY
SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES

El Dorado County Environmental Management Department
2850 Fairlane Ct., Placerville, CA 95667
May 10, 2010

MEMBERS PRESENT: **Dickson Schwarzbach, Task Force Chairperson**
Don Nizolek, Task Force Vice-Chairperson
Nancy Spinella, County Resident (by-phone)
Jeanne Lear, South Lake Tahoe Refuse
Bill McCluskey, County Resident
Sue Farris, El Dorado Disposal
Rick Angelocci, City of South Lake Tahoe (attempted to conference call)
George Turnboo, County Resident (attempted to conference call)

(NOTE: Conference phone was not set up properly to accept more than one caller at a time, it has been determined by the committee to accept the attempt by Rich Angelocci, and George Turnboo as good faith effort to attend)

ALTERNATES PRESENT: **None**

COUNTY STAFF: **Jon Souza, Environmental Management**
Dave Johnston, Environmental Management
Deana Watkins-Howey, Environmental Management
Emily Lyman, Environmental Management
Cathy Toft, Environmental Management

MEMBERS ABSENT: **Livia Amidon, Cameron Park CSD**
David Kelley, South Lake Tahoe Resident
Gary Pigg, City of Placerville
Allison Hamaker, El Dorado Hills CSD

1. **Call to Order**
   Dickson Schwarzbach called the meeting to order at 2:34 pm.

2. **Staff Announcements**
   Jon Souza notified the Committee members that Jeff Rusert has retired from the County.

3. **Approval of Agenda**
   Addition of item H- Sierra Disposal to the Jurisdiction Reports, and revise the structure of Section 5, by moveing rearranging A & B. The Agenda was accepted with the additions and revisions.
   Yes - 6

4. **Approval of Minutes from March 8, 2010**
   Don Nizolek motioned, seconded by Bill McClusky to approve the March 8, 2010 meeting minutes.
   Yes - 6
   Motion approved.

5. **Meeting AB 939 Goals -**

   A. **Five-Year Countywide Integrated Waste Management Plan (CIWMP) -**
   The subcommittee group met today for the first time; will meet again on June 2. They want to look on the program changes; Jon is hoping that they won't have to change those programs. The plan needs to be to the BOS and forwarded by November to Cal Recycles.

B. Solid Waste Plan -

The Newpoint contract goes to the BOS on the 25th. The plan contract has been negotiated down from 221K to 191K, but there is a funding gap of 21K, so they are researching other funding areas. The contract price came down by the Newpoint Group reducing their hourly rate, and Environmental Management taking on some of the duties. They are still going to ask the BOS to move forward on the Plan even though there is the funding gap. The Newpoint contract expires on 6/30/11. A deadline has been set to have the Solid Waste Plan completely done by July 2011. The working group has been directed to stay together for at least another six months, and then appoint a member that is not County staff to report to EDSWAC. A mission statement is being developed, which will be sent around to community groups asking for their input.

Don asked Gerri Silva if the timeline that was included in the Newpoint bid can be followed since it was so nicely laid out and would help keep things on tract. Ms. Silva agreed that would be a good idea.

6. Old Business/Action Items -

A. EDSWAC attendance Spreadsheet

A spreadsheet has been created and will be used to keep track of the EDSWAC member's attendance at the scheduled meetings. Per the By-laws it is required that if a member cannot make a meeting they are to notify the chairperson or the County representative within three days of the meeting. It was requested that notifications be sent by email so there is a written documentation on the absence. If a jurisdiction does not have a representative that can be present at meetings, having the absences documented will make it easier when requesting the jurisdiction to replace their representative. It was asked of Jon to please contact the City of Placerville and Cameron Park about their representatives.

