

**EL DORADO COUNTY
SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES
May 15, 2017**

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

Members Present: Dickson Schwarzbach, Chair, County Representative, District 3
Don Nizolek, Vice Chair, County Representative, District 1
Jeanne Lear, South Tahoe Refuse
Nancy Spinella, County Representative, District 4
Frank Papandrea, County Representative, District 5
Jeff England, El Dorado Disposal
Katrina Jackson, El Dorado Hills CSD
J.R. Hichborn, Cameron Park CSD

County Staff: Greg Stanton, Director
Barbara Houghton, Environmental Management Program Manager
Amy Velasco, Supervising Environmental Health Specialist
Paul Harden, Environmental Health Specialist II

Members Absent: Pierre Rivas, City of Placerville
Ray Jarvis, City of South Lake Tahoe
George Turnboo, County Representative, District 2

Members of the Public: None

1. **Call to Order**
 - ❖ Meeting was called to order at 2:32 p.m. by Schwarzbach.
2. **Roll Call (Members)**
 - ❖ Roll call was taken.
3. **Approval of Agenda and Consent Calendar**
 - ❖ Spinella made a motion for the approval of the Agenda and March Meeting Minutes. Jackson seconded the motion. All members present unanimously approved the motion.
 - ❖ Schwarzbach pulled item 6A (El Dorado County staff report) off consent.
4. **Public Comment (non-Agenda Items)**
 - ❖ None

Consent Agenda:

5. **Approval of EDSWAC Meeting Minutes – March 13, 2017**
 - ❖ Approved in Item #3
6. **Agency/Jurisdiction Reports – Receive and File**
 - ❖ All but item 6A approved in Item #3.
 - ❖ Item 6A Discussion:

- Schwarzbach thanked EMD staff for providing the tonnage data stating the charts are very helpful to understand what is going on and to track trends. She requested that the tonnage charts be standardized to show the same data for El Dorado Disposal (EDD) and South Tahoe Refuse (STR). Nizolek would like to see priority waste streams (green waste, food waste, construction and demolition C&D) included in the report. Staff recognizes that those are important to follow; they will be included in the revised report.
- Stanton highlighted the following programs within the staff report: 1) The current Waste Tire Amnesty Grant is coming to a close and staff will have a report on the number of tires collected for the July meeting; 2) Recycling bins are being purchased with the City-County Payment Program grant award funds for bear safe recycling in South Lake Tahoe and custom "El Dorado Recycles" recycling bins will be placed at gas stations in the unincorporated areas of the County; 3) Community cleanup green waste tonnages collected will be reported to staff. Tonnages are growing every year; 4) Staff is promoting the new Refuel Your Fun at the El Dorado Home and Garden Show and County Fair. 5) Staff has been collaborating with the El Dorado County Master Gardeners to promote home composting and staff is also promoting home composting at the El Dorado Home and Garden Show and County Fair. 6) CalRecycle is offering an organics infrastructure improvement grant. EDD, STR, and County staff visited Sierra Nevada Brewing Company to view their HotRot System that may be considered in a grant application. Staff may collaborate with EDD and STR to apply for grant funds.
- Schwarzbach thanked staff for the detail provided in their staff reports the past two meetings. Nizolek appreciated staff tying the staff report to the strategies of the El Dorado County Solid Waste Management Plan (SWMP).
- Nizolek asked whether the green waste survey that went out to EDD Area B (south county) customers noted whether the county is considering discontinuing allowing residential yard waste burning. Velasco stated it asked if residents would be favorable to a curbside green waste service for a minimal rate increase. Stanton stated that staff checks with the EDC Air Quality Management District (AQMD) annually concerning legislation that would prohibit future residential burning; to date there is none pending. Staff will continue to move forward with alternatives to burning and provide those to county residents.
- Hichborn asked whether the recycling bins being purchased are being limited to gas stations. Velasco explained that this is a pilot program and EMD is focusing on gas stations at this time. If the pilot is successful it may be expanded. Stanton asked EDSWAC to share ideas for future bottle and can recycling projects that would be beneficial to the community with staff as that those projects may be included in future grant applications.
- Nizolek noted that the C&D percent diversion listed in the CDA/EMD Construction & Demolition Debris Recycling Program Guidebook for the two County Franchise MRF/Approved Recycling Facilities in the C&D program are below the 65% required by CalGreen. Velasco acknowledged that the percent noted on the C&D forms is lower than the 65% which was mandated as of 1/1/2017. However, many of the Approved Recycling Facilities have met the mandated 65%. Staff will update the forms and will work to address this issue.
- Nizolek pointed out that the tonnage of C&D for STR is very high and wondered if the amounts of debris need to be allocated for individual jurisdictions where it is generated. Lear noted that they take daily surveys to see which jurisdictions their customers are coming from and use that information to calculate how much material is allocated to South Lake Tahoe, the unincorporated area of El Dorado County, or Douglas County NV. The data is very consistent: El Dorado unincorporated is always between 15-18%. STR also acknowledged that green waste diversion (e.g., pine needles) is included in their C&D diversion performance.

- Nizolek stated that the C&D options are confusing. Velasco noted that we have three (3) types of guidance documents available (brochure, overview, and a guidebook). She recommended that EDSWAC review those documents and provide feedback to staff. Stanton noted that permittees also receive assistance from staff when they are going through the permit process. Stanton added that the diversion reporting is going to be changing significantly with the onset of AB 901 which will require recyclers to report on each individual recycled commodity, including C&D, resulting in greater detail about what is generated and how it is recycled.

