

**ITEM 6A**

**Solid Waste & Recycling Technical Working Group  
Meeting Minutes  
February 9, 2015**



The audio file for this committee can be found at: <http://www.cvag.org/minutes.htm>

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting of the AB 939 Solid Waste & Recycling Technical Working Group (TWG) was called to order by Chair Michele Mician on February 9, 2015 at 3:08 p.m.

**2. ROLL CALL**

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

**Member Jurisdictions Present**

Deanna Pressgrove  
Jacob Alvarez  
Daniel Porras  
Sara Toyoda  
Chris Escobedo  
Frankie Riddle  
Michele Mician, **Chair**  
Randy Viegas  
Kathleen Utter

**Agency**

City of Cathedral City  
City of Coachella  
City of Desert Hot Springs  
City of Indio  
City of La Quinta  
City of Palm Desert  
City of Palm Springs  
City of Rancho Mirage  
Riverside County Waste Management Department

**Members Absent**

Armando Baldizzone  
Ken A. Seumalo

City of Blythe  
City of Indian Wells

**Others Present**

Michael Cayne  
George Torres  
Wally Nesbit  
Debbie Morris  
April Hilario  
Kenn Stevens  
Mike Veto

City of Coachella  
City of Coachella  
City of La Quinta  
HF&H  
HF&H  
Burrtec  
Burrtec

**CVAG Staff**

Katie Barrows  
Benjamin Druyon  
Linda Rogers

**3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Deanna Pressgrove led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None.

5. **COMMITTEE MEMBER/DIRECTOR COMMENTS**

A. **Roundtable Discussion**

Committee members reported on shredding, used oil and waste tire events held in their cities. A flyer was sent to members advertising free admission to the Riverside County Fair and National Date Festival on Feb. 18<sup>th</sup> by presenting 10 household batteries for recycling.

6. **CONSENT CALENDAR**

A. Approval of October 20, 2014 Solid Waste & Recycling Technical Working Group Minutes

**IT WAS MOVED BY FRANKIE RIDDLE, SECONDED BY JACOB ALVAREZ, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF OCTOBER 20, 2014. THE MOTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED WITH MEMBERS PRESSGROVE, ALVAREZ, PORRAS, TOYODA, ESCOBEDO, RIDDLE, MICIAN, VIEGAS, AND UTTER VOTING AYE.**

7. **DISCUSSION / ACTION**

A. **Used Oil Program Update**

April Hilario provided an update on the status of the used oil drawing contest, calendars distributed, 2015 events, advertising outreach as well as utilizing billing inserts and city's social media. A copy of the 2014/15 budget was included as approved by the Executive Committee on September 29, 2014.

B. **AB1826 – Food Waste Recycle Program**

Frank Orlett, Burrtec, and Chris Cunningham, Palm Springs Disposal were present to discuss the current process for collecting food waste. There was a discussion regarding utilizing carts vs. bins and the challenges for trucks picking up containers. The Chair requested that this item be carried on the agenda for a while.

C. **Notice of Availability of an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the Solid Waste Facility Permit Revision (SWFP) at Coachella Valley Compost (CVC)**

Frankie Riddle requested that this item be put on the agenda for discussion. In the EIR, traffic was looked at, but there haven't been any negative comments received. It was noted that March 2 is the deadline to comment. Frank Orlett addressed the committee's questions and concerns regarding the Solid Waste Facility Permit Revision at Coachella Valley Compost.

D. **Local Government Waste Tire Recycling Grant Update**

Benjamin Druyon reported on the success of the tire recycling events at both Indio and Coachella. As outlined in the staff report a total of 3,039 tires were collected from 359 participants. An application will be submitted for the 2015/2016 grant period.

**E. Discussion regarding pet waste issues and disposal receptacles**

Michele Mician discussed a pet waste program where neighborhood associations apply for a city permit for pet waste stations and volunteer to empty and change out the bags. This is a model that has worked successfully in some communities.

**8. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**

**A. Statewide Plastic Bag Ban Update**

The plastic ban is on hold until the 2016 ballot. Discussion ensued regarding the status of the ordinance in the cities that have adopted the ordinance: Palm Springs, Palm Desert and Indio and Desert Hot Springs.

**B. SB1014 Voluntary Take-back for home-generated Pharmaceutical Waste**

Benjamin Druyon stated that SB1014 has died. Kathleen Utter provided an overview of AB 45: Household Hazardous Waste to address the primary method for collecting HHW materials curbside.

**9. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Next Scheduled Meeting

Solid Waste & Recycling Technical Working Group (TWG) will meet on **April 13, 2015, 3:00 p.m.** at CVAG, 73-710 Fred Waring Drive, Room 119, Palm Desert.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 4:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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