

**SOLID WASTE & RECYCLING TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**July 14, 2008**

**1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

The meeting of the AB 939 Solid Waste & Recycling Technical Working Group was called to order by Bruce Williams, Vice Chair, at 3:05 p.m., Monday, July 14, 2008.

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

Member Jurisdictions Present:

Jim Rodkey  
Deanna Pressgrove  
Rene Rosales  
Chuck Dodd  
Frankie Riddle  
Bruce Williams  
Diane Christiansen

Agency:

City of Blythe  
City of Cathedral City  
City of Coachella  
City of Desert Hot Springs  
City of Palm Desert  
City of Rancho Mirage  
Riverside County Waste Mgmt.

Member Jurisdictions Absent:

Susan Weisbart  
Robert Edwards  
Bret Plumlee  
Staff Unassigned

Agency:

City of Indian Wells  
City of Indio  
City of La Quinta  
City of Palm Springs

Others Present

Roger Kintz  
Laurie Holk  
Kathleen Utter  
Mike Veto  
Kenn Stevens  
Renado Gouldlock

Dept. of Toxic Substances Control  
Riverside County Environmental Health  
Riverside County Waste Mgmt.  
Burrtec  
Burrtec  
Burrtec

CVAG Staff Present

John Wohlmuth  
Katie Barrows  
Linda Rogers

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Bruce Williams, Vice Chair, led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**3. FINALIZATION OF AGENDA**

There were no additions or revisions.

4. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None.

5. **COMMITTEE MEMBER & DIRECTOR COMMENTS**

Bruce Williams indicated that there was another spot for another city to get involved in sponsoring the Curiosity Quest program. Bruce stated that the Cities of Cathedral City, Indian Wells, Indio and Rancho Mirage have expressed an interest in sponsoring the public television program, Curiosity Quest, and urged member cities to get involved with the schools so that children would not be overlooked. There was further discussion about the proposed topic to be sponsored.

Katie Barrows made an announcement regarding the Southern California Waste Management Forum 2008 on November 6, 2008 in Ontario.

Katie Barrows stated she had a question from a City Council member about a plastic bag ban, and was interested in knowing if any city is considering this matter. There are several cities in California that are banning plastic bags. Frankie Riddle commented that the City of Palm Desert is considering a bag in a bag program.

6. **CORRESPONDENCE**

Correspondence dated June 4, 2008 to Edward O. Robertson, Principal Planner, City of Palm Springs regarding Notice of Intent to Adopt Mitigated Negative Declaration for Palm Springs Municipal Solid Waste Materials Recovery Facility and Transfer Station.

7. **CONSIDERATION OF A CONTRACT FOR THE USED OIL RECYCLING PROGRAM FOR THE PERIOD FROM AUGUST 1, 2008 TO JULY 31, 2009**

Acknowledgement and thanks were extended to Bruce Williams, Rene Rosales and Susan Weisbart for their help on the interview panel for the Used Oil Program contract. Katie Barrows and Bruce Williams both commented that the three groups interviewed did very well and their companies were well qualified. The unanimous decision of the interview panel was to select HF&H. HF&H submitted a proposal for \$58,000 for a three-year contract at the same amount for each year. CVAG is currently billed on a flat per month basis, however, HF&H has proposed that we now do this on a time and materials basis. The billing would be in line with what the California Integrated Waste Management Board will require for our grant management information on the invoices we provide them. The contract provided in the agenda packet was a draft and will be modified accordingly: 1) name HF&H as the Consultant; 2) the contract amount would be \$58,000 for three years through 2011; and, 3) modify the billing to reflect a time and materials basis. Further discussion ensued regarding the proposals submitted by the other consultants and several good ideas were identified to expand and advance the reach of our used oil program. The new contract will begin on August 1, 2008 and the first task will be to get the annual report completed. Katie stated that she would like to bring the Used Oil Committee together with HF&H in September to discuss some of the things that were proposed.

**It was moved by Jim Rodkey and seconded by Rene Rosales that the Solid Waste & Recycling Technical Working Group recommend to the Executive Committee approval of a contract with the selected consultant for the Used Oil Recycling Program for fiscal year 2008/09.**

**The motion carried with two abstentions from the City of Palm Desert and the County of Riverside.**

**7B ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR FOR FISCAL YEAR 2008/09**

Bruce Williams opened nominations for the offices of Chair and Vice Chair. The nominees were Susan Weisbart for Chair and Frankie Riddle for Vice Chair.

