

County of Santa Clara

Recycling and Waste Reduction Commission
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TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

March 12, 2009

VOTING MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

CITY OF CUPERTINO	Cheri Donnelly
CITY OF GILROY	Tony Eulo
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
COUNTY UNINCORPORATED AREA	Elizabeth Constantino
SAN JOSE STATE UNIVERSITY	Bruce Olszewski
WEST VALLEY CITIES	Marva Sheehan

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

VOTING MEMBERS NOT ATTENDING

- ACTERRA
- CALIFORNIA RESOURCE RECOVERY ASSN.
- CITY OF CAMPBELL
- CITY OF LOS ALTOS
- CITY OF MONTE SERENO
- CITY OF SARATOGA
- CLARA MATEO
- COUNTY ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH
- LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS
- SANTA CLARA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT
- SIERRA CLUB
- SILICON VALLEY LEADERSHIP GROUP
- TOWN OF LOS ALTOS HILLS
- TOWN OF LOS GATOS

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

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| Clifton Chew | SCC IWM |
| Rob D’Arcy | SCC HHW |
| Karen Gissibl | City of Sunnyvale |
| Walter Lin | City of San Jose |
| Trish Mulvey | Clean South Bay |
| Donna Perala | City of San Jose |
| Terri Ramirez | San Jose State University |
| Lisa Rose | SCC IWM |
| Kyle Pogue | CIWMB |
| Piper Miguelgorry | CIWMB |
| Chris Bria | CIWMB |

1. Call to Order

Tony Eulo, Chair, called the meeting to order at 1:31 p.m. A quorum of 10 was present. Those present introduced themselves.

2. Approval of Minutes

Clifton Chew on behalf of Cary Bloomquist asked to amend the February minutes to include under the Public Education section: “After providing an update on the Bag Campaign, Chair Tony Eulo expressed concerns regarding the timing of the campaign and suggested it would be better to postpone it until sometime later in the year – perhaps fall 2009. Representatives from the Cities of Palo Alto, Sunnyvale, Mountain View, and the County of Santa Clara

agreed.” Skip Lacaze made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 12, 2009 TAC meeting and was seconded by Lori Topley. All present voted to approve the minutes. Those not present at the February 12, 2009 TAC meeting abstained.

3. Public Presentations

Representatives from Earth Baby provide a description of their services and said they had diverted an estimated 7,800 lbs since they began operations on December 1, 2008.

4. SB1016

Kyle Pogue introduced Piper Miguelgorry and Chris Bria as the liaisons for Santa Clara County. They then had a presentation on SB1016. SB1016 has two main factors, disposal tonnage and population that make reporting more accurate and timely. The generation number comes from an average of the last four years which is then divided by the industry employment population of the last two years which is then divided by the number of days per year. The generation number is then halved to meet the 50% diversion requirement of AB939 to arrive at a target number. If a jurisdiction below the target number then it is placed on the four year review cycle as opposed to the two year cycle (Kyle noted that all jurisdictions in Santa Clara County were on the four year cycle). The numbers are unique to each jurisdiction and can not be compared against other jurisdictions. The CIWMB uses the number as one factor in a jurisdiction’s diversion effort. The CIWMB website has additional information including toolkits for elected officials (to be added next week). [The old diversion rate calculator is available but the adjustment factor information will not be available until the following year through the Department of Finance.] If the jurisdictions wanted to create a countywide entity then a single report would suffice. A request was made to make available the countywide set of numbers and the ability to review old reports.

Additional items Kyle wanted to note:

- 2007 Annual Report is due Monday
- 2008 Annual Report will be available June 15 and are due August 1.
- 2008 WRAP application are available and are due June 15.
- The Board had approved the scope of work for an EIR on anaerobic digesters at its February meeting.
- The Board may expand Recycling Market Development Zone (RMDZ) loan program to open seven additional zones (for a total of 40) in March. Applications for the zones would be due in October 2009.
- AB283 The California Product Stewardship Act of 2010 has EPR language and the Waste Board supports the bill. Rob said he will have sample support letters for jurisdictions next week from the California Product Stewardship Council.
- AB907 Re-refined Oil is another bill the Waste Board supports.
- The March Board Meeting includes discussion of the Paint Product Stewardship Initiative.
- CIWMB offices have been furloughed two days a month and staff can choose the days that they take off.

Item 8 was heard at this time to allow CIWMB staff to hear 'TAC sharing' information.

8. Informational Updates and Announcements

Mark Bowers had two items: 1) asked everyone to keep an eye out for opportunities with the federal stimulus money in jurisdictions to use recycled content materials, especially rubberized asphalt; and 2) a wide spread hydrogen sulfide odor (rotten eggs smell) has been noted at various locations and times but elusive in finding the source.

