

MINUTES

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

July 15, 2010 Special Meeting
9:00 a.m.
Recology Vallejo

X represents members present:

	Company/Organization	Member Name
	Allied Waste	Susan Hurl
X	Allied Waste (Alternate)	Jennifer Brennan
	CCL Organics	Dave Burnley
X	City of Benicia	Tonya Gilmore
	City of Benicia (Alternate)	Brad Harms
X	City of Dixon	Martha Jensen
	City of Dixon (Alternate)	Jeff Matheson
X	City of Fairfield	Sandra Gonzalez
X	City of Fairfield (Alternate)	Esther Blanco
	City of Rio Vista	Dawn Bahrenfuss
X	City of Suisun City	Alysa Majer
X	City of Vacaville	Mindy Harris
X	City of Vacaville (Alternate)	Kari Holmes
X	City of Vallejo	Derek Crutchfield
	County of Solano	Colby La Place
X	County of Solano (Alternate)	Chris Ambrose
X	County of Solano	Ed Padilla
X	County of Solano	Narcisa Untal
	Fairfield-Suisun Sewer District	Jenny Bailey
	Recology Hay Road	Chris Taylor
X	Pacific Rim Recycling	Steve Moore
X	Potrero Hills Landfill	Natalie Hicks
X	Potrero Hills Landfill (Alternate)	Jim Dunbar
	Recycling Zone	Dave Ryan
X	Rio Vista Sanitation Service	Keith Nance
X	Sierra Club	Jane Bogner
	Solano Community College	Vacant
X	Solano Garbage Company and Solano Recycles	Geoff Harrison
	Solano Garbage Company and Solano Recycles (Alternate)	Theresa Travers
X	Travis Air Force Base	Dolores Tiburcio
	TOMRA Recycling	Vacant
	UC Davis COOP Extension	Vacant
X	Recology Vacaville Solano / Recology Dixon (Alternate)	Julia Lopez
	Recology Vacaville Solano / Recology Dixon	Scott Pardini
X	VALCORE	Tamara Brewer
	Recology Vallejo	Ed Farewell
X	Recology Vallejo (Alternate)	Lisa Lefebvre

GUESTS:

Marcy Hannum, County of Solano
Jennifer Kaiser, Vallejo Sanitation & Flood Control District
Andrew Hochstetler, Concrush
Kaoru Cruz, Dept. of Resources Recycling and Recovery (Cal Recycle)
Arthur R. Boone, Northern California Recycling Association
David Tam, SPRAWLDEF and Northern California Recycling Association
David Rosenberg, Suisun City
June Guidotti, Suisun

1. Call to order / Introductions

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Bogner at 9:04am.

2. Public Comment

June Guidotti, Suisun, asked that the (April 29, 2010) minutes reflect that her parcel is vested and that she had stated at that meeting it needed to be included in the NDFE because it was vested.

Arthur Boone, Northern California Recycling Association (NCRA), spoke on the topic of Measure E and its relationship to Potrero Hills Landfill.

David Tam, SPRAWLDEF, stated that “there are no Goliaths here”.

Narcisa briefly summarized the role of the Solano County Local Task Force (LTF) and extended her thanks to Recology Vallejo for their hospitality and hosting the LTF meeting at their site.

Jane Bogner, Sierra Club, stated for the record that she was not paid by Sierra Club or Solano County to be a member of the LTF and serve as a chairperson.

3. a. Approval of the Minutes

The minutes of April 29, 2010 and May 20, 2010 were approved with corrections.

b. Establish LTF Zero Waste Committee

In an effort to increase the knowledge base of LTF members on where the recyclables, yard waste, D&C materials, etc... are all ending up in our county, Ms. Untal announced that future LTF meetings will be held at LTF member sites for the rest of this fiscal year.

The idea for a Zero Waste Committee was generated by the Sierra Club, Potrero Hills and Solano County Supervisor Seifert. The committee would be responsible for the planning and executing of zero waste activities for countywide participation by residents, schools, community groups and businesses. Potrero Hills Landfill has offered financial support for the committee. Natalie Hicks, Potrero Hills Landfill, volunteered to act as chair of the committee. The following members of the LTF also volunteered to serve on the committee: Geoff Harrison, Solano Garbage Service; Derek Crutchfield, City of Vallejo; Lisa Lefebvre, Recology Vallejo; Sandra Gonzalez, City of Fairfield; Julia Lopez, Recology Vacaville/Dixon; Jennifer Brennan, Allied Waste and Keith Nance, Rio Vista Sanitation Service.

Ms. Bogner asked if there was a motion to establish a Zero Waste Committee for Solano County. Jim Dunbar made a motion to establish the Zero Waste Committee. Geoff Harrison seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Ms. Bogner asked if there was a motion to appoint Natalie Hicks as chair of the committee or if anyone wished to nominate another member. Keith Nance made a motion to appoint Natalie Hicks as chair. Derek Crutchfield seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Ms Bogner asked if there was a motion to appoint a vice-chair of the committee. Dolores Tiburcio made a motion to nominate Derek Crutchfield as vice-chair. The motion was seconded by Martha Jensen. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

4. Discussion Items

Mandatory Commercial Recycling Presentation

First, Ms. Cruz announced that Solano County will be temporarily split and assigned as follows: Fairfield, Benicia and Vallejo assigned to JoAnn Jaschke and Dixon, Vacaville, Rio Vista, Suisun City, and Solano County assigned to Krysty Emery.

