

MINUTES

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

Meeting of November 15, 2012
9:00 a.m.
Solano County Administration Center

Member Organization	Representative	Present
Allied Waste	Susan Hurl	X
CCL Organics	Dave Burnley	
City of Benicia	Tonya Gilmore	X
City of Dixon	Janet Koster	
City of Fairfield	Esther Blanco	X
City of Rio Vista	Jennifer Armer	
City of Suisun City	Amanda Dum	
City of Vacaville	Brian McLean	
City of Vallejo	Derek Crutchfield	X
Concrush	Allen Hochstetler	X
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	
Recology Hay Road (Alternate)	Chris Taylor	
Recology Vacaville Solano / Recology Dixon (Alternate)	Fred Stemmler	
Recology Vallejo	Lisa Lefebvre	X
Recycling Zone (Alternate)	Dave Ryan	X
Recycling Zone	Jack Waite	
Rio Vista Sanitation Service	Dave Adler	X
Sierra Club	Jane Bogner	
Solano Community College	Jeff Lehfeldt	
Solano Garbage Company	Sandra Gonzalez	X
Solano Garbage Company (Alternate)	Tony Cincotta	X
Travis Air Force Base	Dolores Tiburcio	X
VALCORE	Mark Nichols	X
VALCORE	Erin Tator	

GUESTS:

Dan Sykes, Solano County Parks Manager
 Jill Firch, CalRecycle
 Angela Gilliam, CalRecycle
 Joe Scholtes, 95.3 KUIC
 David Juppert, Potrero Hills Landfill
 Mike Tinney, Tinney Associates

1. **Call to Order / Introductions**

The meeting was called to order by Chair Dunbar at 9:05 a.m. Those present introduced themselves.

2. **Public Comment**

There were no public comments.

3. **Presentations**

a. **Solano County Parks**

Dan Sykes, Solano County Parks Manager, introduced himself and described the four county parks and their goals and challenges. One goal is to increase public outreach by promoting the value of the county parks. Another is to get more people and business to partner with the parks by volunteering, donating supplies, providing manpower and sponsoring events. Outreach messages include:

- Think Solano Parks first for nearby outdoor recreation, healthy exercise, and great experiences with your friends and family.
- Solano County's Park and Recreation Promise – We provide access to the serenity and inspiration of nature, your first choice to get outdoors...
- We provide outdoor space to play and exercise, and facilities for self-directed and organized recreation...
- We provide positive alternatives for youth which help lower crime and mischief...
- And we provide activities that facilitate social connections, human development, and lifelong learning.

Solano County has four parks that cover 1,200 acres. The parks are Lake Solano County Park, Lynch Canyon Open Space Park, Belden's Landing Boat Launch and Sandy Beach County Park. Belden's Landing provides tidal marsh access; a 24-hour launch ramp and a fishing pier to allow users to quickly reach their favorite fishing spots in the Delta. Sandy Beach County Park was voted the Best Campground in the Delta in 2009. It offers a 24-hour launch ramp; a beach on the Sacramento River; jet-skiing, boating, sand play, picnics; catfish, sturgeon and striped bass fishing; and shops and restaurants in nearby Rio Vista. Lynch Canyon Open Space Park offers views of the Bay Area and 10 miles of trails for hiking, biking and horseback riding. Lake Solano County Park is kid-friendly and offers camping, canoeing, fishing, picnics, hikes, free special events, diverse wildlife, a Nature Center and Youth Group area. The County Parks website has been expanded and will offer online camping and picnic reservations.

Mr. Sykes concluded by emphasizing their goal to increase public awareness of the County parks by promoting their value to our communities and to increase local support by offering opportunities for volunteering, partnerships and sponsorships with individuals and businesses in Solano County. Chair Dunbar noted that giving a presentation to the local city councils is a good way to get the word out about the Solano County parks as many of the council proceedings are televised to local viewers.

b. Tire-Derived Product (TDP) Grant

Angela Gilliam, CalRecycle, and Mike Tinney, Tinney Associates, gave a presentation on the Tire-Derived Product Grant program (TDP Program). The TDP Program promotes markets for recycled-content products derived from California-generated waste tires. Public outreach for the program is part of an industry wide and government green building project to achieve market expansion for recycled tires. The TDP Program provides grants for the purchase of various tire-derived products such as landscape mulch or bark, playgrounds, athletic tracks, sidewalks, sport surfacing, and traffic safety products. Eligible grant applicants include California cities, counties, public school districts, public colleges and universities, special districts, park or recreational districts, and state agencies (including offices, departments, bureaus, and boards).

CalRecycle's government oversight working structure (AB939) requires that 50% of California's waste be diverted. CalRecycle is now charged with the implementation, oversight and compliance enforcement to decrease the adverse environmental impacts created by unlawful disposal and stockpiling of waste tires. These impacts include pollution of air, water and land from waste tires. Hazards that could impact public health and safety include toxic chemicals being released into the air from burning tires and tires acting as a breeding ground for mosquitoes that spread disease. While tire-derived products have many advantages including long-term cost savings, some are costly to purchase. To encourage the use of recycled tire products, CalRecycle offers the TDP Program to agencies. The grant cycle typically occurs once per year. The current grant award is \$150,000 per applicant and applications will be accepted until December 13, 2012. CalRecycle has a Cycle Support team that provides technical assistance for the online grant application process.

