

County of Santa Clara

Recycling and Waste Reduction Commission
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RECYCLING AND WASTE REDUCTION COMMISSION MINUTES

August 23, 2006

County Center at Charcot, 2310 N. First Street, Ponderosa Pines Room, San Jose
Business Meeting at 5:15 p.m.

Voting Members in Attendance

Jose Esteves, Central County Cities
Tony Estremera, SCVWD
Mike Kasperzak, Member-at-Large
Patrick Kwok, Member-at-Large
Linda J. LeZotte, City of San Jose
Dolly Sandoval, North County Cities
Roland Velasco, South County Cities

Representing

Milpitas, Santa Clara
Santa Clara Valley Water District
All Jurisdictions
All Jurisdictions
City of San Jose
Cupertino, Los Altos, Los Altos Hills
Gilroy, Morgan Hill

Voting Members Not In Attendance

John Howe, SMaRT Station Cities
Pete McHugh, County of Santa Clara
Nick Streit, West Valley Cities

Mountain View, Palo Alto, Sunnyvale
County of Santa Clara
Campbell, Los Gatos, Monte Sereno, Saratoga

County Staff

Elizabeth Constantino, Integrated Waste Management Division
Lisa Rose, Integrated Waste Management Division
Greg Van Wassenhove, Department of Agriculture and Environmental Management

Others in Attendance

Mark Bowers, City of Sunnyvale
Rob D'Arcy, Santa Clara County Household Hazardous Waste Program
Skip Lacaze, City of San Jose
Rick Mauck, City of Santa Clara
Cynthia Palacio, City of Mountain View
Lori Topley, City of Mountain View

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Chair Patrick Kwok called the meeting to order at 5:17 p.m. Four Commissioners were present and quorum was not met. Chairman Kwok moved non-action items (numbers 8 and 9) up on the agenda until another Commissioner arrived. With that, Rob D'Arcy with the Santa Clara County Household Hazardous Waste Program presented information on the costs that local governments are incurring in the handling and management of Universal Waste. A copy of his PowerPoint presentation will be attached to these minutes. As of February 8, 2006, it became illegal to put

Commissioners: Patrick Kwok, Chair; Jose Esteves, Tony Estremera, John Howe, Michael Kasperzak, Linda J. LeZotte, Pete McHugh, Nick Streit, Dolly Sandoval, Roland Velasco

mercury containing items, household batteries and fluorescent bulbs into the waste stream. These products are now considered hazardous waste and must be properly managed as such.

At the December 2005 meeting, Commissioner Howe asked Rob D'Arcy to come back to the Commission and report back on the HHW fee increase that was to sunset in June 2007. Rob reported that he has spoken with the three of the four POTW's in Santa Clara County about contributing to the cost of U-waste management. San Jose's storm and waste water programs have been instructed to look at their budgets to figure out how best to assist with the increase. City of Palo Alto is already funding it through their POTW and the City of Sunnyvale's waste water budget is combined with their solid waste budget, so they feel they are also already contributing. There has been staff turnover in the South County area and Rob has been unable to make contact with anyone there. Rob's final assessment is that there will not be adequate new funding sources for managing of universal waste, and that the \$0.37 increase will need to be extended at least another year.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM OCTOBER 26 MEETING

Commissioners Esteves, Estremera and Sandoval arrived during the Universal Waste presentation resulting in quorum. A motion to approve the minutes from the February 22 meeting was made by Mike Kasperzak. Tony Estremera seconded the motion to approve the minutes and the motion passed unanimously.

3. PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

There were no public presentations.

4. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Lisa Rose called for nominations for the position of Chair. Patrick Kwok asked who wished to serve in that capacity and said if no others wished to hold the position that he would be willing to serve another year. Lisa Rose stated that John Howe had stated he would be interested in serving as well. Dolly Sandoval moved that Patrick Kwok remain as chair and John Howe be elected as Vice Chair. The motion was seconded by Roland Velasco and passed unanimously.

5. 2007 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

Elizabeth Constantino presented the 2007 Legislative Priorities and noted that there were two versions. The first version is a list of ten proposed priorities that will be forwarded to the Legislative Director in the Office of the County Executive for adoption by the Board of Supervisors. These are broader in scope so that the Board will have greater ability to support prospective legislation dealing with these issues. The following pages detail more precisely items that fall under the broader categories and are priorities of the TAC and the RWRC. There are no significant changes from last year's priorities, although some of the language was cleaned up and a few priorities were combined. Mike Kasperzak motioned to approve the priorities and it was seconded by Tony Estremera. The motion passed unanimously.

6. TAC CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

Cynthia Palacio reported that the TAC has been working on Household Hazardous Waste issues with managing Universal Waste, a proposed Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) resolution and the TAC Rules of Procedure. Some notable events that took place included the Green Business Conference in March, which unfortunately took place on the same day as the joint TAC meeting with Alameda County; the City of Milpitas switching to single-stream recycling and the California Resource and Recovery Association (CRRA) Conference held in San Jose in August. She felt the CRRA Conference was one of the best ever held and was especially pleased with the

number of state representatives present. Next year's CRRA conference will take place in San Pedro in July 2007.

7. TAC RULES OF PROCEDURE

Elizabeth Constantino presented the TAC Rules of Procedure and noted that there were no substantive changes and that most of the changes made were in the form of language changes, semantics, consistency and clarifying the roles of the TAC and its subcommittees. It was noted that there were two grammatical errors and asked that the following be added to the professional, industry, and community organization in Section II. A. 4 as follows: h) Others as appointed by the Recycling and Waste Reduction Commission. Dolly Sandoval made a motion to approve to approve the amended Rules of Procedure and it was seconded by Mike Kasperzak with no opposition.

8. UNIVERSAL WASTE RESOLUTION

Presented at beginning of meeting

9. HHW FEE INCREASE REPORT BACK

Presented at beginning of meeting

10. IWM DIVISION MANAGER'S REPORT

Elizabeth Constantino noted that County Supervisor Pete McHugh was in Taipei and that of all the topics he could speak on, he chose to speak about the Green Business Program. The Board of Supervisors will be recognizing the 41 businesses certified in fiscal year 2006 on September 12 at noon on the Isaac Newton Senter patio behind the Board Chambers. All are invited to attend to help honor these businesses for their commitment to the environment. In the first six weeks of this fiscal year, eight businesses have enrolled and two have become certified green businesses. The Integrated Waste Management Division will be working with Build It Green to bring green building principles to the various cities within the County. Several cities' planning departments have already embraced these principles. We encourage other cities to participate.

IWM currently has an RFP out for seven of the eight garbage districts in the unincorporated areas. Bids are due at the end of September.

11. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mike Kasperzak inquired as to whether the other Commissioners would like to learn more about bio-diesel and other alternative fuels. Staff will look into setting up a presentation at a future meeting.

Assemblyman Ira Ruskin will be speaking at the October 25 meeting. Several cities offered to host the meeting. Staff will work with city reps to find a suitable location for this meeting.

12. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 p.m.