

# MINUTES

## Solano County Local Task Force (LTF) for Integrated Waste Management

Special Meeting of May 24, 2012

9:00 a.m.

Solano County Administration Center

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<b>Member Organization</b>	<b>Representative</b>	<b>Present</b>
Allied Waste	Marie Knutson	X
CCL Organics	Dave Burnley	
City of Benicia	Tonya Gilmore	Via phone
City of Dixon	Janet Koster	
City of Fairfield	Esther Blanco	X
City of Rio Vista	Jennifer Armer	
City of Suisun City	Amanda Dum	X
City of Vacaville	Kari Holmes	X
City of Vallejo	Derek Crutchfield	X
Concrush	Loriana Patterson	
County of Solano	Ed Padilla	X
County of Solano	Narcisa Untal	X
Fairfield-Suisun Sewer District	Kevin Cullen	
Pacific Rim Recycling	Steve Moore	
Potrero Hills Landfill	Jim Dunbar	X
Potrero Hills Landfill (Alternate)	Natalie Hicks	X
Recology Hay Road (Alternate)	Chris Taylor	X
Recology Vacaville Solano / Recology Dixon (Alternate)	Julia Lopez	X
Recology Vallejo	Lisa Lefebvre	
Recycling Zone (Alternate)	Dave Ryan	X
Recycling Zone	Jack Waite	X
Rio Vista Sanitation Service	Keith Nance	X
Sierra Club	Jane Bogner	X
Solano Community College	Jeff Lehfeldt	X
Solano Garbage Company	Sandra Gonzalez	X
Travis Air Force Base	Dolores Tiburcio	
VALCORE	Mark Nichols	X

### **GUESTS:**

1. Lee Axelrad, Solano County Counsel
2. Joe Scholtes, 95.3 KUIC
3. June Guidotti, 3703 Scally Road, Suisun, CA 94585, Member of the Public

1. **Call to Order / Introductions**

The meeting was called to order by Narcisa Untal 9:19 a.m.

2. **Public Comment**

The following is verbatim testimony:

Ms. Guidotti: Yes, Diane is out right now making copies that Narcisa did not include in your packet. It's page two of Bill Reistle's letter. (See Attachment A) It was ... Jim Dunbar didn't pass it around to the public for you to read last time. And now it's excluded from your agenda today. So Diane whenever she gets back here. Maybe before the meeting ends it will be added. Also they are adding Alan's letter that was submitted. And another concern is I see that Chris is here from Hay Road Landfill. Narcisa is stating that there is a ... a fifteen year capacity of for composting. It doesn't appear ... Chris could probably verify. I doesn't appear that Chris has the ... for Hay Road. So how does that affect what's going on. Second thing how does it affect ... what the Board of Supervisors did on Tuesday on agenda 28. Agenda changed the zoning on ... on the zoning on this packet here this seems to be a conflict of interest on the zoning. So when you're stating that you have a 15 year recycling I think it needs to be investigated and it's inadequate. And I see that Diane brought the packet back so she's added the second page that Jim Dunbar obviously or didn't give to Narcisa it was just a mistake that wasn't entered. And then they added Carol Allen's letter in regards to the CEQA initial study that was to be done on Potrero Hills Landfill. So I think that that needs to be included in the Siting Element and that I'm not so sure under the Williamson Act that they actually have met their ... for there ... all that's required to be a ... landfill to go forward and for you to vote. I'll talk on that on ... Thank you.

Chair Dunbar thanked Ms. Guidotti and apologized for being late.

3. **Action Item(s)**

a. **Approval of the Minutes**

The following is verbatim testimony:

Ms. Guidotti: On the approval of the minutes I pretty much said it. I didn't realize I was going to be given the opportunity. I pretty much said that they didn't include everything in the packet and when you received your minutes and it's a concern because on the statements that I had made on my letter that on the Delta Stewardship Plan I really feel that where Diane Feinstein ... I actually went to the hearing up in Sacramento, the capitol. And it was appalling to find out that Steve Chappell took 30 million dollars at 0.60 cents a ton to haul garbage into the Suisun Marsh. Diane Feinstein's hubby, Richard Blum, is doing URS and that was what I was referring to that the meeting hadn't come up in my letter on my minutes. URS is now doing for Jerry Brown the EIR but there's a conflict of interest. Richard Blum has three laboratories in Berkeley. That laboratory has researched energy and atomic bombs. They're dumping their exploratory animals over the fence line at Tonessons. Don't ... today in your meeting it'll take Tonessons Pet Cemetery. And I see that there is a study that is being done on May 30<sup>th</sup>. Try to get an appointment to go to it. Thirty people are allowed. It's pretty private. They exclude a lot of people but I'm sure Jim will talk more on that. So as far as what I have said in my letter Judge Beeman did shut down out in

Green Valley that effects the water. And the water that's coming down the road is running up my road right now. That water is not for agricultural use. So I appreciate Jim giving me extra time and I don't appreciate what I'm going through on Scally Road and the harassment that I'm getting.

The minutes of March 15, 2012 were approved. Keith Nance abstained.

