



Recycling & Waste Reduction Commission
of Santa Clara County

SPECIAL OFF-SCHEDULE MEETING

**Recycling and Waste Reduction Commission of Santa Clara County
Wednesday, March 2, 2016 Meeting Packet**

5:30 p.m.

**County of Santa Clara
Board Chambers
70 West Hedding Street
San Jose, CA 95112**

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SPECIAL MEETING – OFF SCHEDULE **RECYCLING AND WASTE REDUCTION COMMISSION MEETING AGENDA**

(*Denotes item on which action may be taken)

NOTE DATE CHANGE: **Wednesday, March 2, 2016**
TIME: **5:30 P.M.**
LOCATION: **BOARD CHAMBERS**
70 West Hedding Street
San Jose, CA 95110

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1. **Call to Order and Roll Call**
2. **Special Orders of the Day**
 - None
3. **Approval of Minutes from December 16, 2015 RWRC Meeting***
4. **Public Presentation (3-minute limit)**

This portion of the meeting is reserved for persons desiring to address the Commission on any matter not on the agenda. Speakers are limited to three minutes. The law does not permit Commission action or extended discussion on any items not on the agenda except under special circumstances. Statements that require a response may be placed on the agenda for the next regular meeting of the Commission. Persons wishing to address the Commission on any item on the agenda are requested to complete a Request to Speak form and give it to the Staff Liaison so the Chairperson can call on you when the item comes up for discussion.

5. Consent Calendar*

No items for Consent Calendar

6. Food Rescue Update

Presenter: Anthony Eulo, Chair, Ad Hoc Food Rescue Forum Subcommittee
Tony will provide an update on the activities of the Food Rescue project
TAC Recommended Action: Accept and comment on update

15 Minutes

7. Update on Biomass Issue

Presenter: Michael Gross, GreenWaste Recovery
Michael will present an update on the Biomass issue
TAC Recommended

10 minutes

Commissioners: James R. Griffith, Chair; Michael F. Kotowski, Linda J. LeZotte, Manh Nguyen, Teresa O'Neill, Greg Scharff, Rod Sinks, Jan Pepper, Cat Tucker, Mike Wasserman

- 8. Legislative Update** **10 Minutes**
Presenter: Mark Bowers, Chair, Legislation Subcommittee
Subject: Update on the current Legislative Session
TAC Recommended Action: informational item only
- 9. Pharmaceutical Update** **10 Minutes**
Presenter: Rob D’Arcy, TAC Member, California Product Stewardship Council
Subject: Rob will give an update on the pharmaceutical ordinances
No Action Required: informational item only
- 10. Update on Compost Education Program** **5 Minutes**
Presenter: Lisa Rose, Contract Administrator
Subject: Lisa will provide a brief verbal update on the Composting Education Program
No Action Required: informational item only
- 11. TAC Minutes** **5 Minutes**
Presenter: Anthony Eulo, Chair, Technical Advisory Committee
Approved November, December 2015 TAC meeting Minutes attached
No Action Required: informational item only
- 12. Announcements/Future Agenda Items*** **5 Minutes**

- Adopt Revised 2016 Meeting Schedule

Adjournment

Next Meeting: April 27, 2016

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AB 45 (Mullin) – (Anti-EPR) Recitals promote curbside, door-to-door, pickup as “valuable components” for waste companies and local governments to manage HHW and define industry role as communication with customers. Redefines “HHW” to include sharps and pharmaceuticals, including non-prescription drugs. Requires CalRecycle to develop model ordinances for HHW collection. Jurisdiction proposing local ordinance “may” adopt CalRecycle models. Provisions are repealed if nonprofit with \$5 million in grant money is not formed by December 2018.

