

MINUTES

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

Meeting of September 18, 2014

9:00 a.m.

Solano County Administration Center

Member Organization	Representative	Present
Republic Services	Susan Hurl	
Republic Services	Marie Knutson	X
CCL Organics	Dave Burnley	
City of Benicia	Sharon Williams	X
City of Dixon	Janet Koster	
City of Fairfield	Esther Blanco	X
City of Rio Vista	John Degele	
City of Suisun City	Amanda Dum	X
City of Vacaville	Ivonne Vaughn	X
City of Vallejo	Derek Crutchfield	X
Concrush	Allen Hochstetler	
County of Solano	Narcisa Untal	X
County of Solano	Marcy Hannum	
County of Solano	David Weiss	X
Fairfield-Suisun Sewer District	Kevin Cullen	
Pacific Rim Recycling	Steve Moore	
Pacific Rim Recycling	Marissa Wong	
Potrero Hills Landfill	Dave Jappert	
Potrero Hills Landfill	Natalie Hicks	X
Recology Hay Road	Danielle Lowther	
Recology Hay Road	Chris Taylor	
Recology Vacaville Solano / Recology Dixon	Julia Lopez	
Recology Vacaville Solano / Recology Dixon	Scott Pardini	
Recology Vallejo	Lisa Lefebvre	X
Recology Vallejo	Tom Phillips	
Recycling Zone	Dave Ryan	
Recycling Zone	Chris Aschero	
Rio Vista Sanitation Service	Sal Coniglio	X
Rio Vista Sanitation Service	Nicole Impagliazzo	X
Sierra Club	Jane Bogner	X
Solano Community College	Dwight Calloway	
Solano Community College	Jeff Lehfeldt	
Solano Garbage Company	Sandra Gonzalez	X
Solano Garbage Company	Travis Armstrong	
Travis Air Force Base	Brian Sassaman	
Travis Air Force Base	Milea Franklin	
VALCORE	Ken Hawes	
VALCORE	Erin Tator	
CalRecycle	Jill Firch	X
CalRecycle	Rachelle Tarver	

GUESTS:

Lee Axelrad, Deputy County Counsel

Rachelle Tarver, CalRecycle

Joe Scholtes, 95.3 KUIC

Lara Remitz, Solano County Water Agency

June Guidotti, 3703 Scally Rd., Suisun

1. **Call to Order / Introductions**

The meeting was called to order by Chair Blanco at 9:02 a.m. Those present introduced themselves. Ms. Untal announced that Jim Dunbar is no longer with Potrero Hills Landfill and Esther Blanco, Vice Chair, will serve the LTF as Chair for the remainder of the term. Chair Blanco received correspondence from a few members expressing an interest in serving as Vice-Chair. She will make an announcement of her selection for the Vice-Chair position later in the meeting. There is no vote to be taken for the position. Based on the bylaws it is an appointment to be made at the discretion of the Chair.

Ms. Untal noted that recently there have been several staff changes among the LTF members group. Departing members were noted and new members were introduced.

2. **Public Comment**

The following is verbatim testimony:

Ms. Guidotti: "For public speaking today is each and every one of you, I don't see "Axray" the attorney representing the County today here. I don't see his name on this list. But it's a sample of the judges on the high level corruption. You might want to go to the website. And on this list is ten that were shown for Solano County and the other on the other page is San Francisco. These corrupt judges on this....what I am holding was a period of the California judge became willing in (*not intelligible*) in an explosion of high level corruption inflicting grave harm upon the American people, upon, when they met their term the California courts... And then when the fact was understood the California judges were early members of a conspiracy and racketeering enterprise that made them (*not intelligible*) events hijacking of four airliners in September 11th. It's appalling if you go to this website (*not intelligible*; loud background noise) on here. It is appalling. There is one when I asked a criminal attorney years ago on an embezzlement that's on the second page. In all the events on it and one or two of these were dead. But it is appalling that our judges and people that knowledgably know the people representing in this room who you are led by. It's appalling. And the website is http://www.defaudingamerica.com/californiajudges_and_lawyersimplicated_right.htm. I have a criminal attorney that represents me on certain issues in this country. He couldn't get this website on his computer. It was blocked. We had to go to another attorney to get this website. So it's not available. It's doesn't explain. It doesn't show the judges. Get back to me if you weren't able weren't able to find it on the website. I would be curious to see."

Chair Blanco: "You have 30 seconds."

Ms. Guidotti: "Oh, that's it for the public."

Chair Blanco: "Ok thank you."

End of verbatim comments.

