

## **April 11, 2002 TAC Meeting - Approved Minutes**

Date: **May 21, 2002**

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### TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

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#### VOTING MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

ACTERRA Maija MdDonald  
CALIFORNIA RESOURCE RECOVERY ASSN. Richard Gertman  
CITY OF CUPERTINO Lavenia Millar  
CITY OF LOS ALTOS Jim Gustafson  
CITY OF MILPITAS Barbara Daniels  
CITY OF MOUNTAIN VIEW Gregg Hosfeldt  
CITY OF PALO ALTO Russell Reiserer  
CITY OF SAN JOSE Skip Lacaze  
CITY OF SANTA CLARA Rick Mauck  
CITY OF SUNNYVALE Mark Bowers  
CLARA MATEO Julie Muir  
COUNTY ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH Stan Chau  
COUNTY UNINCORPORATED AREA Margaret Rands  
LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS Nancy Olson  
SAN JOSE STATE UNIVERSITY Bruce Olszewski  
WEST VALLEY CITIES Lynn Penoyer  
VOTING MEMBERS NOT ATTENDING  
CITY OF GILROY  
CITY OF MORGAN HILL  
CLARA MATEO  
SANTA CLARA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT  
SIERRA CLUB  
TOWN OF LOS ALTOS HILLS

#### OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

Stephen Bantillo City of San Jose  
Clifton Chew County Integrated Waste Management  
Gil Cheso BFI Newby Island  
Sharon Dowell HHW Program  
Erica Fono City of Mountain View  
Papia Gambelin County Integrated Waste Management  
Rich Gurney City of Sunnyvale  
Debra Kiefel Whole House Building Supply  
Catherine Pandori County Integrated Waste Management  
Stephanie Ulmer LAGCo

#### 1. Call To Order

Rick Mauck, Chair, called the meeting to order at 2:04 p.m. A quorum of 14 was present. Those present introduced themselves.

#### 2. Approval Of Agenda And Minutes

A motion to approve the draft minutes from the February 14 meeting was made with the following corrections: under ADC – Next Step: Deleted the last sentence.

#### 3. Public Presentations

Debra Kiefel of Whole House Building Supply announced a Salvage Sale on April 20 & 21 at Notre Dame High School O'Connor Mansion at 956 S. Second St, San Jose.

#### 4. Program Manager's Report

A. Sudden Oak Death

Margaret Rands provided a handout of a draft letter commenting on the Federal quarantine on Sudden Oak Death (SOD) articles. The draft outlines city and county difficulties with the restrictive quarantine. Margaret noted that cities can use this draft as a model for their comment letters.

B. Other – Margaret noted that the Unincorporated Santa Clara County's 2000 AB939 Annual Report is on the CIWMB's Committee Briefing Agenda for Tuesday, May 7, and asked if reports for other Santa Clara County jurisdictions will be on that Agenda. No other hearings were noted for that date.

#### 5. TAC Consensus on ADC

TAC discussed the draft consensus statement and agreed on several minor changes. TAC then approved the consensus statement for presentation to the Recycling and Waste Reduction Commission at the April Commission meeting.

#### 6. Clopyralid Survey Results

Results of the preliminary survey on local jurisdiction use of products containing clopyralid were presented and discussed. Responses from seven jurisdictions were received, other jurisdictions are still collecting data.

TAC members agreed on three recommendations for Commission consideration, as follows:

- Send a letter to the State Office of Pesticide Regulation to thank them for addressing the Clopyralid issue and to request that future state pesticide/ herbicide product registration reviews consider the end use impacts of product residues, using growth trials and other methods to assess impacts.
- Send a letter to the appropriate agency to express local concerns on products containing Clopyralids, request information on safe residue levels, and provide information on the problems cities and the county will face if Clopyralid residues impact state-mandated diversion efforts.
- Send a letter to local jurisdictions recommending that jurisdictions stop using products containing Clopyralid in their operations and in contracts for operations on jurisdiction properties.

#### 7. CDR – E-Waste List –

Bruce Olszewski noted that Recycling Hotline staff have assumed responsibility for maintaining and updating the HHW Program's E-waste list. Following TAC discussion, Bruce agreed to add questions to the survey to determine how e-waste processors recycle or dispose of collected e-waste to assure that such processing meets regulatory requirements and avoids dumping in third-world countries.

