

**SOLID WASTE & RECYCLING TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**January 11, 2010**

**1. CALL TO ORDER & INTRODUCTION**

The meeting of the AB 939 Solid Waste & Recycling Technical Working Group (TWG) was called to order by Frankie Riddle, Chair, at 3:04 p.m. on January 11, 2010.

Roll call was taken and it was determined that a quorum was present.

**Member Jurisdictions Present**

Jim Rodkey  
Deanna Pressgrove  
Brett Daniels  
Susan Weisbart  
Sara Toyoda  
Bret Plumlee  
Diane Christiansen  
Frankie Riddle, Chair  
Gary Calhoun  
Bruce Williams

**Agency**

City of Blythe  
City of Cathedral City  
City of Coachella  
City of Indian Wells  
City of Indio  
City of La Quinta  
Riverside County Waste Management Dept.  
City of Palm Desert  
City of Palm Springs  
City of Rancho Mirage

**Others Present**

Oscar Santana  
Michele Mician  
Debbie Morris  
Josie Kalbakian  
Kenn Stevens

City of La Quinta  
City of Palm Springs  
HF&H  
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Burrtec

**CVAG Staff**

Katie Barrows  
Linda Rogers

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Frankie Riddle, Chair, led in the Pledge of Allegiance

**3. FINALIZATION OF AGENDA & ADDITIONS AND REVISIONS**

No additions or revisions.

**4. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None.

**5. COMMITTEE MEMBER & DIRECTOR**

None.

## 6. CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence received on December 18, 2009 from the California Department of Resources, Recycling and Recovery assuming all programs of California Integrated Waste Management Board effective January 1, 2010.

## 7. USED OIL PROGRAM UPDATE

Debbie Morris, HF&H, updated the committee on the progress of the Drawing Contest and discussion ensued regarding extending the date out another week.

- It was noted that the Cities of Cathedral City, Indian Wells and Rancho Mirage have distributed the drawing contest flyers to the school districts.
- Bruce Williams indicated he utilized the YMCA after-school program to reach participants.
- Josie Kalbakian offered to assist those cities who were having difficulty getting information into their school districts.

Debbie Morris also covered the following points in her update:

- Cost for printing event flyers – cost effective to use Office Max
- Event surveys
- Discussion of scheduling events
- Contacting Burrtec regarding donations of shop rags and funnels (in lieu of using state grant monies)
- Bruce Williams is working on getting donations for movie passes and restaurant passes for contest winners

## 8. CONSIDERATION OF POTENTIAL GRANT APPLICATION FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND TIRE CLEANUP ( EPA ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION GRANT FUNDING)

Katie Barrows discussed the Regional Tire Grant application and stated the deadline was January 29<sup>th</sup>.

- Discussion of taking back to cities and city councils
- Regional grant is more favorable: regional application \$30,000 individual cities vs. \$90,000 maximum for regional grants.
- Diane Christiansen explained Riverside County Code Enforcement will be applying for the grant.
- Discussion of how amnesty events work and Diane Christiansen indicated that the County hires KJ Services to staff the event.
- Further discussion of how events operate and guidelines.

**Motion made by Chair Frankie Riddle and seconded by Bret Daniels to apply for grant. Motion carried with one abstention from the County of Riverside.**

## 9. DISCUSSION OF VALLEY-WIDE RECYCLING INITIATIVES FOLLOW-UP ON FLOOR COVERING WASTE AND SCRAP

Katie Barrows asked for the committee's input regarding direction for projects going forward this year. Feedback from the group regarding next steps for:

- Commercial recycling
- Carpet program
- Gary Calhoun will check with Mike Collins to determine if he is now accepting carpet. Gary Calhoun was asked to find out more information on where Floor Works is and report back to the committee.
- Encourage cities to participate in Hidden Harvest. Burrtec will supply containers for citrus. Cities just need to find a location for the containers and get the word out to residents.
- La Quinta has started their harvest collection. Discussion of service organizations that are trying to accommodate homeowners with picking the fruit.
- Discussion of funds reduced for recycling programs
- Green Waste was encouraged in the Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance.
- Extended Producer Responsibility Resolution – the following Cities have passed the resolution: La Quinta, Indian Wells and Palm Desert. The City of Coachella is planning to take the Resolution to their Council.

## 10. CONSENT CALENDAR

### Approval

10A Approve Minutes of the November 16, 2009 Solid Waste & Recycling Technical Working Group.

**It was moved by Jim Rodkey and seconded by Bret Plumlee to approve the Minutes of November 16, 2009.**

**The motion carried with two abstentions from the Cities of Indian Wells and Rancho Mirage.**

## 11. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The next meeting of the Solid Waste & Recycling Technical Working Group is scheduled for March 8, 2010, at 3:00 p.m.

## 12. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 3:53 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Linda Rogers*

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