Discussion and Possible Action Items:

7. EDSWAC consideration to support an El Dorado RMDZ – Stanton/Velasco

- ❖ Velasco described the Recycling Market Development Zone (RMDZ). Staff has put together a proposal and plan in partnership with the Cities of Placerville and South Lake Tahoe, with the assistance of County of El Dorado County Economic Development Department, to apply to become a RMDZ. Staff requested EDSWAC's support to EMD's application in the form of a Letter of Support to include with the application. Lear made a motion for the approval of for EDSWAC to provide a written letter of support for an El Dorado County RMDZ. Schwarzbach seconded the motion. All members present unanimously approved the motion.

8. Recycling websites/information updates – Velasco

- ❖ Velasco shared that we have been working to improve EMD's Solid Waste Program websites. The EDSWAC webpage has been updated to highlight EDSWAC accomplishments and a link has been included to the Committee Member list located on the El Dorado County Board of Supervisor's website. Staff has researched other jurisdiction's recycling webpages to look for templates. Staff plans to reduce the volume of text on the webpage, include more graphics and make it mobile friendly. Schwarzbach would like EDSWAC to review the test site before it goes live. Houghton, recommended that EDSWAC take a look at the current website and provide feedback.

9. List of pending legislation – Stanton/Houghton.

- ❖ Houghton provided a brief overview of legislation the Rural Counties' Environmental Services Joint Powers Authority (ESJPA). Information on each of these is available on CalRecycle's website: <http://www.calrecycle.ca.gov/laws/Legislation/PriorityRpt/>
 - AB178 - California Beverage Container Recycling and Litter Reduction Act
 - AB509 - Tire recycling: California tire regulatory fee and waste tire program
 - AB1288 – Solid Waste Management and Funding
 - AB1572 - Integrated waste management plans: source reduction and recycling element: review schedule
 - SB60 - Recycling: beverage containers: convenience zones

10. EP3 Draft Policy update – Stanton.

- ❖ EDSWAC was provided with a copy of the draft Environmentally Preferable Purchasing Policy (EP3). Staff requested feedback from EDSWAC by June 15, 2017. Nizolek mentioned that the SWMP discusses revision to the ordinance and that draft EP3 does not include the standards and criteria that will be needed to meet the terms of this policy. Staff has compiled a proposed list of recognized green certification as guidance for both the bidder and purchasing staff.
- ❖ Nizolek recommended that Procurement maintain a list of approved products. Stanton addressed Nizolek's comments as follows: 1) Regardless of whether the SWMP mentions an ordinance, there is a Board Policy that governs procurement in terms of the EP3 and recognized preferences that will be adopted by Board Resolution, but it is a

policy not an ordinance. 2) The intended recipient (user) would provide the technical details of what they need that would be included into a bid and Procurement staff would make the determination on whether a bidder meets the terms of the bid conditions. 3) If a product purchase is made that meets standards, the purchase is tracked by procurement for future reference.

- ❖ Nizolek shared that the State's "Buy Recycled" campaign is very good (under the Public Contract Code) and recommends staff look at that. He would like to see a goal included in the EP3 that is supported by the Board of Supervisors. Stanton said staff will look at this.

11. West Slope JPA Status Update – Stanton.

- ❖ Letters were sent to stakeholders on the west slope. Stanton has communicated with the El Dorado Hills Community Services District (CSD), Cameron Park CSD, and the City of Placerville. Stanton will provide an update at the July EDSWC meeting with the result of those meetings.

12. Draft certificate of appreciation for sustainable environmental practices – Velasco

- ❖ Velasco shared the rough draft of a certificate of appreciation for sustainable environmental practices with the following considerations:
 - Recognition for food rescue vs food recycling.
 - Annual tonnage information can be a burden (printing annual certificates) & may be a disservice to small businesses.
 - Mandatory Commercial Recycling (MCR) & Mandatory Commercial Organics Recycling (MORe) are now mandates. Recognition should go to those who go above and beyond, not just those following a mandate.
- ❖ Schwarzbach thinks recognition should be given for those implementing green practices (example provided: Sierra Nevada Brewing). Lear shared that the chamber of commerce in South Lake Tahoe did a recognition program and that there was a lot of work involved. As a result, it is no longer in effect. Stanton commented that resources for this program are very limited so he expects staff will come back with a recommendation that this program is kept very simple. Schwarzbach requested that everyone think about it and come back with ideas at the next meeting.

13. Fourth quarter (2016) Waste/Recycling Tonnage Reports and Paris Reports review – England and Lear

- ❖ Discussed under Agenda Item #6.

14. Next meeting: Monday, July 10, 2017

- a. Schwarzbach would like to know if this meeting could be moved to July 17th. Staff will follow up with an e-mail to see if members are available.

15. Open Forum – Items for Discussion

- ❖ None

16. Action items for next meeting:

1. Website updates – Velasco/EDSWAC
2. List of pending legislation to EDSWAC – Houghton/Stanton
3. Findings regarding West Slope JPA – Stanton
4. EP3 Draft Policy update – Stanton/EDSWAC
5. Idea on "sustainable environmental practices" recognition - EDSWAC

17. **Adjournment**

❖ Meeting was adjourned by Dickson at 4:05 p.m.

“Approved

Catherine Dickson Schwarzbach
Chairperson

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Date”