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TEHAMA COUNTY

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

801 12th Street – 2nd Floor Conference Room
Sacramento, CA 95814
(916) 447-4806
Thursday, May 19, 2005

MEMBERS REPRESENTED

ESJPA Chair - LaVada Erickson, Supervisor
Larry Peterson, Director of Public Works
Jim McHargue, Program Manager
Kim Tamaguchi, Supervisor
Bill Mannel, Solid Waste Manager
Richard Dickson, Deputy Director of Public Works
David Finigan, Supervisor
Tom Varga, Deputy Director of Public Works
Brian Dahle, Supervisor
Bob Pickard, Supervisor
Steve Engfer, Solid Waste and Recycling Manager
Byng Hunt, Supervisor
Tom Hunter, Director of Public Works
John Kovach, Solid Waste Fiscal Technician
Alan Abbs, Solid Waste Director

Siskiyou County
Amador County
Amador County
Butte County
Butte County
Colusa County
Del Norte County
Glenn County
Lassen County
Mariposa County
Mariposa County
Mono County
Plumas County
Siskiyou County
Tehama County

STAFF IN ATTENDANCE:

Mary Pitto

Stacey Miner
Alan Abbs
Bliss Hipp
Rich Mason
Larry Sweetser, Consultant to ESJPA

Program Manager &
RCRC Regulatory Program Director
Program Administrator
Solid Waste Specialist
Environmental Program Specialist
RCRC Director of Legislative Affairs
Sweetser and Associates

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Lisa Babcock, Chief, GW Protection Section
Christine Flowers-Ewing, Program Coordinator
Jim Greco, Principal
Adam Harris, Engineering Geologist
Karl Palmer, Branch Manager
Kyle Pogue, IWM Specialist

Division of Water Quality - SWRCB
Prevention & Market Dev – CIWMB
California Waste Associates
Division of Water Quality - SWRCB
HHW Mgmt - DTSC
Office of Local Assistance - CIWMB

MEMBERS NOT REPRESENTED

Alpine County
Calaveras County
El Dorado County
Inyo County
Imperial County
Madera County

Modoc County
Nevada County
Plumas County
Sierra County
Trinity County
Tuolumne County

I. Call to Order / Determination of Quorum / Introductions

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 p.m. by Supervisor LaVada Erickson, ESJPA chair. Roll call was taken, self-introductions were made and a quorum was established.

II. Public Comment: None.

III. Business Matters

A. Review and approval of minutes of the meeting of March 24, 2005

LaVada Erickson called for a motion to approve the minutes of the March 24, 2005 meeting. The motion was made by Tom Varga, seconded by Kim Yamaguchi and carried unanimously.

B. Adoption of Resolution Approving the Independent Auditors' Report and Financial Statements for the Year Ended December 31, 2004

Stacey Miner presented Resolution # 05-04. The auditor reported that the financial statements fairly represented the financial position of ESJPA as of December 31, 2004 as follows: Total revenue - \$884,844; Total Expenses - \$842,937; and, Net assets (assets in excess of liabilities) - \$161,702.

LaVada Erickson called for a motion to adopt Resolution # 05-04. The motion was made by Kim Yamaguchi, seconded by Larry Peterson and carried unanimously.

C. Adoption of Resolution Authorizing ESJPA Submittal of an 11th Cycle (2005/06) Used Oil Block Grant

Stacey Miner presented Resolution # 05-05 authorizing the ESJPA to submit the 11th Cycle Block Grant Application on behalf of the following jurisdictions: Alpine County, Amador County and its five cities; Colusa County and its two cities; Lassen County and the City of Susanville; and Mariposa County. LaVada Erickson called for a motion to adopt Resolution # 05-05. The motion was made by Richard Dickson, seconded by Tom Varga and carried unanimously.

D. ESJPA Website

Stacey Miner introduced Mark Haverly of RCRC's IT Department. Mark presented an interactive overview and discussion of the updated ESJPA Website.

IV. Presentation Items:

A. Tour of Northern Rural Counties by Chair Rosario Marin of the Integrated Waste Management Board

Mary Pitto and Kyle Pogue, Advisor to Chair Marin, discussed the Northern Rural Counties tour which took place April 27-29, 2005. Ms. Marin, Mary Pitto, Kyle Pogue and Scott Harvey toured facilities in Colusa, Tehama, Siskiyou, Shasta, Lassen, Plumas, Butte and Glenn counties. A second tour will take place in June 2005 and cover the counties of Alpine, Inyo, Mono, Tuolumne, Calaveras, and Amador.

B. Landfill Gas Monitoring Requirements

Adam Harris, Engineering Geologist with the Division of Water Quality – State Water Resources Control Board and Lisa Babcock, Chief of the Groundwater Protection Section, presented a “Landfill Gas, Leachate, Regional Boards and Regulated Groundwater” presentation. A link to the full presentation is available on the May 19, 2005 agenda on the ESJPA website: www.esjpa.org/esjpa/pub/meetings/2005/may.

C. Film Plastics

Christine Flowers-Ewing, Market Development Program Coordinator, Waste Prevention and Market Development at the CIWMB, presented “Plastic Recycling Technology Program Updates – Focus on Film Plastics”. Christine is trying to identify stakeholders for working groups. If you are interested in joining the working group, please call Christine at (916) 341-6507. A link to the full presentation is available on the May 19, 2005 agenda on the ESJPA website: www.esjpa.org/esjpa/pub/meetings/2005/may.

