

**EL DORADO COUNTY  
SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES  
NOVEMBER 13, 2017**

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

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

**County Staff:** Greg Stanton, Environmental Management Director  
Amy Velasco, Supervising Environmental Health Specialist  
Tom Meyer, Department Analyst  
Paul Harden, EHS II  
Timothy Engle, EHS II

**Members Absent:** Ray Jarvis, City of South Lake Tahoe  
Don Nizolek, Vice Chair, County Representative, District 1

**Members of the Public:** Carrie Baxter, R3 Consulting

**1. Call to Order**

Meeting was called to order at 2:35 p.m. by Dickson Schwarzbach.

**2. Roll Call (Members)**

Roll call was taken.

**3. Approval of Agenda and Consent Calendar**

Dickson Schwarzbach made a motion to pull Consent Agenda item 8 for discussion which includes the El Dorado Disposal (EDD) report and Cameron Park Community Services District (CPCSD) attachment. Pierre Rivas seconded. All members present unanimously approved the motion.

Dickson Schwarzbach made a motion to approve the Agenda, July 17 & September 11, 2017 Meeting Minutes, Consent Agenda items from the September 11, 2017 meeting, and Consent Agenda items 5-7 for this meeting. Pierre Rivas seconded the motion. All members present unanimously approved the motion.

**4. Public Comment (Non-Agenda Items)**

None

## Discussion and Possible Action Items:

### 8(d): CPCSD

J.R. Hichborn commented that the CPCSD cleanup days were a success and that there was significant positive public feedback.

### 8(a): County of El Dorado Staff Report

- i. Dickson Schwarzbach is pleased with the AB 341 compliance rate (94.6%). She asked if EDD has identified any patterns for non-participation. Jeff England shared that there is generally less participation for 1) multi-family complexes which can be difficult to deal with when they don't have strong local management, and 2) enclosure and space issues which limit businesses from having a recycle bin. EDD continues to do outreach and education to promote mandated programs.
- ii. Dickson Schwarzbach asked if there were still difficulties with vendors (CleanWorld) capacity to collect food waste. Jeff England confirmed that this is still an issue. CleanWorld can only take liquid food waste at this time. EDD is working with CalRecycle and they have identified that the closest alternative location is between Vacaville and Fairfield; which is too far away to be a feasible option. They continue to look for closer alternatives. Dickson Schwarzbach commented that she would like to see a solution to increase food waste disposal. Dickson Schwarzbach asked if SLT is having any issues finding a vendor to divert food waste. Jeanne Lear commented that the STR contract with their food waste recycler is fine. It was just renewed this spring.
- iii. Dickson Schwarzbach noted that the reports show that there is an increase in residential curbside recycling. She asked if that is in recycling or green waste and whether there was an increase in waste too. Jeff England shared that he expects that this is due to additional residential curbside accounts being added in developing communities which have added hundreds of homes to the EDD customer base and previously vacant homes are filling up. Dickson Schwarzbach shared that this is consistent with the increased economic activity we've discussed at prior meetings.
- iv. Dickson Schwarzbach asked if there are free recycling & education programs for schools. Jeff England shared that recycling is free to all who have waste service, including schools. One of EDD's Sustainability Coordinator's missions is to conduct outreach and education to schools.

Dickson Schwarzbach motioned to receive and file Item 8 from the Consent Agenda. Pierre Rivas seconded the motion and all members present unanimously approved the motion.

## 9. **Status of potential formation of a West Slope JPA – Stanton**

The El Dorado Hills Community Services District (EDHCSD) voted "No" on the formation of a West Slope JPA. The City of Placerville also voted "No" on the formation of a West Slope JPA. It still needs to go before the CPCSD and the El Dorado County Board of

Supervisors (BOS) for a vote. A recommendation was made to revisit this item at a later date.

**10. Curbside Green Waste Proposal, Area B, Grizzly Flats – Velasco**

The proposal going before the BOS is to have curbside green waste service from May through October each year. Rates would be distributed evenly over the year (12 months). Greg Stanton commented that the fee proposal going before the BOS on 12/12/2017 is for \$3.50 per month for the service. The purpose of the proposal is to reduce fuel loads to decrease fire risks.

