

CHAIR – LAVADA ERICKSON, SISKIYOU COUNTY

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR – BRENT HARRINGTON



PROGRAM MANAGER – MARY PITTO

TECHNICAL ADVISORY GROUP CHAIR – ALAN ABBS,  
TEHAMA COUNTY

## Minutes of the Rural Counties' Environmental Services Joint Powers Authority Board of Directors' Meeting

801 12<sup>th</sup> Street – 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference Room  
Sacramento, CA 95814

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Thursday, December 15, 2005

### MEMBERS REPRESENTED

Cara Agustin, Program Specialist  
Steve Rodowick, Recycling Coordinator  
Cynthia Knapp, Program Coordinator  
Richard Dickson, Deputy Director of Public Works  
Tom Varga, Assistant Director of Public Works  
John O'Neil, Program Manager  
Donna Tackett, Deputy Director of Public Works  
Bob Pickard, Supervisor  
Steve Engfer, Solid Waste and Recycling Manager  
Robert Meacher, Supervisor  
Randy Akana, General Services Manager  
John Kovach, Solid Waste Fiscal Technician  
Alan Abbs, Solid Waste Director  
Barbara Rapinac, Solid Waste Technician  
Mark Rappaport, Solid Waste Director

Amador County  
Butte County  
Calaveras County  
Colusa County  
Glenn County  
Glenn County  
Imperial County  
Mariposa County  
Mariposa County  
Plumas County  
Siskiyou County  
Siskiyou County  
Tehama County  
Trinity County  
Tuolumne County

### STAFF IN ATTENDANCE:

Mary Pitto, ESJPA Program Manager  
Patricia Megason, Vice President  
Stacey Miner, Program Administrator  
Alan Abbs, Consultant to ESJPA  
Larry Sweetser, Consultant to ESJPA

RCRC Governmental Affairs  
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Solid Waste Specialist  
Sweetser and Associates

### OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Eric Bissinger, IWM Specialist  
Jeff Hunts, Supervisor  
Karl Palmer, Branch Manager  
Kyle Pogue, IWM Supervisor  
Jero C. Salva, Jr.,  
Mark Urquhart

CIWMB  
CIWMB  
DTSC  
CIWMB  
Consultant to Trinity County  
Shaw/Emcon

**MEMBERS NOT REPRESENTED**

Alpine County	Colusa County	Del Norte County	El Dorado County
Inyo County	Lassen County	Madera County	Modoc County
Mono County	Nevada County	Sierra County	

**I. Call to Order / Determination of Quorum / Introductions**

The meeting was called to order at 1:36 p.m. by Bob Pickard, ESJPA Vice-Chair. Roll call was taken, self-introductions were made and a quorum was established.

**II. Review and approval of minutes of the meeting of October 20, 2005**

The Vice-Chair called for a motion to approve the minutes of the October 20, 2005 meeting. The motion was made by Mark Rappaport, seconded by Tom Varga and carried unanimously.

**III. Public Comment**

None

**IV. Legislative Update**

- A. Status of 2005-06 Solid Waste Legislation – Mary Pitto, Alan Abbs, and Larry Sweetser  
(10 minutes)

Mary discussed the status of the 2005-06 Solid Waste Legislation. Patricia Megason discussed the recently hired replacement for Rich Mason. Paul Smith will start December 20, 2005 as the Director of Legislative Affairs. Paul has fifteen years working at the capitol for a variety of industries.

**V. Presentation Items:**

- A. Waste Reduction at Venue Facilities and Large Events (AB 2176) – Eric Bissinger, Diversion, Planning & Local Assistance, CIWMB. A link to the full presentation is available on the October 20, 2005 agenda on the ESJPA website:  
[www.esjpa.org/Meetings/2005](http://www.esjpa.org/Meetings/2005)
- B. Implementation of SB 20/SB 50 Electronic Waste Management – Jeff Hunts, Waste Prevention and Market Development, CIWMB. A link to the full presentation is available on the October 20, 2005 agenda on the ESJPA website:  
[www.esjpa.org/Meetings/2005](http://www.esjpa.org/Meetings/2005)
- C. Universal Waste Management Update – Karl Palmer, Branch Manager, Hazardous Waste Management, DTSC. A link to the full presentation is available on the October 20, 2005 agenda on the ESJPA website: [www.esjpa.org/Meetings/2005](http://www.esjpa.org/Meetings/2005)

## VI. Solid Waste/Regulatory Update

Discussion and possible action related to the following:

- A. Report from the CIWMB – Kyle Pogue, Integrated Waste Management Specialist, Office of Local Assistance, CIWMB (*15 minutes*)

Kyle discussed the “Alternative Measurement” discussion taking place at CIWMB. It is expected that in early 2006, the CIWMB will release an “Alternative Measurement Paper” to legislature. Discussion began at the November 2005 CIWMB Board meeting to modify and streamline alternative measurement. Specific language about rurals (and small rurals with less than 100,000 population) includes the benefits of looking beyond the numbers to the programs. Suggestions include a program based analysis through the annual report, county-wide measurement (not individual jurisdictions), and reports every two years instead of annually. The next step forward will be to pick it up as legislation.

Five year reviews: El Dorado is on the cusp of submitting its 2<sup>nd</sup> 5-yr review. Siskiyou is in process. If you need help with your report, your local assistance person can help you.

DRS regulations go into affect January 1, 2006. There is a module that has not been developed yet for transfer stations, MRFs and facilities. These modules will supplement your current training program.