7. Legislative/Regulatory Update-

There are rumblings in regards to the mandatory Business Recycling Ordinance. It may happen this year, especially since they have put money into developing a draft model and since it is a carry over from last year. If it does get passed this year, it most likely would not be enacted until 2011/2012. Currently, El Dorado Disposal is working with the local businesses and all other jurisdictions to set up a recycling program so when and if this becomes mandatory they will already have a plan in place. South Lake Tahoe Refuse has submitted a matrix into the City of SLT on commercial recycling. So, currently the participation in a business recycling program is voluntary. The Chamber of Commerce has a green business initiative. They have started a food waste program so hopefully soon a pilot route can be developed.

8. Agency/Jurisdiction Report:

A. Amador County –

Sue Farris reported that they have nothing to report.

B. El Dorado Disposal / Western El Dorado Recovery –

Earth Day was kicked off with a couple of events; the Home and Garden Show, and the Cameron Park Clean Up. Something new has been started "The Year of the Customers", this is where when managers or employees are out in the community if they see someone in need of help they could pitch in and help to clean up their waste. One of their drivers recommended a single women in Rescue to their attention. They put together a group of people and went out and helped to clean up her five acre property; it was a huge success. In May there are a number of community clean ups; Placerville May 1st, Pollock Pines/Camino May 15th, EDH May 22nd. Cameron Park is fully engaged in their green waste recycling programs and all their numbers are being calculated in the reporting numbers. Sue reported that El Dorado Disposal helps schools and community programs

with their electronic waste events by providing the hauling and disposal of the e-waste. Last year they helped Union Mine High School raise $6K with their e-waste fundraisers.

C. Cameron Park Community Service District –

The new buyback center is still trying to get up and running. The one behind Bel Air is still up and running in the meantime. Their clean up date was very successful. They will be meeting with El Dorado Disposal in the next couple of weeks to make sure that they are doing all they can do.

D. El Dorado County –

Tire Amnesty's are still occurring on the first and third Saturday. Plus the HHW events are happening each month. At the Snowline Awards dinner, El Dorado County and El Dorado Disposal were presented with awards for their help with the Snowline programs.

E. El Dorado Hills CSD-

Sue will be meeting with them this week to get a contract extension. EDH is always working on a ways to improve their recycling numbers. They are talking about mandatory business recycling programs. Their buyback centers are up and running.

F. City of Placerville-

Sue reported nothing new is happening. Sue will bring to the next meeting a copy of the State of the Union she is giving to the City Council this week, which will report on the recycling numbers for the City of Placerville.

G. City of South Lake Tahoe / South Tahoe Refuse Co., Inc.-

Jeanne Lear reported that they are thrilled that the new facility is open and running. They are consolidating the stuff from the MRF to the center for processing. They are converting from volume estimating to scale rate, but everyone seems to be thrilled with the facility. They are also designing a conveyer line for pine needles. Earth Day at the college was great. They have been providing tours to schools of the new facility. Clean Tahoe Day is scheduled for June 5th. STR is also working on a plastic bag collection program, like the ones that you see at grocery stores. They would then be sending them to Trex in Nevada but they need to wait to see if the bags can be used because they need to meet specific specifications.

Don asked what the numbers are for South Lake Tahoe and whether or not they have met the goals. Jeanne stated that they are right below 50%, but Jon stated that the State gives them a little a bit of room since they are an area with a high number of tourists that come and go. Their new facility will help them to meet their numbers. HHW clean up day at Meeks Bay on May 29th.

H. Sierra Disposal -

Jeanne will report for them at the next meeting.

9. Open Forum:

Nancy Spinella brought up the Cash Back for Appliance rebate program that is happening with the State. She was wondering where and if there are any certified recycling centers in El Dorado County, which is part of the rebate program requirements. Jeanne said that SRT has the form but Sue stated she doesn't know about El Dorado Disposal having the certification, but she would look into it for Nancy.

10. Adjournment

It was motioned by Dickson and seconded by Don to adjourn the meeting.
Yes – 6
Meeting was adjourned at 3:36 p.m.

Next Meeting: July 12, 2010 at 2:30 p.m.

Minutes Submitted by Deana Watkins-Howey

Approved:_____

Date: _____
Chairperson