

County of Santa Clara

RECYCLING AND WASTE REDUCTION COMMISSION
Integrated Waste Management Division



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TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES March 13, 2008

VOTING MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

CITY OF CUPERTINO	Lauren Tacké
CITY OF GILROY	Leslie Wilcox
CITY OF MILPITAS	Elizabeth Koo
CITY OF MORGAN HILL	Tony Eulo
CITY OF MOUNTAIN VIEW	Lori Topley
CITY OF PALO ALTO	Russ Reiserer
CITY OF SAN JOSE	Skip Lacaze
CITY OF SANTA CLARA	Rick Mauck
CITY OF SUNNYVALE	Mark Bowers
CLARA MATEO	Gil Cheso
CLARA MATEO	Michael Gross
COUNTY ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH	Stan Chau
COUNTY UNINCORPORATED AREA	Lisa Rose
WEST VALLEY CITIES	Marva Sheehan

VOTING MEMBERS NOT ATTENDING

ACTERRA
CALIFORNIA RESOURCE RECOVERY ASSN.
CITY OF CAMPBELL
CITY OF LOS ALTOS
CITY OF MONTE SERENO
LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS
SAN JOSE STATE UNIVERSITY
SANTA CLARA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT
SIERRA CLUB
SILICON VALLEY LEADERSHIP GROUP
TOWN OF LOS ALTOS HILLS
TOWN OF LOS GATOS

Commissioners: John Howe, Chair; Ronit Bryant, Kansen Chu, Jose Esteves, Steve Glickman, Patrick Kwok, Jamie McLeod, Cat Tucker, Kris Wang, Ken Yeager

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

Jeff Anderson	City of San Jose
Mark Arsenault	Stevens Creek Disposal
Clifton Chew	SCC IWM
Jeff Cristina	Zanker Road Landfill
Rob D'Arcy	SCC HHW
Zachary DeVine	SCC IWM
Wendy Fong	SCC HHW
Joyce Hlava	RecycleBank
Donna Perala	City of San Jose
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 9 was present.

2. Approval of Minutes

The minutes need to be corrected for attendance. All present voted to approve the corrected minutes. Those not present at the February 14, 2008 TAC meeting abstained.

3. Public Presentations

There were no public presentations.

4. RecycleBank.

Joyce Hlava made a presentation about RecycleBank. A company that sets up programs that rewarding residents for curbside recycling. For those interested in additional information about RecycleBank, a webinar will be held on April 1, 2008. If you would like to be invited, please contact Joyce at 408-867-6654 or jhlava@recyclebanmk.com.

5. Disaster Debris

Clifton Chew said he had just received the draft report last week from Chris Barkley with the URS Corporation. He anticipates the RFQ will be released in about a month.

6. Planning for AB32 Scoping Plan Review

Tony Eulo wanted TAC to be aware that the ARB Scoping Plan will be released in the near future and wanted TAC to respond to the report by possibly sending the item to a subcommittee.

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

- A. Disposal Reporting System – in TAC packet.
- B. Green Business – in TAC packet. Lisa Rose announced that Gretchen Hayes will be leaving at the end of the month.
- C. Home Composting Education Program – no report. TAC asked that HCEP provide quarterly reports to TAC.
- D. Recycling Hotline – no report.

8. Subcommittee Reports and Updates on Countywide Programs

- A. Household Hazardous Waste – report in TAC packet. No additional information regarding negotiations between the City and the County on the San Jose HHW facility.
- B. Legislation – Russ Resierer said February 22 was the last day to introduce an item and today was the first day of recess. They will reconvene on March 24. He distributed a legislative update and discussed the following bills:
 - AB2058 – Recycling: plastic carry out bags
 - AB2071 – Plastic Bags: enforcement
 - AB2245 – Illegal dumping enforcement
 - AB2347 – Mercury Added thermostats: collection program
 - AB2640 – Solid waste: compostable organics management
 - AB2656 – Recycling: shingle-use plastic beverage container tops
 - AB2829 – Recycling: plastic carryout bags
 - AB3025 – Solid waste: solid waste disposal fees
 - SB1016 – Diversion: annual report
 - SB1020 – Solid Waste: diversion
 - SB1321 – School recycling programs

Mark Bowers noted that SB456 is the artificial flavoring for microwave popcorn which has been linked to adverse health effects.

Rob D’Arcy said AB501 has been watered down so that the person ordering the pre-filled syringe has to request or inquire about disposal of sharps before the manufacturer will provide information.

- C. Operations – Lori Topley said an announcement of the next Operations Subcommittee will be coming soon.
- D. Public Education – Dave Staub had three items: 1) the RecycleStuff.org website is anticipated to go live very soon; 2) the next PubEd meeting is March 25, 2008 and they will be discussing the FY08-09 budget and campaign options; 3) a review of the final report from Godbe is on March 18 at 10:30AM in Mountain View.
- E. Source Reduction/Recycling – Skip said there was a lot of discussion at the subcommittee without resulting in any action. The next SRR Subcommittee meeting is scheduled for March 27, 2008.

9. Future Agenda Items

No items were suggested.

10. Informational Updates and Announcements

Lisa Rose announced the Green Business Conference will be held on March 21, 2008. If you would like a table at the event please contact her by tomorrow.

Rob D'Arcy says he hopes to have data on the PG&E ads regarding fluorescent bulbs.

Mark Bowers had three items: 1) Annual Report to the CIWMB is due March 15, 2008; 2) he provided a handout from Raisch about recycling activities from local jurisdictions; and 3) Sunnyvale had a part time staff member identify and visit all stores subject to AB2449 (the legislation requiring stores to have recycling centers for bags) and talk with managers to ensure all the elements were present. There were two stores which required repeat visits. The location of the bag recycling center is a concern at a particular store but will revisit the issue after its renovation. The staff member also visited smaller stores and ethnic markets, which were not required to have recycling centers and found varying levels of interest. There were stores that were interested in recycling but would like the material in alternative languages for their customers. The CIWMB is trying to locate some translated material. Mark asked if TAC members had translated material or has developed something.

Cheri Donnelly was introduced as the new TAC representative from the City of Cupertino.

11. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 3:02 p.m.

NEXT SCHEDULED TAC MEETING: April 10, 2008 @ 1:30 PM