Chair Blanco announced the second speaker, Laua Remitz, Solano County Water Agency (SCWA).

Ms. Remitz described their Turf Replacement Program. SCWA is offering cash rebates to water customers who replace their turfgrass with drip-irrigated low water-use plants or permeable hardscape. The program offers a rebate of \$1.00 per square foot of turfgrass that is replaced, up to \$1000 maximum. Other rebates are offered for installing high water efficiency washers and toilets. The Fairfield office offers free water surveys for residents. The survey can detect water leaks to help save water.

3. Action Items(s)

a. Minutes: May 15, 2014

The minutes of May 15, 2014 were approved with amendments.

4. Countywide Integrated Waste Management Plan (CIWMP)

a. Non-Disposal Facility Element (NDFE) Recology Vallejo

Mr. Weiss stated that there is no formal action required by the LTF on this project. He gave a brief update permit application process. The SWFP permit application package for a large volume Transfer/Processing Facility was received by the LEA on 8/15/14. The application package was reviewed and accepted on 8/29/14. The LEA will present a Public Information Meeting at the Recology Vallejo facility Wednesday 10/01/14 from 6:30 -7:30 PM. Noticing for the meeting is underway.

The proposal reflects an operational expansion and reorganization of the existing recycling center and green waste transfer operations. Upon issuance of the new Solid Waste Facility Permit the operator will be allowed to increase the permitted daily processing capacity to 300 tons per day (TPD) of mixed recyclables (cans, bottles, paper, etc.) and "organics" (green and food waste). Currently the facility processes up to 177 TPD of mixed recyclables and green waste. The proposed permit will also allow the inclusion of food waste into the existing green waste collection service. The addition of food waste will generate only a small increase in traffic since the food waste will be collected as part of the existing collection routes. The SWFP will apply to the entire 9.36 acre property and will include both the recycling and food/green waste activities. The proposed permit will be developed and submitted to CalRecycle for review and concurrence no later than October 28, 2014.

Chair Blanco asked if Ms. Guidotti wished to make a comment.

The following is verbatim testimony:

Ms. Guidotti: "Here is three pages I am submitting to you that I was going to request that this meeting be cancelled today because you are in violation of the law. And how you are in violation in the law is that San Francisco ... here's a letter from one person that submitted it ... we do not want your San Francisco Board of Supervisors to approve Recology's hauling. The garbage from San Francisco to Vallejo and then transporting it to the Hay Road Landfill. Under Senate bill ... it goes on. The point is it... San Francisco has to vote before you do anything in this meeting or in your department. Second letter, Kelly Smith, same thing Hay Road disposable starting in Vallejo. You have to wait until San Francisco votes. You are in violation of the law. "Axray" is sitting right there. Here's the three pages on this. Finally the Hay Road does not need more garbage to be increased because it is already known to smell badly by both our local residents and master gardeners in our area especially in the summer time. While not providing the best composting for home gardening. When Hay Road Landfill, and plus it's under water. I reserve the right to add to take away anything from what I'm stating even in the public comment. The people in the environment have the right to protect their water and their animals. And what you're doing when you're taking that green waste in, in Vallejo it has oleander in it. You have other chemicals it that when you mix it into the green waste. Into your food waste. It kills a cow in seven to nine hours or a human being. There is problems on what you're doing and the public is waiting for David Chew in San Francisco to hold a Board of Supervisors meeting. I did ask for Narcisa this morning did she get an email from them and she said no. Here are the letters that the public paid people. I only gave you two. Do you want to submit this into the Board on the violations that you are committing? Just holding this meeting alone. Another thing that it goes into is the County of Fresno. And I'm going to submit this to you. This (*not intelligible*) goes right to Garamendi next door. It goes right to everybody in this department. And this is the notice of a public hearing being held

right now in Fresno, same time, and it has to do with the modification of a solid waste processing facility. Sugar beets into bio-fuel, bio-diesel. This is ... the person doing it has a conflict of interest because his daddy and his sister were selling gas and oil in Indonesia. Put that into your comments. Again I ask that you do nothing until San Francisco, the Board of Supervisors, like the public did what they did ... your...what's the word "Axray" when you are not following proper procedure? So for you to have a meeting, already down in October and rushing us through before a public comment is even said. I find that very unfair considering I live where you're dumping it. And I don't want to smell it. I don't want it killing my animals and I want you to follow the rules. You had somebody here with the water. Thank you. Now you're going to go into Tonnesen's."

End of verbatim comments.

