

MINUTES

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

February 18, 2010 Special Meeting

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	Pete Fiori
X	City of Dixon	Martha Jensen
	City of Fairfield	Sandra Gonzalez
X	City of Fairfield (Alternate)	Jeanette Bellinder
	City of Rio Vista	Dawn Bahrenfuss
X	City of Suisun City	Alysa Majer
X	City of Vacaville	Kari Holmes
	City of Vacaville (Alternate)	Mindy Harris
X	City of Vallejo	Derek Crutchfield
	County of Solano	Colby La Place
X	County of Solano	Ed Padilla
	County of Solano (Alternate)	Chris Ambrose
X	County of Solano	Narcisa Untal
	Fairfield-Suisun Sewer District	Jenny Bailey for Margaret Kralovec
	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	Potrero Hills Landfill (Alternate)	Natalie Hicks
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
	Travis Air Force Base	Dolores Tiburcio
	TOMRA Recycling	Vacant
	UC Davis COOP Extension	Mario Moratorio
	Recology Vacaville Solano / Recology Dixon	Julia Lopez
X	VALCORE	Jackie Giffin
	VALCORE (Alternate)	Misty Ismail
X	Recology Vallejo	Lisa Lefebvre

GUESTS:

Joe Scholtes, 95.3 KUIC
Darlene Murphy, Dept. of Resource, Recycling and Recovery
Lee Axelrad, Solano County Counsel
Dee Davison, Arens Environmental
Tom Arens, Arens Environmental
David Tam, SPRAWLDEF and Northern California Recycling Association
Arthur R. Boone, Northern California Recycling Association
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 and November 19, 2009 were approved.

3. Opportunity for Public Comment

Arthur Boone stated that he was the president of the Northern California Recycling Association (NCRA). The organization has 160 members. The NCRA is advocating a goal to have all organics out of landfills. The NCRA also sponsors educational events and is holding an Introduction to Recycling event in San Francisco in March. They will also hold an event called Recycling Update which features speakers from all aspects of the recycling industry. NCRA also discovered that the 95 gallon garbage cart was only about 1½ times the cost of the 20 gallon cart. They are starting a garbage rate equity study.

David Tam noted that Concord was city where Mr. Boone discovered the garbage cart price information. He also noted that state waste board statistics indicate that the Bay Area has 15 permitted landfills and they are only using 37% of their capacity so there is really not a landfill crisis.

June Guidotti stated that she had requested information on what was going before the Board of Supervisors but had not received it. She noted that in the minutes that were just approved that Narcisa ignored her own rules and regulations. Resolution No. 90-302 and another Board of Supervisors resolution that was passed by Mr. Hannigan and Mr. Pippo to study the use of revised fuel for application for generating electric power. And the resolution of the Board of Supervisors supported the development of a new bio mass alternative fuel. The study has still not been done. She resented the fact that her project is not on the Non-Disposable Facility Element (NDFE) and the Siting Element. She requested that her parcel be included in the NDFE.

4. Discussion Items

(Discussion of item 4.a was moved to the end of item 4)

b. 2010 Tire Amnesty Update:

Ms. Untal reminded the LTF that they had received a \$55,000 grant for tire amnesty events. Potrero Hills Landfill, Recology Vallejo and Recology Hay Road

Landfill are accepting the tires at no cost to Solano County. Participants are required to pre-register with Resource Management. So far they have collected 5000 tires which is about half the number of tires collected from the first Tire Amnesty event. There is about \$20,000 remaining for tire collection. The jurisdictions were encouraged to promote the event.

c. 2010 Earth Day

Ms. Untal asked for updates on Earth Day events. Jeanette Bellinder stated that the City of Fairfield will be holding their Earth Day on April 24th. It will be held at City Hall pond. There are plans for a Fishing Derby for kids. There will be a Green Generation Earth Day celebration in downtown Benicia with puppets, an art exhibit and home efficiency information. The City of Benicia's Climate Action Plan will also be showcased. Jackie Giffin, VALCORE, stated that their plans will be similar to last year's events. Martha Jensen, City of Dixon, also stated that their Earth Day plans will be similar to last year. Alysa Majer, Suisun City, said that they would be contributing the City of Fairfield's Earth Day event.

