

County of Santa Clara

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TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

January 8, 2009

VOTING MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

ACTERRA	Maija McDonald
CALIFORNIA RESOURCE RECOVERY ASSN.	Richard Gertman
CITY OF CUPERTINO	Cheri Donnelly
CITY OF MILPITAS	Elizabeth Koo
CITY OF MORGAN HILL	Tony Eulo
CITY OF MOUNTAIN VIEW	Lori Topley
CITY OF PALO ALTO	Russell Reiserer
CITY OF SAN JOSE	Skip Lacaze
CITY OF SANTA CLARA	Rick Mauck
CITY OF SUNNYVALE	Mark Bowers
CLARA MATEO	Gil Chesó
CLARA MATEO	Michael Gross
COUNTY ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH	Stan Chau
COUNTY UNINCORPORATED AREA	Elizabeth Constantino
SAN JOSE STATE UNIVERSITY	Bruce Olszewski

Commissioners: Jamie McLeod, Chair; Ronit Bryant, Kansen Chu, Peter Drekmeier, Patrick Kwok, Evan Low, Cat Tucker, Kris Wang, Ken Yeager

VOTING MEMBERS NOT ATTENDING

- CITY OF CAMPBELL
- CITY OF GILROY
- CITY OF LOS ALTOS
- CITY OF MONTE SERENO
- CITY OF SARATOGA
- LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS
- SANTA CLARA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT
- SIERRA CLUB
- SILICON VALLEY LEADERSHIP GROUP
- TOWN OF LOS ALTOS HILLS
- TOWN OF LOS GATOS
- WEST VALLEY CITIES

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

Jill Boone	SCC CEO
Clifton Chew	SCC IWM
Jeff Cristina	Zanker Road Landfill
Rob D’Arcy	SCC HHW
Wendy Fong	SCC HHW
Ben Gale	SCC DEH
Karen Gissibl	City of Sunnyvale
Walter Lin	City of San Jose
Roel Meregillano	SCC DEH
Terri Ramirez	San Jose State University
Lisa Rose	SCC IWM
Dave Staub	City of Santa Clara
Greg Van Wassenhove	County of Santa Clara

1. Call to Order

Tony Eulo, Chair, called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. A quorum of 10 was present. Those present introduced themselves.

2. Approval of Minutes

Richard Gertman asked that the last sentence in the second paragraph on item 6 be modified to “It is also confusing to the public when they should all be the same”. Mark Bowers made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 11, 2008 TAC meeting and was seconded

by Dave Staub. All present voted to approve the minutes. Those not present at the December 11, 2008 TAC meeting abstained.

3. Public Presentations

There were no public presentations.

Item 4 was postponed since Michael Gross had not arrived yet.

4. Disaster Debris Plan

Item was postponed until Michael Gross arrived.

5. SB1016

Tony Eulo wanted to check with TAC members and see what everyone knew about the new legislation and if they felt there was enough information and guidance from the CIWMB. SB 1016 amends how jurisdictions will report tonnage to the California Integrated Waste Management Board. Mark Bowers suggested that TAC invite a CIWMB representative to come and make a presentation on SB1016 for the March 12 TAC Meeting. Staff will check with CIWMB representatives to arrange that.

6. Possible EarthBaby presentation

Tony Eulo asked TAC members if they would like a presentation from vendors such as these producers of compostable disposable diapers. It was decided that Tony will send out a link to TAC members and if more than five representatives were interested, then the company would be asked to make a short presentation (15 minutes maximum) prior to the beginning of the next available TAC meeting so that people who are interested in a presentation can arrive early and the TAC meeting can then begin at the regular time.

7. SWPF & AB939 Implementation Fee

Elizabeth Constantino said this item was the same as 9F and would defer to the Chair for the presentation of the information.

8. Division Manager's Report and Updates on Countywide Programs

Elizabeth Constantino reminded TAC members that the Air resources Board (ARB) report is due January 31.

- A. Disposal Reporting System – in the TAC packet. IWM staff will check with the County District Attorney's Office regarding the Kirby Canyon investigation and recovering lost revenues.
- B. Green Business – in the TAC packet.
- C. Home Composting Education Program – No Report
- D. Recycling Hotline – No Report.

Item 4 was heard at this time.