Note: The LTF received three documents from Ms. Guidotti that are on file with the LTF secretary.

b. Countywide Siting Element (CSE): Tonnesen Pet Cemetery

As above Mr. Weiss stated that there is no formal action required by the LTF on this project The LEA continues to work with the operator's consultants and CalRecycle to determine which components of the SWFP will be required for this unique non-municipal solid waste, class III, non-hazardous waste disposal facility. No application package has been accepted yet. They are continuing to work with the consultants and CalRecycle.

Chair Blanco asked if Ms. Guidotti wished to make a comment.

The following is verbatim testimony:

Ms. Guidotti: "Yes I would. Let's back up a little bit from Tonnesen's Pet Cemetery. Tonnesen's Pet Cemetery when it was sold to them in 1998. Ten...They sold it in 2002. Let's back up past that. Lois Tonnesen, that it has on this application and her husband ... I was threatened on the road by her son that's not really, but carries the name but he was adopted. When I was threatened on the easement to go to the Tonnesen's Pet Cemetery that he, what he said was "I own the F-ing road. And I said that I own half of the road. The point is the man doesn't even own the road. Because if you go to "Axray" and you go up to little Dennis Bunting up in County Counsel you'll find out that all this time your department, Ricardo that's sitting there and everybody in your department, Narcisa, paperwork that has gone to Judge Beaman. They perjured themselves. And how they perjured themselves is they're giving easements and they're doing certain things. You're sitting right there today stating that they are doing nothing wrong and blah, blah, blah. They don't have the right. They don't even own the property they are standing on because of the Williamson Act. Little Lois Wolk and her son Daniel Wolk put through a loophole. It's called... the loophole is called when you come out of the, when you come out of the Williamson Act you don't have to pay any taxes. They took it all the way to Washington DC and eleven judges said that the loophole is legal. But it's unconstitutional fraud because they didn't disclose it. When you sell a piece of property that has been in the Williamson Act Joe Dellazoppa in 2002 in the Williamson Act sold it to a person and that person sold it to Republic Service that that lady is representing today that her card says she's representing Allied Waste. In 1982, in 1998 the California judges blocked the report on the correction. Also going back to all the paperwork that has been done on Tonnesen's they don't, they took my PG&E and using my name, my address to put a line through for her electrical line. I had to fight PG&E up to last week because they had to ask a person that owned the easement and that's what they are not doing. Lois Tonnesen I have paper work with her name on it giving her permission to go through with the Green Gate for PG&E. She doesn't own the easement. When they gave that easement to Peabody Road for a... what do you call it? The northern California pole association Gavin Newson and Leland Yee in San Francisco and (*not*

intelligible) when they gave that pole line and the Sheriff's Department came out here and restrained me,..."

Chair Blanco: "We have to continue."

Ms. Guidotti: "I'm almost done. They restrained me, bent my arm back and I had to call an attorney and say that they are in here moving my line. They didn't have the right to do that because they couldn't put up an electric, a line, they had to move it over to Scally Road for Tonnesen's. The electrical and my telephone line and give it its own address because it's prohibited to put a wireless line on private property. So there is lots more and I asked that I'll turn this paper in that I didn't turn in on my rights that were, that you ignored. You just ignored my rights that we had to pay and go to... San Francisco. And it's not over with yet because we have water abeyances filed on them. They weren't doing anything wrong in 1982. Fill in the marsh..."

Chair Blanco: "Thank you."

Ms. Guidotti: "But that actual map that I turned in..."

Chair Blanco: "Thank you."

Ms. Guidotti: "You need to know that map I turned in is actually a legal map. And do you know why it's a legal map? Because the twenty acres is not at a ten foot contour line that we had to appeal to the water board there in Oakland."

Chair Blanco: "We have to continue our meeting"

Ms. Guidotti: "He's listening because he knows he's gonna run up to Dennis Bunting."

Chair Blanco: "We have to continue our meeting"

Ms. Guidotti: "Yeah thank you. So I'm asking you to not go forward until San Francisco votes."

End of verbatim comments.

5. **PRESENTATIONS**

a. **Disaster Debris Reporting**

Jill Firch and Rachele Tarver, CalRecycle, gave a brief overview on reporting disaster waste in next year's annual report. There are regulations regarding waste that can be deducted from overall disposal tonnage based on a natural disaster that is declared a state of emergency by federal, state or local officials. A disposal modification form is used to claim a deduction. The criteria for claiming a deduction are verification that it happened such as a federal, state or local declaration of a state of emergency; supporting documentation such as tonnage claimed for the reduction credit; and a description of the diversion programs. Jurisdictions were encouraged to use as many ways as possible to recycle disaster waste. An explanation of increased diversion programs that were implemented should be included in the form.

