

# MINUTES

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

Special Meeting of March 7, 2013

9:00 a.m.

Solano County Administration Center

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<b>Member Organization</b>	<b>Representative</b>	<b>Present</b>
Allied Waste	Susan Hurl	
Allied Waste	Marie Knutson	X
CCL Organics	Dave Burnley	
City of Benicia	Tonya Gilmore	
City of Dixon	Janet Koster	
City of Fairfield	Esther Blanco	X
City of Rio Vista	John Degele	X
City of Rio Vista	Marni Rittburg	
City of Suisun City	Amanda Dum	X
City of Vacaville	Ivonne Vaughn	X
City of Vallejo	Derek Crutchfield	X
Concrush	Allen Hochstetler	X
Concrush	Loriana Patterson	
County of Solano	Narcisa Untal	X
County of Solano	Ed Padilla	X
County of Solano	Marcy Hannum	
Fairfield-Suisun Sewer District	Kevin Cullen	
Pacific Rim Recycling	Steve Moore	
Potrero Hills Landfill	Jim Dunbar	X
Potrero Hills Landfill	Natalie Hicks	
Recology Hay Road	Bryan Clarkson	X
Recology Hay Road	Chris Taylor	
Recology Vacaville Solano / Recology Dixon	Julia Lopez	X
Recology Vacaville Solano / Recology Dixon	Scott Pardini	X
Recology Vallejo	Lisa Lefebvre	
Recology Vallejo	Tom Phillips	X
Recycling Zone	Dave Ryan	X
Recycling Zone	Chris Aschero	X
Rio Vista Sanitation Service	Dave Adler	X
Rio Vista Sanitation Service	Sal Coniglio	X
Sierra Club	Jane Bogner	X
Solano Community College	Dwight Calloway	
Solano Community College	Jeff Lehfeldt	X
Solano Garbage Company	Sandra Gonzalez	X
Solano Garbage Company	Tony Cincotta	
Travis Air Force Base	Dolores Tiburcio	X
Travis Air Force Base	Brian Sassaman	
VALCORE	Jon Lucas	
VALCORE	Erin Tator	
CalRecycle	Jill Firch	X

**GUESTS:**

Ricardo Serrano, Solano County LEA

Joe Scholtes, KUIC

Marcia Carrion, Universidad Autonoma Chapingo, Mexico

Angel Escobar, Universidad Autonoma Chapingo, Mexico

June Guidotti, 3703 Scally Road, Suisun, CA 94585

**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**

The following is verbatim testimony:

Ms. Guidotti: "Narcisa has twenty-one and twenty-two pages submitted to the records today. And it would be submitted from the channel 2 where they got caught taking public money, hundred and fifty two million Peevey was doling out to non-profits. And the article submitted the solid waste independent panel with (unintelligible) Daniel Wolk letter, the negative dec where I was denied to go to the independent panel for the fifth time. The letter supporting that from the attorney ... it's actually 22 pages or 25 pages. They sprayed the salamander ponds to get the permit up on Scally Road. Seeno was just in the paper. He sprayed and he's under investigation. He'll probably serve time for it. This town gets away with doing these types of things. Also my real main concern is what Linda Seifert is doing in Washington right now. Linda Seifert and ... Hannigan's name is on the deed to the gas and mineral rights for Potrero Hills Landfill. I have no protection. The more you decide for the better you're letting the county officials ... even Ricardo here knowledgably knows that when they went out and put the salamander ponds in ... this is what it used to look like. It's gone. It's mud. Ricardo does nothing. This is where they dumped ... Jim Dunbar's dumping on top of Spring Creek ... gone. This is like a full tidal action ... gone. This is where they used to pump (unintelligible)...this is what it used to look like when I started fighting Harry Price. Jerry Brown paid 8.3 million dollars to this county so they continued to have the garbage in. They would do nothing; absolutely nothing to protect the environment. Nothing gets better than the San Francisco Chronicle yesterday ... 'Smelt backers will win new hearing'. The ninth district court says that Fish and Game (unintelligible) the Assessor's Office, Resource Management, the LEA are not doing their job. They're not protecting the environment. And they're going to send it in June to eleven judges. That just came through. Another sad thing is they continue ... Lois Wolk sent a bill 618 through. In the Assessor's office when Skip Thomson was there, that ... Butterfield was the surveyor for the property, for our land. In the Williamson Act, 1800 acres, Jim Dunbar probably had, hasn't paid in 1996. Doesn't pay the taxes on it. I'm not in the Williamson Act. They continue to use my parcel to show they have land to dump garbage on. When they transferred it from Richella to Richella it was in the permit 'you cannot transfer the permit'. They have never done the proper studies to show the damage that they're doing like Spring Creek. One more thing, the ... Lois Wolk put that Senate bill that Linda Seifert is up in Washington DC this week overturning the Williamson Act. When they come out of it industrial, commercial, transportation and stack and pack houses, agenda 21 will not have to pay taxes. Only the people that own homes. That's not o.k. with me. They've gotten away with it since 1996 and I want it corrected. Ricardo knows it. So thank you Jim Dunbar for letting me talk. I submit this to you Mr. Jim Dunbar for the record because I do not want ... in you meeting today, the people that you're getting for

the independent panel ... in that paper, in that letter it says under Prop 5 that 'we want somebody that is knowledgeable, not somebody from Napa that's working for solid waste'. We want somebody to protect the environment. We don't want somebody to protect the environment. We don't want somebody from Benicia. We made it perfectly clear in that letter that we want, that we want the environment protected. You're not doing it, Ricardo's not doing his job. I want everything in your paper that was submitted when you go through their minutes I object to them."

