

SOLID WASTE & RECYCLING TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP
Meeting Minutes
May 10, 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 3:05 p.m. on May 10, 2010.

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

Member Jurisdictions Present

Jim Rodkey
Hal Goldenberg
Susan Weisbart
Robert Edwards
Bret Plumlee
Diane Christiansen
Frankie Riddle, Chair
Gary Calhoun
Bruce Williams

Agency

City of Blythe
City of Desert Hot Springs
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

Debbie Morris	HF&H
Laith Ezzet	HF&H
Andrew Smyth	CalRecycle
Kenn Stevens	Burrtec
Jennifer Salciccioli	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

Bruce Williams stated that the City of Rancho Mirage hosted a shred e-waste event. The City distributed packets of Verma Grow a product made from food waste and compost and

distributed compost literature. The City of Rancho Mirage will be doing more recycling events to make residents aware of the local products that are available.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

None.

7. USED OIL PROGRAM UPDATE

Debbie Morris presented an update on the Used Oil Filter Exchange events; additional event planning, advertising activities, grant application and report assistance and the next steps. At the next meeting a report will be given to the group of how we did cumulatively this year. Debbie indicated that she would like to get advertising information for the used oil events into Spanish-language newspapers. Discussion ensued regarding Spanish radio and television stations doing promos. Debbie Morris discussed the budget balance and grant fund and indicated that the fund balance should be going back up to the original amounts going back to 14th cycle monies.

8. CALRECYCLE UPDATE

Andrew Smyth with CalRecycle presented an update of the new reorganization from the California Integrated Waste Management Board to CalRecycle introduced under SB 63. The Board's mission and functions have been transferred to CalRecycle. Public meetings will be held each month. Mr. Smyth touched on the following topics:

- Legislative updates on AB 1343, AB 2139, AB 2398, SB 1100, and SB 390
- New electronic reporting
- A new policy next year for construction and demolition ordinances and diversion rates. CalRecycle molding a model ordinance for cities that do not have C&D ordinances.
- Cycle 13 is due in August, the annual report for the 14th and 15 cycle are due in August.
- Tire Amnesty Agreements will be sent out this month.
- Would like to see more grants given out to Riverside county
- Increase in funding on used oil grants
- Jurisdictions were encouraged to contact Andrew, if e-mails are not coming through CalRecycle regarding grants or various solid waste issues.

9. DISCUSSION OF OUTREACH FOR CURIOSITY QUEST "GREENING YOUR HOME" EPISODE

Katie Barrows stated that the program should be aired in June and then it should become available. There was some discussion on how the program would be aired. Bruce Williams stated that sponsors usually receive multiple copies of the program.

10. GREEN WASTE SUBCOMMITTEE UPDATE

Katie Barrows indicated that the subcommittee met on April 20th. Points of discussion covered:

- Ways of recycling palm fronds; suggestion was made to see if palm fronds could be used for erosion control by CalTrans, Salton Sea or wetlands project; there has not been a solid source of marketing for palm fronds.
- Concern about moving material back and forth from quarantine areas; i.e., due to issues of fireants and apple brown moths.
- Compost/mulch opportunities or ways to increase use. Finding marketing opportunities at local farmer's markets.
- Potential for cities to offer free composting material to residents; locations at city yards. Some cities announce this to residents on their city website.
- Discussion of scalping workshop and certification which targets air quality, water conservation, and green waste
- Opportunities to provide resources to get out at events
- Discussion of handing out compost materials perhaps once a month at each city
- Funding for grant for composting materials to the cities. Andrew Smyth will check into this with the grant liaison at CalRecycle.

11. DISCUSSION OF MEETING SCHEDULE

Katie Barrows stated as a result of changing the TAC meeting schedule for the City Manager's, initially there was a conflict with the Solid Waste TWG meeting time. However, since the TAC meeting time has changed again, a conflict no longer exists with the Solid Waste (TWG) committee. Due to the discussion by the TWG in the minutes, it was necessary to address this item. Bruce Williams suggested the committee continue with the current meeting schedule of every other month. Further discussion ensued regarding the possibility of teleconferencing capabilities for those travelling a great distance; namely, the City of Blythe and the County of Riverside.

12. LEGISLATIVE UPDATES

Bruce Williams commented that John Beerman is going before the County for a three year extension for CalBiomass. Mr. Beerman was not able to make today's meeting, however, he indicated he would get a sample letter of support for CalBiomass for distribution to members of the TWG so that jurisdictions can support this facility.

13. CONSENT CALENDAR

Approval

13A Approve Minutes of the March 8, 2010 Solid Waste & Recycling Technical Working Group

It was moved by Bruce Williams and seconded by Bret Plumlee that the Solid Waste & Recycling Technical Working Group approve the minutes of March 8, 2010.

The motion carried.

14. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The next meeting of the Solid Waste & Recycling Technical Working Group is scheduled for July 12, 2010.

- Diane Christiansen announced that her department has worked hard to revamp their website. The recycling guide that has typically been published has now been redone electronically and made into fact sheets for additional public information. E-mails will be sent out to the TWG announcing the website launch anticipated to occur in mid-June.

15. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 4:05 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda Rogers

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