

# County of Santa Clara

Recycling and Waste Reduction Commission  
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## TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

May 14, 2009

### VOTING MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

CALIFORNIA RESOURCE RECOVERY ASSN.	Richard Gertman
CITY OF CUPERTINO	Lauren Tacke
CITY OF GILROY	Tony Eulo
CITY OF MORGAN HILL	Tony Eulo
CITY OF MOUNTAIN VIEW	Lori Topley
CITY OF SAN JOSE	Jo Zientek
CITY OF SANTA CLARA	Rick Mauck
CITY OF SUNNYVALE	Mark Bowers
CLARA MATEO	Gil Chesio
COUNTY UNINCORPORATED AREA	Elizabeth Constantino

**Commissioners:** Jamie McLeod, Chair; Ronit Bryant, Kansen Chu, Peter Drekmeier, Patrick Kwok, Evan Low, Cat Tucker, Kris Wang, Ken Yeager

**VOTING MEMBERS NOT ATTENDING**

- ACTERRA
- CITY OF CAMPBELL
- CITY OF LOS ALTOS
- CITY OF MILPITAS
- CITY OF MONTE SERENO
- CITY OF PALO ALTO
- CITY OF SARATOGA
- COUNTY ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH
- 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
- WEST VALLEY CITIES

**OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE**

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| Jill Boone    | SCC                       |
| Clifton Chew  | SCC IWM                   |
| Jeff Cristina | Zanker Road Landfill      |
| Wendy Fong    | SCC HHW                   |
| Karen Gissibl | City of Sunnyvale         |
| Donna Perala  | City of San Jose          |
| Terri Ramirez | San Jose State University |
| Lisa Rose     | SCC IWM                   |

Item 11 was heard at this time due to lack of quorum.

**11. Informational Updates and Announcements.**

Karen Gissibl announced that there were some Sunnyvale students who won awards in the Green Film Festival. The winning entries were *Consumer Barbie* and *Hybrid Nation*  
<http://www.communitymediacenter.net/watch/videosontheweb/greenlight.html>

Mark Bowers noted that there seemed to be a spate of new regulations in the works for

landfill post closure maintenance.

Elizabeth Constantino noted that County Counsel was unable to attend today's TAC meeting and has not responded to future TAC meeting dates.

Wendy Fong said the HHW program is having two ewaste events: June 6, 2009 at Berger Drive in San Jose and on July 11, 2009 near Valley Fair Mall in Santa Clara.

Item 5 was postponed to next month because Rob D'Arcy was unable to attend today.

Item 4 (a non-action item) was heard at this time due to lack of quorum.

#### **4. Zero Waste and the Climate Change Compact**

Jill Boone provided a slide show presentation about the Bay Area Climate Compact which contains items for regional goals and objectives. The Compact will be agenzized for next month's TAC meeting.

#### **Call to Order**

Tony Eulo, Chair, called the meeting to order at 2:11 p.m. A quorum of 9 was present.

#### **1. Approval of Minutes**

Moved to the end of the meeting.

#### **2. Public Presentations**

Moved to the end of the meeting.

#### **3. Zero Waste and the Climate Change Compact**

Heard earlier.

#### **4. Household Battery Management**

Rob D'Arcy's presentation was postponed to next month.

#### **5. Legislation Chair replacement**

A motion was made by Richard Gertman and seconded by Rick Mauck to have Mark Bowers replace the retired Russ Reiserer as the Legislation Subcommittee chair. Mark's move to the chair position leaves a vacancy on the subcommittee. Anyone interested in the legislation subcommittee can contact Mark.

#### **6. Legislative Activity**

Tony Eulo wanted to clarify steps taken in regards to items not covered by the legislative priorities list. Letters addressing items not specifically covered by the legislative priorities list would be forwarded to the Recycling and Waste Reduction Commission for their discussion and possible approval. If approved by the Commissioners, the Chair would then sign pertinent letters to forward on to legislators.

#### **7. Division Manager's Report and Updates on Countywide Programs**

Elizabeth said all the items were in the TAC packet. There will be an Implementation Subcommittee meeting in the near future to address decreased tonnage.

A. Disposal Reporting System – in the TAC packet.

B. Green Business – in the TAC packet.

- C. Home Composting Education Program – in the TAC packet. The Source Reduction and Recycling subcommittee will be discussing various items at their next meeting.
- D. Recycling Hotline – in the TAC packet.

## **8. Subcommittee Reports and Updates on Countywide Programs**

- A. Household Hazardous Waste – No Report.
- B. Implementation – No Report
- C. Legislation – Mark Bowers provided several handouts on AB222.  
It is complicated because it relates to AB939 by allowing conversion technology to be used to assist jurisdictions in attaining the required 50% diversion. Currently AB939 only allows 5-10% of converted Municipal Solid Waste to count toward diversion. Legislative policy #5 does not cover this bill because biomass is classified differently than MSW.
- D. Operations – No report.
- E. Public Education – Elizabeth Constantino, on behalf of Cary Bloomquist, said the Recycle Right Campaign is underway. Some members asked if a form of the ads could be provided for local distribution (such as for local government access channel).
- F. Source Reduction/Recycling – No Report. A question was asked about the support letter regarding single-use carryout bags sent by the RWRC. Morgan Hill and San Jose were taking it their respective councils in the near future.
- G. Ad Hoc AB939 – Elizabeth Constantino said a draft memo along with a spreadsheet for TAC members to describe how they spend their AB 939 monies has been sent to subcommittee members for review and stated that she has received no input to date. She anticipates sending the spreadsheet and memo to all the TAC city representatives within the next two weeks for them/their city to complete.
- H. Ad Hoc Disaster Debris Planning – Elizabeth Constantino found through the County’s Emergency Operations Center that there was a regional effort to develop a disaster debris plan. There was a webinar on Wednesday that she and Clif participated in. The webinar information was also given to Michael Gross but it is unknown if he participated. Elizabeth said that there should be some participation in the regional working group from someone in the subcommittee. Once there is a better grasp of the regional effort, TAC can move forward to enhance or tailor the developing debris plan.
- I. Ad Hoc Organizational Study – Mark said he had reviewed the item and that County staff has forwarded the request to procurement for public release. The RFP will be on BidSync.com and a list of potential bidders will be notified. If anyone knows of any additional firms that should be notified, contact Clifton Chew.

## **9. Future Agenda Items**

- Bay Friendly will be discussed at SRR Subcommittee.
- Zero Waste in relation to the Climate Compact.
- Rob D’Arcy on household battery management.

## **10. Informational Updates and Announcements**

Heard earlier.

Item 2 was heard at this time.

## **2. Approval of Minutes**

Mark Bowers had a correction for item #4 in regards to the square footage. The number he suggested was 100,000 and not the 10,000 as in the proposed bill. Rick Mauck made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 9, 2009 TAC meeting as amended. The motion was seconded by Gil Cheso. All present voted to approve the minutes. Those not present at the April 9, 2009 TAC meeting abstained.

## **11. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 2:48 p.m.

NEXT SCHEDULED TAC MEETING: June 11, 2009 @ 1:30 P.M.