The process of recycling a waste tire was described by Mr. Tinney. Some of the vendors and their products made from recycled tires were reviewed. The products meet a wide variety of building needs and have been shown to be durable, smart investments for entities throughout California. CalRecycle is committed to expanding viable markets for the more than 10 million waste tires landfilled each year in California. Many tire-derived products are already on the California market. Overlays, caulks and coatings that contain powdered rubber can be used as driveway sealant, spray-on roof repair and as a reflective cool roof coating. Accessibility ramps, paths and sidewalks come in the form of pour-in-place products, modular blocks or tiles and reduce aggressive tree root damage. Playground surfacing includes custom pour-in-place products, tiles and loose fill rubber nuggets or mulch. Many of these products meet ASTM standards

for safety and accessibility. Flooring and mats that are skid-resistant and reduce fatigue are available in roll-out styles or tiles, and can be used indoors, in weight rooms, on patios and in many other outdoor areas. Rubberized asphalt concrete contains crumb rubber mixed with asphalt and other aggregates to produce a durable, skid-resistant road surface that can last twice as long as conventional asphalt. Efforts are being made now to find the best way to recycle rubberized asphalt.

4. Action Items

a. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of September 20, 2012 were approved.

b. Elections of Chair and Vice-Chair

The nominees for LTF Chair are Jim Dunbar and Mark Nichols. Mark Nichols announced that he was withdrawing his nomination due to unforeseen events. Jim Dunbar gave a very brief summary of his qualifications. The nominees for Vice Chair were Esther Blanco, City of Fairfield and Marie Knutson, Allied Waste. Esther Blanco also gave a brief summary of her qualifications and Susan Hurl spoke on behalf of Marie Knutson who was absent from the meeting. After the nominees comments the LTF members were instructed to vote (one at a time) by secret ballot during the member update period.

5. Member Updates

Esther Blanco, City of Fairfield

Fairfield has an exclusive contract with Solano Garbage for garbage and recycling. In 2013 they will be signing a new contract with Solano Garbage. The City also uses other contractors for their construction and demolition recycling. They are running ads to promote commercial used oil recycling. They have also sent out their CMV agreements which will also be contracted.

Dolores Tiburcio, Travis AFB

The Air Force has issued new diversion goals; the first is 55% diversion by 2015. Travis is challenged to meet this goal. Ms. Tiburcio will be working with Solano Garbage on a food recovery program. They hope to be working with Solano Garbage Company to start a food recovery pilot program in one of their dining halls.

Sandra Gonzalez, Solano Garbage

Ms. Gonzalez has been visiting school sites that are participating in a food waste recycling program. They will be starting up a new food waste recycling program at Travis Elementary at the beginning of the year.

Susan Hurl, Allied Waste

A reuse pick up program for residential customers was started. The reused items will go to non-profits in the city of Benicia. The curbside household hazardous waste program continues to be successful. At the first of the year they will start their commercial food waste program. It is not a composting program. The food waste is collected, ground up

and transferred to Eastbay MUD who uses it in a digester to generate electricity.

Tonya Gilmore, City of Benicia

Benicia participates in the reused pick-up days offered by Allied Waste. Citizens can put anything out that can be reused such as toasters, old handbags, shoes, etc.... (no bulky waste). Allied Waste has scheduled composting workshops where residents can pick up compost material. The City also had a very successful Clean Tech conference with lots of citizen participation.

Lisa Lefebvre, Recology Vallejo

Coats are being picked up curbside for their Coats for Kids Drive. Commercial and residential customers participate in the annual event. The coats are cleaned and along with the Salvation Army they are distributed to needy families in Solano County. In October they began to pick up garbage and recycling from schools in the Vallejo Unified School District.

Mark Nichols, VALCORE

The last composting class for the year was held on November 3rd. Paper shredding occurs every third Saturday. They also participated at a zero waste fundraiser at the Vallejo Naval Museum by helping to sort garbage.

Derek Crutchfield, City of Vallejo

Mr. Crutchfield gave a presentation at the Vallejo Naval Museum on using reusable plastic bags and other items rather than using disposable plastic products. He will also be giving the presentation at other upcoming events. At the Recycle Art contest children in one family submitted some very good art. At Mr. Crutchfield's request they also made creative centerpieces out of recycled items. Now that the Vallejo USD has entered into a contract with Recology, the City has plans to start recycling programs at the schools. The City and Recology are also planning to start a recycling program for multi-family dwellings.

Dave Adler, Rio Vista Sanitation Service

Mr. Adler introduced himself and said that he was looking forward to working with the LTF.

Joe Scholtes, 95.3 KUIC

KUIC was having their once-a-year radiothon for Mission Solano that day. He encouraged the members to listen and donate.

Narcisa Untal, County of Solano

Solano County has been working with Jill Firch, CalRecycle, to conduct site visits for the County's annual review. Because of the size of the County the visits are being conducted by service area. Visits to the service areas of Solano Garbage Company and Rio Vista Sanitation Service were recently completed. They will be finishing up the remaining visits in the next few weeks. The Tire Amnesty Program will be ending on December 31, 2012 due to billing and reporting requirements. The last drop-off period will occur in January 2013. The pesticide container recycling event was held earlier in the month and was very well attended. The next event will be held in the spring of 2013.

6. Election Results

Chair Dunbar was elected to serve another two year term as LTF Chair. Esther Blanco was elected to serve a two year term as Vice-Chair.

7. Adjournment

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 10:45 a.m. with the walking tour immediately following.

8. Special Item – Optional Walking Tour of Solano County Government Center

The next regular LTF meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 17, 2013