**11. Solid Waste Legislation update – Velasco**

a. SB 1383 - Short Lived Climate Pollutants:

<http://www.calrecycle.ca.gov/climate/slcp/>

As it pertains to CalRecycle, SB 1383 establishes targets to achieve a 50 percent reduction in the level of the statewide disposal of organic waste from the 2014 level by 2020 and a 75 percent reduction by 2025. The law grants CalRecycle the regulatory authority required to achieve the organic waste disposal reduction targets and establishes an additional target that not less than 20 percent of currently disposed edible food is recovered for human consumption by 2025.

CalRecycle will be conducting workshops to educate the public, industries and regulators on the requirements. Greg Stanton mentioned that there is possibly a need for 100 facilities or more for recycling and diversion in order to meet CalRecycle's goals. Dickson Schwarzbach asked if CalRecycle offers any incentives in order to jumpstart this effort. Greg Stanton shared that there are grants that are coming out as a result of the mandates. Many of them require a lot of advanced planning.

b. AB 1158 – Carpet Recycling: <http://www.calrecycle.ca.gov/carpet/law.htm>

This bill would establish a state goal of a 24% recycling rate for postconsumer carpet by January 1, 2020, and to meet or exceed that rate continually thereafter. The bill would require a carpet stewardship plan to achieve a 24% recycling rate for postconsumer carpet by January 1, 2020, and to include quantifiable 5-year goals and annual goals, as specified, etc. Dickson Schwarzbach asked if there was any carpet recycling currently in El Dorado County (EDC). Greg Stanton responded that the EDD MRF currently accepts mattresses for recycling but he is not sure if carpet can be recycled at this time. Nancy Spinella asked if there was a fee at the time of purchase to fund the mattress recycling. Greg responded that there is a fee.

c. AB 1219 California Good Samaritan Food Donation Act:

[https://leginfo.ca.gov/faces/billTextClient.xhtml?bill\\_id=201720180AB1219](https://leginfo.ca.gov/faces/billTextClient.xhtml?bill_id=201720180AB1219)

Existing law specifies that a food facility that donates any food that is fit for human consumption at the time it was donated to a nonprofit charitable organization or a food bank is not liable for any damage or injury resulting from the consumption of the donated food, unless the injury resulted from negligence or a willful act in the preparation or handling of the donated food. This bill would expand the release of liability.

Amy Velasco shared that the Environmental Management Department (EMD), in coordination with the Food Bank of El Dorado, applied for \$277,000 in grant funding which would provide new infrastructure (refrigerated vehicles and other equipment) to expand and enhance food rescue in EDC. It would also include development of a commercial that would run in local theaters and a flyer to hand out to food facilities to promote the Good Samaritan Law and encourage restaurants to donate their extra foods. Greg Stanton described that a pilot program that would target food donations from Town Center, in El Dorado Hills was included in the grant application proposal. Carrie Baxter of R3 Consulting asked if the department would be targeting grocery stores. Amy Velasco answered yes, but many grocery stores are already participating in food donation with the Food Bank of El Dorado.

d. SB 458 Beverage Container Recycling – Pilot Projects:

<http://www.calrecycle.ca.gov/laws/Legislation/PriorityRpt/default.asp>

This would authorize up to 5 limited-term recycling pilot projects through January 1, 2020. These projects would be subject to CalRecycle's approval and are designed to improve redemption opportunities in unserved convenience zones. The bill would subject the pilot projects to certain requirements, including that the pilot project is served by a pilot project recycler who meets certain requirements. The bill would require dealers within the jurisdiction of a pilot project to post certain information relating to pilot project locations and a department-established toll-free number for information relating to beverage container recycling opportunities.

Greg Stanton described that this bill may provide more pressure and opportunity in the community for others to come in and provide a CRV redemption center service to areas currently lacking capacity.