SWANA LTF – Oppose

Passed Local Government 6-3 on 4/23/15

Passed Environmental Safety & Toxic Materials 4-2 on 4/28/15

Passed Appropriations 12-0 on 1/21/16

Approved by Assembly 50-18 on January 27, 2016

Senate Environmental Quality

Last amended 1/21/16

- **AB 199** (Eggman) – Excludes from sales tax projects that process or utilize recycled feedstock (**CAW**) Urgency bill (requires 2/3 vote, normal timelines do not apply)
SWANA LTF – Support
Passed Assembly Natural Resources 9-0 on March 23, 2015
Passed Assembly Revenue & Taxation on July 13, 2015
Passed Assembly Appropriations 17-0 on August 19, 2015
Approved by Assembly 77-0 on August 27, 2015
Passed Senate Governance & Finance 7-0 on September 10, 2015
Passed Senate Appropriations 6-1 on September 10, 2015
Approved by Senate 40-0 on September 11, 2015
Assembly concurred with Senate amendments 78-0 on September 11, 2015
Signed by Governor on October 11, 2015
- **AB 275** (Committee on E.S. & T.M.) – Revises DTSC statute of limitations and requirements for DTSC to pay “orphaned” amounts of site cleanup costs.
Passed Assembly E.S. & T.M. 4-0 on March 24, 2015
Passed Assembly Appropriations 11-0 on April 15, 2015
Approved by Assembly 63-5 on April 20, 2015
Passed Senate Environmental Quality 6-1 on June 17, 2015
Passed Senate Appropriations on July 9, 2015
Approved by Senate 28-9 on August 31, 2015
Assembly concurred in Senate amendments 72-0 on September 2, 2015
Signed by Governor October 2, 2015
- **AB 577** (Bonilla) – Biomethane: grant program - \$13 million from GHG Reduction Fund
SWANA LTF – Support
Passed Assembly Natural Resources 9-0 on April 27, 2015
Passed Assembly Appropriations 17-0 on May 28, 2015
Approved by Assembly 77-1 on June 2, 2015
Passed Senate Energy, Utilities & Communications 7-0 on June 30, 2015
Passed Senate Environmental Quality 7-0 on July 15, 2015
Referred from Senate Appropriations to Budget & Fiscal Review Committee
Last amended 7/6/15

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- **AB 590** (Dahle) – Maintain support for biomass and geothermal power generation
SWANA LTF – Support
Passed Assembly Natural Resources 9-0 on March 23, 2015
Passed Assembly Utilities & Commerce 15-0 on April 27, 2015
Passed Assembly Appropriations 17-0 on May 28, 2015
Approved by Assembly 78-0 on June 2, 2015
Passed Senate Energy, Utilities & Communications 10-0 on June 30, 2015
Passed Senate Environmental Quality 7-0 on July 15, 2015
Held in Senate Appropriations
Last Amended 7/9/15 (to add support for geothermal)
- **AB 761** (Levine) – Grants, if funds are appropriated, for CO2 sequestration via applying organics to “working lands”
Passed Assembly Natural Resources 8-1 on 4/13/15
Passed Assembly Water, Parks & Wildlife 13-2 on 4/28/15
Passed Assembly Appropriations 13-0 on May 28, 2015
Approved by Assembly 67-11 on June 4, 2015
Passed Senate Agriculture 3-0 on June 30, 2015
Passed Senate Environmental Quality 7-0 on July 15, 2015
Senate Appropriations (Suspense File)
Last Amended 6/2/15
- **AB 876** (McCarthy) – County IWMPs must plan for 15 years of capacity for organics processing
SWANA LTF – Oppose
Passed Assembly Natural Resources 7-2 on April 13, 2015
Passed Assembly Appropriations 12-5 on May 28, 2015
Approved by Assembly 53-26 on June 3, 2015
Passed Senate Environmental Quality 5-1 on July 1, 2015
Passed Senate Appropriations on July 13, 2015
Approved by Senate 26-14 on August 24, 2015
Signed by Governor on October 8, 2015
- **AB 888** (Bloom) – Plastic microbeads (**CAW**)
Passed Assembly Natural Resources 7-0 on April 13, 2015
Passed Assembly Environmental Safety & Toxic Materials 6-0 on April 28, 2015
Passed Assembly Appropriations 12-4 on May 13, 2015
Approved by Assembly 59-12 on May 22, 2015
Passed Senate Environmental Quality 5-1 on June 17, 2015
Passed Senate Judiciary 4-1 on June 30, 2015
Passed Senate Appropriations on 7/13/2015
Failed passage in Senate 19-16 on September 3, 2015 (reconsideration granted), then amended
Approved by Senate 24-14 on September 4, 2015
Assembly concurred in Senate amendments 64-12 on September 8, 2015
Signed by Governor on October 8, 2015
- **AB 901** (Gordon) – Tightens DRS requirements, adds reports on composting and recycling (**CalRecycle**)
SWANA LTF – Neutral
Passed Assembly Natural Resources 8-1 on April 13, 2015
Passed Assembly Appropriations 17-0 on May 28, 2015
Approved by Assembly 78-2 on June 1, 2015
Passed Senate Environmental Quality 6-1 on July 15, 2015
Passed Senate Appropriations 6-1 on August 27, 2015
Approved by Senate 26-10 on September 10, 2015
Assembly concurred in Senate amendments 78-0 on September 11, 2015
Signed by Governor on October 10, 2015

