EL DORADO COUNTY
SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES

El Dorado County Environmental Management Department
2850 Fairlane Ct., Placerville, CA 95667
March 8, 2010

MEMBERS PRESENT: **Dixon Schwarzbach, Task Force Chairperson**
Don Nizolek, Task Force Vice-Chairperson
Nancy Spinella, County Resident
Jeanne Lear, South Lake Tahoe Refuse
Allison Hamaker, EDH CSD
Sue Farris, El Dorado Disposal

ALTERNATES PRESENT: **None**

COUNTY STAFF: **Jon Souza, Environmental Management**
Jeff Rusert, Environmental Management
Dave Johnston, Environmental Management
Deana Watkins-Howey, Environmental Management

MEMBERS ABSENT: **Bill McCluskey, County Resident**
Livia Amidon, Cameron Park CSD
Rick Angelocci, City of South Lake Tahoe
David Kelley, South Lake Tahoe Resident
George Turnboo, County Resident
Gary Pigg, City of Placerville

1. **Email Ballot Results**
An email ballot was sent to all EDSWAC members. The ballot contained two items; the first item was to vote for a new Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson. At the January 11, 2010 meeting Dixon Schwarzbach was nominated as Chairperson and Don Nizolek as Vice-Chairperson. The second item on the ballot was whether or not the Committee members wanted EDSWAC to send a letter to the Board of Supervisors in support of creating a Recycling Market Development Zone (RMDZ) in El Dorado County.

A total of ten ballots were received. It was unanimous; all committee members approved Dixon Schwarzbach as Chairperson and Don Nizolek as Vice-Chairperson. It was also approved by the Committee members to send a letter to the BOS in support of the RMDZ.

2. **Call to Order**
Dixon Schwarzbach called the meeting to order at 2:35 pm.

Discussion:
Don Nizolek began a discussion on the EDSWAC by-laws regarding the absences of Committee members from the regular meetings. Don thought that the requirements are that if a member misses two consecutive meetings, a letter is to be sent to the jurisdiction who appointed that member explaining their absences from the meetings and stating that the seat should be reappointed.

Upon further discussion, it was agreed by the Committee that a spreadsheet will be created that can be used to track the attendance of Committee members. After three consecutive missed meetings, a letter will go out to the member. This spreadsheet will begin to be used at the next EDSWAC meeting in May. Also, a teleconference phone number will be added to the Agenda so that a member who may not physically be able to attend the meeting will be able to attend by teleconferencing.

Per Jeanne, David Kelly has stepped down, and she will check with him about contacting Norma Santiago to see if there can be a replacement selected. Sue Ferris will contact John Driscoll with the City of Placerville about Gary Pigg's position, since Gary has retired and is only working some part time hours and the meeting might be in conflict with his hours.

3. Staff Announcements

Jon Souza notified the Committee members that Jim Greco will be retiring in April.

4. Approval of Agenda

No changes. Agenda accepted as written.

5. Approval of Minutes from November 16, 2009 and January 11, 2010

From the November 16, 2009 minutes the following needed correcting: The inbound and outbound amounts for South Tahoe Refuse and El Dorado Disposal under the SRRE Programs were incorrect; they just needed to be reversed. The number listed for STR was the number for El Dorado Disposal and vice versa. Alison Hamaker was missing from the attendance list. She was absent from the meeting.

Minutes could not be approved at the January 11, 2010 meeting since quorum was not established.

Don Nizolek motioned to approve both the November and January meeting minutes.
Yes - 6
Motion approved.

6. Meeting AB 939 Goals -

A. EDSWAC Purpose

It was decided by the Committee that at the first meeting of each year (January) EDSWAC's purpose will be discussed to refresh the members or educate new members.

B. Recycling Market Development Zone (RMDZ)

In 2012 Sacramento County's RMDZ will be up for re-approval (every 10 years you have to renew the districts). The time has come and gone to start up a new district. The Sac County Zone would like El Dorado County to join them, but in order to do that they would have to apply for an expansion (which is costly) of their Zone and then reapply again in two years. They do not want to do this now, so it looks like this is off the table for a couple of years until their renewal in 2012.

C. Solid Waste Plan Working Group Update-

The Solid Waste Plan Working Group chose the Newpoint proposal and the Board of Supervisors approved Environmental Management to precede with negotiations. The Environmental Management Department, Gerri Silva, Greg Stanton and Kerri Williams, met with the group last week. The Newpoint Group was the highest bidder but had the most complete application.

Discussion:

It was discussed whether or not this Ad Hoc group is still needed since it was unclear if that group and EDSWAC are doing the same thing, and also which group will need to be informed of the Newpoint Group progress. The committee was in agreement that if anyone on that subcommittee was interested in attending EDSWAC meetings to continue with their interest in the Solid Waste Plan than they always are welcome. Dave Johnston will check with Gerri Silva and Greg Stanton and report back to the Committtee with their decision on whether or not the Ad Hoc group needed to continue.

