



# SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA

## Integrated Waste Management Local Task Force (LTF)

<http://Recycle.SolanoCounty.com>

Thursday, July 19, 2012  
9:00 a.m.

### **Pacific Rim Recycling**

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#### 1. CALL to ORDER / INTRODUCTIONS

Chair Jim Dunbar, Potrero Hills Landfill  
Vice-Chair Lisa LeFebvre, Recology Vallejo

#### 2. PUBLIC COMMENT

*The public may speak on any item NOT on this agenda and/or any subject over which the LTF has jurisdiction. Comments limited to 3 minutes per speaker.*

#### 3. ACTION ITEM(s)

*The Chair will provide the public with an opportunity to comment prior to any formal action to be taken by the LTF. Comments limited to 3 minutes per speaker.*

##### a. Approval of Minutes:

May 24, 2012

#### 4. PRESENTATION

##### a. Mattress Recycling Program

by: Charley Harvey, DR3 Recycling  
<http://www.mattressrecycling.us/>

Program overview includes partnerships with solid waste haulers and landfills.

#### 5. MEMBER UPDATES

#### 6. ADJOURN

The next regular meeting is Sept. 20, 2012.

#### 7. SPECIAL ITEM – OPTIONAL

##### Walking Tour of Pacific Rim Recycling – See Waiver

**\*Tour participation requires signed waiver**

Steve Moore, President & CEO accompanied by  
Tony Lawlor and John Ryan

**PPE Required:** Jacket, Long-pants, Closed-toe shoes with hard soles, Safety glasses and/or Sunglasses, Reflective vest, Hard Hat.

**NOTE:** Participants may be exposed to wind, dust and minimal odors for up to 30-45 minutes.

#### INFORMATIONAL ITEM(s):

**August 5-8:** CA Resource & Recovery Assoc Conf., Oakland  
<http://www.crra.us/Conference>

##### September 15: Coastal Cleanup Day

[http://www.solanocounty.com/depts/rm/planning/garbage\\_and\\_recycling/coastal\\_cleanup\\_day.asp](http://www.solanocounty.com/depts/rm/planning/garbage_and_recycling/coastal_cleanup_day.asp)

#### Web Registrations at :

##### 1. Tire Amnesty Program – ENDS March 31, 2013

[http://www.solanocounty.com/depts/rm/planning/garbage\\_and\\_recycling/waste\\_tire\\_amnesty\\_program.asp](http://www.solanocounty.com/depts/rm/planning/garbage_and_recycling/waste_tire_amnesty_program.asp)

##### 2. Rx Drug Take Back Events Notification

[http://www.solanocounty.com/depts/rm/planning/garbage\\_and\\_recycling/prescription\\_drug\\_take\\_back.asp](http://www.solanocounty.com/depts/rm/planning/garbage_and_recycling/prescription_drug_take_back.asp)

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*Agenda Item 3a:*

DRAFT Minutes of  
May 24, 2012  
LTF Regular Meeting

# DRAFT MINUTES

## Solano County Local Task Force (LTF) for Integrated Waste Management

Special Meeting of May 24, 2012

9:00 a.m.

Solano County Administration Center

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| <b>Member Organization</b>                             | <b>Representative</b> | <b>Present</b> |
|--|-----------------------|----------------|
| Allied Waste   | Marie Knutson         | X              |
| CCL Organics   | Dave Burnley          |                |
| City of Benicia  | Tonya Gilmore         | Via phone      |
| City of Dixon  | Janet Koster          |                |
| City of Fairfield                                      | Esther Blanco         | X              |
| City of Rio Vista                                      | Jennifer Armer        |                |
| City of Suisun City                                    | Amanda Dum            | X              |
| City of Vacaville                                      | Kari Holmes           | X              |
| City of Vallejo  | Derek Crutchfield     | X              |
| Concrush   | Loriana Patterson     |                |
| County of Solano                                       | Ed Padilla            | X              |
| County of Solano                                       | Narcisa Untal         | X              |
| Fairfield-Suisun Sewer District                        | Kevin Cullen          |                |
| Pacific Rim Recycling                                  | Steve Moore           |                |
| Potrero Hills Landfill                                 | Jim Dunbar            | X              |
| Potrero Hills Landfill (Alternate)                     | Natalie Hicks         | X              |
| Recology Hay Road (Alternate)                          | Chris Taylor          | X              |
| Recology Vacaville Solano / Recology Dixon (Alternate) | Julia Lopez           | X              |
| Recology Vallejo                                       | Lisa Lefebvre         |                |
| Recycling Zone (Alternate)                             | Dave Ryan             | X              |
| Recycling Zone   | Jack Waite            | X              |
| Rio Vista Sanitation Service                           | Keith Nance           | X              |
| Sierra Club  | Jane Bogner           | X              |
| Solano Community College                               | Jeff Lehfeldt         | X              |
| Solano Garbage Company                                 | Sandra Gonzalez       | X              |
| Travis Air Force Base                                  | Dolores Tiburcio      |                |
| VALCORE  | Mark Nichols          | X              |