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- **AB 1045** (Irwin) – State policies to divert ~~50%~~ of organic waste by 2020 via application to “working lands.” Requires CalRecycle, Air Resources Board and State Water Resources Control Board to jointly develop policy that promotes streamlined permitting and regulation of composting facilities.
SWANA LTF – Work with author
Passed Assembly Natural Resources 6-0 on April 13, 2015
Passed Assembly Appropriations 12-0 on April 29, 2015
Approved by Assembly 62-2 on May 28, 2015
Passed Senate Environmental Quality 5-0 on July 1, 2015
Passed Senate Appropriations 5-1 on August 27, 2015
Approved by Senate 28-12 on September 9, 2015
Assembly concurred in Senate amendments 64-9 on September 10, 2015
Signed by Governor on October 8, 2015
 - **AB 1063** (Williams) – Increases state solid waste disposal fee to \$5 per ton, new Generator Fee (**CAW**)
SWANA LTF – Work with author
Passed Assembly Natural Resources 7-1 on April 27, 2015
Passed Assembly Appropriations 12-4 on May 6, 2015
Approved by Assembly 57-20 on May 11, 2015
Senate Environmental Quality (held by author)
Last amended 8/17/15
 - **AB 1103** (Dodd) – Defines food waste to address issues related to renderers, grocery backhauls (**SWIG**)
Urgency bill (requires 2/3 vote, normal timelines do not apply)
SWANA LTF – Oppose
Passed Assembly Natural Resources 6-1 on May 11, 2015
Approved by Assembly 54-14 on May 26, 2015
Senate Environmental Quality
Last Amended 7/16/15
 - **AB 1108** (Low) – Beverage Container Redemption
Passed Assembly Natural Resources 9-0 on April 27, 2015
Passed Assembly Appropriations 17-0 on May 13, 2015
Approved by Assembly 75-0 on May 26, 2015
Senate Environmental Quality
Last amended 5/5/15
 - **AB 1239** (Gordon) – Tire recycling, fees (**CAW**)
Passed Assembly Natural Resources 6-3 on April 27, 2015
Passed Assembly Appropriations 12-5 on May 28, 2015
Approved by Assembly 50-29 on June 2, 2015
Senate Environmental Quality
Last amended 5/5/15
- SB 47** (Hill) – Environmental Health: Artificial turf
CAW – Oppose
Passed Senate Environmental Quality 5-0 on March 18, 2015
Failed passage in Senate Education 3-2 on January 13, 2016
Last Amended 1/4/16

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- **SB 162** (Galgiani) – Extends, to December 31, 2020, expiring rules on disposal of treated wood waste and requires DTSC to prepare a report by the end of 2017 on laws regarding treated wood waste.
SWANA LTF – Support
Passed Senate Environmental Quality 7-0 on April 29, 2015
Passed Senate Appropriations 7-0 on May 28, 2015
Approved by Senate 38-0 on June 1, 2015
Passed Assembly Environmental Safety & Toxic Materials 7-0 on June 30, 2015
Passed Assembly Appropriations 17-0 on August 27, 2015
Approved by Assembly 80-0 on September 1, 2015
Senate concurred in Assembly amendments 40-0 on September 2, 2015
Signed by Governor September 28, 2015
- **SB 367** (Wolk) - \$25 million for farmers to reduce GHG emissions, increase carbon storage
CAW – Support
Passed Senate Agriculture 5-0 on April 7, 2015
Passed Senate Environmental Quality 7-0 on April 29, 2015
Passed Senate Appropriations 7-0 on May 28, 2015
Approved by Senate 35-3 on June 3, 2015
Passed Assembly Agriculture 7-0 on July 1, 2015
Passed Assembly Natural Resources 8-1 on July 13, 2015
Assembly Appropriations
Last Amended 8/17/15
- **SB 423** (Bates) – Retail nonprescription surplus products: determinations for reuse (CPSC)
Urgency bill (requires 2/3 vote, normal timelines do not apply)
Passed Senate Environmental Quality 7-0 on April 15, 2015
Passed Senate Appropriations 7-0 on August 27, 2015
Approved by Senate 40-0 on September 1, 2015
Assembly
Last Amended 8/31/15
- **SB 489** (Monning) – All solar Photovoltaic Modules managed as U-waste & banned from disposal
SWANA LTF – Support
Passed Senate Environmental Quality 7-0 on April 15, 2015
Passed Senate Appropriations 7-0 on April 27, 2015
Approved by Senate 35-0 on May 4, 2015
Passed Assembly Environmental Safety & Toxic Materials 7-0 on June 30, 2015
Passed Assembly Appropriations 16-0 on July 15, 2015
Approved by Assembly 76-1 on August 27, 2015
Senate concurred in Assembly amendments 40-0 on September 1, 2015
Signed by Governor October 1, 2015
- **SB 778** (Allen) – Automotive repair: oil changes: notification to customers (CAW)
Passed Senate Environmental Quality 4-1 on April 29, 2015
Passed Senate B., P. & E.D. 5-1 on January 11, 2016
Passed Senate Appropriations on January 19, 2016
Approved by Senate 22-12 on January 25, 2016
Assembly
Last Amended 1/04/16

