

MINUTES

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

November 19, 2009

9:00 a.m.

Solano County Administration Center

X Represents those voting members present:

	Company/Organization	Member Name
X	Allied Waste	Jennifer Brennan
	Allied Waste (Alternate)	Susan Hurl
	CCL Organics	Dave Burnley
	City of Benicia	Vacant
X	City of Dixon	Martha Jensen
X	City of Fairfield	Sandra Gonzalez
	City of Fairfield (Alternate)	Jeanette Bellinder
	City of Rio Vista	Dawn Bahrenfuss
X	City of Suisun City	Alysa Majer
	City of Vacaville	Kari Holmes
X	City of Vacaville (Alternate)	Mindy Harris
X	City of Vallejo	Derek Crutchfield
	County of Solano	Colby La Place
X	County of Solano	Ed Padilla
X	County of Solano (Alternate)	Chris Ambrose
X	County of Solano	Narcisa Untal
	Fairfield-Suisun Sewer District	Jenny Bailey for Margaret Kralovec
X	Recology Hay Road	Chris Taylor
	League of Women Voters	Dorothy Hawkes
	Pacific Rim	Steve Moore
	Potrero Hills Landfill	Richard Covington
X	Potrero Hills Landfill (Alternate)	Jim Dunbar
X	Rio Vista Sanitation Service	Keith Nance
X	Sierra Club	Jane Bogner
	Solano Community College	Ray Ogden
	Solano Garbage Company and Solano Recycles	Rochelle Bailey
	Solano Garbage Company and Solano Recycles (Alt)	Theresa Travers
X	Travis Air Force Base	Dolores Tiburcio
	TOMRA Recycling	Vacant
	UC Davis COOP Extension	Mario Moratorio
X	Vacaville & Dixon Sanitary Service	Julia Lopez
	VALCORE	Jackie Griffin
	VALCORE (Alternate)	Misty Ismail
X	Recology Vallejo	Lisa Lefebvre

GUESTS:

Stacey Antonel, Allied Waste
Jennifer Kaiser, Vallejo Sanitation & Flood Control District
Mary Ann Butler, Solano Resource Conservation District
Joe Scholtes, 95.3 KUIC
Darlene Murphy, Integrated Waste Management Board
Lee Axelrad, County Counsel
Dee Davison, Aarons Environmental
June Guidotti, Suisun

1. Call to order / Introductions

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Bogner.

2. Approval of the Minutes

The minutes of September 17, 2009 were not available, and were continued to the next regular meeting.

3. Opportunity for Public Comment

June Guidotti requested that the public be notified of the task force meetings. She also requested a copy of the September 17th minutes. Ms. Guidotti asked that Resolution No. 90-302 be added as a part the Non-Disposal Facility Element.

Narcisa Untal informed Ms. Guidotti that the task force meetings are publicly advertised meetings. She stated that staff will mail Ms. Guidotti a copy of the minutes from September 17th and November 19th with the next meeting packet. Ms. Untal noted that anyone who has requested special notification of these meetings have been placed on an agenda mailing list.

Ms. Untal stated that Ms. Guidotti would need to provide staff with a copy of Resolution No. 90-302 in order to address her request.

4. Discussion Items

a. COIWMP: Non-Disposal Facility Element (NDFE):
-Review and Comment on NDFE Modifications

Narcisa Untal made a correction to the description of this agenda item stating that it should read as follows: COIWMP: Non-Disposal Facility Element (NDFE): Review and Technical Guidance regarding the NDFE.

Ms. Untal explained that when the task force met in September and she provided what she believed to be an update, there was some discussion at that meeting between the definition of an update and a revision. At that time she provided to the group a list of all the facilities being used in Solano County, as well as outside the county, and she believed that it was simply an update because there were small changes such as a name change and the removal of facilities that were proposed, but never came to fruition. Under the guidance of the California Integrated Waste Management Board (CIWMB) those items qualify as updates and would not require a public hearing process, and the task force could simply make those corrections and update that in their annual report.