4. Disaster Debris – Michael Gross asked TAC members to move the Disaster Debris Plan from the 2009-10 budget to this fiscal year. Tony Eulo recommended that a special ad hoc subcommittee be created to review and ensure the disaster debris plan encompasses all the requisite information and the RFP can be released this fiscal year with the work beginning next fiscal year. Ad-hoc committee members would include Michael Gross – Chair, Russ Reiserer, Gil Chesno, Rick Mauck/Dave Staub, Ben Gale and Rob D'Arcy.

9. Subcommittee Reports and Updates on Countywide Programs

A. HHW – Walter Lin said this item was initially discussed at the last TAC meeting and action was deferred to this meeting. The Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Subcommittee, which met on the 1/6/2009, is recommending that the TAC support a \$0.55 increase in the HHW Fee from the current \$2.05 per ton to \$2.60 per ton. \$0.51 of the increase was to fund the core program participants from three percent (3%) to four percent (4%) of the households and also accommodate the increase in the cost of disposing of the waste. The remaining \$0.04 increase is to be used to support the annual cost of leasing for the first phase of the Las Plumas HHW site. The subcommittee proposal is also requesting the agency agreement be changed from one three-year term to three one-year terms to accommodate any future requests to increase the fee to support any leasing costs associated with phase 2 of the Las Plumas site which would include a bigger warehouse space for the HHW program.

There was some discussion about the length of the agreement and aligning the length of the agreement for implementation fee with that of the HHW fee. A motion was made by Rick Mauck and seconded by Mark Bowers to approve the subcommittee's recommendations. All present voted to approve the motion.

B. Legislation – Russ Reiserer said the legislative session started on December 1 and provided a handout on some new bills currently being worked on.

SB44 – Eliminate the CIWMB and replace with Dept of Conservation

AB68 – Fee on Single-Use Carryout Bags (starting July 1, 2011)

SB22 – Hazardous material: toxic substances

SB25 – 75% diversion

SB26 – Home generated pharmaceutical waste

SRR on January 22 at 9:30 a.m. will discuss AB68

C. Operations – No report.

D. Public Education – No report.

E. Source Reduction/Recycling – Skip Lacaze said he will go with the RWRC Chair to the Cities Association Meeting where she will present where the Commission is with bags. Tony and County staff are working on a list of Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs). He plans on labeling it as a draft for SRR consideration at the next meeting.

Tony asked if other cities have meetings scheduled of their committees or councils in order to solicit comments for forwarding back to the RWRC. He said Morgan Hill was meeting tonight. Lori Topley said Mountain View was tentatively scheduled for January 27. San Jose will be taking the issue to its T&E committee on February 2, in a non-compliant manner, since there were no meetings scheduled in January. Additionally San Jose has invited people to two large public stakeholder meetings on January 28 & 29 in order to get direct business input. City of Santa Clara will bring the item to their council on January 27.

San Jose has received a draft scope of work to prepare an environmental study, so that if a proposed ordinance is taken to council it will be accompanied with the appropriate environmental documents. Once he is able to, Skip will share the draft scope or the signed scope and the results. Depending on how much money is proposed, other jurisdictions may be asked to participate. The goal of the ordinance is to reduce the use of single-use carryout bags.

The next SRR meeting is scheduled for the January 22 (4th Wednesday of the month).

F. Implementation – Tony Eulo said they meet yesterday to consider revisiting the TAC recommendation on the SWPF and the Implementation Fee previously voted on, based on some legal concerns. It was decided to seek some additional legal advice and to meet again at the end of this month or early next month before the February TAC meeting so that the Implementation Subcommittee can make a final recommendation to TAC on both the level and basis for the SWPF and the Implementation Fee.

10. Future Agenda Items

11. Informational Updates and Announcements

Mark Bowers announced that the local SWANA chapter will have a meeting on January 21 at the SMaRT Station at 10 a.m. followed by lunch and a tour of the facility. Lunch is \$20 for SWANA members and \$25 for non-members and starts at noon.

Bruce Olszewski said there was an article today in the Mercury News about new television conversion and the disposal of old sets. The article listed the hotline and website which has generated an increase of calls and site visits.

Rob D’Arcy said Electronic Recycling International (ERI) in Fresno has been selected as the electronic recycler for the HHW program. Rob is in the process of writing the contract and hopes to have it in place by February.

Michael Gross said GreenWaste Recovery is hiring for two positions (open positions are based in Palo Alto).

12. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 2:53 p.m.

NEXT SCHEDULED TAC MEETING: February 12, 2009 @ 1:30 P.M