**It was moved by Bruce Williams and seconded by Frankie Riddle that the Solid Waste and Recycling Technical Working Group elect Susan Weisbart as Chair and Frankie Riddle as Vice Chair for Fiscal Year 2008/09.**

**The motion carried.**

**8. PRESENTATION ON PROPER MANAGEMENT AND DISPOSAL OF TREATED WOOD WASTES**

Roger Kintz with the Department of Toxic Substances Control addressed the committee regarding Treated Wood Waste and Alternative Management Standards. Mr. Kintz distributed handouts to the committee. Mr. Kintz described how Treated Wood Waste (TWW) is defined and its hazardous properties. Some of the points covered in Mr. Kintz' presentation included the following topics:

- Intended uses
- Treated Wood Disposal problems
- Health Risks and those communities affected by TWW
- Examples and identification of TWW – chemicals used in TWW are toxic and carcinogenic.
- Alternative Management Standards
- Prohibited Activities
- History – laws; Hazardous Waste Law
- Labeling
- Accumulation
- Treatment
- Offsite Shipments
- Disposal
- Training and Cal/OSHA
- Tracking
- Improvement in Riverside County; i.e. Torres Martinez land has improved quite a bit.

Further discussion ensued regarding the environmental impact in Riverside County particularly in storing wood waste in agricultural communities. Provided for the TWG's information were Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) contact information and website address: [www.dtsc.ca.gov/HazardousWaste/Treated](http://www.dtsc.ca.gov/HazardousWaste/Treated) Wood Waste.cfm.

9. **LEGISLATION UPDATE ON SENATE BILL 966 – PHARMACEUTICAL COLLECTION PROGRAMS**

Katie Barrows stated that Jim Cropper, at the California Integrated Waste Management Board, has requested that cities currently implementing a pharmaceutical collection/disposal program complete a survey and return it to him by July 25<sup>th</sup>. The handout included in the agenda packet provides information to cities for a model program that looks at collection of pharmaceuticals. Diane Christiansen indicated that the County has opted not to do this due to private personal health information. The County is not comfortable with using a contractor operation. Diane Christiansen cited some examples of why contractor operations are questionable along with the implication of legal issues. Further discussion ensued regarding the proper disposal of pharmaceuticals.

10. **GREEN WASTE SUBCOMMITTEE UPDATE**

Katie Barrows indicated the last Green Waste Subcommittee was held on April 29, 2008. The subcommittee developed the content for a Green Waste Flyer to be used in the Smart Scalping/Overseeding Alternative Workshops. There have been strong turnouts for the workshops averaging at least 50 people at each one. Al Hollinger has been very helpful in helping us to incorporate a green waste message and Mary Matava provided some generic samples of compost and top dressing. An element of the workshop will also focus on water conservation. The Green Waste Subcommittee has discussed the possibility for a separate workshop to generate interest in green waste products and encourage participation from:

- Pesticide applicators associations
- Golf course superintendents
- Landscape contractors and architects
- Water districts

Staff will continue working with the subcommittee to create informational material and put a flyer together in Spanish. CVAG is working on hiring an intern who will be assigned to working on the Spanish flyer. Diane Christiansen distributed a publication from the Coachella Valley Water District that focuses on composted mulch and added that this resource is available on their website. Katie Barrows added that Water Conservation is one of the goals for fiscal year 2008-09 established by the Energy and Environmental Resources Committee. The Riverside County Water Task Force is working to get copies of all of the ordinances that all of the cities in Riverside County have for water conservation.

**It was moved by Bruce Williams and seconded by Diane Christiansen that the Solid Waste & Recycling Technical Working Group receive and file this report.**

**The motion carried.**

11. **CONSENT CALENDAR**

Approval

11A Approval of the Minutes of the Solid Waste & Recycling Technical Working Group of May 12, 2008.

There was some discussion about deferring approval of the Minutes until September's meeting to allow the committee ample time to review them.

It was moved by Frankie Riddle and seconded by Bruce Williams to approve the Minutes of the May 12, 2008 meeting to the extent that if amendments needed to be made, then, such amendments would be ratified at September's meeting.

The motion carried with one abstention from the City of Cathedral City.

12. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- CVAG Committees go dark in August.
- The next meeting of the Solid Waste & Recycling Technical Working Group will be on September 8, 2008 at 3:00 p.m.

13. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 4:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Linda Rogers  
Program Assistant II