**b. Authorize Chair to sign and submit letter to Staff containing the LTF's final comments on the Addendum to Solano County's Third 5-Year Review Report on the Countywide Integrated Waste Management Plan**

Mr. Axelrad reported CalRecycle's initial comments advised the County to change its plan to revise the Source Reduction and Recycling Element, Household Hazardous Waste Element and Summary Plan to an update process in order to minimize impacts to the staff workload and submit this change as an addendum. Jim Dunbar read aloud a draft letter, on behalf of the LTF, concurring with CalRecycle's comments. (Attachment B)

There being no further discussion Chair Dunbar asked for public comments.

The following is verbatim testimony:

Ms. Guidotti: Jim do you have a copy of the letter that you're submitting? So if I'm understanding correctly that today's vote is you're going to go back and fix some of these problems? Because it says on here that you're gonna vote.

Chair Dunbar: We are going to vote to authorize signature of this letter to recommend the change of process.

Ms. Guidotti: Yeah that you're requesting that. Thank you. O.K. 'cause my concern is that I was going to ask you to deny the vote today but I haven't really read his letter. I'd like to have a copy of it. That on the agenda on 28 on the Board of Supervisors meeting on Tuesday? The chairperson was Linda Seifert. There was a mistake made because there appears to be conflict of interest on the Siting Element and some of the documents that you're going to back over with? The Williamson Act holds a very high priority in agriculture as far as (unintelligible)? The Board of Supervisors took our public money ... took our public money and paid because Jerry Brown cut this from the county. Correct? So if you continue to do this and if I have a handicap sticker and I need (unintelligible) I'd get into big trouble. Well on this committee here they sent me this in the mail. You can't read it. It's a really small little name. But there is a second page to it just like there was a second page to the document that got left out in the packet. This is the first page and this is the second page and it has my name on it as a citizen. This ... the Board of Supervisors on approval of the Solano County Agricultural Advisory Committee approved all the zoning changes for you in the General Plan and for this landfill.

Except there's a problem because some of the people on this list have a conflict of interest and I resent the fact that they can make use of my land put overlays on it and do what they have done in this General Plan so I have already requested it and (unintelligible) and it's under investigation. Because I have grave concerns on how our tax money is being used in the Williamson Act. I'm not in the Williamson Act. It I was I wouldn't be paying the thousands dollars I am paying in taxes. But when you are misusing the Act that's should be checked out

and is being investigated. Thank you Jim and I do ask the Board to ... well I haven't read your letter so I don't know if I want you to send it or not. I mean how much time does it make any difference? And the meeting that you have coming up at the end of the third week that you're gonna to be talking about? Only thirty people can go. And you really never (unintelligible) for the public to go. And there is a biosolids meeting today too that affects this.

Mr. Axelrad clarified that the update process described earlier is an approach that will be taken with future reviews of the elements in the plan. It does not go back and affect the plan elements that have already been updated or revised. This is describing the process that will be used for future element updates.

Chair Dunbar called for a motion to authorize the Chair to sign and submit a letter to county staff containing the LTF's final comments on the Addendum to Solano County's Third 5-Year Review Report on the Countywide Integrated Waste Management Plan. On a motion by Jane Bogner, Sierra Club and seconded by Ed Padilla, Solano County, Item 3b passed unanimously.

#### **4. Member Updates**

City of Vacaville – Kari Holmes

Announced her last day will be June 5<sup>th</sup> and Brian McLean will be the City's rep.

Solano Community College – Jeff Lehfeldt

There will be no summer school session which should result in a decrease of solid waste. He is assuming an interim position as Director of Maintenance.

Sierra Club – Jane Bogner

Requested event and program updates for the recycle guide website.

City of Suisun City – Amanda Dum

Earth Day in Suisun City described.

Allied Waste – Marie Knutson

Earth Day compost class described. There are more composting classes coming up over the summer including one at the farmers market. The HHW program was averaging about 15 homes per week.

Solano Garbage Company – Sandra Gonzalez

Armijo High School and SGC are working to implement a recycling program and establish an on-campus Green Team beginning the 2012/13 school year. Solano Community College will also see an increase of recycling bins throughout their campus with the addition of standardizing the containers throughout. Other activities included participation in Suisun City's Earth Day and on-going business waste assessments.

City of Fairfield – Esther Blanco

The City is hosting composting at the Farmers Market and plan to do it at the Tomato Festival. The Green Business program will be presenting five businesses with awards this year. Curbside used oil filter collection will begin in June.

City of Vallejo – Derek Crutchfield

They held a public works week to acknowledge the city wide efforts of public works employees. There was also a Scrap to Sculpture art contest with many outstanding entries. First prize was \$500, second \$300, third was \$100 along with several honorable mentions. Next year they will add a kid's category.

VALCORE Recycling – Mark Nichols

The Earth Day Scrap to Sculpture art contest was described and announced joint efforts with City of Benicia and Vallejo on CalRecycle's "Check Your Number Program".

Potrero Hills Landfill – Jim Dunbar

The landfill expansion permit is done and some mitigation is going into effect. The public comment period of the mitigated negative declaration closed on May 9, 2012.

Solano County – Narcisa Untal

Requested continued public outreach assistance to promote the Tire Amnesty Program.

**5. Adjournment**

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 10:05 a.m.

Attachment A – William Reustle letter dated 05/02/12

Attachment B – LTF Letter to county staff dated 05/25/12

The next regular LTF meeting is scheduled for <b>Thursday, July 19, 2012</b>
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