

**EL DORADO COUNTY
SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES
July 17, 2017**

Locations: 2850 Fairlane Court, Placerville, CA
1052 Tata Lane, South Lake Tahoe, CA

Members Present: Dickson Schwarzbach, Chair, County Representative, District 3
Jeanne Lear, South Tahoe Refuse
Nancy Spinella, County Representative, District 4
Frank Papandrea, County Representative, District 5
Pierre Rivas, City of Placerville
Jeff England, El Dorado Disposal
J.R. Hichborn, Cameron Park CSD

County Staff: Barbara Houghton, Environmental Management Program Manager
Amy Velasco, Supervising Environmental Health Specialist
Paul Harden, Environmental Health Specialist II
Tim Engle, Environmental Health Specialist II

Members Absent: Ray Jarvis, City of South Lake Tahoe
George Turnboo, County Representative, District 2
Don Nizolek, Vice Chair, County Representative, District 1
Katrina Jackson, El Dorado Hills CSD

Members of the Public: None

1. **Call to Order**
 - ❖ Meeting was called to order at 2:32 p.m. by Dickson.
2. **Roll Call (Members)**
 - ❖ Roll call was taken.
3. **Approval of Agenda and Consent Calendar**
 - ❖ Lear made a motion for the approval of the Agenda and May 15, 2017 Meeting Minutes. Jeff England seconded the motion. All members present unanimously approved the motion.
4. **Public Comment (non-Agenda Items)**
 - ❖ Nancy Spinella stated that Red Hawk Casino is doing a recycling program.
 - ❖ Dickson Schwarzbach reminded members to make any recommendations for locating recycling bins at gas station.

Consent Agenda:

5. **Approval of EDSWAC Meeting Minutes – March 13, 2017**
 - ❖ Approved in Item #3

6. Agency/Jurisdiction Reports – Receive and File

Discussion and Possible Action Items:

7. Website Updates – Amy Velasco

- ❖ Amy Velasco passed out information on the website updates.
- ❖ Dickson Schwarzbach stated concerns with the lack of information when website searches are conducted for EDSWAC and county recycling. She stated that information is not readily provided and that there are many broken links
- ❖ Staff will let County Information Technologies know when any dead links are discovered.

8. List of pending legislation pertaining to EDSWAC – Barbara Houghton

- ❖ AB 1036 – Organic Waste: Composting. Requires assessment of progress in the development of processing and infrastructure necessary to meet state's goals for reduction of organic waste by Cal EPA, Food and Agriculture, CalRecycle, Water Resources Control Board, and Air Resources Board.
- ❖ AB 1158 – Carpet Recycling. Requires CalRecycle to estimate the minimum recycling rate for post-consumer carpet.
- ❖ AB 1288 – Solid Waste: Management Funding. Requires CalRecycle to conduct at least one workshop to discuss funding strategies for organic waste reduction infrastructure.

9. Findings pertaining to West Slope JPA

- ❖ No meetings have been scheduled as of the date of this meeting.
- ❖ Greg Stanton will provide an update at the September meeting.

10. EP3 Draft Policy update – Stanton.

- ❖ Policy is still under review by the County Administrator's Office (CAO).

11. Recognition of sustainable environmental practices – EDSWAC

- ❖ Dickson Schwarzbach had reviewed recognition programs conducted in Peoria County, Florida and Will County, Colorado. She provided information on these programs to other EDSWAC members.
 - Businesses must apply for recognition.
 - Programs require that core criteria are met.
- ❖ Nancy Spinella asked what would the businesses get as recognition. Dickson Schwarzbach replied that they could receive a window sticker or cling with the El Dorado County Recycles logo.
- ❖ Jeanne Lear stated that she was unable find information on a recognition program that had been conducted in South Lake Tahoe by the Chamber of Commerce in the past; it has been discontinued.
- ❖ Frank Papandrea stated that the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency (TRPA) recognizes businesses for Best Management Practices (BMPs) with a window sticker.
- ❖ Nancy Spinella asked who would review the applications.
- ❖ Frank Papandrea suggested have a non-cumbersome recognition process that and focuses on efficiencies.
- ❖ Nancy Spinella asked if EDSWAC would need buy-in from the Board of Supervisors. Barbara Houghton stated that she would check to find out if BOS approval is required.
- ❖ Jeanne Lear stated that some businesses bring their recyclables to the MRF rather than having curbside service. There is no tracking of recycling by these individual businesses. How would they be tracked?
- ❖ Dickson Schwarzbach stated that one way to measure whether recycling is occurring is data on the size of recycling vs. garbage carts.