d. 2010 Mower Exchange:

Ms. Untal stated that there will be a Mower Exchange but she hasn't heard from the Air District how much the subsidy will be this year. In past years the subsidy has been about \$150 off the retail price of the electric mower. They are hoping to increase the number of drop-off sites this year. It will again be a joint effort with the Yolo-Solano Air Management District. Jennifer Brennan, Allied Waste, asked if push mowers could also be offered during the Mower Exchange. Ms. Untal said that could be possible if a push mower vendor was available to work with them.

e. Member Updates

Dept. of Resource, Recycling and Recovery

Darlene Murphy announced that they merged with the Division of Recycling and their new name was the Department of Resource, Recycling and Recovery (Cal Recycle). Their website is now www.calrecycle.ca.gov. Derek Crutchfield asked about the status of (non-credit) grants for this year. Ms. Murphy answered that she understood that there was no grant money available. She suggested that if there was a specific grant a person was looking for they could contact her and she would forward the information to the appropriate party who may be looking at requests on a case by case basis.

City of Dixon

Martha Jensen reported that the Mayfair has had a couple of e-waste events. The City of Dixon has e-waste collection every Saturday.

Potrero Hills Landfill

Jim Dunbar said that the landfill expansion and permit process was moving along as scheduled.

Sierra Club

Jane Bogner had received an e-mail from Vicky in Benicia stating that they were in the process of naming Brad Harms as their representative to the LTF. Ms Bogner also added that Kevin Miller's e-waste recycling center was taking "anything with a cord" for no charge.

City of Vallejo

Derek Crutchfield stated that he wanted people to be aware of certain recycling companies who had been hosting recycling events in the area. He was concerned that not all the collected items would be recycled properly. The City of Benicia recently hired an organization to host recycling events and the City never received payment from the organization. The City of Vallejo also had a sharps disposal event and hoped that their sharps program would begin within the next couple of months.

VALCORE

Ms. Giffin reported on VALCORE's Compact Fluorescent Bulb Exchange Program that was funded through a grant obtained by the Solano County Board of Supervisors. The program provides for an exchange of 5 CFLs for 5 incandescents – for Vallejo residents only. So far approximately 2,000 CFLs have been distributed.

a. Countywide Integrated Waste Management Plan (COIWMP)

1. Non-Disposal Facility Element (NDFE)

Formal NDFE submission to LTF for Comments

Narcisa Untal stated that a copy of the NDFE would be mailed to each of the jurisdictions as a formal submission which will begin a 90 day period for the LTF to comment on the document. Ms. Untal hoped that the LTF could discuss the document at their March 18th meeting. She asked if anyone had questions or wanted to give her their individual comments now.

Ed Padilla asked about the order in which each of the elements of the Countywide Integrated Waste Management Plan would be updated. Ms. Untal stated that they were starting with the NDFE. The Siting Element would be the second update. The Source Reduction and Recycling Element (SRRE) and Household Hazardous Waste Element (HHWE) have not changed very much.

Mr. Boone commented on the second paragraph from the bottom of page 3 of the Memorandum from Lee Axelrad, Deputy County Counsel dated 12/28/09 which reads as follows: "A facility, whose principal function is to receive, store, convert, or otherwise process wastes which have already been separated for reuse and are not intended for disposal". He stated that the question has come up about how much material can be salvaged at these facilities and not turn them to transfer stations.

Referring to the table on the first page of the NDFE Kari Holmes asked what criteria was used to create the table. Ms. Untal answered that the checklist shown as attachment H and I was the criteria used.

2. Siting Element (SE)

Ms. Untal informed the LTF that staff was gathering information internally to begin an update or a revision of the Siting Element.

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, March 18, 2010.
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