

SOLID WASTE & RECYCLING TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP
Meeting Minutes
November 16, 2009

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the AB 939 Solid Waste & Recycling Technical Working Group (TWG) was called to order by Frankie Riddle, Chair, at 3:00 p.m. on November 16, 2009

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

Member Jurisdictions Present

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

Agency

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

Member Jurisdictions Absent

Susan Weisbart
Bruce Williams

City of Indian Wells
City of Rancho Mirage

Others Present

Oscar Santana
Kenn Stevens
Jennifer Salciccioli
Laith Ezzett
Debbie Morris
Michael Collins

City of La Quinta
Burrtec
Burrtec
HF&H Consultants
HF&H Consultants
The WORKS

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 COMMENTS**

Discussion of electronic waste and following up on complaints. Palm Desert has been working with the county and has been able to address illegal disposal of hazardous material.

6. **CORRESPONDENCE**

None.

7. **UPDATE FROM HF&H**

7A Discussion of Budget for the Used Oil Program

- Debbie Morris gave a brief overview of the budget situation. Coming into this fiscal year with approximately \$63,000 and an estimated \$60,000 for the 15th block grant cycle for an estimated \$120,000 to \$123,000 of grant funds for fiscal year 2009/10.
- Reduction in program expenditures from last year by about 20%.
- Program costs this year estimated at \$100,000.
- Meeting with Used Oil Subcommittee and suggestions and recommendations were made to cut more costs:
 - Cities produce their own flyers and do their own copying. City of Palm Springs has available print facilities.
 - Ask waste haulers for donations and give them some sponsorships at used oil events
 - This year or in subsequent years consider looking at city grants. Committee advised looking at other state/federal agencies that might fund specific programs outside of the CIWMB and cities.
 - Summary of this year's situation: approximately \$20,000 plus savings that has been estimated for this year and anticipating surplus of \$20,000 to 25,000 left in grant funds at end of this year. Estimated that we will be going into FY 2010/11 with approximately \$80,000 as well as looking at reducing the expenditures by another 20%.
 - Discussion of cities printing their own flyers. Deb Morris will send out e-mail regarding the number of flyers produced for the various cities.
 - Discussion of looking at the cost of printing at Palm Springs' printing facility and also Desert ARC.

7B Mandatory Commercial Recycling Regulation

Debbie Morris distributed a flyer and indicated that HF&H is updating their website with legislative updates. HF&H will notify jurisdictions when the website is on line to access legislative updates. HF&H put together a fact sheet regarding Mandatory Commercial Recycling – Important Issues. Discussion ensued regarding the implementation timeline. Debbie Morris also discussed a few items that the CIWMB staff recommended at their Board meeting on September 15, 2009 related to enforcement, implementation and roles and responsibilities. Discussion ensued and jurisdictions will be asked to monitor, enforce and report on commercial recycling.

8. **COLLECTION, RECLAMATION AND RECYCLING OF FLOORCOVERING WASTE AND SCRAP**

Michael Collins with *The WORKS Floor and Wall* made a presentation to the committee providing an overview of Carpet America Recovery Effort (CARE). The mission of CARE is to facilitate market driven solutions to divert post-consumer carpet from landfills in order to meet the goals of the MOU for Carpet Stewardship. CARE is a 501[c]3 nonprofit organization dedicated to achieving 40% diversion of post-consumer carpet from landfills by the year 2012. Mr. Collins distributed a fact sheet and brochure and discussed the mission, activities, accomplishments and 2012 Goals for Carpet Recovery. Mr. Collins further discussed the role of CARE in helping to divert waste going to the landfill and its benefit to the community. Further discussion ensued regarding collaborating with Burrtec concerning hauling and other waste that comes in with floor covering.

9. **DISCUSSION OF CITIES INTERESTED IN UNDERWRITING CURIOSITY QUEST GOES GREEN**

Katie Barrows provided a brief update of those cities that were interested in sponsoring Curiosity Quest.

10. **GREEN WASTE SUBCOMMITTEE UPDATE**

Katie Barrows indicated that the Green Waste Subcommittee has not met. At the last meeting there was some discussion about developing markets for green waste. Discussion ensued regarding language in the Water Efficiency Landscape Ordinance that encourages the use of mulch and green waste, however, this has been a challenge due to the issue of water. Staff suggested that the Green Waste Subcommittee meet before January to focus on the direction of the subcommittee.

11. **LEGISLATION UPDATES**

Debbie Morris, HF&H covered some of the legislation updates as part of her presentation.

12. **CONSENT CALENDAR**

Approval

12A Approve Minutes of the September 14, 2009 Solid Waste & Recycling Technical Working Group

It was the consensus of the committee to approve the minutes of September 14, 2009.

13. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The next meeting of the Solid Waste & Recycling Technical Working Group is scheduled for January 11, 2010 at 3:00 p.m.

Bret Plumlee announced that the City of La Quinta will be working with Burrtec and Hidden Harvest for citrus collection.

14. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 4:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Rogers
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