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TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
November 12, 2015

VOTING MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

ACTERRA	Maija McDonald
CALIFORNIA RESOURCE RECOVERY ASSN.	Alan Ha
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	Matthew Krupp
CITY OF SAN JOSE	Alana Rivadeneyra
CITY OF SANTA CLARA	Dave Staub
CITY OF SUNNYVALE	Mark Bowers
COUNTY RECYCLING AND WASTE REDUCTION	Rob D'Arcy
COUNTY UNINCORPORATED AREA	Wendy Fong
LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS	Karen Sundback
SANTA CLARA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT	Brett Calhoun
SAN JOSE STATE UNIVERSITY	Bruce Olszewski
SILICON VALLEY LEADERSHIP GROUP	Lou Ramondetta
WEST VALLEY CITIES	Marva Sheehan

VOTING MEMBERS NOT IN ATTENDANCE

CITY OF CAMPBELL
 CITY OF LOS ALTOS
 CITY OF MONTE SERENO
 CITY OF SARATOGA
 CLARA MATEO
 COUNTY ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH
 SIERRA CLUB
 TOWN OF LOS ALTOS HILLS
 TOWN OF LOS GATOS

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

Rhonda Andrade	CalRecycle
Evan Boyd	Republic Services
Gil Cheso	Republic Services
Clifton Chew	SCC RWRD
Karen Gissibl	City of Sunnyvale
Karin Hickey	City of Santa Clara
Mary Lindemuth	City of Sunnyvale
Karla Miller	CalRecycle
John Muma	CalRecycle
Cole Smith	UCCE
Alyssa Rice-Wilson	SJCC
Alex Wykoff	City of Cupertino

1. Call to Order

Mark Bowers, Vice-Chair, called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. A quorum of 20 was present. Those present introduced themselves

2. Approval of Minutes

Alan Ha had a correction to the October 15, 2015 draft minutes, he was not in attendance and Alyssa should be in non-voting attendance. Lori Topley made a motion to approve the amended October 15, 2015 minutes. The motion was seconded and all present voted to approve the minutes. Gil Cheso abstained and those not present at the October 15, 2015 TAC meeting.

3. Public Presentations

There were no public presentations.

4. AB1826 tool

Karla Miller from CalRecycle provided a presentation on AB1826. She said for reporting purposes, the following data will be asked:

- Number of business that are required to comply
- Number of MFDs that are required to comply
- Number of each that are not required to comply
- The education and outreach that was done
- Ask about monitoring
- What enforcement measures are in place (not required by law)
- Progress of implementation
- What are the barriers to implementation

She showed the waste generation tools on the website.

It was pointed out that schools were state agencies

The local government outreach and education toolkit has sample pieces that can be modified.

There was a question about at what level is the reporting since some large corporate campuses would have multiple locations.

A question was asked about what was going to happen with all the data and the answer was given that it will be part of the report back to the Legislature.

A question was asked about what data was required and what was optional.

