

## **11-15-00 SWC Minutes**

Date: **Mar 20, 2001**

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### **SOLID WASTE COMMISSION MINUTES**

November 15, 2000 - County Government Center - 5:15p.m.

Voting Members in Attendance \_\_\_ Representing

Matthew Dean, West Valley Cities Campbell, Los Gatos, Monte Sereno, Saratoga  
Jose Esteves, Central County Cities Milpitas, Santa Clara  
Tony Estremera, SCVWD Santa Clara Valley Water District  
John McLemore, Member-at-Large All Jurisdictions  
Roland Velasco, South County Cities Gilroy, Morgan Hill  
Jack Walker, SMaRT Station Cities Mountain View, Palo Alto, Sunnyvale

Voting Members Not In Attendance

Manny Diaz, City of San Jose San Jose  
Ralph Faravelli, Member-at-Large All Jurisdictions  
Joe Simitian, County of Santa Clara County of Santa Clara

County Staff

Margaret Rands, County Integrated Waste Management Program  
Diane Griggs, County Integrated Waste Management Program  
Clifton Chew, County Integrated Waste Management Program  
Sharon Dowell, County Household Hazardous Waste Program

Others in Attendance

Skip Lacaze, City of San Jose

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

Vice-Chair John McLemore called the meeting to order at 5:25 PM. Five members were present. Commission members agreed that five members constituted a quorum because the vacancy created by Sandra James' resignation reduced the number of members to nine. Those present introduced themselves. The quorum increased to six members when Commissioner Estremera arrived several minutes later.

#### **2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

The agenda was approved as written.

#### **3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes for the meeting of March 22 and October 25, 2000 were included in the meeting packet. The minutes were approved unanimously as written.

#### **4. PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS**

There were no public presentations.

#### **5. ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

Following brief discussion, Commissioner Walker nominated Commissioner McLemore to serve as Commission Chair, motion seconded by Commissioner Dean. Commissioner McLemore was unanimously elected as Commission Chair. Commissioner Dean then nominated Commissioner Esteves to serve as

Vice-Chair, motion seconded by Commissioner Velasco. Commissioner Esteves was unanimously elected as Vice-Chair.

#### 6. AMENDMENT OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST CODE

Diane Griggs briefly summarized the reasons for amendment to the Solid Waste Commission's Conflict of Interest Code. The proposed changes to the Code are minor and are required by the Political Reform Act. She requested that the Commission approve these changes, noting that there is no change in the level of disclosure, only minor changes as needed to comply with the County's standard format for Conflict of Interest Codes.

The proposed changes provide for the filing of the Statements of Economic Interest with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors instead of the Environmental Resources Agency. Staff has always filed these statements with Clerk of the Board; this change merely reflects that practice. Additionally, Exhibit A has been modified to reflect that the Statement of Economic Interests is now Form 700 (previously Form 730), and to change the format for the designation of Disclosure Categories. Commissioner Dean moved approval, Commissioner Esteves seconded, and the motion carried unanimously. Staff will forward the amended Code and Exhibit A to the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors for action by the Board of Supervisors.

#### 7. 2001 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

The 2001 legislative priorities were distributed in the meeting packet and were discussed at the October Commission meeting, with the Commissioners present expressing support for these priorities. The priorities have been submitted for inclusion in the County of Santa Clara 2001 priorities. They will also be sent to the League of Cities and California State Association of Counties for consideration in their solid waste/recycling-related priorities for 2001. Commissioner Walker moved to approve the 2001 legislative priorities as submitted. Commissioner Estremera seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

#### 8. RELOCATION OF THE SAN JOSE HHW FACILITY

Margaret Rands reported that this item had been discussed at the October Commission meeting. At that meeting, Commissioner Diaz reported that City of San Jose staff have agreed to extend the deadline for vacating the San Jose HHW Collection Facility originally scheduled for July 31, 2001 to May 2002.

After further discussion, the Commission voted unanimously to have staff prepare letters to 1) thank Commissioner Diaz for his support and assistance in extending the deadline, and 2) request assistance from City officials in locating a suitable replacement site. The letters will be signed by Chairperson McLemore, and copies will be sent to the San Jose GSA Director, the San Jose Environmental Services Department Manager, and the San Jose IWM Program Manager. County staff will email draft letters for comment by Commissioners prior to finalizing letters for Commissioner McLemore's signature.

#### 9. REQUEST FOR FUNDING FROM SILICON VALLEY ENVIRONMENTAL PARTNERSHIP

Margaret Rands reported that this item was discussed at the October Commission meeting, with Commissioners present having expressed support for the requested \$5,000 funding level to assist in an update of the 1999 Silicon Valley Environmental Index. Margaret noted that a link to the index website will be provided from Santa Clara County's ReduceWaste.org website so that the information can be accessed by visitors to the Countywide site. Commissioner Dean moved to approve the \$5,000 funding to update this index, which provides a broad range of environmental information in one resource. Commissioner Esteves seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

#### 10. SWC ANNUAL WORKPLAN FOR 2001

Margaret Rands distributed an updated Workprogram Tasks and Timeline. This document describes the IWM Program work plan through June 2002. It was prepared at this time because

each board and commission reporting to the Board of Supervisors has been asked to prepare a workplan for submission to the Board.

#### 11. TAC CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

TAC Chair, Skip Lacaze, asked if there were any questions about the minutes of the TAC meetings included in the October packet. There were no questions. Skip reported that the December TAC meeting is tentatively scheduled for Thursday, December 14th, with a tour of the Resource Area for Teachers (RAFT) either preceding or following the potluck lunch and business meeting. Commissioners are invited to attend and will be notified by email of the details.

#### 12. COUNTYWIDE PROGRAM UPDATES

A. Integrated Waste Management Program Manager's Report. Margaret Rands reported that the Board of Supervisors has asked the IWM Program and County Counsel to work on an ordinance to require covers on vehicles hauling waste. There is some discussion on whether that includes any vehicle, or just garbage trucks hauling waste. There will be a meeting on November 16th with haulers and landfill operators to discuss what will work for them to resolve the issue without making garbage collection significantly more costly or difficult. The second issue is developing a strategy to enforce "cover your load" requirements for trucks delivering waste to landfills. If the Board were to adopt such an ordinance, it would affect garbage vehicles operating on County roads and highways. Cities would have to adopt their own ordinances if they wished to have similar requirements in place for garbage vehicles operating on city streets. Our goal is to come up with a recommendation that works for both the haulers and the County/city jurisdictions.

B. Household Hazardous Waste. No report.

C. Public Education Campaign Updates. Program updates were provided at the October meeting - see October minutes for details.

D. Home Composting Education Program. No report.

E. Countywide Recycling Hotline. No report.

F. Other. No other reports given.

#### 12. ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

#### 13. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:00PM.

NEXT MEETING DATE: February 28, 2001  
MEETING TIME: 5:15 P.M.