End of verbatim testimony

**3. Action Item(s)**

**a. Approval of the Minutes**

The minutes of January 17, 2013 were approved.

**b. Authorize Chair to sign and submit a letter on behalf of the LTF regarding the Solano County Local Enforcement Agency's (LEA) Appointment Recommendations to the Solid Waste Independent Hearing Panel (IHP) for Consideration by the Solano County Board of Supervisors (BOS) for the four-year term of 2013-2017.**

Ricardo Serrano, Environmental Health Supervisor, Solano County, stated that the Solano County Solid Waste Independent Hearing Panel (IHP) has two positions to be filled. The positions are for a Member-at-Large and a Technical Expert in solid waste issues. The members of the IHP are selected for their ability to consider all aspects of an issue presented to them and to make an informed decision based on their evaluation. Mr. Bruce DuClair has served as Member-at-large for the past four years and has been recommended to serve for another four years. There were four applicants for the Technical Expert position. All the applicants are qualified and have extensive experience in waste management. Mr. Greg Pirie was the most qualified applicant being a solid waste expert with experience in administrative hearings and a strong understanding of Local Enforcement Agency responsibilities and issues. Chair Dunbar asked if the applicants were interviewed. Mr. Serrano answered that applications were reviewed by staff, management and the director of Resource Management. The final decision was made based on the applicants qualifications. Chair Dunbar asked how many times the IHP has met in the last four years. Mr. Serrano answered that the Panel had met approximately three times in the last four years. Chair Dunbar asked if the LTF members had any questions. An LTF member asked if any of the applicants were from Solano County. Mr. Serrano answered that two of the applicants were from Solano County and that Mr. Pirie (Napa County) was chosen because he was the most qualified applicant. Mr. Phillips asked for an example of what type of action would be brought to the IHP. Mr. Serrano said an example would be complaints regarding odors from composting or waste facilities. There being no further questions Chair Dunbar asked if there was a motion to authorize the LTF Chair to sign and submit a letter on behalf of the LTF conveying their support of the Solano County LEA appointment recommendations to the Solid Waste IHP. On a motion by Tom Phillips and a second by Jane Bogner the motion carried with twenty-one in favor and one against. (See Attachment A)

Narcisa Untal asked Ms. Guidotti to hold her comments until after the meeting so that staff and LTF member comments could be heard.

#### **4. Presentations**

##### **a. Recycle Strategic Marketing**

Mr. Jaime Casas, Recycle Strategic Marketing, gave an overview of their marketing services to promote used oil recycling. The company is a full service marketing firm that only deals with environmental issues such as used oil, water conservation, and stormwater drainage campaigns. Services they provide include creating ads for their clients using radio, TV, direct mail, newspaper, billboard and social media to promote coverage. They also offer global marketing services, Twitter updates, websites and Facebook pages.

Mr. Crutchfield stated that several of the jurisdictions in Solano County are using used oil money to advertise a campaign in Yolo County. He didn't feel that the money they spent was making its way back down to Solano County. He hoped that the LTF could consider having a used oil campaign in Solano County.

##### **b. Student Findings to Improve Solid Waste Management in Mexico**

Ms. Untal introduced Marcia Carrion and Angel Escobar, Universidad Autonoma Chapingo, Mexico. They are visiting California on an internship partially sponsored by the Northern California Recycling Association. Association members have been arranging tours of recycling and related facilities in the Bay Area for the two students. In Solano County they attended an LTF meeting in January to observe how jurisdictions work together to promote recycling and have toured Recology Recycling Center in Vallejo, Jepson Prairie Organics and Potrero Hill Landfill.

Ms. Carrion and Mr. Escobar gave a presentation on their university and how they plan to come up with ideas to develop and implement a recycling program there. There is one garbage bin per floor inside the university. Although recycling is mandated by law; there is no recycling being done. Garbage is dumped around the exterior portion of the university. There no scheduled waste pick up by a garbage company. People come by on their own schedules, pick up and sort thru what they can sell. Everything else ends up in the landfill.

#### **5. Countywide Integrated Waste Management Plan (CIWMP)**

Ms. Untal gave a reminder that the cities within Solano County must submit their annual disposal capacity data to the County by April 30, 2013. Because the cities of Solano County negotiate their own contracts with garbage companies they must report the disposal capacity of the landfills annually to the LTF. This reporting requirement was mandated by the Amended Countywide Siting Element approved by CalRecycle in July 2012. The purpose is to provide verification to the state that there is a minimum of 15 years of disposal capacity for solid waste generated within the borders of Solano County.

