

ALPINE, AMADOR, BUTTE, CALAVERAS, COLUSA,
DEL NORTE, EL DORADO, GLENN, IMPERIAL, INYO, LASSEN

MADERA, MARIPOSA, MODOC, MONO, NEVADA, PLUMAS,
SIERRA, SISKIYOU, TEHAMA, TRINITY, TUOLUMNE



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Minutes of the Rural Counties' Environmental Services Joint Powers Authority Board of Directors' & Technical Advisory Meeting

1215 K Street, Suite 1650, Sacramento, CA
Thursday, May 21, 2009

MEMBERS REPRESENTED

Vern Moss, ESJPA Chair
Jim McHargue, Program Manager
Steve Roderick, Recycling Coordinator
Mike Azevedo, Program Manager
Jon Souza, Public Information Officer
Mandy Kleykamp, Solid Waste Manager
Paula Wesch, Project Coordinator
Keith Quinlan, Solid Waste Manager
Michelle Miller, Solid Waste Manager
Matt Carter, Solid Waste Superintendent
Daria Kent, Recycling Technician
Steve Porter, Solid Waste Manager
Robert Perrault, Jr., Director of Public Works
Randy Akana, General Services Manager
Shannon Cash, Fiscal Technician
Scott Dunn, General Services Supervisor
Beth Garibaldi, Recycling Coordinator
Vivian Woolsey, Solid Waste Technician
Belinda Barlow, Solid Waste Technician

Madera County
Amador County
Butte County
Colusa County
El Dorado County
Glenn County
Lassen County
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Mariposa County
Mono County
Nevada County
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Plumas County
Siskiyou County
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Tehama County
Trinity County
Tuolumne County

STAFF IN ATTENDANCE:

Mary Pitto, ESJPA Program Director
Kim Garrett, ESJPA Program Assistant
Paul Smith, Director of Legislative Affairs
Larry Sweetser, Consultant to ESJPA

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Sweetser and Associates

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Fernando Berton, Branch Manager
Terry Brennan, Supervising IWM Specialist
Barbara Heinsch, Sustainability Program Staff
Barbara Rapinac, Consultant

CIWMB
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Trinity County

Mark Rappaport, Consultant
John Sugar, Manager of Special Projects
Janice Waddell, Interim State Director

MRC
CEC
USDA

MEMBERS NOT REPRESENTED

Alpine County Calaveras County Del Norte County Imperial County
Inyo County Modoc County Sierra County

I. Call to Order, Self Introductions, and Determination of Quorum

The meeting was called to order at 9:05 a.m. by Chair Vern Moss. Roll call was taken, self-introductions were made, and a quorum was established.

II. Business Matters

A. Vern Moss called for a motion to approve the minutes of the March 17, 2009 meeting. Motion carried.

B. Adoption of Resolution Approving the Independent Auditors' Report and Financial Statements for the Year Ended December 31, 2008 – Karl Dolk, RCRC Chief Financial Officer

Karl Dolk presented the findings of the Independent Auditors' Report to Board members, noting that the results were good and there were no notable discrepancies. The resolution was adopted without contest.

III. Member County Concerns / Comments – None.

IV. Public Comment – None.

V. Presentations

A. US Department of Agriculture (USDA) Federal Stimulus Money and Grant and Loan Programs – Janice Waddell, Interim State Director, USDA

Janice Waddell directed the group to the Catalog of Loans, Grants and Technical Assistance located on pages 31-40 of the Board packet. She informed member counties of the multitude of financial assistance opportunities available to them through new Federal Stimulus Programs, as well as other USDA funding programs. Ms. Waddell added that there is \$7 million available in the State of California for Community Facilities Programs.

B. California Energy Commission (CEC) Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program – John Sugar, Manager, Special Projects, CEC

John Sugar gave a PowerPoint presentation entitled *Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program*. He discussed the Department of Energy's Block Grant Funding Program, and described how the proposed program works, particularly in terms of small jurisdictions. Mr. Sugar also summarized the five conceptual programs under consideration. Counties can submit comments on conceptual designs or additional approaches to EECBG@energy.state.ca.us. For additional information, he directed them

to the Energy Commission's website at www.energy.ca.gov/recovery, as well as the Federal Energy website at www.energy.gov/recovery.

C. Permitting for Composting Operations – Waste Compliance and Mitigation Program Staff, CIWMB

Waste Board staff detailed permitting requirements for composting operations in California.

D. Report from the California Integrated Waste Management Board – Terry Brennan, Supervising IWM Specialist, Local Assistance and Market Development Division, CIWMB

Terry Brennan discussed annual report submittals, reminding member counties that 2008 reports are due by August 1, 2009. He briefly discussed the upcoming WRAP awards, stating that it is the most prestigious waste reduction award for businesses. He noted that RMDZ applications are being accepted from July 1, 2009 – October 29, 2009. Upcoming 2009 workshops include the Economic Incentive Workshop on June 15, Composting Workshop in Burbank on June 18, and Lifecycles Analysis Workshop on June 26.

E. Colusa County Solid Waste Presentation – Mike Azevedo, Director of Public Works

Mike Azevedo gave a brief PowerPoint presentation on Colusa County's solid waste programs.