### GUESTS:

1. Lee Axelrad, Solano County Counsel
2. Joe Scholtes, 95.3 KUIC
3. June Guidotti, 3703 Scally Road, Suisun, CA 94585, Member of the Public

1. **Call to Order / Introductions**

The meeting was called to order by Narcisa Untal 9:19 a.m.

2. **Public Comment**

The following is verbatim testimony:

Ms. Guidotti: Yes, Diane is out right now making copies that Narcisa did not include in your packet. It's page two of Bill Reistle's letter. (See Attachment A) It was ... Jim Dunbar didn't pass it around to the public for you to read last time. And now it's excluded from your agenda today. So Diane whenever she gets back here. Maybe before the meeting ends it will be added. Also they are adding Alan's letter that was submitted. And another concern is I see that Chris is here from Hay Road Landfill. Narcisa is stating that there is a ... a fifteen year capacity of for composting. It doesn't appear ... Chris could probably verify. I doesn't appear that Chris has the ... for Hay Road. So how does that affect what's going on. Second thing how does it affect ... what the Board of Supervisors did on Tuesday on agenda 28. Agenda changed the zoning on ... on the zoning on this packet here this seems to be a conflict of interest on the zoning. So when you're stating that you have a 15 year recycling I think it needs to be investigated and it's inadequate. And I see that Diane brought the packet back so she's added the second page that Jim Dunbar obviously or didn't give to Narcisa it was just a mistake that wasn't entered. And then they added Carol Allen's letter in regards to the CEQA initial study that was to be done on Potrero Hills Landfill. So I think that that needs to be included in the Siting Element and that I'm not so sure under the Williamson Act that they actually have met their ... for there ... all that's required to be a ... landfill to go forward and for you to vote. I'll talk on that on ... Thank you.

Chair Dunbar thanked Ms. Guidotti and apologized for being late.

3. **Action Item(s)**

a. **Approval of the Minutes**

The following is verbatim testimony:

Ms. Guidotti: On the approval of the minutes I pretty much said it. I didn't realize I was going to be given the opportunity. I pretty much said that they didn't include everything in the packet and when you received your minutes and it's a concern because on the statements that I had made on my letter that on the Delta Stewardship Plan I really feel that where Diane Feinstein ... I actually went to the hearing up in Sacramento, the capitol. And it was appalling to find out that Steve Chappell took 30 million dollars at 0.60 cents a ton to haul garbage into the Suisun Marsh. Diane Feinstein's hubby, Richard Blum, is doing URS and that was what I was referring to that the meeting hadn't come up in my letter on my minutes. URS is now doing for Jerry Brown the EIR but there's a conflict of interest. Richard Blum has three laboratories in Berkeley. That laboratory has researched energy and atomic bombs. They're dumping their exploratory animals over the fence line at Tonessons. Don't ... today in your meeting it'll take Tonessons Pet Cemetery. And I see that there is a study that is being done on May 30<sup>th</sup>. Try to get an appointment to go to it. Thirty people are allowed. It's pretty private. They exclude a lot of people but I'm sure Jim will talk more on that. So as far as what I have said in my letter Judge Beeman did shut down out in

Green Valley that effects the water. And the water that's coming down the road is running up my road right now. That water is not for agricultural use. So I appreciate Jim giving me extra time and I don't appreciate what I'm going through on Scally Road and the harassment that I'm getting.

The minutes of March 15, 2012 were approved. Keith Nance abstained.