Upcoming E-Waste training: In cooperation with the League of Cities and CIWMB, “I’m An Approved Collector” will be held January 19 and 26, 2006.

Tip Fee Survey: Steve Rodowick requested a copy of a tip fee survey. Kyle said that Solid Waste Digest does it. Kyle has one from 2004 if anyone is interested. Steve Engfer went through tip fee survey – includes background of funding – different mechanisms in place – parcel fees, % sales tax, etc. Larry Sweetser has tip fee information he will send out to the group.

Taxable sales figures: The taxable sales figures are not yet available. Annual reports are due by February 1, 2006. Part of this includes taxable sales deflator index. This should help your diversion rates and not hurt them.

Upcoming Events: The Annual Recycled Content Tradeshow runs from January 19 through 21, 2006 during the Stockton Ag Expo. A workshop on Large Venue Recycling will be held in Oakland February 29, 2006.

- B. Other Regulatory Issues of Interest or Concern – Alan Abbs (*pp 15-20; 5 minutes*)

Alan Abbs informed the group that the Technical Advisory Group elected Steve Engfer as Chair and Bill Mannel as Vice-Chair. Alan requested the group to read and comment on the DRS modules (landfill operator and waste to energy) which have pertinent information for rurals.

## VII. Business Matters

Discussion and possible action related to the following:

A. Adoption of the 2006 Budget – Mary Pitto, Stacey Miner (*pp 21-24; 5 minutes*)

Mary explained that during this past year, three RCRC employees, assigned wholly or partly, to ESJPA activities left the organization (Jim Hemminger, Bliss Hipp, and Camille Chorley). In the interim, Mary Pitto was assigned as the Program Manager; Stacey Miner, the Program Administrator, assumed all grant coordination; and RCRC contracted with the Tehama County/Red Bluff Sanitary Landfill Management Agency for the part-time (20%) services of Alan Abbs, Director, for additional solid waste technical support. For the past six months this seems to have worked effectively, so for the 2006 budget, RCRC proposes to maintain the existing structure with the following specifics. Mary will continue as the Program Manager dedicated 50% to the ESJPA; Stacey will be 95% dedicated to the ESJPA and assume some ESJPA regulatory responsibilities; RCRC will again contract for the part-time services of Alan; and one additional employee, a Grants Coordinator/Assistant, dedicated 85% to the ESJPA will be hired. RCRC also recommends continuing the consulting services of Larry Sweetser, Sweetser & Associates.

The ESJPA's 2006 revenue includes \$118,800 in membership dues. Revenue from these dues (plus \$1,500 in miscellaneous income) are used by the ESJPA to pay: (1) RCRC for Technical Services (including advocacy efforts, regulatory involvement in accordance with the Board approved ESJPA/RCRC Agreement, and the part-time solid waste technical services of Alan Abbs; (2) the consulting services of Sweetser & Associates, and; (3) other miscellaneous expenses as listed in the budget, including a 1% contingency fund.

The budget shows a payment of \$90,000 to RCRC for its Technical Support services to the ESJPA. This payment partially reimburses RCRC for the overall ESJPA costs, including personnel, overhead, and infrastructure support (i.e. office equipment, supplies, duplication costs, insurance, legal fees, postage, etc). RCRC's cost has generally exceeded the revenue for the ESJPA between \$20,000 to 60,000 annually. This year RCRC is projecting supplementing the ESJPA by approximately \$58,000.

Steve Engfer made the motion to approve the 2006 budget. Mark Rappaport seconded the motion. Brief discussion followed. The motion passed unanimously.

B. Review and approval of the 2006 Contract Services Agreement between ESJPA and RCRC – Mary Pitto (*pp 25-33; 5 minutes*)

Mary discussed the 2006 Contract between ESJPA and RCRC. ESJPA will pay RCRC \$90,000 for technical services at a rate of \$7,500 per month. Tom Varga made the motion to approve the 2006 RCRC/ESJPA contract. Steve Rodowick seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

C. Adoption of the 2006 Meeting Schedule – Mary Pitto (*pp 35-36; 5 minutes*)

Mary presented the 2006 Meeting Schedule. Tom Varga made the motion to approve the 2006 Meeting Schedule. Mark Rappaport seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

D. Election of 2006 ESJPA Chair and Vice Chair – Bob Pickard, Vice-Chair

Alan Abbs nominated Bob Pickard for Chair. Tom Varga moved to close the nomination. Mark Rappaport seconded the motion. Mark Rappaport made the motion to approve Supervisor Bob Pickard as ESJPA Chair for 2006. Tom Varga seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Alan Abbs nominated Christy Scofield for Vice Chair. Tom Varga moved to close the nomination. Mark Rappaport seconded the motion. Mark Rappaport made the motion to approve Supervisor Christy Scofield as ESJPA Vice-Chair for 2006. Tom Varga seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**VIII. ESJPA Program Updates**

Discussion and possible action related to the following:

A. Grant Program Update – Stacey Miner, Program Administrator (*5 minutes*)

Stacey presented the Grant Program Update which included discussion on CIWMB grant streamlining efforts, Tire Fund reallocations, Landfill Closure Loan Program, and the Tire Recycling, Clean-up and Enforcement Grants.

**IX. Agenda Suggestions for Next ESJPA Board Meeting Scheduled for March 16, 2006**

**X. Member County Concerns / Comments**

**XI. Adjournment 4:08 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

Stacey Miner, Program Administrator  
Rural Counties' Environmental Services Joint Powers Authority