D. Overview of Solid Waste Programs in Tehama County

Alan Abbs, Solid Waste Director, Tehama County/City of Red Bluff Landfill Management presented an “Overview of Solid Waste Programs in Tehama County.” A link to the full presentation is available on the May 19, 2005 agenda on the ESJPA website: www.esjpa.org/esjpa/pub/meetings/2005/may.

V. Solid Waste/Regulatory Update

A. Report from the CIWMB

Kyle Pogue, Integrated Waste Management Specialist, Board Chair Office and Office of Local Assistance discussed the recent Senate confirmations of both Rosario Marin and Rosalie Mule. Kyle also discussed the upcoming time extensions and the CIWMB’s Diversion Goal Measurement Action Plan.

B. U-Waste Regulatory Update

Karl Palmer, Branch Manager, Hazardous Waste Management – Department of Toxic Substance Control, discussed SB20/SB50 implementation process. The Electronic Waste Recycling Act of 2003 (SB 20) was signed into law on September 24, 2003, and amended by SB 50 on September 29, 2004. One of the major objectives of the Electronic Waste Recycling Act, as amended, is to establish a new program for consumers and the public to return, recycle

and ensure the safe and environmentally-sound disposal of video display devices, such as televisions and computer monitors, that are hazardous wastes when discarded. Beginning on January 1, 2005, California consumers began paying a fee ranging from \$6 to \$10 at the time of purchase of certain video display devices. The fees are collected by The Board of Equalization and paid to qualified e-waste collectors and recyclers to cover their costs of managing these devices when they are discarded. At present, there are over 225 recyclers/collectors for the covered devices under these bills. The Board of Equalization reported that the total fees collected for the 1st quarter were \$15 million and the total requests for reimbursement were \$2.5 million.

Karl discussed the February 2006 timeline for additional covered devices to be added to the ban. It is anticipated that workshops will be held this summer to discuss disposal exemption, the possibility of extending the February 2006 date, and how these issues will impact the rural counties. Outreach will consist of letting jurisdictions know when the workshops will be. Karl also discussed SB 1125 which requires resellers who sell batteries to take them back.

C. CIWMB 18 Month Priority Activities

Alan Abbs reviewed and discussed the CIWMB 18 month priority activities. Kyle Pogue stated that these priorities are very important to the Board Chair and should be viewed as critical when items come before the Board.

D. Other Regulatory Issues of Interest or Concern

Alan Abbs reviewed the topics discussed at the morning TAG meeting including Butte County's Illegal Dumping Program and the significant changes for Solid Waste Facilities under SB1497. Alan discussed the April 15, 2005 coalition letter sent to State Water Resources Control Board Chair, Arthur Baggett, Jr. pertaining to the adoption of workable regulations regarding the management of storm water run-off. Alan also discussed the May 4, 2005 article from LA Times discussing Governor Schwarzenegger's decision against going forward with the reorganization of Cal/EPA.

VI. ESJPA Program Updates

A. Report from the Department of Conservation, Division of Recycling

Sharon Minard, Recycling Specialist – Division of Recycling, Department of Conservation was unavailable for this meeting.

B. Regional Application for DOR's FY 2005/06 Competitive Grant

Mary Pitto discussed the upcoming application for the Division of Recycling, Department of Conservation's FY 2005/06. The ESJPA prepared a preliminary two-page proposal to the DOR in April 2005. The DOR has requested a full grant application that is due July 6, 2005. The focus of the application will be to develop pilot recycling programs in bars and restaurants in several rural counties. If successful, these programs can be expanded and duplicated in additional jurisdictions. The DOR will award the grants in September 2005.

C. Regional Application for CIWMB HD-14 Household Hazardous Waste Grant

Bliss Hipp discussed the recently submitted regional application for the CIWMB's HD14 Household Hazardous Waste Grant. The counties of Inyo, Nevada, Trinity and Tuolumne participated. The CIWMB will award the grants at the July 2005 meeting.

D. Upcoming Grant Opportunities

Stacey Miner reviewed and discussed upcoming grant opportunities. The CIWMB's Farm & Ranch Clean-up Program accepts continuous applications. Please contact Carla Repucci at (916) 341-6316 for more information. Reuse Assistance Grants are anticipated to be released in July 2005.

VII. 2005 Legislation

Overview of 2005 Solid Waste Legislation

Rich Mason, RCRC Legislative Advocate, Mary Pitto, Alan Abbs, and Larry Sweetser discussed bill deadlines and the letters of opposition and support that have been sent. SB 420 - Waste Management Diversion rates has failed. However, SB928 - Lowenthal/Perada, sponsored by Californian's Against Waste, has been introduced and has unspecified amounts of diversion. ESJPA will be submitting concerns with CSAC and League of Cities in response to this bill and staff will continue to watch it closely.

AB 338 and AB 1001 would require Cal Trans to use crumb rubber. These bills will be watched closely since they will require each public works department to use the materials and the use of crumb rubber will be an additional cost burden to the rural jurisdictions.


VIII. Agenda Suggestions for Next ESJPA Board Meeting Scheduled for August 18, 2005

Kyle Pogue suggested a presentation and discussion of Rubberized Asphalt Concrete (RAC).

IX. Member County Concerns / Comments - None.

X. Adjournment - The Meeting was adjourned at 4:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


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