Ms. Untal noted that during that meeting as more information was given, she felt a uncomfortable moving this forward as an update and discussed the matter with county counsel. Counsel's advice was to move this through the process as a revision because facilities are being added into the NDFE which triggers an actual revision process. Ms. Untal stated that this is the reason why the description of this agenda item needed to be changed because the task force needs to provide technical guidance and review on the NDFE draft. She noted that a copy of the draft was distributed to each task force member.

Ms. Untal reviewed the NDFE Revision document line by line starting with page one:

Page 1 - These are the facilities that are described as being used either for composting, construction demolition, regular recyclables, and green waste; anything that is not landfilled. Page 2, Table 1 – The name of the facility has changed from B&J Drop Box Landfill Composting to Jepson Prairie Organics (JPO); there is also an increase in the facility's capacity. Page 3, Table 2 – There is an increase in the facility's capacity. Page 4, Table 3 – The proposed facility named Solano Garbage Intermediate Processing never came to fruition and has been removed, it is now Recology Vallejo. The regulatory status should also be listed as "exempt". Page 5, Table 4 - There is an increase in the facility's capacity, and the regulatory status should be changed to "permitted. Page 6, Table 5 – This facility was not included in the 1998 NDFE. Ms. Untal stated that she is still waiting on documentation from Hines Horticulture to complete their project description. Page 7, Table 6 – This facility was listed as a proposed location in the 1998 version. They are now an active facility. The regulatory status should also be listed as "excluded". Page 8, Table 7 – This facility has been expanded. Page 9, Table 8 – The facility capacity has been updated. Pages 10 and 11, Tables 9 & 10 – These two facilities are located outside of Solano County. The changes that are being made are to the facility capacity and a change in facility operator. It was noted by a member of the task force that the City of Benicia should also be included as a participating jurisdiction. Page 12, Table 11 – This is a new facility. Page 13, Table 12 – This is a new proposed C&D processing facility at Potrero Hills Landfill.

Ms. Untal requested that each task force member review the document to make sure their jurisdiction's information has been reflected, and to determine if there are any corrections that need to be made. She stated that any missed facility or facility that resides outside of Solano County also needs to be included. For example, at one time the City of Benicia had their materials going to facilities in Oakland and Alameda, which is no longer the case.

An unidentified member stated that the transfer station in Martinez should be added because Benicia residents use that facility. The facility also takes green waste and C&D from Benicia.

Ms. Untal reviewed the draft timeline for how the revision process will proceed. She stated that the first step has been this meeting which is providing a review and technical guidance to the NDFE document. She explained that between now and the January 21st LTF meeting, the Preparation of the Final NDFE Modification Document and Submission of the NDFE Modifications to the LTF will need to take place. She stated that currently no dates have been established. Those members who have potential information that need to be included in the NDFE, as revised, will need to provide that information to Narcisa no later than November 30, 2009.

Ms. Untal stated that she will prepare the Final NDFE and submit it to each task force member during the second week of December 2009 for review. She stated that at the January 21st meeting the intention is for the LTF to make its final review and comments so that the formal public hearing process can begin. The document would then move forward to each jurisdiction's various Board or Council for approval, and then submitted to the CIWMB.

b. 2009 Tire Amnesty Update:

Narcisa Untal commented that the program has been a huge success. The facilities who have partnered with the County are Recology Vallejo, Recology Hay Road, and Potrero Hills Landfill. She noted that the number of tires currently registered is 4,854 passenger tires and 437 tractor tires, with a total participant level of 322 residents. She explained that the program is still on-going, but has taken a brief hiatus for the holidays, and to also allow staff time to gather funding information from the participating facilities.

c. 2009 Coastal Cleanup Day Summary:

Mary Ann Butler, Solano Resource Conservation District gave a brief update on the program. She stated that there were 48 different sites (most of those sites being in Vallejo) with 2,728 volunteers collecting 43,609 pounds of trash, and 4,794 pounds of recyclables, and covering a distance of 84 miles.

Ms. Butler compared those numbers to last year's program: In 2008 there were over 50 sites; 2,350 volunteers; 3,400 pounds of recyclables and over 50,000 pounds of trash collected, covering a distance of 101 miles.