Two areas in Solano County were affected by incidents that that created disaster debris. In Collinsville a wildfire burned several homes and vehicles. The August 24th earthquake damaged several buildings, including County facilities, in the City of Vallejo. The earthquake was declared a state of emergency by federal, state and local officials. Disaster waste could be deducted from tonnage. The fire in Collinsville was not declared

an emergency so any spike in disposal reporting caused by waste debris would not be deductible from tonnage but should be explained in the annual report.

If a city is under the target range already and the additional tonnage accumulated from the disaster waste will not impact its target goal it would be up to each jurisdiction to decide whether or not they file a disposal modification form. Because they have to track the disaster tonnage separately jurisdictions need to decide immediately whether or not they wish to submit a disposal modification form.

b. Green Purchasing Program

This item was continued to a future date.

Ms. Blanco noted that Office Depot offers an extensive annual report on office supply usage. It tracks costs and whether products are virgin material, recycled content or all recycled material. She will reschedule a presentation with Office Depot at a later date.

6. LEGISLATIVE UPDATES

a. Senate Bill 270: Single Use Carryout Bags

The State legislature passed a ban on single use plastic bags which Governor Brown is expected to sign within the next week. Solano County will fall under the state regulations as there is no local plastic bag ban in Solano County. Local enforcement will be customer complaint driven.

If a local government wishes to implement regulations that go above and beyond the State bill they can create an ordinance that applies to businesses that are not included in SB 70 such as retail stores, restaurants and farmers markets.

b. Assembly Bill 1826: Organics Recycling

Governor Brown is expected to sign AB 1826 within the next week. It is very similar to mandatory commercial recycling.

c. Assembly Bill 1594: Compostable Organics

The State legislature passed this bill but the Governor has not signed it yet. This bill means that yard trimmings and pruning material that are used as alternative daily cover (ADC) in landfills will no longer count as being "diverted" from landfills.

7. NOMINATIONS for Chair and Vice-Chair

Chair Blanco announced that the LTF needs a Vice-Chair to fill in for the remainder of the term. She thanked Mr. Coniglio and Mr. Crutchfield for expressing an interest in serving as Vice-Chair. Since they both are well qualified she said she would select the first person who responded and hoped that the second would not be offended. Mr. Crutchfield will serve as Vice-Chair for the remainder of the term.

Secondly the Chair asked the members to think about who they want to nominate as Chair and Vice-Chair for the next term. She asked if there were any nominations at this point.

a. Chair

Mr. Crutchfield nominated Ms. Blanco for Chair. Ms. Blanco accepted the nomination. Ms. Hicks nominated Mr. Coniglio as Chair. Mr. Coniglio accepted the nomination.

b. Vice-Chair

Ms. Hicks nominated Ms. Dum for Vice-Chair. Ms. Dum accepted the nomination. Ms. Blanco nominated Mr. Crutchfield for Vice-Chair. Mr. Crutchfield accepted the nomination. Mr. Coniglio nominated Ms. Gonzales for Vice-Chair. Ms. Gonzales accepted the nomination. *(This nomination was added during member updates)*

Elections for LTF Chair and Vice-Chair will be held on the November 20, 2014 meeting.

8. Member Updates

Sandra Gonzalez, Solano Garbage Company

A food waste recycling program was started at Center Elementary School and at Vanden High School in the Travis Unified School District. The district is now using compostable trays. A voluntary food waste program is in the planning stages for Grange Elementary. She is also preparing for Coastal Cleanup Day.

Amanda Dum, City of Suisun City

Ms. Dum is working with Ms. Gonzalez on implementing recycling projects. The Girl Scouts are continuing trail cleanup on the third Saturday of the month. This year it happens to fall on Coastal Cleanup Day so they will contribute by cleaning up the Grizzly Island Trail site. With ongoing cleanup by the Girl Scouts and a group of airmen from Travis AFB the amount of trash on the trail has diminished significantly. She recently purchased garbage cans and recycle bins which will be placed along the promenade by the water. Ms. Dum is working with Marianne Butler, Solano RCD, for The Waste Sleuth to do two presentations at the local middle school.

Natalie Hicks, Potrero Hills Landfill

Ms. Hicks introduced Dave Jappert, Manager of Potrero Hills Landfill. Mr. Jappert noted that they were in the process of expanding their gas system in preparation for their partnership with BET Energy to put in a gas energy plant. Ms. Hicks said that the plant should be able to provide enough energy for approximately 6,000 homes.

