

MINUTES OF THE SOLANO COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

Meeting of October 6, 2011

The regular meeting of the Solano County Planning Commission was called to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Board of Supervisors' Chambers, Fairfield, California.

PRESENT: Commissioners Boschee, Rhoads-Poston, Karah, Cayler and Chairman Mahoney

EXCUSED: _____

STAFF PRESENT: Mike Yankovich, Planning Program Manager; Narcisa Untal, Senior Planner; Harry Englebright, Contract Planner; Lee Axelrad, Deputy County Counsel; Marcy Hannum, Senior Environmental Health Specialist; and Kristine Letterman, Planning Commission Clerk

Items from the floor:

George Guynn, Jr., Suisun, spoke with regard to sea level rise and how he believed state agencies are wasting money. He also spoke briefly to Measure E and how it should have been enforced back in the early 1980's.

June Guidotti, 3703 Scally Road, Suisun, stated that she did not believe that the public was given all the information that was received by the commission. She spoke about a public official who was recently arrested due to having a conflict of interest. She also spoke about politicians using public money for private activities.

The Minutes of the regular meeting of September 15, 2011 were approved as prepared.

1. **PUBLIC HEARING** to consider adopting a Resolution to recommend to the Solano County Board of Supervisors that the Board of Supervisors adopt a Resolution to:
 - a. Approve the Final Draft of the First Amendment to the 1995 Countywide Siting Element of the Countywide Integrated Waste Management Plan and submit to the California Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle) for consideration of final approval; and
 - b. Approve a Negative Declaration of Environmental Impact as recommended by the Department of Resource Management; and
 - c. Approve an Annual Disposal Capacity Reporting Requirement of each Solano County jurisdiction as recommended by the Solano County Integrated Waste Management Local Task Force.

Narcisa Untal gave a brief presentation of the written staff report. She explained that the

California Integrated Waste Management Act of 1989 (AB 939, Public Resources Code §40000, et seq.) mandates jurisdictions to meet a solid waste diversion goal of 50 percent on an annual basis, or be fined \$10,000 per day. The Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle) determines diversion based on 1) the average of 50 percent of a jurisdiction's generation in the years 2003-2006 and 2) the reporting year's population and disposal. Both figures are expressed in pounds per person, per day.

Ms. Untal stated that to meet the provisions of AB 939, local governments are required to prepare, adopt and administer a Countywide Integrated Waste Management Plan (CIWMP) comprised of a Source Reduction and Recycling Element, Household Hazardous Waste Element, and a Non-Disposal Facility Element. The County is further responsible for the preparation and management of a Countywide Siting Element and Summary Plan on behalf of the cities within its borders. Ms. Untal gave an overview of what the revision includes.

Chairman Mahoney opened the public hearing.

The following people voiced their opposition to the recommended approval of the amendment to the siting element: June Guidotti, 3703 Scally Road, Suisun; George Guynn, Jr., Suisun; and David Marianno, 3915 Denver Road, Suisun.

Since there were no further speakers, Chairman Mahoney closed the public hearing.

Commissioner Boschee stated that he appreciated hearing the public comment and understood the public concern regarding Measure E and all of the things that surround that issue. He stated that in looking at what the commission is considering tonight, the issue is not the importation of garbage to the landfill, it is the county responding to a state requirement that they amend the countywide siting element. He stated that in doing that the county is indicating that they have adequate capacity within the two landfills, and the pet cemetery, to deal with solid waste for the next 15 years. He reiterated that this agenda item is not dealing with any importation or expansion, or any of those types of issues.

A motion was made by Commissioner Boschee and seconded by Commissioner Rhoads-Poston to recommend the Board of Supervisors approve the Final Draft of the First Amendment to the 1995 Countywide Siting Element of the Countywide Integrated Waste Management Plan and submit it to the California Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle) for consideration of final approval; and approve a Negative Declaration of Environmental Impact as recommended by the Department of Resource Management; and approve an Annual Disposal Capacity Reporting Requirement of each Solano County jurisdiction as recommended by the Solano County Integrated Waste Management Local Task Force. The motion passed unanimously. (Resolution No. 4558)

Mr. Yankovich stated that this item is tentatively scheduled to go before the Board of Supervisors in November.

Chairman Mahoney asked staff to clarify the appeal process. Mr. Yankovich explained that if this item were appealed it would be appealed to the Board of Supervisors, and since it is already going before the Board there would be no reason for an appeal.

2. ANNOUNCEMENTS and REPORTS

Mr. Yankovich stated that the Board of Supervisors considered the extension of an urgency ordinance on medical marijuana facilities in the county which they approved. He noted that the Board also looked at a couple of drafts of ordinances which the department will be bringing back to the board before the end of the year. He noted that staff will bring those ordinances to the planning commission for review prior to the Board meeting.

Chairman Mahoney spoke with regard to the windmills in the Montezuma Hills area and wanted to know if anyone is looking at the idea if the county can be considered an exporter of electricity. Mr. Yankovich stated that currently this is not something that is taking place, but it is something that the county will be looking at with regard to the Climate Action Plan. He said one of the items addressed in the plan is looking at reducing the amount of energy that is being made through fossil fuels. Mr. Yankovich noted that all of the energy from the commercial wind turbines is being absorbed into the grid and so it is hard for PG&E to figure out where it is going in terms of area.

Mr. Mahoney stated that he can remember in the beginning when there was talk about the number of homes that were being served by the windmills, but he has not heard that talk for a while as far as it compares to the number of homes in the county. He said that he believed the county is right at the cusp where they are either exporting or are self-sufficient and he would like to know this information and believed that the public should know as well.

3. Since there was no further business, the meeting was **adjourned**.