Ms. Butler stated that the recommendations for next year would be to add more sites.

d. 2009 Pharmaceutical Drop-Off Summary:

Narcisa Untal stated that this year 671 pounds of material was collected. She stated that 240 Solano County residents participated with the majority coming from Fairfield and Vacaville. She commented that there has been a lot of inquiry

as to where the drugs are taken. She explained that at the end of the event the Sheriff's office escorts all of the drugs to a facility in Fremont where that facility then takes possession. All of the material is then trucked to Huntsville Alabama for witness incineration.

Ms. Untal made note that one week after this event took place, the FDA came out with a press release stating that they would like for people to flush their pharmaceuticals or throw them in the garbage. She stated that with this kind of a message being put out there, the task force will have a lot of work to do in the future. She stated that Solano County and the Sheriff's office have agreed to continue to work together in the future. Narcisa thanked all who helped staff the week long event.

e. Member Updates

City of Fairfield - Sandra Gonzalez stated that the City sponsored a "Make a Difference Day" on October 24th. The clean up was focused on 4 separate areas of the City. Ms. Gonzalez noted that the city council approved recent legislation to allow Fairfield to continue to go green.

CIWMB - Darlene Murphy stated that their Board of Directors is being eliminated as of January 1, 2009. She stated that even though the board is being eliminated, the statutory authorities will be transferred to a new department which will be called the Department of Resources, Recycling and Recovery. She stated that they will be under the Natural Resource Agency and will have the same location and contact information as currently exists.

Ms. Murphy also noted that Waste Reduction Awards program applications were accepted, and there were 5 winners in Solano County: Valcore, Sierra Club; Genentech; Recology Vallejo; and Anheuser Busch.

Joe Scholtes stated that today is the 6th Annual Mission Solano Radio-a-Thon. There will be announcements on the radio throughout the day asking people to donate to the Mission. He noted that last year the event raised \$30,000 in a single day.

City of Vacaville – Mindy Harris stated that the City will host a pharmaceutical event on Saturday, November 21st from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. for Vacaville residents. The event will be held at the police department. She also noted that winter garb (coats and blankets) were collected from Vaca Sanitary and they will be distributing the clothing in December.

Recology Vallejo - Lisa Lefebvre stated that they held a Coats-for-Kids Drive and the coats will be given away this coming weekend through the Salvation Army at their thanksgiving food giveaway. Ms. Lefebvre commented that the tire amnesty event is going well. She stated that their facility continues to have 10-12 pallets a

week of e-waste hauled away. She also noted that Recology held a large scale volunteer project at the Omega Boys and Girls Club to rebuild their playground.

Vallejo Sanitation & Flood Control District - Jennifer Kaiser stated that they will be hosting a pharmaceutical event, and will also be starting their Annual Thanksgiving Day Don't-Dump-Your-Grease-Down-The-Drain campaign.

City of Dixon - Martha Jensen stated that they had a neighborhood cleanup last weekend which focused on a specific area of apartments, but also encompassed several streets adjoining those apartments. She also stated that Dixon Sanitary brought in approximately 12, 25 yard debris boxes that were full. She said they also collected appliances, refrigerators, and washers and dryers at no charge.

Potrero Hills Landfill – Jim Dunbar stated that two weeks ago their legal challenge to the landfill ended, and they are now free to move forward with their current permitting process for expansion of the landfill.

Solano Garbage Company - Theresa Travers stated that they held a clean up event with the City of Suisun and collected 32 tons of garbage.

City of Vallejo - Derek Crutchfield stated that the City has obtained a Household Hazardous Waste Grant and are going to look at implementing a Sharps Program. The City is also gearing up for Christmas tree recycling with the help of the Boy Scouts. The event will take place at the end of the year. Mr. Crutchfield mentioned that the City is looking into implementing a Styrofoam Ban Ordinance.

VALCORE - Jane Bogner stated that VALCORE had a successful America E-waste, America Recycles parking lot tag sale. She noted that VALCORE has partnered with the County, Vallejo Sanitation and Flood Control District, and PG&E to implement a CFL light bulb exchange program.

Ms. Bogner noted that the Fairfield/Vacaville phone book has been updated. One new change is that the year has been added to the Recycling Guide page. The Vallejo book will come out sometime in the middle of December 2009.

5. Adjournment

Since there was no further business the meeting was adjourned at 10:24 a.m.

The next regular LTF meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 21, 2010
