

County of Santa Clara

RECYCLING AND WASTE REDUCTION COMMISSION
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TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

January 10, 2008

VOTING MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

ACTERRA

CALIFORNIA RESOURCE RECOVERY ASSN.

CITY OF GILROY

CITY OF MILPITAS

CITY OF MORGAN HILL

CITY OF MOUNTAIN VIEW

CITY OF PALO ALTO

CITY OF SAN JOSE

CITY OF SANTA CLARA

CITY OF SUNNYVALE

CLARA MATEO

COUNTY ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

COUNTY UNINCORPORATED AREA

SAN JOSE STATE UNIVERSITY

Maija McDonald

Richard Gertman

Lisa Jensema

Elizabeth Koo

Tony Eulo

Lori Topley

Russ Reiserer

Skip Lacaze

Rick Mauck

Mark Bowers

Julie Muir

Stan Chau

Elizabeth Constantino

Bruce Olszewski

VOTING MEMBERS NOT ATTENDING

CITY OF CAMPBELL

CITY OF CUPERTINO

CITY OF LOS ALTOS

CITY OF MONTE SERENO

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

SANTA CLARA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT

SIERRA CLUB

SILICON VALLEY LEADERSHIP GROUP

TOWN OF LOS ALTOS HILLS

TOWN OF LOS GATOS

WEST VALLEY CITIES

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

Jeff Anderson	City of San Jose
Mark Arsenault	Stevens Creek Disposal & Recycling
Clifton Chew	SCC IWM
Rob D’Arcy	SCC HHW
Tammy DelBene	NorCal Waste Systems
Wendy Fong	SCC HHW
Walter Lin	City of San Jose
Cynthia Palacio	City of Mountain View
Cecilia Rios	City of San Jose
Lisa Rose	SCC IWM
Dave Staub	City of Santa Clara
Jo Zientek	City of San Jose

1. Call to Order

Mark Bowers, Chair, called the meeting to order at 1:36 p.m. A quorum of 11 was present.

2. Approval of Minutes

Tony Eulo made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 10, 2007 TAC Meeting. Rick Mauck seconded the motion. All present voted to approve. Those not present at the December 2007 TAC meeting abstained.

3. Public Presentations

There were no public presentations.

4. FY08 Budget

Mark Bowers reported on Implementation Subcommittee meeting that took place just prior to the TAC meeting. The Implementation Subcommittee looked at the budget and noted that the fund balance at the end of this year and next year is anticipated to exceed the range (15% - 20% of total Countywide expenditures) set by TAC policy. The Implementation Subcommittee considered the options of reducing the Solid Waste Planning fee, doing nothing until the new three year cycle or expanding current programs/projects. The implementation subcommittee came back to TAC with the options: (1) acknowledge the fund balance will exceed the policy range and re-evaluate funding at the end of the third year of the three year budget cycle; or (2) fund a one-time budget item expenditure. It was noted that reduction of the fee was not practical due to logistics and related overhead.

After some discussion, a motion was made by Rick Mauck and seconded by Tony Eulo to indicate TAC had reviewed the budget and acknowledges the fund balance exceeds the policy range and re-evaluate funding at the end of the third year of the three year budget cycle. All present voted to approve the motion.

5. RWRC By-Laws

Lisa Rose announced that Ken Yeager will be replacing Pete McHugh on the RWRC and the Cities Association will be making appointments tonight on the two remaining vacant positions on the RWRC.

Lisa asked for direction from the TAC regarding item II.C. TAC felt the RWRC needs to act independently from the County Board of Supervisors and County Counsel disagrees. It was noted that the RWRC was created to replace an intergovernmental committee that was independent of the Board. TAC recommended that the language be forwarded to the RWRC (with some slight grammar modification) to include comments by both the TAC and County Counsel in the staff report. It was recommended to include the applicable County Ordinance code as a footnote on the document. A formatting error also needed correction in Section V. A motion was made to forward the By-Laws to the RWRC by Rick Mauck and seconded by Tony Eulo. All present voted to approve the motion.

6. Alternative Daily Cover (ADC)

Elizabeth said this item came from the last RWRC. Commissioner Howe asked staff for a report back on the various uses of yardwaste throughout the County. A survey was sent out by County staff to gather preliminary information. Additionally, Elizabeth will contact the CIWMB to get their input regarding the use of yardwaste as ADC. A brief discussion followed about what an appropriate report back would look like and what the Commissioners would find useful. A motion was made by Rick Mauck and seconded by Tony Eulo that staff would gather information for the Operations subcommittee to refine the data and return to TAC for review and then would forward to the RWRC in April. All present voted to approve.

7. AB939 Implementation Fee Reauthorization for FY2009

Rob D'Arcy put forth the \$0.10 increase in the AB939 Implementation Fee to cover cost of living and increased Universal Waste (UW) costs incurred by the HHW program. These costs include vehicles, salaries and rent for the San Jose facility. The reauthorization will go to the RWRC in February and then concurrently to City Councils and to HLUET followed by the Board of Supervisors for the County. The reauthorization needs to be completed by June 30, 2008.

