

August 8, 2002 TAC Meeting - Approved Minutes

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TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
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VOTING MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

ACTERRA Maija McDonald
CALIFORNIA RESOURCE RECOVERY ASSN. Richard Gertman
CITY OF LOS ALTOS Jim Gustafson
CITY OF MILPITAS Leslie Stobbe
CITY OF MOUNTAIN VIEW Cynthia Palacio
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 Michael Gross
COUNTY ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH Stan Chau
COUNTY UNINCORPORATED AREA Margaret Rands
SAN JOSE STATE UNIVERSITY Bruce Olszewski
TOWN OF LOS ALTOS HILLS Mintze Cheng
WEST VALLEY CITIES Lynn Penoyer

VOTING MEMBERS NOT ATTENDING

CITY OF GILROY
CLARA MATEO
CLARA MATEO
LEAGUE OF WOMENS VOTERS
CITY OF CUPERTINO
CITY OF MORGAN HILL
SANTA CLARA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT
SIERRA CLUB

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

Stephen Bantillo City of San Jose
Papia Gambelin County Integrated Waste Management
Peter Skinner City of Mountain View
Sharon Dowell County of Santa Clara HHW
Gil Cheso BFI – Newby
Dave Staub City of Santa Clara

1. Call To Order

Rick Mauck, Chair, called the meeting to order at 2:07 p.m. A quorum of 15 was present. Those present introduced themselves.

2. Approval Of Agenda And Minutes

A motion to approve the draft minutes from the May 9th meeting was made by Russ Reiserer, seconded by Michael Gross. Minutes were approved.

3. Public Presentations

There were no public presentations.

4. Trash Ad Hoc Working Group presentation

City of San Jose is leading an effort to keep creeks and streams litter free. The group that was to come to give the presentation did not arrive and the topic was tabled to a future meeting.

5. Program Manager's Report

A. Margaret Rands gave a brief report on the June 26th Recycling and Waste Reduction Commission meeting (see Commission minutes of June 26th 2002). The meeting was hosted by staff of the Guadalupe Mines Landfill and featured a facility tour. Margaret provided an update on the actions in response to the Commission recommendations on Environmentally Preferable Purchasing (EPP) and Product Stewardship; also a summary of the responses received to the Commission's letters on the Clopyralid problem.

B. Margaret asked for comments and corrections on a chart for the Commission that summarizes CIWMB determinations on AB 939 compliance for 2000 by Santa Clara County jurisdictions.

C. Papia Gambelin reported on the status of current legislation and asked Peter Skinner to provide an update on Senate Bills 1523 and 1619.

6. County Counsel response on ADC ordinance questions.

Margaret presented the County Counsel's response on TAC's questions regarding validity of local regulation of ADC use. A letter from the County Counsel and staff's summary of ADC questions was included in the packet. Margaret summarized several possible actions that TAC could take.

Members discussed the County Counsel's letter. Stan Chau notes that page 2, paragraph 1 refers to "tightening or strengthening requirements" and noted that this is a health and safety issue and if we don't keep the current thresholds, we could be in conflict with the regulations.

Cynthia Palacio pointed out that the letter states that any action would be taken by the jurisdictions that host landfills. Gil Chesno noted that Newby Island Landfill received a surprise visit from CIWMB inspectors. Russ Reiserer stated that CIWMB is being aggressive in looking for ADC abuse in both Northern and Southern California. TAC agreed to table this discussion for 6 months, so that impacts of recent actions can be observed (ie the City of San Jose's changes in its Disposal Facility Tax, CIWMB's increased ADC -use inspections at landfills, and CIWMB's working group on ADC).

State Disposal Reporting System reporting on ADC was discussed. The model DRS spreadsheet does not distinguish between various types of materials classified as ADC (ie clean soil vs other types of cover), thus ADC totals can be misleading. Margaret noted that County staff and local landfills have changed the data collected on local DRS reports to distinguish between various types of cover used. Skip made a motion that County staff organize a meeting of landfill operators, interested TAC reps, and representatives from the State to work on DRS report requirements. Richard Gertman seconded; all agreed.

7. Legislative Priorities.

Papia noted that some proposed state legislation is not covered by the 2002 Legislative Priorities, including environmental justice, E-waste, Green Building. Margaret suggested that members review the 2002 Legislative Priorities and submit suggestions for changes for 2003 priorities before the next TAC meeting.

Margaret reminded members that legislative priorities allow her to take action on upcoming legislation since there is consensus on the issues. When an issue is not addressed in the priorities, action would require consideration by the Commission.

Russ noted that the Bi-annual review deadline could be omitted from the priorities. Skip mentioned that E-waste issues could be addressed in item number 10 under state legislation. Papia will email the priorities to TAC; all edits should be sent to Papia by August 30th.

8. Subcommittee Reports And Updates On Countywide Programs

A. Household Hazardous Waste

Sharon presented a doorhanger created to inform the public on the phasing out and ban of dursban and diazinon. An IPM fact sheet will be available in Spanish, to request copies for distribution, contact Rob D'Arcy. HHW projected costs per car for last fiscal year is \$59.52. August 22nd is the next HHW subcommittee meeting (note, now rescheduled for August 29).

B. Public Education

Papia presented the outreach materials created for the Home Composting program, which provide a consistent look. She distributed copies of some items. Cities may request copies for distribution. Materials include the Master Composter Training Syllabus, workshop evaluation card, thank you card, Schools flier, bin sale flier, worm brochure, basic composting brochure. Workshop advertisements are also available in sizes needed for all local papers. Contact Papia or Catherine to request the ads. Staff and the Pub Ed Subcommittee are also working on the

Builder's Reuse and Recycling Guide (formally known as the C&D guide).

C. Home Composting Education Program

The program was featured in the local section of the SJ Mercury News. The packet included a list of the workshops, table displays, and special lectures presented over the past two months. In total, they have talked to over 4,000 people and had over 800 hours of volunteer hours recorded for the last fiscal quarter of 01-02.

D. County Recycling Hotline

The CRT and Recycling guides are currently being updated. Guides that are ready to be emailed are the Office Guides and Publications list.

9. Informational Updates And Announcements.

Clifton Chew got married. September 8th is the National Recycling Congress meeting in Austin TX. Large fire at Smurfit on Tuesday August 6th, burned down their pallets and most of the stockpiled paper, with no structural damage to the facility.

10. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA

SCVWD would like to do a presentation at TAC soliciting assistance on solid waste diversion issues that impact their facilities and right-of-ways. Countywide discussions on C&D programs were proposed.

11. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:35 p.m.

NEXT SCHEDULED TAC MEETING SEPTEMBER 12, 2002