#### 8. Subcommittee Reports And Updates On Countywide Programs

##### A. Household Hazardous Waste Update by Sharon Dowell:

- April 17, 2002 is the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony at the new San Martin HHW Facility. We will begin collections on May 2, 3, and 4. The facility will be open the week of the first Saturday of each month. Business waste will be accepted on Thursday and residential HHW on Friday and Saturday.
- On May 1, 2002, Californians Against Waste (CAW) and California Resource Recovery Association (CRRA) are co-sponsoring a workshop on e-waste and legislative advocacy in Sacramento. Morning workshops will focus on e-waste management and e-waste legislation bills. After lunch, participants will have an opportunity to talk with legislators about local government concerns about e-waste. Legislators need to hear from local government about e-waste problems in their districts. Those interested in attending should call CAW at 1(800) 261-1468 or e-mail [kgreene@cawrecycles.org](mailto:kgreene@cawrecycles.org). CAW will make appointments to meet with your legislators. Additional information is available on the website - [cawrecycles.org](http://cawrecycles.org).
- The DTSC Universal Waste Regulations were finalized February 8, 2002. The exemption from Universal waste regulations for Small Quantity Generators (businesses) will be phased out in 2004, and the Household exemption for Universal Waste Regulations will end in February 2006. When exemptions end, landfill disposal of universal wastes, including fluorescent light bulbs, mercury-containing thermostats & household batteries will be illegal. The exemptions for small businesses and households were included in the emergency regulations to allow time to develop a collection and recycling infrastructure.
- The HHW Program has submitted a grant application to the CIWMB for mercury reduction through education and collection programs. The application includes development of a pilot retail take-back program for fluorescent lights for residents and a mercury containing thermostat take-

back for contractors. If awarded, the grant term will begin in September 2002.

- SB633 (Sher), approved by the governor during the last legislative session, will ban the sale of mercury fever thermometers without a prescription on July 1, 2002. This legislation also prohibits schools from purchasing elemental mercury, mercury compound or mercury-added equipment, except for measuring devices in school laboratories.

B. Public Education Update by Catherine Pandori and Papia Gambelin:

- As part of the countywide outreach program, the County is purchasing weekly advertisements in the San Jose Mercury News Garage Sale Notices section to advertise City-wide garage sales.

- A Top Ten Recycling Resources advertisement was run in the special environmental issue of the Business Journal. Milpitas ran a modified version in the Milpitas Post newspaper. The advertisement can be customized, if requested, for use by other cities.

- A new Earth Day campaign will begin next week. The Earth Day--Every Day campaign is a series of seven advertisements in the San Jose Mercury News, which highlight environmental program participation by local volunteers. Two advertisements were sponsored by the City of San Jose, and five by the County.

- County staff are developing garbage bill inserts for use in the unincorporated area that focus on reducing litter from garbage and recycling set outs. The two brochures provide information how to set out residential yard waste, and garbage and recycling to avoid litter generation. When complete, County staff will offer these outreach items for city use.

C. Home Composting Education Program – No report.

D. County Recycling Hotline Update by Bruce Olszewski:

- Staff is updating the Re-Use Database

- Office Recycling Guide should be ready by the next meeting.

- Bruce requested items to add to the publications list

- Phone calls have significantly increased as a result of the garage sale advertisement

- Website use continues to increase. Over 2000 hits on the website, many from County and City links. Let Bruce know if there are any problems with the site.

- Last day of class is May 1, 2002. If you need a summer intern, provide a position description as soon as possible.

8. Informational Updates and Announcements.

- Papia Gambelin announced that the County and the City of San Jose will co-host a location for the upcoming EPA Satellite Forum on May 1, 2002 from 10AM to 12PM, Communities: Setting Trends in Waste Prevention and Recycling. An email announcement will be sent soon, be sure to RSVP since there is limited space.

- Papia Gambelin reminded members that the Countywide Mulching Lawnmower Rebate Event is scheduled for May 11, 2002, from 8AM to 11AM, at the Home Depot Store at 690 Keifer Rd in Sunnyvale.

- Skip Lacaze announced that Steve Willis is the Acting Deputy Director of San Jose Environmental Services Department. Applications for the position are being accepted until Friday, April 12, 2002.

- Stephen Bantillo announced that, according to CIWMB staff, the notice for 45-day comment on the proposed C&D regulations will be initiated in early May. He also said phase ii was ruled on at committee on April 8th and will likely be noticed in September.

- Sharon Dowell announced the HHW Program has a pollution prevention grant, ending March 31, 2003, with funds to do pesticide education and disposal. The CIWMB grant manager has approved an expansion in the scope of work to include clopyralid education and collection/disposal. The HHW Program would like to coordinate outreach and educational efforts for clopyralid with actions taken by TAC and the WRRC.

- Rick Mauck noted that the City of Santa Clara has added a crew to pick up TVs & CRTs in the upcoming Citywide cleanup event.

- Rick Mauck announced that the next SWANA meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 17, 2002 and will feature a tour of Newby Island Landfill. If you would like to attend, please contact him.

9. Items for Future Agenda.

10. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30p.m.

NEXT SCHEDULED TAC MEETING May 9, 2002