Ivonne Vaughn, City of Vacaville

Ms. Vaughn reported that they have been very busy. They had their first ever labor strike but all-in-all things went well. They have been very busy in Vacaville looking at their commercial recycling and lining up who is doing what and who needs to do more. They have been working in creek cleanup. They were able to get a small HHW grant which will allow them to do some public service announcements to educate the community about hazardous waste disposal.

Sharon Williams, City of Benicia

The City of Benicia is planning for Coastal Cleanup Day. In addition their Parks Department is working on organizing a community clean day that would focus on one area of the city. She is also working with Ms. Knutson to organize a presentation by the Waste Sleuth in October.

Rachelle Tarver, CalRecycle

CalRecycle now has a used mattress website that has information about used mattress recovery. It can also provide updates regarding used mattresses. For carpet recycling the site includes information on the Carpet Stewardship program, and has information for collectors, processors, buyers and manufacturers. The website also includes the Recycling Act and CalRecycle's responsibilities regarding the Act.

Sal Coniglio, Rio Vista Sanitation Service

Mr. Coniglio asked Chair Blanco if he could nominate Sandra Gonzales for Vice-Chair. Chair Blanco allowed the nomination. (*See item 7. above*)

Mr. Coniglio reported that they had been spending time collecting waste from the Collinsville fire site. They have been working with the County and the community of Collinsville. With Ms. Untal's help they recently got the City of Rio Vista to approve a curbside used oil and filter collection program. The program has a \$5,000 annual budget. The Department of Resource Management is administering the funds. The used oil comes back to their facility in Pittsburg where they have a draining program. Ramos Oil then collects the material. Rio Vista Sanitation Service has had curbside used oil collection programs in Contra Costa County since 2004.

Nicole Impagliazzo, Rio Vista Sanitation Service

Effective in September Rio Vista Sanitation Service increased residential rates by 2%. From October 15th to November 15th they will have a give back program where any customer that signs up for paperless billing Rio Vista Sanitation will donate \$2.00 to the Contra Costa/Solano Food Bank.

Lisa Lefebvre, Recology Vallejo

Ms. Lefebvre noted that Recology Vallejo now has a Facebook page. They recently participated in the three day Visions of the Wild event in Vallejo to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Wilderness Act. Events downtown included movies, walks and hikes. She continues to work with Mr. Crutchfield on the school food waste recycling program. The tonnage for the program continues to increase.

Marie Knutson, Republic Services

Ms. Knutson reported that Coastal Cleanup Day is huge in Benicia. There are nine sites this year. They are having the Waste Sleuth come and teach a Water Conservation 101 and Environmental Friendliness class on October 28th. The City of Benicia also conducted a very extensive drought prevention class. A video of the short version of the class is available on their website.

Derek Crutchfield, City of Vallejo

Mr. Crutchfield reported that the City of Vallejo is participating in the Coastal Cleanup Day this coming weekend. The City also offers their confidential paper shredding at VALCORE Recycling. In addition to their Saturday farmers market there is also a farmers market on Wednesday evening's downtown at Unity Plaza.

Esther Blanco, City of Fairfield

Ms. Blanco noted that Jim Ball of the Center of Imaginative Reuse had recently passed away. A memorial for him will be held this coming Saturday at Alamo Creek Park in Vacaville. The City of Fairfield gave out Green Business Awards to Fairfield Main Street Association, Travis Unified School District and ReStore. They also recognized Coco Palms Apartments for distributing recycling material. For the Tomato Festival they brought in workers from the San Joaquin Conservation Corps, hired twenty-six basketball players and enlisted their Green Tomato crew to man waste and recycling stations. The waste is composted and there are teams picking up trash throughout the 2 day event. They also helped distribute information at the event tent. Their diversion rate was not as high as last year but was still much better than the first year. Attendance was estimated between 20,000 to 30,000 people. Their free confidential paper shredding is held on the last Saturday of the month and is open to everyone. There is a ten box maximum. To date they have shredded over ten thousand pounds of paper. The program will take a break from January to March and start up in April 2015. For used oil recycling they do outreach on Facebook and the City of Fairfield website. Between 2012 and 2013 their curbside filter pickup increased by approximately 1,000.

Joe Scholtes, 95.3 KUIC

Mr. Scholtes noted that the station was promoting Coastal Cleanup Day and reminded members to keep sending the station news of upcoming events and activities.

9. Adjournment

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 10:54 a.m.

The next regular LTF meeting is scheduled for **Thursday, November 20, 2014**