#### **6. Member Updates**

##### **Jeff Lehfeldt, Solano Community College (SCC)**

Mr. Lehfeldt thanked Sandra Gonzalez and Jill Firch for attending meetings at SCC. The college has recently assigned custodial staff to pick up recyclables once per week and Ms. Gonzalez was able to provide the college with more recycling containers.

Sandra Gonzalez, Solano Garbage

Solano Garbage will hold an Earth Day poster contest for elementary, middle and high school students. They also received a Green Business award from the City of Fairfield. Their multi-family recycling outreach campaign was completed recently and many families in the multi-family units are now recycling.

Amanda Dum, City of Suisun City

Suisun City and Mission Solano will work together on Earth Day. Suisun City has also been involved in multi-family recycling outreach.

Esther Blanco, City of Fairfield

Ms. Blanco joined the California Resource Recovery Association (CRRRA) and participated in the CRRRA certification program. Funds from the Bottles and Cans program were used to purchase recycling bags and door hangers for Fairfield's multi-family recycling outreach program. They also purchased stickers for the bins to identify what types of recyclables go into each bin. Additionally there is recycling outreach material specifically for residents and specifically for apartment managers. Ms. Blanco noted that the amount of commercial/industrial waste being collected has gone down by about 1,400 tons and the rate of recycling has gone up 5 percent (2011-12). The City of Fairfield is holding their Earth Day on April 27. It will be in conjunction with Kids Day of Fishing at the Civic Center Pond. The first 200 children registered will receive a free fishing pole, tackle box, T-shirt and a hot dog lunch.

Dolores Tiburcio, Travis AFB

Ms. Tiburcio summarized two possible scenarios' for Travis AFB Earth Day.

Earth Day Plan 1 (if there is funding): will have the Annual Recycling Contest and the Airman Power Tournament where airmen compete on elliptical bicycles to produce electrical energy.

Earth Day Plan 2: Will include student art on grocery bags from the two elementary schools and three child development centers at the base. The decorated bags are displayed at the commissary. And all the program managers will submit articles about taking care of the Earth to the Tailwind newspaper.

They would also like to have a ceremony at Airman Park to rename the park to Musselwhite Park in honor of their flight chief Dave Musselwhite who passed away of a heart attack last September.

Ms. Tiburcio is also working with Ms. Gonzalez on a food recovery program. They are also looking at the base hospital to collect food waste.

Marie Knutson, Allied Waste

On March 16<sup>th</sup> there will be a compost give-away with the City of Benicia at the corp yard. On April 13<sup>th</sup> they are holding a composting class and a compost give away with the leftover balance going to the local community garden and the schools. They will also be visiting local schools for Earth Day.

Ivonne Vaughn, City of Vacaville

Ms. Vaughn said "Thank you" to... (not intelligible, too much background noise)

Allen Hochstetler, Concrush

Mr. Hochstetler invited the members to contact him if they would like to see his concrete recycling operation.

Ed Padilla, County of Solano

Mr. Padilla stated that he was working on an application that the County had recently receive from Hay Road Landfill requesting an increase to the amount of tonnage coming into the landfill.

Jane Bogner, Sierra Club

Ms. Bogner was working on the Recycle Guide and thanked everyone for their responses.

Derek Crutchfield, City of Vallejo

Mr. Crutchfield reported that Recology Vallejo recently contracted with the Vallejo City USD to begin collecting trash from the schools. The City will have The Magic of Recycling puppet shows for grades K-2 and Timothy Wenk's Magic of Recycling shows for grades 3-7 at local schools. Two multi-family dwellings have agreed to participate in the recycling program. Vallejo is also having an Earth Day Recycling Sculpture and Art contest. Earth Day will be held on April 20th in conjunction with the Farmer's Market. The event is being hosted by VALCORE and several other sponsors.

Narcisa Untal, County of Solano

Ms. Untal gave an update on upcoming events as noted on the agenda.

Jim Dunbar, Potrero Hills Landfill

Mr. Dunbar reported that Potrero Hills is working with Solano Garbage Company and Travis AFB to donate compost to a community garden at Travis.

7. **Adjournment**

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 10:37 a.m. with Brown Act Training for LTF members immediately following.

The next regular LTF meeting is scheduled for <b>Thursday, May 16, 2013</b>
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## Integrated Waste Management Local Task Force (LTF)

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March 8, 2013

Mr. Terry Schmidtbauer, Environmental Health Manager  
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**Re: Appointments to Solid Waste Independent Hearing Panel**

Dear Mr. Schmidtbauer:

The Solano County Integrated Waste Management Local Task Force (LTF) met on March 7, 2013 and considered the Local Enforcement Agency's (LEA) recommendation that Bruce DuClair and Greg Pirie be appointed to the Solid Waste Independent Hearing Panel (IHP). This letter conveys the LTF's support of the LEA's recommendation to the Solano County Board of Supervisor that Mr. DuClair represent as Member-at-Large and Mr. Pirie represent as the Technical Expert on the IHP.

Sincerely,

James Dunbar  
Chair

ATTACHMENT A