Ms. Cruz described the development of regulations to implement a mandatory commercial recycling measure as per the AB 32 Global Warming Solutions Act Scoping Plan that was adopted by the California Air Resources Board (ARB) in 2008.

AB 32 sets the greenhouse gas emission cap for 2020 at 1990 levels which is an 11% reduction from 2006 levels. Goals of the measure include a reduction of 5 million metric tons of carbon emissions. Presently 27 millions tons of waste is disposed by the commercial sector and this measure aims to reduce commercial disposal by about 3 million tons by 2020. The program will be flexible for businesses and jurisdictions. It allows jurisdictions to design their program and allows businesses various ways to recycle depending on local infrastructure. It also does not specify which materials must be diverted. Draft regulations for businesses state that businesses and multifamily (5 units or more) that generate 4 cubic yards of waste and/or recyclables per week must subscribe to a recycling service, or send materials to a mixed waste processing facility, or self-haul recyclables. Draft regulations for jurisdictions require that they must implement a commercial recycling program that consists of education, outreach and monitoring by July 2012 regardless if they currently meet the 50% per capita disposal target. Jurisdictions can use existing programs; phase in program components; use a combination of programs and determine the type of education, outreach, monitoring that is suitable for their infrastructure and resources. Jurisdictions are required to submit an electronic annual report to CalRecycle. If they wish, jurisdictions can also choose to implement a program that includes enforcement of businesses. Jurisdictions and businesses must begin implementation of their programs by July 2012.

CalRecycle will evaluate jurisdiction programs, measure statewide emission reductions, provide tools, models, peer matching, technical assistance. CalRecycle will report to the Air Resources Board on compliance. CalRecycle will also review jurisdictions' implementation upon receipt of Annual Reports in 2013. For jurisdictions on a 2-year cycle, evaluation begins in 2014 and continues every 2 years. For jurisdictions on a 4-

year cycle, evaluation begins in 2016 and continues every 4 years. They can conduct a compliance review anytime outside of two and four-year cycles. Ms. Cruz also provided the LTF with websites and e-mail addresses for more detailed information on the program.

June Guidotti, Suisun, asked if companies would be charged if they were not recycling. Ms. Cruz replied that the program was state mandated for commercial businesses and it is up to each jurisdiction as to how they will implement the program.

David Tam, SPRAWLDEF, stated that he appreciated the LTF's format of an open public meeting as opposed to a more closed approach he has encountered in another group. Mr. Tam complimented Ms. Cruz on the quality of her presentation and hoped that the program would produce tangible results for Solano County.

Arthur Boone, NCRA, asked if there would be any attempt to measure diversion. Ms. Cruz replied that the program would focus on disposal reduction not diversion. Ms Cruz also stated that carbon credit cannot be considered when disposal reduction is mandatory by the regulator.

Ms Untal received clarification from Ms. Cruz that jurisdictions will not have to identify GHG emission reductions in their Electronic Annual Report but CalRecycle will be looking for is a description of a jurisdiction's reduction program, such as "90% of businesses meet recycling rates but 10% have resisted even when such and such incentives were given".

Ms Untal also asked if they were not measuring the disposal how would the state know if the goal of 5 million metric tons statewide was met. Ms. Cruz answered that they were going to conduct a statewide waste characterization study in 2014 to see if disposal reduction in the commercial sector has reduced GHG emissions as expected.

This measure was crafted for jurisdictions that do not have non-exclusive franchise agreements. In Solano County, all jurisdictions are in an exclusive franchise agreement with their respective hauler except the cities of Benicia and Fairfield.

Ms. Untal asked if there were any comments from the public on item 3b. (Zero Waste Committee)

David Tam, SPRAWLDEF, stated that he had no comment on the Zero Waste Committee portion of the meeting.

Arthur Boone, NCRA, did not think that a Zero Waste program should be sponsored by a business that makes profits from putting things in landfills.

David Tam, SPRAWLDEF, said that he supported Mr. Boone's statement regarding the Zero Waste program being supported by landfill businesses.

Mr. Crutchfield, City of Vallejo, commented that the concept of zero waste was something that was evolving and that as time goes forward there will more and more means to "plough a landfill". People need to do the best they can to achieve zero waste and if they attempt to do that then they will be headed down the right path.

6. Recology Vallejo Recycling Center Tour

Ed Farewell thanked everyone for coming to the Recology Vallejo site and said they were proud to showcase their facility. He also noted that the areas that they service are Vallejo, the unincorporated area of Vallejo, Vacaville, Dixon and the unincorporated areas of Vacaville and Dixon.

Ms. Untal announced that it was time to begin the tour of the recycling center and that the LTF meeting would continue immediately after the tour was completed.

5. Member Updates

Dolores Tiburcio, Travis AFB, announced that their scrape metal recycling program at the Base is now in its 4th year. This year their recycling efforts have raised \$93,000.

Jennifer Kaiser, Vallejo Sanitation & Flood Control District (VSFCD), stated that citizens had reported tires being dumped in White Slough which is a large wetlands area adjacent to Highway 37. VSFCD staff pulled 73 tires out of the slough over a period of 4 days. Ms. Kaiser thanked Recology Vallejo for accepting the tires free of charge for recycling.

Jane Bogner, Sierra Club, introduced Tamara Brewer as the new president of VALCORE.

7. Adjournment

Ms. Bogner announced that the next meeting would be at Potrero Hills Landfill on September 16, 2010. There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 11:39 a.m.

The next regular LTF meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 16, 2010.
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