D. Five-Year Countywide Integrated Waste Management Plan (CIWMP)

The five year CIWMP is due in December. A subcommittee was formed with Sue Ferris, Don Nizolek and Jeanne Lear volunteering to review the five documents of the existing plan. Don asked EMD to provide the two previous year annual reports to review. Since Sue and Jeanne are both familiar with these reports, they will be able to help determine which programs or goals were actually completed or reached and which programs or goals were not. The Subcommittee will meet prior to the next EDSWAC meeting in May.

In August, the Annual Report for 2009 will be due.

7. Old Business/Action Items -

A. Business Recycling Ordinance

I. Sample State Mandatory Business Recycling Ordinance

a. There still isn't anything directly requiring the County to have an ordinance. But it is something that we should review in case it does become mandatory. If it does happen there are two versions; one that will have to be enforced and one where you just have to provide an educational element, either way the Waste Board will not provide any funding.

b. The City of Placerville is looking at creating a mandatory business recycling program. First the businesses will have to have garbage service, but recycling will be free. El Dorado Disposal will help their business customers to determine how they can divert more to recycling to save more money. The goal is to already have 80-90% of their commercial (including mulit-family housing) customers recycling when an ordinance does become mandatory. Sue said they will keep the Committee updated on how the program is working.

II. Sacramento County Recycling Ordinance

Jon passed out information on Sacramento County's ordinance, he just advised the group to hold onto the information for future reference.

8. Legislative/Regulatory Update-

The State Budget problems are the biggest priority of the State.
Chesbro has a reintroduced his Solid Waste: Diversion Bill as AB 479. There is no new news to report.

9. Agency/Jurisdiction Report:

A. Amador County –

Sue reported for Amador County. They have had few customer calls regarding the transition; the transition has gone smooth.

B. El Dorado Disposal / Western El Dorado Recovery –

Sue reported for El Dorado Disposal. They are working on a Commercial Recycling Ordinance with the City of Placerville. They are having a "secret shopper" (Tutti) program going on right now. This is where they are having a pretend customer call in to find out how El Dorado Disposal's Customer Service is performing. They average 80-100% on their scores, which is much higher in comparison to other companies. Additionally, they are outreaching to customers to find out how satisfied they are (goal is 10 customers a month). Sue will bring a list of the questions that they are asking to the May meeting. These customers will then be contacted in six months to see if they are still satisfied or have had their issues resolved. Sue went to the EDH Chamber and will be

doing the same thing with the County Chamber to discuss business recycling. El Dorado Disposal is also having employees join some service organizations (Rotary) in the community to make sure they are connecting with their customers.

C. Cameron Park Community Service District –

No one present to report. However, Sue reported that the buy back location on Durock Road is still progressing. They are working on a computer system for the buy back locations which utilizes a scanner, which some people have expressed concern about having their personal information scanned, however they are required to use the scanner if they have one.

D. El Dorado County –

The first outreach in over a year was done at the Youth Career Green Fair. It was a free booth space event, and we only had to provide staff to man the booth. It was for junior high school students and was very well attended. The Tire Amnesty Program is still going at the MRF and there are still Household Hazardous Waste events scheduled. Check out the Events page on the County's website.

E. El Dorado Hills CSD-

Allison reported that EDH had 58% in recycling last quarter. On May 22, 2010 they have scheduled their Community Clean-Up Day. The Green Waste collection on Latrobe has three commercial accounts that use it but otherwise it's mostly for residential. They are currently working on their franchise agreement with El Dorado Disposal.

F. City of Placerville-

Sue reported that there are no new things to report for Placerville. The mandatory program is fully implemented and running smoothly.

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

Jeanne reported that the green waste recycling section of their new facility will open in April. They have implemented a blue bag system for small businesses, which is going well. They have started a program at the Marriott where they put a box for blue bags out. Some of the other larger properties are doing it as well. A food waste recycling program has been started at the Embassy Suites. They haul the waste directly to the composter in Carson City. Their Earth Day celebration will be on April 17th at the Lake Tahoe College there is also an Environmental Film Festival there on the 16th. Clean Tahoe Day is scheduled for the first Saturday in June.

10. Open Forum:

None

11. Adjournment

It was motioned by Dixon and seconded by Sue to adjourn the meeting.
Yes – 6
Meeting was adjourned at 4:02 p.m.

Next Meeting: May 10, 2010 at 2:30 p.m.

Minutes Submitted by Deana Watkins-Howey

Approved:_____

Date: _____
Chairperson