

County of Santa Clara

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TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES January 9, 2020

VOTING MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

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| CITY OF CUPERTINO | Ursula Syrova |
| CITY OF GILROY | Tony Eulo |
| CITY OF MILPITAS | Elaine Marshall |
| CITY OF MORGAN HILL | Tony Eulo |
| CITY OF MOUNTAIN VIEW | Lori Topley |
| CITY OF SAN JOSE | Donna Thurmon |
| CITY OF SANTA CLARA | Karin Hickey |
| CITY OF SUNNYVALE | Jim McHargue |
| CLARA MATEO | Michael Gross |
| COUNTY ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH | Roel Meregillano |
| COUNTY RECYCLING AND WASTE REDUCTION | Bill Grimes |
| COUNTY UNINCORPORATED AREA | Teresa Curiel |
| SANTA CLARA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT | Kirsten Struve |
| WEST VALLEY CITIES | Marva Sheehan |

Commissioners: Susan M. Landry, Chair ~ Mary-Lynne Bernald ~ Pam Foley ~ Linda J. LeZotte ~ Anthony Phan ~ Rod Sinks ~ Nancy Smith ~ Mike Wasserman ~ Kathy Watanabe ~ Vacant

VOTING MEMBERS NOT IN ATTENDANCE

CITY OF CAMPBELL
CITY OF LOS ALTOS
CITY OF MONTE SERENO
CITY OF PALO ALTO
CITY OF SARATOGA
TOWN OF LOS ALTOS HILLS
TOWN OF LOS GATOS

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

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| Zoraya Atayde | GreenWaste Recovery |
| Mark Bowers | CAW |
| Louise Bruce | San Jose Conservation Corps |
| Clifton Chew | SCC RWRD |
| George Csaszar | Our Planet Recycling |
| Ors Cszszar | Our Planet Recycling |
| Richard Gertman | CAW |
| Bailey Hall | City of Sunnyvale |
| Prabhjot Kaur | City of San Jose |
| Jason Ino | SCC RWRD |
| Marlinda McPhail | Bluemar Consulting |
| Jeff Nabhan | Clara Mateo |
| Maija McDonald | Acterra |
| Julie Muir | Stanford University |
| Bruce Olszewski | SJSU |
| Jerame Renteria | Clara Mateo |
| Alyssa Rice-Wilson | City of San Jose |
| Roger Ross | County of Santa Clara CEPA |
| Adit Shrestha | Premier Recycle |
| Cole Smith | UCCE |
| Philip Stanger | Olyns |
| Dave Staub | City of Santa Clara |
| Colleen Trostle | City of Santa Clara |

Tracy Weatherby

Second Harvest of Silicon Valley

Michele Young

SCC RWRD

1. Call to Order, Introductions and Acknowledgements

Karin Hickey called the meeting to order at 2:10 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 5, 2019 meeting. Lori Topley seconded the motion and all present voted to approve the minutes. Those not present at the December 5, 2019 TAC meeting abstained.

3. Public Presentations

There were no public presentations.

4. CEP Presentation

Cole Smith gave a PowerPoint presentation. He noted that the UC President Office noticed what they were doing and will send a team to help measure impacts and evaluate the program. Start by developing a logic model, moving forward with outcome measures and impacts which ties into a long-term strategic plan. Thus, he is looking for more demonstration sites possibly at community gardens. This will cover the gap in SB1383 between small scale residential and large scale commercial composting.

5. Beverage Container Recycling Pilot

Ors Csazar gave a presentation. They are looking for grant partners (city and/or county). It was requested that County Staff review the grant from CalRecycle regarding beverage container recycling and report back since there has been another request from another entity also wanting to conduct a similar pilot.

6. Recycling and Waste Reduction Commission (RWRC) update

Bill Grimes said RWRC did not meet in December.

7. Division Manager's Report

A. Disposal Reporting System – available on-line.

B. Other – Bill Grimes said Nicole Nguyen is on maternity leave and starting this week, Joanna Kinkaid will cover for her. She will work on a research project to see how other jurisdictions fund the Green Business Program and look at alternative funding sources.

8. Subcommittee Reports and Updates

A. Enforcement – did not meet.

B. Household Hazardous Waste – did not meet.

C. Legislation – Mark Bowers said legislators are in session:

- AB1840 (Ting) looking at improving the CRV system by January 2022
- AB1506 (McCarty) is a gut and amend to tweak AB341 rules so that on-site container is exempt for theme parks and zoos. Also carves out exemption for full service restaurants and allows for alternate collection of organics if there are results comparable to source separation.

D. Operations – did not meet.

E. Public Education – Ursula Syrova said the group finalized funding requests for presentation to the IC.

F. Source Reduction/Recycling – Lori Topley said Jon Gire is the new chair. For the December meeting, they reviewed the results of the second round of surveys on the Food Waste Prevention Project. Lisa Coelho, with SCS Engineers, gave great information on partnering work with NRDC. They are close to developing a pilot program and Jon will give updates in the future.

G. South Bay Green Gardens – Karin Hickey said Lina Prada-Baez is still out.

H. Ad Hoc Legislative – disbanded.

I. Ad Hoc Foodware – did not meet.

9. Program Update

A. Composting Education – in packet.

B. Green Business – in packet.

C. Recycling Hotline – no report.

10. IC Update – Karin Hickey said there was a marathon meeting in December and one today as well. Discussed fund balance, establish fund balance policy (target of 25% of total expenditures with a 10% floor) and approved a budget. Discussion on the budget and the future, lead members to examine goals and how projects align with the goals. Thus, a priorities list was developed and felt an ad hoc subcommittee would be best to go over program prioritization. IC is asking TAC to create such a subcommittee. Tony Eulo motioned to create an ad hoc subcommittee to address program prioritization and make program budgetary recommendations to the IC in the fall. The motion was seconded by Karin Hickey and all present voted to approve. A clarification was made that a subcommittee was a smaller subset (usually between five and ten members) that would meet on a specific issue. It was noted that the recommendation would go back to TAC then to IC. The County will send out a request for interested parties to establish a first meeting. An adopted mission statement, for TAC as a whole, will be included as something the programs were meant to follow.

11. Items for Future Agenda/Guest Speakers

Philip Stager from Olyns would like to present his proposal for beverage container program.

Tony Eulo suggested a pre-meeting tour of Martial Cottle site – possibly May.

12. Informal Updates and Announcements

Julie Muir wanted to remind everyone about the NCRA update in Berkeley at the Freight and Salvage in March and also the NRC Zero Waste Conference at UC Berkeley the following two days.

Ursula Syrova announced two Environmental Programs positions available.

Dave Staub said City Council met December 10 and approved GreenWaste processing agreement. The future of organics is single compartment garbage cart with separate yard waste collection.

Donna Thurmon said Alana Lowrie had her baby (two weeks overdue) this past Monday, January 6.

Michele Young said we did extensions on some of our unincorporated areas so that they are all in alignment and end in 2025.

Bill Grimes said for HHW, the MedProject was doing well but he received a second stewardship plan. He has a phone call planned for tomorrow to see what is occurring.

Zoraya Atayde passed out new coloring books.

13. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 3:23 p.m.

THE NEXT SCHEDULED TAC MEETING: February 13, 2020