**b. Authorize Chair to sign and submit letter to Staff containing the LTF's final comments on the Addendum to Solano County's Third 5-Year Review Report on the Countywide Integrated Waste Management Plan**

Mr. Axelrad reported CalRecycle's initial comments advised the County to change its plan to revise the Source Reduction and Recycling Element, Household Hazardous Waste Element and Summary Plan to an update process in order to minimize impacts to the staff workload and submit this change as an addendum. Jim Dunbar read aloud a draft letter, on behalf of the LTF, concurring with CalRecycle's comments. (Attachment B)

There being no further discussion Chair Dunbar asked for public comments.

The following is verbatim testimony:

Ms. Guidotti: Jim do you have a copy of the letter that you're submitting? So if I'm understanding correctly that today's vote is you're going to go back and fix some of these problems? Because it says on here that you're gonna vote.

Chair Dunbar: We are going to vote to authorize signature of this letter to recommend the change of process.

Ms. Guidotti: Yeah that you're requesting that. Thank you. O.K. 'cause my concern is that I was going to ask you to deny the vote today but I haven't really read his letter. I'd like to have a copy of it. That on the agenda on 28 on the Board of Supervisors meeting on Tuesday? The chairperson was Linda Seifert. There was a mistake made because there appears to be conflict of interest on the Siting Element and some of the documents that you're going to back over with? The Williamson Act holds a very high priority in agriculture as far as (unintelligible)? The Board of Supervisors took our public money ... took our public money and paid because Jerry Brown cut this from the county. Correct? So if you continue to do this and if I have a handicap sticker and I need (unintelligible) I'd get into big trouble. Well on this committee here they sent me this in the mail. You can't read it. It's a really small little name. But there is a second page to it just like there was a second page to the document that got left out in the packet. This is the first page and this is the second page and it has my name on it as a citizen. This ... the Board of Supervisors on approval of the Solano County Agricultural Advisory Committee approved all the zoning changes for you in the General Plan and for this landfill.

Except there's a problem because some of the people on this list have a conflict of interest and I resent the fact that they can make use of my land put overlays on it and do what they have done in this General Plan so I have already requested it and (unintelligible) and it's under investigation. Because I have grave concerns on how our tax money is being used in the Williamson Act. I'm not in the Williamson Act. It I was I wouldn't be paying the thousands dollars I am paying in taxes. But when you are misusing the Act that's should be checked out

and is being investigated. Thank you Jim and I do ask the Board to ... well I haven't read your letter so I don't know if I want you to send it or not. I mean how much time does it make any difference? And the meeting that you have coming up at the end of the third week that you're gonna to be talking about? Only thirty people can go. And you really never (unintelligible) for the public to go. And there is a biosolids meeting today too that affects this.

Mr. Axelrad clarified that the update process described earlier is an approach that will be taken with future reviews of the elements in the plan. It does not go back and affect the plan elements that have already been updated or revised. This is describing the process that will be used for future element updates.

Chair Dunbar called for a motion to authorize the Chair to sign and submit a letter to county staff containing the LTF's final comments on the Addendum to Solano County's Third 5-Year Review Report on the Countywide Integrated Waste Management Plan. On a motion by Jane Bogner, Sierra Club and seconded by Ed Padilla, Solano County, Item 3b passed unanimously.

#### **4. Member Updates**

City of Vacaville – Kari Holmes

Announced her last day will be June 5<sup>th</sup> and Brian McLean will be the City's rep.

Solano Community College – Jeff Lehfeldt

There will be no summer school session which should result in a decrease of solid waste. He is assuming an interim position as Director of Maintenance.

Sierra Club – Jane Bogner

Requested event and program updates for the recycle guide website.

City of Suisun City – Amanda Dum

Earth Day in Suisun City described.

Allied Waste – Marie Knutson

Earth Day compost class described. There are more composting classes coming up over the summer including one at the farmers market. The HHW program was averaging about 15 homes per week.

Solano Garbage Company – Sandra Gonzalez

Armijo High School and SGC are working to implement a recycling program and establish an on-campus Green Team beginning the 2012/13 school year. Solano Community College will also see an increase of recycling bins throughout their campus with the addition of standardizing the containers throughout. Other activities included participation in Suisun City's Earth Day and on-going business waste assessments.

City of Fairfield – Esther Blanco

The City is hosting composting at the Farmers Market and plan to do it at the Tomato Festival. The Green Business program will be presenting five businesses with awards this year. Curbside used oil filter collection will begin in June.