F. Presentation of Resolutions of Appreciation to Stacey Miner and Barbara Rapinac – Jim McHargue, TAG Chair

Jim McHargue presented Barbara Rapinac with a Resolution of Appreciation for her time served as a member of the ESJPA's TAG. Stacey Miner was not present for her award.

VI. Legislative Update

2009/10 Solid Waste Legislation Preview – Paul Smith, RCRC Director of Legislative Affairs

Paul Smith discussed the following selected solid waste bills and where they currently are in the Legislative process:

AB 222 Adams & Ma

AB 283 Chesbro

AB 479 Chesbro

AB 546 Lowenthal

AB 907 Chesbro

SB 25 Padilla

SB 730 Wiggins

He focused the majority of the discussion on the two solid waste diversion bills: AB 479 and SB 25. AB 479 proposes to increase the tipping fee by \$2.50, implement a commercial recycling ordinance, and increase diversion. SB 25 proposes to increase the tipping fee by \$2.13/ton, increase diversion, and also seeks to impose commercial recycling requirements.

The complete text of selected bills can be found on Board packet pages 51-149. A summary listing of all solid waste related bills is located on Board packet pages 151-173. RCRC position letters are included on pages 175-192.

VII. Solid Waste/Regulatory Update

Discussion and possible action related to the following:

- A. AB 32 – Global Warming Solution Act of 2006 Update – Staci Heaton, Regulatory Affairs Advocate

Staci Heaton stated that there was not too much new to report.

- B. AB 32 and Landfill Gas Control Measure – Larry Sweetser, ESJPA Consultant
The Air Resources Board will be holding a public hearing to adopt the proposed Landfill Gas regulations. There have a few minor changes from the proposed draft regulations but the major issues remain. Landfills with less than 450,000 tons of waste in-place are still exempted. An updated summary of the proposed regulations waste distributed.

- C. CIWMB Disposal Site Gas Monitoring and Control Compliance – Larry Sweetser
The deadline for compliance with the landfill gas monitoring
The CIWMB Staff and stakeholders are meeting on May 26th to discuss issues related to installation of landfill gas probes including development of a process for resolving disputes with staff decisions on plan approvals..

- D. CIWMB Long-Term Postclosure Maintenance and Corrective Action Cost Estimates and Financial Assurances Demonstrations for Landfills - Larry Sweetser
CIWMB staff is continuing development of the Phase II regulations. At the May 19th CIWMB meeting, the Board agreed to have staff notice the regulations for 45-day comments period. The significant remaining issues were concerns on the corrective action requirements and how to address postclosure maintenance financial assurance on closed sites. Board members directed staff to work with stakeholders on several issues including grandfathering closed site so that increased postclosure financial assurances would not increase.

- E. U-Waste Update, Including Battery Recycling – Larry Sweetser
There was some discussion on the new Department of Transportation requirements that all household batteries need to be protected against short circuits when transported. The ESJPA will be working with Alameda and Humboldt Counties to request a special permit to allowance and exemption form that requirement.

- F. Sharps Program Implementation Issues – Mark Rappaport

Mark discussed the various issues facing HD17 grant recipients in terms of sharps disposal options, given the state of affairs with Stericycle. He briefly detailed the options that have been tossed around, mentioning that each of the three counties (Butte, Colusa & Glenn) will inevitably end up with a “mixed” system.

- G. ARB Diesel Retrofit Update – Mary Pitto, Program Manager

Mary Pitto directed the group to memo in the Board packet on pages 275-276.

H. CA Product Stewardship Council Update – Leslie Daniel, Recycling Manager, Calaveras County

There was no CPSC update at this time.

I. Keep California Beautiful (KCB) Litter Collection and Beautification Campaign – Mary Pitto

Mary Pitto described the KCB campaign and encouraged member county involvement. She handed out samples of different promotional items that are being used to promote the campaign.

J. Grant Program Update – Kim Garrett, Program Assistant

Kim Garrett reported that ESJPA is closing out UBG13 and getting under way with UBG14. HD17 is moving along well, with the first stakeholder's meeting held in April. Counties participating in TCA3 are wrapping up their Spring 2009 tire amnesty events. ESJPA was awarded a TCA4 grant on behalf of the following counties: Butte, Colusa, Inyo, Mariposa, Nevada, Plumas, and Sierra. HAZWOPER trainings held with the help of USDA grant funds have been well attended and received. The ESJPA is preparing to schedule an additional HAZWOPER training in Northern California within the next few months.

K. Highlights of April/May Waste Board meetings – Larry Sweetser

The main item on the April CIWMB meeting was regarding the landfill closure, postclosure, and corrective action financial assurance requirements are discussed above in VII. D. The discussion on financial assurances continued into the May CIWMB meeting. At the May meeting, the Board also discussed a status report on the Recycling and Waste Management Measures in the Climate Action Scoping Plan.

L. Other Regulatory Issues of Interest or Concern – None.

VIII. Agenda Suggestions and Member County Presentation Volunteer for Next ESJPA Board Meeting Scheduled August 20th, 2009.

Amador County has volunteered to give a presentation on their County's solid waste and recycling programs.

IX. Adjournment – The meeting adjourned at 2:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kim Garrett

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