

# County of Santa Clara

RECYCLING AND WASTE REDUCTION COMMISSION OF SANTA CLARA COUNTY  
Environmental Resources Agency  
Department of Agriculture and Resource Management  
Integrated Waste Management Division



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## RECYCLING AND WASTE REDUCTION COMMISSION DRAFT MINUTES

October 27, 2004

San Jose Office Plaza, 1735 N. First Street, Suite 301, San Jose, CA 95112

Business Meeting at 5:15 PM

### Voting Members in Attendance

Jose Esteves, Central County Cities  
Patrick Kwok, Member-at-Large  
John Howe, SMaRT Station Cities  
Linda J. LeZotte, City of San Jose  
John McLemore, Member-at-Large  
Dolly Sandoval, North County Cities  
Nick Streit, West Valley Cities

### Representing

Milpitas, Santa Clara  
All Jurisdictions  
Mountain View, Palo Alto, Sunnyvale  
City of San Jose  
All Jurisdictions  
Cupertino, Los Altos, Los Altos Hills  
Campbell, Los Gatos, Monte Sereno, Saratoga

### Voting Members Not In Attendance

Tony Estremera, SCVWD  
Liz Kniss, County of Santa Clara  
Roland Velasco, South County Cities

Santa Clara Valley Water District  
County of Santa Clara  
Gilroy, Morgan Hill

### County Staff

Greg Van Wassenhove, Department Agriculture and Resource Management  
Elizabeth Finley, Integrated Waste Management Division  
Lisa Rose, Integrated Waste Management Division

### Others in Attendance

Jill Boone, RecycleWorks, San Mateo County  
Mark Bowers, City of Sunnyvale  
Tony Eulo, City of Morgan Hill  
Papia Gambelin, BFI  
Richard Gertman, Environmental Planning Consultants  
Skip Lacaze, City of San Jose  
Jeanne Mader, BFI  
Rick Mauck, City of Santa Clara  
Blair Minor, City of San Jose

**Commissioners:** John Howe, Chair; Jose Esteves, Tony Estremera, Patrick Kwok, Liz Kniss, Linda J. LeZotte, John McLemore,  
Nick Streit, Dolly Sandoval, Roland Velasco

## **1. CALL TO ORDER/INTRODUCTIONS**

Vice Chair Patrick Kwok called the meeting to order at 5:23 p.m. Roll call taken; five Commissioners were present, no quorum until the arrival of a sixth Commissioner at 5:35. A seventh Commissioner arrived at 5:48.

## **2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM AUGUST 25, 2004 MEETING**

John McLemore made a motion to approve the minutes and Dolly Sandoval seconded it. The minutes were approved unanimously.

## **3. PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS**

There were no public presentations.

## **4. GUEST SPEAKER – JILL BOONE, SAN MATEO RECYCLEWORKS PROGRAM**

Jill Boone, Program Manager for San Mateo County's RecycleWorks Program provided a very informative presentation on the programs being done by San Mateo County, including their Green Building Program and the regional Build It Green Program. Supporting materials were also distributed.

## **5. 2005 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES**

After a brief discussion, the Legislative Priorities were unanimously approved and will be forwarded to the Board of Supervisors.

## **6. TAC CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT**

TAC Chair, Tony Eulo recapped the August, September and October TAC meetings. There is concern that some transfer station facilities have avoiding paying fees. County staff has spent a fair amount of time investigating this and are close to a recommendation on improvements to the ordinance to capture that revenue and prevent future losses.

The second issue deals with the budget issues relating to the Countywide budget. TAC is interested in evaluating the Countywide portion of the Integrated Waste Management Division's (IWMD) budget to see where revenues can be increased or expenditures decreased and to set priorities as to how that money is spent. The Countywide revenue is generated by the Solid Waste planning Fee and includes the Recycling Hotline contract, Public Education, Home Composting Education Program (HCEP). The TAC Chairperson's report was unanimously approved.

## **7. COUNTYWIDE PROGRAM UPDATES**

- a. Integrated Waste Management Division Manager's report – Elizabeth Finley stated that the major project right now is reviewing the Countywide budget. She is working with a subcommittee of the TAC to update the priorities. She also announced the hiring of Zachary DeVine, who was hired as a Public Communication Specialist and will be quite an asset to the program.
- b. Green Business Program Update – the Green Business Program currently has 50 businesses certified, the most recent being the City of San Jose's Environmental Services Department. A recognition before the Board of Supervisors took place on September 28 and the City of San Jose recognized businesses on October 19.
- c. HHW Manager's Report – no report.

## **8. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Chair John Howe presented former Chair Jose Esteves with a certificate for his two years of service to the Commission as Chair and total of six years on the Commission.

John Howe will be sending letters to those Commissioners who have not attended three or more consecutive meetings and reminded all the Commissioners of the importance of their attendance at these meetings.

Dolly Sandoval and Patrick Kwok announced the opening of a new library in Cupertino on Saturday, October 30 and that City Council meetings will now be held in the new Community Hall.

John Howe invited the Commission to the City of Sunnyvale for the December 1<sup>st</sup> meeting and will provide light refreshments, should there be a need to meet. He also reminded everyone to be sure to vote on Election Day.

## **9. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

***NEXT MEETING DATE: December 1, 2004 (if needed) @ Sunnyvale City Hall***