**City of Vallejo – Derek Crutchfield**

They held a public works week to acknowledge the city wide efforts of public works employees. There was also a Scrap to Sculpture art contest with many outstanding entries. First prize was \$500, second \$300, third was \$100 along with several honorable mentions. Next year they will add a kid's category.

**VALCORE Recycling – Mark Nichols**

The Earth Day Scrap to Sculpture art contest was described and announced joint efforts with City of Benicia and Vallejo on CalRecycle's "Check Your Number Program".

**Potrero Hills Landfill – Jim Dunbar**

The landfill expansion permit is done and some mitigation is going into effect. The public comment period of the mitigated negative declaration closed on May 9, 2012.

**Solano County – Narcisa Untal**

Requested continued public outreach assistance to promote the Tire Amnesty Program.

**5. Adjournment**

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 10:05 a.m.

Attachment A – William Reustle letter dated 05/02/12

Attachment B – LTF Letter to county staff dated 05/25/12

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| The next regular LTF meeting is scheduled for <b>Thursday, July 19, 2012</b> |
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Wednesday, May 02, 2012

Carol Allen  
Bay Area Air Quality Management District  
939 Ellis Street  
San Francisco, CA 94109

RE: CEQA Initial Study  
Permit: App. # 23333

Dear Mrs. Allen:

I am writing on behalf of Ms. June Guidotti and her family. Ms. Guidotti resides directly North and adjacent to the Potrero Hills Landfill. As conditions presently exist, their 152 acres have been rendered useless for domiciliary purposes due to the stench, insects, and airborne garbage all emanating from the Land Fill. Dust being raised by the constant barrage of large trucks settles on everything, including power lines which then arc leading to the possibility of electrical failure and fire. Numerous complaints have been made to various agencies all of which have fallen on deaf ears.

To this mélange now comes Potrero Hills Energy Producers (PHEP) Gas to Energy Project (LFGE) as contemplated by DTE Energy Services (which suspiciously has the same address as PHEP). Mrs. Guidotti objects strenuously to the adoption of the findings in the initial study because there are significant impacts which are cumulative to the existing substantially degraded environment. This project is proposed in an environmentally sensitive area subject to restrictions and limitations in the Suisun Marsh Protection Plan. We see no reference in the initial study relating to siting this project elsewhere where the sensitive marshlands would not be involved. This is a fatal oversight and cannot be overlooked. Other locations have better merit and are a superior alternative.

The Siting Thermal Power Plants in the Jurisdiction of the San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission publication dated December 5, 2002, designates PHLF land as an area *unsuitable* for Power Plants. See Power Plant Non-Siting Map 3; Appendix D to power plant non-siting regulation; and page 3, paragraph entitled Full Designation.

Waste to energy technology currently in use is called biomass. Biomass facilities can produce high emissions of nitrogen oxide, carbon monoxide and carbon dioxide. (Pace University Law School Energy Project, February 2002. Power Scorecard.)

ATTACHMENT A



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BAAQMD

As such, the initial study mandatory findings of significance on Page 123, stating "Less Than Significant Impact" cannot be supported by the evidence.

Permit Application 23333 must be denied.

Mrs. Guidotti reserves the right to supplement or modify this objection as conditions necessitate.

Sincerely,



WILLIAM S. REUSTLE

WSR:tf  
Encl. Letter of 12/1/2010.  
CC: White House  
Ethics Committee, Washington DC  
CA Attorney General

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Wednesday, December 01, 2010

Solano County Resource Management  
Attn: Narcisa Untal

RE: Countywide Siting Element

Gentlemen:

On behalf of Mrs. June Guidotti, a Solano County resident with substantial property in the Suisun Marsh buffer zone. My client is deeply concerned about the proposed changes in the Countywide Siting Element.

It is noted that the Figure IV-2 was referenced on pages 11 and 15 but that figure was not included in the package as disseminated. The triangle was shown on the Griffith Ranch (representing a solid waste facility) whereas it should be indicated near the flare on the phase one PHL site.

Mrs. Guidotti requests that her proposed thermal electric transformation plant as proposed be included in the new siting element as previously requested in public hearing on June 17, 2010. It is contended that this plant is of greater merit than any other proposed plants, ie. Solano Garbage Co., Potrero Hills, Tonnesen. Environmental considerations promote the conversion project as a way to efficiently eliminate much of the materials that otherwise simply adds bulk to the land-fill. This problem can be minimized by converting biomass to electrical energy, a very 'green' concept. Mrs. Guidotti would entertain locating a test facility on her lands to scientifically determine the feasibility of such operations.