- ❖ Nancy Spinella and Frank Papandrea stated that businesses need to let their customers know what they recycle and how much. Suggested using “walk-throughs” to see what they are doing.
- ❖ Jeff England and Nancy Spinella are working with Red Hawk Casino to determine if the EDD sustainability coordinator can evaluate employee training and operations.
- ❖ Dickson Schwarzbach recommended that the “walk-through” could include a check list to assist businesses on how to recycle more.
- ❖ Jeanne Lear stated that STR does do “walk-throughs” with businesses to educate them on the importance of recycling food and other recyclable waste, and construction and demolition debris. Business type must be considered.
- ❖ Nancy Spinella recommended working with the local Chambers of Commerce to put together presentations to various groups.
- ❖ Steps for recognition could include:
 - Application
 - Criteria
 - Walk-through
 - Recognition
- ❖ Jeanne Lear recommended looking at the different waste streams (food, e-waste, office paper, etc.).
- ❖ Jeff England recommended identifying specific projects, for example the El Dorado Town Center compactor pilot program may increase the volume of organic waste recycled.
- ❖ Dickson Schwarzbach likes the idea of creating a “Business of the Year” for recycling/waste reduction practices.
- ❖ Jeanne Lear asked if there would be categories for small business, large business; how would the “winner” be determined; the SLT chamber held an awards dinner; is there support or capacity to conduct such a program.
- ❖ Dickson Schwarzbach requested that members continue thinking about how to develop this program.
- ❖ Dickson Schwarzbach, Nancy Spinella and Frank Papandrea said that they would work on identifying businesses that met the criteria for recycling/solid waste reduction practices.

12. Evaluation of committee member attendance – Dickson Schwarzbach

- ❖ EDSWAC by-laws state: “The appointment of any Member who fails to attend three or more consecutive EDSWAC Meetings without the approval of the majority of the members of the committee shall automatically become vacant. At the EDSWAC meeting following the third consecutive absence of an EDSWAC member, the Chair will call for a vote of the committee to determine if any of the absences are excusable.”
- ❖ Discussion about what consists of an excused absence. Dickson Schwarzbach stated that notification of absence would qualify as an excused absence. The District 2 representative did not notified EMD or the chair that they would not be at any of the meetings missed.
- ❖ A motion was made by Frank Papandrea and clarified by Dickson Schwarzbach to determine if the three consecutive absences by District 2 representative were not excusable. The motion was seconded by Nancy Spinella. Motion was unanimously approved, therefore the District 2 representative seat is now vacant.
- ❖ Discussion concerning the City of South Lake Tahoe representatives continuous absence from meetings. City and Community Services District members are appointed by their respective Boards; therefore they cannot be removed by EDSWAC members. There is a meeting conflict for the City of South Lake Tahoe representative which is why they do not attend EDSWAC meetings. Jeanne Lear will appeal to the City of South

Lake Tahoe to see if a representative can be appointed that can attend EDSWAC meetings.

13. Next meeting: Monday, September 11, 2017

- ❖ Next meeting will be conducted in South Lake Tahoe.
- ❖ Staff will coordinate car-pooling options for EDSWAC members.

Open Forum – Items for Discussion

- ❖ None

Action items for next meeting:

1. Continue reviewing options for “Sustainable Environmental Practices” recognition – EDSWAC
2. Don Nizolek had requested through Dickson Schwarzbach to have copies of the EAR reports submitted to EDSWAC members

15. Adjournment

- ❖ Meeting was adjourned by Dickson Schwarzbach at 3:36 pm.

“Approved

Dickson Schwarzbach
Chairperson

9/11/17
Date”