## 12. Organics Data Gathering Proposal – Velasco

EMD is working to capture more comprehensive organic waste data for EDC in order to better understand organics flow in and out of the County so we can identify priority infrastructure and plan for grant opportunities. Greg Stanton further clarified that we want to understand the full organics waste stream by looking at food waste, green waste, and tree mortality in EDC. Then we want to identify available processing facilities in EDC and adjacent Counties to limit transportation costs. This identification process would include facilities that can compost, anaerobically digest, and/or chip and grind organics waste to manufacture useable products. The final question we plan to research is what end products are the most marketable for our area and who is going to buy them? With this information, we hope to plan for a processing facility that could produce a product that is needed locally.

## Round Table – Items for Discussion

- a. Jeff England shared that EDD has purchased compostable green waste bags and will be distributing them in certain communities and gathering feedback on how well they work. EDD has received good initial reviews. They're experimenting because there are so many challenges with plastic bags used for collecting green waste. The goal is to keep plastic bags out of the system. The compostable bags are \$1.99 per pack of 5.

- b. Dickson Schwarzbach brought up filling open vacancies on EDSWAC. J.R. Hichborn shared that CPCSD has a new General Manager (Jill Ritzman). J.R. Hichborn will be working for EDHCSD. Jill Ritzman plans to attend the January EDSWAC meeting.
- c. Greg Stanton shared that the BOS will need to approve any new EDSWAC appointments. District 2 still needs a representative.
- d. Dickson Schwarzbach mentioned that she planned to get the Business Recognition Subcommittee meeting together but was unable to. She will work on this before the next meeting.
- e. Dickson Schwarzbach shared that she attended the "Empty Bowls" fundraiser. They wanted to have a zero waste event. There were about 1,000-1,500 people in attendance. One woman was trying very hard to organize and manage the recycling efforts, but it was clear she did not know what she was doing and could really use some help. It raised the issue that there is an interest in the community and it would be good if people could receive guidance on what is and isn't recyclable to set them up for success for their event. Nancy Spinella commented that U.C. Davis already does this for their events. Greg Stanton mentioned that it requires planning far in advance in order to set the requirements necessary to hit the zero waste goals. Jeff England mentioned that anyone interested in this type of event should reach out to EDD's Sustainability Coordinator to discuss options.
- f. J.R. Hichborn asked about EDC's second bullet in Item 8(a) regarding a possible Adopt-A-Roadway program in EDC. He asked how he could get Cameron Park Drive on that list. Greg Stanton made it clear that we are exploring options for an Adopt-A-Roadway Program and that there are many hurdles to consider and overcome before EDC can offer such a program. EMD is exploring options. Greg Stanton assured the group that CP, EDH, and the main arteries of the County would not be forgotten.
- g. Nancy Spinella shared that the plastic bag ban has been in effect for a while now. She heard a story on NPR this morning that said plastic bags have always been the number one collected item during public clean-ups in California and now, it number 10 or 12. Jeanne Lear mentioned the City of South Lake Tahoe is considering a ban on polystyrene. Examples may include Styrofoam take out containers and other packaging. It also includes consideration to prohibit these types of packaging/materials from coming into the City. This could be difficult to prevent/enforce and it will likely be fraught with challenge.
- h. Greg Stanton shared that the BOS has held 4 workshops on good governance. The purpose of those workshops was to develop a Good Governance Manual. There is a proposal that it will 1) require committees and commissions (at least the Chair) to have Brown Act training annually, 2) require that meeting minutes are sent by EMD to the BOS Clerk for distribution to the BOSs, and 3) committees and commissions will be filing semi-annual written reports to the BOS on what the committee is doing.
- i. Dickson Schwarzbach commented that for the January meeting organics should be a topic of discussion. Greg Stanton commented that at the January meeting the committee typically adopts a calendar for the year. EMD will circulate a draft to EDSWAC before the end of the year. Also, in January, EDSWAC might want

to consider goal setting for the year. In January or March, there may be some information coming forward on the status of the new EDD MRF.

- j. Pierre Rivas asked a follow up question about Greg Stanton's information on good governance. He asked if the meeting minutes will be sent to the BOS Clerk as well as the appropriate representative(s) of the governing bodies of other representatives of EDSWAC. Greg Stanton responded that yes, the minutes can be sent to whomever they want with EDSWAC approval.

**Adjourn:**

Meeting was adjourned by Dickson Schwarzbach at 3:42 pm.

"Approved

Chairperson



1/22/18

Date"