Objection is hereby made as to permitting of the Tonnesen Pet Cemetery. This project was allowed to proceed in violation of existing requirements based on a faulty LEA Advisory No. 12. That advisory was rescinded in 2004. Thereafter the facility has operated sans permit in what can only be described as an illegal operation. Suisun Marsh must be protected and this operation has the potential to denigrate water quality and to contaminate marsh lands with runoff. My client is concerned that any contemplated changes to the Tonnesen operation could allow an expansion of activities, including incineration, contrary to the original 'permit' and the Marsh Protection Plan. If the operation is transferred to the ten-foot contour line, as shown on Figure VI-1, further damages are likely to the Suisun March and surrounding lands. Leakage from the site is not adequately monitored for temperature or water quality or soil contemination. CEQA

requirements have not been met. There is no EIR. Furthermore, page 23, Chapter 5 of the Preliminary draft specifies that "new or expanded solid waste disposal sites shall be located further than 10,000 feet from airport runways" .... Mrs. Guidotti questions the location of the Tonnesen facility as being too close to the Travis AFB runway.

Recent events affect seriously the need for some of the proposed changes. The May 12, 2010, court decision that Measure E *must* be enforced by the county has a major effect on the Potrero Hills Landfill. The siting plan document assumes approval of the PHL expansion which is very much in doubt. No new roads should be allowed, even calling them 'fire roads' does not abrogate the need to maintain the Marsh in a pristine state.

A study should be undertaken to fully explore the alternatives before locking in a Plan that does not address my client's vested rights or the best interests of the public. Attached hereto is a copy of a portion of the official Solano County map showing the Guidotti property designated as a solid waste facility.

Mrs. Guidotti reserves the right to amend or supplement the public record on these matters.

Sincerely,



WILLIAM S. REUSTLE

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COUNTY OF SOLANO  
RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

**SUBJECT: Countywide Integrated Waste Management Plan (CIWMP)  
Five-Year Review Report #3 (April 2007-April 2012)**

Dear Ms. Untal:

As indicated in my recent correspondence to you on behalf of the LTF, pursuant to PRC §41770, §41822 and Title 14 CCR §18788, the **Solano County Integrated Waste Management Local Task Force (LTF)** reviewed the draft Five-Year Review Report #3 for the Countywide Integrated Waste Management Plan at its January 19<sup>th</sup> regular meeting and finalized its comments at the March 15<sup>th</sup> regular meeting.

Subsequently, the California Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle) recommended to Staff that an addendum to the 5-Year Review Report be submitted reflecting a processing change to the Source Reduction and Recycling Element, the Household Hazardous Waste Element, and the Summary Plan, indicating that rather than a revision process, an update process be used for those elements. At the LTF's May 24, 2012 public meeting, this recommendation was presented to and reviewed by the LTF, and the LTF concurs with this recommendation.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (707) 432-4621.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jim Dunbar".

Jim Dunbar, Chair  
Solano County Integrated Waste Management Local Task Force



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# *Agenda Item 4a:*

DR3 Recycling News Article

*“San Leandro Firm Among Few  
Mattress Recyclers”*

March 16, 2008

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## San Leandro firm among few mattress recyclers

Ilana DeBare, Chronicle Staff Writer

Sunday, March 16, 2008



Sergio Solarez smoothly ran his utility knife around the side of a queen-size mattress, like slicing a cake into two layers. He pulled off the flowered fabric and two layers of foam, flipped the mattress over with an explosion of dust, and sliced and stripped the other side until he was left with a bare set of springs.

Then he went on to do the same to about 60 more mattresses.

[Related story: Junking stuff has gotten more complex]

Solarez works at DR3, a San Leandro nonprofit that is one of the only mattress-recycling outfits in the country.

Operated by an Oregon chapter of the St. Vincent de Paul Society, DR3 deconstructs and recycles about 10,000 mattresses each month.

Its mattresses come from landfills throughout the Bay Area, local waste haulers and furniture retailers. They leave as components - bales of foam or cotton, and piles of scrap wood or metal springs.

DR3's name comes from the environmental slogan, "divert reduce reuse recycle." Its mission is to keep bulky mattresses out of landfills, while generating local jobs and even spinning off a little income for other programs of St. Vincent de Paul, a lay Catholic organization dedicated to helping the poor.

