

County of Santa Clara

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Recycling and Waste Reduction Division

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TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES January 10, 2019

VOTING MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

ACTERRA	Maija McDonald
CALIFORNIANS AGAINST WASTE	Richard Gertman
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 SAN JOSE	Alana Lowrie
CITY OF SUNNYVALE	Mark Bowers
CLARA MATEO	Michael Gross
COUNTY ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH	Roel Meregillano
COUNTY RECYCLING AND WASTE REDUCTION	Bill Grimes
SIERRA CLUB	Heidi Melander
WEST VALLEY CITIES	Marva Sheehan

Commissioners: Susan M. Landry, Chair ~ Mary-Lynne Bernald ~ Lan Diep ~ Linda J. LeZotte ~ Rod Sinks ~
Mike Wasserman ~ Kathy Watanabe ~ Vacant ~ Vacant

VOTING MEMBERS NOT IN ATTENDANCE

CITY OF LOS ALTOS
 CITY OF PALO ALTO
 CITY OF SANTA CLARA
 COUNTY UNINCORPORATED AREA
 CLEAN WATER FUND
 SAN JOSE STATE UNIVERSITY
 SANTA CLARA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT
 SILICON VALLEY LEADERSHIP GROUP
 TOWN OF LOS ALTOS HILLS

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

Clifton Chew	SCC RWRD
Lisa Coelho	SCS Engineers
Brock Hill	Premier Recycle Company
Suzanne Morrison	Recology
Roger Ross	SCC AEM
Cole Smith	UCCE
Alex Wykoff	City of Cupertino

1. Call to Order, Introductions and Acknowledgements

Alana Lowrie, Chair called the meeting to order at 1:32 p.m. A quorum of 17 was present. All present introduced themselves.

2. Approval of Minutes

Tony Eulo made a motion to approve the minutes from the December 13, 2018 meeting. The motion was seconded by Michael Gross, all present voted to approve the minutes. Those not present at the December 13, 2018 TAC meeting abstained.

3. Public Presentations

There were no public presentations.

4. Franchised C&D

Brock Hill gave a presentation on Franchised C&D.

5. Composting Education Program

Cole Smith gave a PowerPoint presentation on the Composting Education Program. He clarified that there will be no restrictions on enrollment with the introduction of the host jurisdiction recycling guide slide at the workshops. It helps demonstrate that they are not competing with curbside collection and informs residents what services they have locally. There was a comment that supported this action and an additional comment about a jurisdiction participation rate, which will be discussed separately.

6. Identifying covered generators that self-haul, back haul or use unfranchised collectors for mandatory commercial recycling and organics collection reporting.

Tony Eulo explained that CalRecycle is asking the jurisdiction to identify back haul or self-haul generators that are not using the franchised hauler.

Marva Sheehan said in Contra Costa County, Safeway is back hauling material and they are trying to figure out how to capture some data. Cupertino indicated that there are some grocery stores that back haul and the City is working with Target to get data.

7. Recycling and Waste Reduction Commission (RWRC) Update

Bill Grimes said the RWRC met in December and they moved the legislative priorities to the County with one small change by the Commission in relation to organics disposal. There was a lengthy discussion about LEA oversight of San Jose sited landfills. Acknowledged Lisa Rose for her work over the years. And also thanked and wished well two departing Commissioners, Griffith and Showalter.

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

A. Disposal Reporting System – viewable on-line.

Other – CDR report in March.

9. Subcommittee Reports and Updates on Countywide Programs

A. Enforcement – Did not meet.

B. Household Hazardous Waste – Did not meet and still looking for a chair. Will still meet to discuss issues such as meds and sharps and other relevant updates throughout the year.

C. Legislation – Mark Bowers said they met at 11:30AM today and had extensive discussion on SB1383 regulations. Highlight: today is the deadline to submit scoping comments for the EIR that CalRecycle is preparing on the SB1383 regulations. He has sent in his comments and the SWANA Legislative Task Force is sending a more comprehensive set of comments mostly regarding issues arising from the need of additional facilities and looking at the impacts of operating those facilities including ancillary items such their environmental impacts from the transportation and processing. Next steps: recommendation TAC form an ad hoc subcommittee to focus on just SB1383 regulations. Once CalRecycle drops the regulation at the Office of Administrative Law, the 45 day comment period will begin. The next meeting is scheduled to be on January 24 at 9AM with location to be determined. The subcommittee will develop a generic list of comments that each jurisdiction can select from and a common letter to be sent out from the RWRC Chair. Cheri Donnelly made a motion to form an ad hoc subcommittee. The motion was seconded by Tony Eulo and all present voted to approve.

It was requested to send out the link regarding SB1383 draft regulation. Let Mark Bowers know if you did not get the email from CalRecycle on December 12 at 5PM, and he will forward you a copy.

- D. Operations – Alex Wykoff said they will meet January 22.
- E. Public Education – Did not meet.
- F. Source Reduction and Recycling – Lori Topley said they did not have a December meeting but the subcommittee is working on the Sustainable Materials Management (SMM) contract. An RFP was released to hire a contractor to run some pilot programs around food waste reduction. SRR would like an ad hoc subcommittee to review proposals and interview them. There will not likely be a meeting in January since most members will be busy with the ad hoc subcommittee. Cheri Donnelly made a motion to form an ad hoc subcommittee. The motion was seconded by Tony Eulo and all present voted to approve.
- G. South Bay Green Gardens – Did not meet.

10. Program Update

- A. Green Business – in the packet.
- B. Composting Education – report.
- C. Recycling Hotline – no report.

11. IC Update

Alana Lowrie said at today's IC meeting, they approved to extend the UCCE contract for an additional three years (through December 2022).

12. Items for Future Agenda/ Guest Speakers

Tony Eulo had two items: 1) they are now tasked finding out how much to charge for food waste collection (commercial only). A survey or brief TAC agenda item would work – he will send out a survey; 2) planning want to know what enclosure specifications are needed for businesses. Cupertino and Mountain View have older language they can provide; Sunnyvale has detailed information available; and Santa Clara is updating theirs currently. It was noted that CRRA conference had a topic on it that can be viewed.

Alana Lowrie asked about checking back in with Robin Martin, a la Cart, regarding business plan. Additionally, ReThink Disposable contract is winding down and would probably be good to get a report. It was noted that videos from the December workshop are scheduled at the beginning of TAC meetings. She also noted that for FY 19-20, there was \$20K budget for exploring an ordinance on disposable foodware. Possible presentation from Palo Alto on their progress on it.

Cheri Donnelly said James Slattery spoke to Operations Subcommittee on SF's C&D program and have him possibly speak to TAC as well.

13. Informational Updates and Announcements

Mark Bowers ask if anyone is interested in a tour of the Monterey Regional Waste Management MRF. The SWANA Gold Rush Chapter is having a meeting/tour on January 16 at 1PM.

14. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 2:41 p.m.

THE NEXT SCHEDULED TAC MEETING: February 14, 2019