5. State of Biomass in California

Michael Gross explained that Zanker ships about 400 tons of biomass a day from their wood recycling operations (which is about 70% of San Jose's C&D recycling). The biomass plants are beginning to shut down, in 2013 and there were 29 across the state, creating 620 megaWatts of electricity from 6.8 million tons of agriculture, forest and urban waste. Currently there are 22 plants in operation. The plants were built in the 1970's to derive 'green' electricity and take care of mill waste. The contracts were for twenty years and generated electricity at about \$0.11. Now the solar and other forms of 'green' electricity have lower costs (at about \$0.05) so the plants contracts are not being renewed thus closing down. With fewer plants, the cost for wood waste disposal will increase significantly. Zanker is currently charging \$13/yd for clean wood or about \$35/ton but if there is no place to take the material, the new price will be in the \$70 range in a couple of years.

He noted that AB1826, AB1594 (eliminates ADC), AB350 (renewable energy), SB605 (organics out of landfill) are all bills that would increase the need for the biomass plants.

6. Certification of C&D Facilities

This item was deferred to the next TAC meeting.

7. CPSC Funding Recommendation

Rob D'Arcy said he is bringing this forward now, asking TAC to forward to the RWRC. The HHW program wants to increase its contribution to CPSC to \$10K per year (from \$8K). Dave Staub made a motion to approve the recommendation. The motion was seconded and all present voted to approve.

8. IC Update

Mark Bowers noted that IC has met twice and approved a three-year budget. The budget attempts to maintain a fund balance of \$400K, with the following modifications:

The ½ time management analyst was deferred to FY17-18.

The Workplan clarified the capacity study was for composting, and PubEd Special Projects would include HHW MFD and BayROC.

Expenditures had zeroed out PubEd Special Projects for the first year but restored the following years

Expenditures increased PubEd to San Jose to \$150K (lump sum rather spread \$50K over three years) and zeroed the following years.

The Sustainable Materials was zeroed for the first year and brought back at \$50 for years two and three.

Clifton Chew will send out the approved budget to TAC members

9. RWRC Update

Rob D'Arcy said the pharmaceutical ordinance is being implemented but has opposition from the State Board of Pharmacy wishing to preempt local governments from mandating retail pharmacy participation.

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

- A. Green Business Program – in report
- B. Disposal Reporting System – in report.
- B. Other – Elections will be held in December, those interested in officer position, please contact Clifton Chew. There has only been three letters of interest for NGO representation at TAC, so interested parties contact Clifton Chew or Lisa Rose. Michael Gross offered the South Bay Yacht Club for the TAC Holiday Party and Lori Topley offered to look into the Adobe Building if Michael is unable to obtain the location.

11. Subcommittee Reports and Updates on Countywide Programs

- A. Eco-Gardener – Karin Hickey said the group met and is in the process of vetting videos for the website.
- B. Enforcement – Did not meet.
- C. Household Hazardous Waste – Did not meet.
- D. Legislation – Mark Bowers said there were no updates.
- E. Operations – Did not meet.
- F. Public Education – Did not meet.
- G. Source Reduction and Recycling – Did not meet.
- H. Ad Hoc Food Rescue – Tony Eulo said there will be a meeting next week to decide on the status for the future (either make a permanent subcommittee or new ad hoc subcommittee). There are two groups, one on coordinating the food waste forum and the other is an executive committee to establish the requirements (possible RFP or job description) for the food waste forum. The event will be by invitation only.

- I. Ad Hoc Zero Waste – The item will be on the December agenda (whether to disband).

12. Program Update

- A. Green Business Program – in the report.
- B. Composting Education Program – no report.
- C. Recycling Hotline – Bruce Olszewski said CDR is now taking HHW calls for appointments and that there is a new phone system.

13. Future Agenda Items / Guest Speakers

Ad Hoc Zero Waste Subcommittee

Elections

C&D Facilities.

14. Informational Updates and Announcements

Matthew Krupp had two items: 1) the solid waste ordinance was kicked back to committee; and 2) expanded polystyrene ordinance had an error in notification and delayed to council.

Karen Gissibl said Sunnyvale is finishing the food waste pilot program. Began with 50/50 split body carts but went to 70/30 split and got participation from 50 to 80 percent. The city is looking at processing facilities as the next step to possibly implementing a program.

Dave Staub said the City of Santa Clara solid waste code is being updated and will have mandatory organics collection for commercial accounts.