Rob D'Arcy said the CIWMB has slashed grant funding for the next fiscal year, specifically a 40% cut in the used oil block grant and a 70% cut in opportunity and discretionary grants which fund HHW efforts in partner programs as well as HHW operations; thus decreasing funding from \$467K to \$280K per year. The monies have to be made up somewhere.

Rick Mauck announced the City of Santa Clara has started its annual clean up program.

Jo Zientek had five items: 1) the San Jose City Hall has been certified as LEED EB Platinum; 2) Go Green Schools Conference on April 4th; 3) there was a good Bay Area meeting on C&D recycling where Alameda County may institute a hybrid of the San Jose model for facility certification so that the program is more Bay Area wide; 4) in the commercial system CSJ is trying to get approval to finish the RFP with main issue being living wage/prevaling wage; and 5) two teams are working on the stimulus package going forward with two projects. One is organics to energy at the treatment plant for \$104M and the other is the Las Plumas Phase II; working with architects. Since it is a brownfield it meets a lot of the requirements.

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

Elizabeth had two items: 1) the auditor is working on the internal audit and it is hoped that the results will be ready sometime in April; and 2) February 25 the RWRC forwarded the SWPF and the AB939 Implementation Fees with a favorable recommendation.

- A. Disposal Reporting System – in the TAC packet.
- B. Green Business – in the TAC packet.
- C. Home Composting Education Program – No Report.
- D. Recycling Hotline – No Report.

6. Subcommittee Reports and Updates on Countywide Programs

A. HHW – Walter Lin provided an oral update. Phase I of the Las Plumas site is at 95% completion. CSJ hopes to go out to bid for construction services in May. If everything goes well with the selection and award they hope to break ground in the fall of this year. The second phase will release the RFP for architectural services next Tuesday, March 17 with bids due April 1. A review panel, (Mark Bowers is a member), will meet in late April to select a firm. Once a firm has been selected it is estimated that it will take seven months to get the plans completed and then begin bids for construction services. The next HHW meeting is Wednesday, March 25 in Cupertino.

- B. Implementation – No Report

C. Legislation – Russ Reiserer provided two handouts. One was the bill language for AB283 and the other was his legislative update where items in blue were newly added bills. There were 11 bills on bags/containers. He talked about the following bills:

AB283 – latest draft as of Wednesday.

- Bill administered by the CIWMB;
- identify impact of products
- create a product stewardship plan for products
- annual reporting requirements
- penalties up to \$50K
- administrative fee to pay for the program
- two products at minimum each year

AB479 – Solid Waste Diversion Bill (increasing diversion to 60% by 2015)

- mandate businesses to have recycling services
- require specified local agencies to adopt commercial recycling ordinances
- increases the \$1.40/ton fee to \$3.90/ton of which \$2.50 goes back to jurisdictions

AB68 – Single Use carry-out bags (talked about last time)

AB87 – Single Use carry-out bags (talked about last time)

AB925 – Single use plastic beverage container caps

AB1141 – Carry-out Bags

- prohibit local government from enacting bans on plastic bags

AB1329 – Polyvinyl chloride (PVC) packaging

AB1358 – Non Recyclable Food Packaging

SB228 – Compostable or marine degradable plastic bags

SB531 – Single Use carry-out bags

SB803 – plastic waste

D. Operations – No report.

E. Public Education – No report.

F. Source Reduction/Recycling – Skip Lacaze said the notes from the last meeting were distributed and that he needed more feedback from other jurisdictions. He went over the section in the notes about goal statements and the measures or metrics. The meeting will be on March 26th but he is looking at a different time. Additional details will be sent out. If anyone has anything to add he/she can send info to him.

G. Ad Hoc Disaster Debris Planning – (provided during division manager's report)
Elizabeth Constantino said the group met and looked at the RFP and adjusted the scope of work. There were some additional details to be worked out.

H. Ad Hoc Organizational Study – Mark Bowers said the County was unable to use the City of San Jose's contractor and would need to go out for a RFQ. The scope of work was provided from the notes. The City of San Jose will send a list of potential bidders for the RFQ.

7. Future Agenda Items

AB283, AB479 and AB1141 as separate items.

Russ Reiserer will report on legislation for TAC to support or oppose.

Joint TAC items to include: Food waste, polystyrene, bags, landfill fees. The schedule:

11:30 a.m. Optional lunch at Senzala

12:30 p.m. Tour of renovated SMaRT Station

1:30 p.m. TAC Meeting

Introduction of new County Counsel and presentation on TAC legal issues in May.

Climate Compact in May.

8. Informational Updates and Announcements

Heard earlier for the CIWMB representatives.

9. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 3:37 p.m.

NEXT SCHEDULED TAC MEETING: April 9, 2009 @ 1:30 P.M at SMaRT Station