The City of San Jose provided information, which was not part of the TAC packet, for an additional \$0.25 increase to the Implementation Fee to be put into a savings fund to help cover the cost of a permanent HHW facility near downtown San Jose. The City of San Jose is funding \$2.2M for the temporary facility. The permanent facility would cost \$7-8M of which \$2.5M would be for the HHW facility. San Jose would use un-recoverable Construction and Demolition Debris deposits to fund the non-HHW portion of the facility but needs other funding sources for the HHW portion. It was noted that the County's two other HHW facilities were funded mainly through grants which no longer exist. The largest grant amount possibly available at this time is \$300,000 for which City of San José will submit a proposal.

After some discussion a motion was made by Tony Eulo and seconded by Rick Mauck to forward the HHW subcommittee proposal of increasing the AB939 Implementation Fee \$0.10 to the RWRC with a favorable recommendation. The motion was approved by all voting members except the County who voted against the motion. A second motion was made by Tony Eulo and seconded by Richard Gertman to increase the AB939 Implementation Fee an additional \$0.25 and to forward to the RWRC with a favorable recommendation with the following friendly amendments: 1) The \$0.25 would be set aside to fund a permanent HHW facility in San Jose with a caveat that an appropriate governing

document would be developed to the satisfaction of all the jurisdictions involved in the agreement and 2) Include a staff report from the HHW Subcommittee to be returned to TAC before the recommendation goes to RWRC the information that was put out in draft form and pulled back. The following voted to approve: Mark Bowers, Skip Lacaze, Tony Eulo, Rick Mauck, Bruce Olszewski, Maija McDonald, Stan Chau, Richard Gertman, Elizabeth Koo and Julie Muir. The following voted against: Elizabeth Constantino and Lori Topley. The following abstained: Russell Reiserer.

8. Polystyrene Food Container Phase Out – The item was continued to the next meeting due to time constraints.

9. Food Rescue – The item was continued to the next meeting due to time constraints.

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

- A. Disposal Reporting System – in TAC packet.
- B. Green Business – in TAC packet. Lisa noted that the Bay Area County Coordinators will be meeting at ABAG on January 18 and one of the agenda items being discussed will be the recommended changes to the Solid Waste section of the checklist that were submitted by the SRR subcommittee.
- C. Home Composting Education Program – Elizabeth announced that Sarah Smith was leaving the County and her last day will be January 17. Elizabeth stated Integrated Waste Management was looking at different options to fill the position and that IWM would do everything possible to minimize negative impacts on the cities due to Sarah’s resignation.
- D. Recycling Hotline – no report.

11. Subcommittee Reports and Updates on Countywide Programs

- A. Household Hazardous Waste – no report.
- B. Legislation – Russ Reiserer said there were two bills of interest:
 - SB1016/1020 It looks like the state wide diversion goal may be kept at 50%. There will be a stakeholder meeting next week.
 - AB501 Sharps producer responsibility has language which includes a loophole where industry would not need to take back sharps but rather provide a local HHW program number where household sharps can be taken.
- C. Public Education – Dave Staub announced Godbe Research should have a first draft of the baseline survey by January 22. PubEd will go over the data at their January 22 meeting and provide feedback to Godbe by January 31.
- D. Source Reduction/Recycling - Skip Lacaze said the next subcommittee meeting is January 24. HCEP will be discussed. Green Business and Green Building updates may also be included.

12. Future Agenda Items

ADC for the RWRC

Polystyrene Food Container Phase Out

Food Rescue

Operations Subcommittee report back on Out of County waste

13. Informational Updates and Announcements

Skip announced that the City of San Jose asked departments to offer legislative items and got two approved:

- 1) Draft legislation requesting three times the current payment amount from the DOC (SB332 funds)
- 2) Draft legislation requesting the CIWMB to spend funds on Zero Waste goals

Bruce Olszewski said the hotline has received many calls about TVs.

Julie Muir had three items:

- 1) Stanford in participating in Recyclemania again this year
- 2) The ARB electronic and technology committee now has four points about recycling
- 3) Climate Action Team for AB32 had the landfill subcommittee name changed to solid waste and recycling subcommittee.

Mark Bowers had four items:

- 1) The Sunnyvale City Manager was retiring as soon as a replacement is seated
- 2) Tony Spitaleri was elected as the new mayor (two year term)
- 3) Bay County Waste Services started operating the SMaRT Station January 1, 2008 with Rich Gurney as the new manager
- 4) Kudos to the HHW program for a quick response to an illegal dump during the Veteran's Holiday.

14. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 3:38 p.m.

NEXT SCHEDULED TAC MEETING: February 14, 2008 @ 1:30 PM