Alex Wykoff said Cupertino's Environmental Education Center opened to host school programs and other environmental events. It will also be used for HCEP classes in Cupertino.

Karla Miller responded to question from the presentation in that all questions were general in AB1826.

Heidi Melander said Mountain View repair café will open Sunday.

Rhonda Andrade said CalRecycle will be calling jurisdictions about site visit in the near future.

Michael Gross said there were videos of operations available at the Zanker website and could even book tours.

Cole Smith said three items: 1) the last class for the year will be this weekend in Sunnyvale, the next class will be February 14, 2016; 2) he is looking for locations in Cupertino and Milpitas to hold classes; and 3) he has 19 students for the Master Composting Class and is looking for more.

Bruce Olszewski said he did a TV show last Friday for KQED on water issues.

Alana Rivadeneyra announced that San Jose has a food waste pilot and is working on illegal dumping issues.

Rob D'Arcy announced that the new HHW on-line appointment system will go live November 23.

Mark Bowers said that new restaurants are unaware of the polystyrene ban and needs to get permitting involved. He also noted that there was a DNS attack on the Sunnyvale website.

15. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 3:17 p.m.

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TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES December 10, 2015

VOTING MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

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CITY OF GILROY	Tony Eulo
CITY OF LOS ALTOS	Chris Lamm
CITY OF MILPITAS	Elizabeth Koo
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CITY OF MOUNTAIN VIEW	Lori Topley
CITY OF PALO ALTO	Matthew Krupp
CITY OF SAN JOSE	Anna Szabo
CITY OF SANTA CLARA	Dave Staub
CITY OF SUNNYVALE	Mark Bowers
CLARA MATEO	Michael Gross
CLARA MATEO	Julie Muir
COUNTY ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH	Stan Chau
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OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

Gil Cheso	Republic Services
Clifton Chew	SCC RWRD
Teresa Curiel	City of San Jose
Karen Gissibl	City of Sunnyvale
Scott Gold	West Valley Cities
Tammy Green	SCC RWRD
Karin Hickey	City of Santa Clara
Sandra Jensen	City of Sunnyvale
Mary Lindemuth	City of Sunnyvale
Rick Mauck	Self
Lisa Rose	SCC RWRD
Ramesh Srinivasan	Eco-Catalyst
Cole Smith	UCCE
Alyssa Rice-Wilson	SJCC
Joanne Yee	SCC FAF

1. Call to Order

Anna Szabo, Chair, called the meeting to order at 1:33 p.m. A quorum of 19 was present. Those present introduced themselves.

2. Approval of Minutes

Mark Bowers had a correction to the November 12, 2015 draft minutes, there was a formatting error for section 5. Lori Topley made a motion to approve the amended November 12, 2015 minutes. The motion was seconded and all present voted to approve the minutes. Anna Szabo, Stan Chau and those not present at the October 15, 2015 TAC meeting abstained.

3. Public Presentations

There were no public presentations.

4. Election of Officers

Anna Szabo said the TAC packet had a slate of officer nominations. There was some last minute shuffling, which resulted in Tony Eulo nominated for Chair for 2016 and Lori Topley as Vice-Chair. Sandy Jensen removed her name from the PubEd nomination leaving only Karin Hickey. Matthew Krupp made a motion to approve the revised slate of officers. The motion was seconded and all present voted to approve.

5. Update on Biomass

Michael Gross wanted to correct his statement from last month's presentation in that there have been two additional facilities that have closed which bring the number of operating biomass power plants down to 20. The biomass industry itself hasn't done a lot and is waiting for the Governor and PUC to do something. There has been no legislative action at this time. He said if this continues, that by the end of 2016, there will only be about three companies operating seven plants in the state accepting biomass. Michael said he had to raise rates by 50% starting in January. A question was asked about what the next steps should be. Michael responded that the biomass industry members need to make clear decisions about their goals.

6. C&D Ordinances

Teresa Curiel said the City of San Jose has been trying to develop a regional approach to C&D facility certification. A few years ago there was an attempt with the following counties: San Mateo, Alameda, and Central Contra Costa; and the following cities: San Francisco, Sunnyvale and Sonoma. There was a meeting in November to assess interest in a regional system where the next step is to issue an RFP in March/April for a third party to certify C&D facilities.

Michael Gross wanted to remind TAC members that 30% of the waste stream is C&D. All the recycling markets are depressed. He wanted all the recycling rates and the paperwork to be the same in the region in order to have a level playing field.