While mattresses make up only a tiny fraction of California's overall waste stream, they present unique problems. Because they contain a variety of materials, they're not as easily recyclable as wooden furniture or metal appliances. At the same time, they take up a lot of landfill space.

"They don't compress or decompose," said Charley Harvey, assistant executive director for St. Vincent de Paul of Lane County, Ore., which runs DR3. "And the springs - you run over them with big equipment, and they just spring up again. It can be dangerous for the equipment drivers."



The Oregon nonprofit had been thinking about recycling mattresses for years, but couldn't generate interest from Portland or other nearby cities. Bay Area governments, on the other hand, were willing to provide startup funding. The Bay Area also had the volume of trash needed to make the operation viable.

California makes it illegal to sell used mattresses unless they have been rebuilt and sanitized. Although there are several dozen mattress rebuilders in the state, they typically handle only nearly new mattresses - not the worn ones that end up in landfills.

Since DR3 opened in 2001, its annual volume has grown from 15,000 to 120,000 mattresses. Its success led St. Vincent de Paul to help create similar, smaller operations in Eugene, Ore., and Duluth, Minn. The only other mattress dismantling and recycling facility in the country is in Massachusetts.

"These guys are pretty unusual in that there are not many of them," said Ryan Trainer of the International Sleep Products Association.

One challenge facing recyclers is that there's little money to be made in selling used foam, fabric or steel springs. And prices for those commodities can swing wildly.

Foam used to bring 25 cents per pound; today it brings only 10 cents, according to Harvey.

"While steel is up right now, the housing market is down," Harvey said. "And since our foam is recycled into carpet padding (for homes), that market is down."

To make the operation pencil out, DR3 gets 90 percent of its approximately \$1 million in revenue from disposal fees. It charges landfill owners and waste haulers \$6 for each mattress it takes off their hands. (DR3 does not accept mattresses directly from consumers.)

On a typical day last week, bales of used foam and cotton were stacked 20 feet high in DR3's warehouse. Solarez sliced up mattresses by hand, while one of his dozen co-workers used a machine to strip the metal off of wooden box spring frames. And Sergio Diaz, who supervises the facility, tried to stay away from the dust.

Surprisingly, Diaz said, his staff rarely encounters bugs or rodents in all those old beds. The bigger hazard is dust, which seems to billow endlessly out of the mattresses.

"Even the nice ones have dust," Diaz said. "It makes you start thinking about dust and germs. Like shoes, you might want to get new ones every once in a while. So I told my wife, 'Now that Christmas is over, I'm going to get us a new mattress.' "

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# *Agenda Item 7:*

Pacific Rim Recycling  
Indemnity Agreement  
for walking tour participation



# Pacific Rim Recycling

*"recycle today for a better tomorrow"*

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## INDEMNITY AGREEMENT

In consideration of the acceptance of my request to tour, sub-contract, operate a service, or enter for any reason the Pacific Rim Recycling facility located at 3690 Sprig Drive, Benicia or any other place that Pacific Rim Recycling does business, I do for myself, my heirs, executors, administrators, and assigns, hereby give up, RELEASE, and forever DISCHARGE in advance my rights to sue or make any claim for damages due to negligence or carelessness against Pacific Rim Recycling and its Officers, Directors, employees, sub contractors, contractors, members and agents, sponsors, customers and any other persons connected to the Pacific Rim Recycling facilities for injury to person or property that I may suffer, including injury or death while visiting on, in or around the Pacific Rim Recycling facility and premise.

I AM AWARE THAT THE FACILITY IS A RECYCLING FACILITY WITH HEAVY EQUIPMENT AND MATERIALS THAT BY THEIR NATURE CAN BE DANGEROUS AND THEREBY THERE IS SIGNIFICANT RISK FOR SERIOUS PERSONAL INJURY, DEATH AND PROPERTY DAMAGE.

I know the risks of danger to myself, and my property while I visit the facility and surrounding areas and I am relying on my own judgment and ability to stay away from any dangerous areas and situations.

I ASSUME ALL SUCH RISK OF LOSS and hereby agree to reimburse all costs to, and forever HOLD HARMLESS and INDEMNIFY, all persons and entities identified above, generally and specifically, from any and all liability for death and/or personal injury or property damage resulting in any way from my visit to the Pacific Rim Recycling facility and surrounding premises.

VISITOR SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

ENTITY NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

July 19, 2012