The vision is to have the facility pay for the certification and have the report submitted to the third party. There is no request for funding, just asking jurisdictions to help align the information so that it will meet everyone's needs. Any actions will need to include the building departments.

7. Ad Hoc Subcommittee review and formation

- A. Food Rescue – Tony Eulo made a motion to disband the ad hoc food rescue subcommittee and form two new ad hoc subcommittees: Ad Hoc Food Rescue Forum Subcommittee and Ad Hoc Food Rescue Staffing Services Subcommittee. The motion was seconded and all present voted to approve.
- B. Zero Waste – Mark Bowers made a motion to disband the subcommittee. The motion was seconded and all present voted to approve.

8. RWRC Update

Lisa Rose said the meeting is next Wednesday. The agenda includes: selection of NGOs from a large slate; approval of the budget and workplan; CPSC contribution; update on food rescue; and the calendar for the coming year.

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

- A. Disposal Reporting System – in report. Continue to go after debt.
- B. Other – Rob D’Arcy said there was a request for a joint TAC meeting from Santa Cruz County, the item will be agendaized for the next TAC meeting. There were 27 applicants for Rob’s position, of which eight will be interviewed.

10. Subcommittee Reports and Updates on Countywide Programs

- A. Eco-Gardener – Karin Hickey said there was an issue with posting of videos that could be interpreted as promoting a specific product. County counsel requested that Eco-Gardener take one video down and wants to review all videos prior to posting from now on. There are fliers and FAQ sheets available for jurisdictions to use and Karin will have Cliff route them to TAC. Karin also asked that people update the events calendar.
- B. Enforcement – Did not meet.
- C. Household Hazardous Waste – Alex Wykoff said the subcommittee discussed a strategic outreach campaign. The decision was to develop a digital program and they hope to bring something back in the summer of 2016. He also wanted to note that the cost per car has been at its lowest, in part due to: retail take back programs; high participation rates; and a lease payment that didn’t have to be made. He also thanked Rob for his leadership and guidance, especially with regard to pharmaceuticals.
- D. Legislation – No update.
- E. Operations – Did not meet.
- F. Public Education – Sandy Jensen said they are discussing future calendar events and programs including citywide garage sales and food scrap collection programs. She also said she enjoyed serving as Chair of the subcommittee and is happy that Karin Hickey will be stepping in as Chair for 2016.
- G. Source Reduction and Recycling – Did not meet.
- H. Ad Hoc Food Rescue – Karen Gissibl said the group has already split into two groups. The Forum is scheduled for March 24, 2016 and more information will be forthcoming. The Staffing Services Subcommittee is developing a RFP and hoping to release it this month.
- I. Ad Hoc Zero Waste – Did not meet.

11. Program Update

- A. Green Business Program – in the report.
- B. Composting Education Program – no report. A question was raised about bin sales and Cole responded that they are trying to establish a purchase system similar to the previous method (with three to five bins available at class locations or drop ship).
- C. Recycling Hotline – no report.

12. Future Agenda Items / Guest Speakers

13. Informational Updates and Announcements

Bruce Olszewski said they are recruiting new students during the winter break.

Anna Szabo announced that the City of San Jose is hiring two interns and that both undergraduate and graduate students can apply.

Alan Ha said CRRA put out a call for papers. Julie Muir commented that this is CRRA's 40th conference. The focus this year will be on politics.

Karen Gissibl said she hired one of Bruce's students.

Michael Gross said C&D World is coming to San Jose May 1-3.

Joanne Yee said the Zero Waste Youth Convergence is taking place March 26 in San Francisco. There is a transportation subcommittee trying to get more South Bay and Southern California youth to attend.

Cole Smith said they have received 35 applicants for the Master Composter Class, of which 34 have qualified and will be finishing the secondary interview this week. There is federal legislation, HB4184 (Food Recovery Act), looking at diverting food waste.

Matthew Krupp thanked Bruce for introducing him to a San Jose State professor who is having a class finish up a project about Palo Alto's downtown alleys. Topic is problems with dumpsters in small spaces.

Lisa Rose announced new employee, Tammy Green, in the RWRD office, who came from CDR and HHW program. She also said she is still accepting money for Rob's retirement party.

14. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 2:35 p.m.

THE NEXT SCHEDULED TAC MEETING: January 14, 2016

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