

#### SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA

#### **Integrated Waste Management Local Task Force (LTF)**

http://Recycle.SolanoCounty.com

#### Thursday, January 16, 2014 9:00 a.m. Habitat for Humanity ReStore

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#### 1. CALL to ORDER / INTRODUCTIONS

Chair: Jim Dunbar, Potrero Hills Landfill Vice-Chair: Esther Blanco, City of Fairfield

#### 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. Minutes: July 18, 2013

b. Minutes: September 19, 2013

c. Minutes: November 21, 2013

#### 4. PRESENTATIONS

a. Bethel High School Green Academy's Mentor Program

by: Jeanne Hilyard, Lead Teacher <a href="http://jbhs-vcusd-ca.schoolloop.com/cms/page\_view?d=x&piid=&vpid=1331966707329">http://jbhs-vcusd-ca.schoolloop.com/cms/page\_view?d=x&piid=&vpid=1331966707329</a>

Local environmental professionals being sought to mentor 11<sup>th</sup> grade students on their eight-week environmental project.

#### b. 2013 Farmer's Markets and Tomato Festival Recycling Results

Fairfield Main Street Association

by: Margaret Manzo, Executive Director <a href="http://www.fairfieldmainstreet.com/">http://www.fairfieldmainstreet.com/</a>

#### 4. PRESENTATIONs Continued

c. Using Online and Mobile Apps to Increase Diversion and Save Money

ReCollect by: David Eaves, Co-Founder http://recollect.net

#### 5. MEMBER UPDATES

#### 6. ADJOURN

The next regular meeting is March 20, 2014.

#### 7. SPECIAL ITEM - OPTIONAL

### Habitat for Humanity ReStore Site Tour <a href="http://solanonapahabitat.org/">http://solanonapahabitat.org/</a>

An outdoor walking tour of the site. Please be prepared for possible exposure to wind, dust, rain and odors for up to 30-45 minutes. Recommended: hard hat, jacket, safety vest, safety glasses or sunglasses, long-pants, closed-toe shoes.

#### **INFORMATIONAL ITEM(s):**

January 25, 2014: CompostCon, Oakland http://xa.yimg.com/kq/groups/11323918/851344174/name/Save\_the\_Date.pdf

March 18, 2014: Recycling Update 19, Berkeley <a href="http://ncrarecycles.org/RU19">http://ncrarecycles.org/RU19</a>

March 18, 2014: Youth Ag Day, Vallejo http://www.scfair.com/youthagday.html

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### **DRAFT MINUTES**

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

Management
Meeting of July 18, 2013
9:00 a.m.
Solano County Administration Center

Member Organization	Representative	Present
Allied Waste	Susan Hurl	
Allied Waste	Marie Knutson	Х
CCL Organics	Dave Burnley	
City of Benicia	Anne Cardwell	
City of Dixon	Janet Koster	
City of Fairfield	Esther Blanco	Х
City of Rio Vista	John Degele	Х
City of Rio Vista	Marni Rittburg	
City of Suisun City	Amanda Dum	Х
City of Vacaville	Ivonne Vaughn	X
City of Vallejo	Derek Crutchfield	Х
Concrush	Allen Hochstetler	Х
Concrush	Loriana Patterson	
County of Solano	Narcisa Untal	X
County of Solano	Ed Padilla	Х
County of Solano	Marcy Hannum	
Fairfield-Suisun Sewer District	Kevin Cullen	
Pacific Rim Recycling	Steve Moore	
Potrero Hills Landfill	Jim Dunbar	X
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Recology Hay Road	Danielle Lowther	
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Recology Vacaville Solano / Recology Dixon	Julia Lopez	Х
Recology Vacaville Solano / Recology Dixon	Scott Pardini	
Recology Vallejo	Lisa Lefebvre	Х
Recology Vallejo	Tom Phillips	
Recycling Zone	Dave Ryan	
Recycling Zone	Chris Aschero	
Rio Vista Sanitation Service	Dave Adler	
Rio Vista Sanitation Service	Sal Coniglio	Х
Sierra Club	Jane Bogner	Х
Solano Community College	Dwight Calloway	
Solano Community College	Jeff Lehfeldt	
Solano Garbage Company	Sandra Gonzalez	X
Solano Garbage Company	Tony Cincotta	
Travis Air Force Base	Dolores Tiburcio	Х
Travis Air Force Base	Milea Franklin	
VALCORE	Mark Nichols	
VALCORE	Erin Tator	

#### **GUESTS:**

June Guidotti, 3703 Scally Road, Suisun, CA 94585 Joe Scholtes, 95.3 KUIC Christine Bradley, Recology

#### 1. Call to Order / Introductions

The meeting was called to order by Chair Dunbar at 9:08 a.m. Those present introduced themselves.

#### 2. Public Comment

The following is verbatim testimony:

Ms. Guidotti: "Public comments not on the records is that Potrero Hill Landfill is in the process of mitigating for a piece of property. And they continue not to run the water trucks and it's very upsetting when you have to breathe in this radiation that's in the leakage from Tonnesen's Pet Cemetery. It leaks down into the (not intelligible) property and I see that there was an article in the newspaper that actually had shown a picture of where they're at. And the place that they are actually working at is not in their place of use that they are supposed to be mitigating. They have taken it. It's... in 1985 when they found my brother dead on the ranch. He was fighting for the return of our property rights. And on our northwest corner Jerry Brown needed a road. And when he needed that road he took a right of way and (not intelligible) right of way. And they got an after the fact permit. So basically that is what Potrero Hills right now is doing. I paid eighty dollars for the Marsh Development permit. And where they are supposed to be doing this mitigation is not where the picture in the newspaper says. This is out of the place he used. So again they are going for an after the fact permit and it's a concern because Dianne Feinstein is involved in it because all the leakage that's leaking off that pet cemetery is from Livermore Laboratory and U.C. Davis. And U.C. Davis dogs have low doses of radiation and the beagle dogs. So Dianne Feinstein thirty-five years ago was the director of ABAG. Tonight there is a meeting. ABAG is... she designed it. So... it's a concern. David Tam thirty-two years ago wrote a paper for Dianne Feinstein that she... he was awarded because it was to protect the environment. So my concern is that the public is not given the information that they need. Even today it's being hidden. Page two on the paperwork. Jim has not given it to the public. I just assumed...' Chair Dunbar: "Thirty seconds."

Ms. Guidotti: "Thirty seconds, it's still not the paper. This is not correct either. I want page two showing that (not intelligible) on the... I still don't have the paper. But we'll... I'll get a chance to talk about that on agenda number 4 because they've been told on East Bay MUD. There's another plan I get to talk about."

End of verbatim testimony.

#### 3. Action Item(s)

a. Approval of the Minutes: March 7, 2013

#### b. Approval of the Minutes: May 16, 2013

Ms. Dum noted that the "unnamed speaker" on page 6 of 7 was Chris Rose of Solano RCD.

Ms. Untal noted that the minutes should have included a copy of each of the letters from the jurisdictions reporting their annual solid waste disposal capacity

report as well as the summary letter signed by Chair Dunbar. That information will be added to the May 16, 2013 minutes.

Jane Bogner motioned to approve the minutes of March 7, 2013 and May 16, 2013 as amended. The motion was seconded by Lisa Lefebvre. Chair Dunbar asked if there were any comments.

The following is verbatim testimony:

Ms. Guidotti: "On the minutes?"

Mr. Dunbar: "Yes"

Ms. Guidotti: "O.K, are they going to be changed in the record? Because they made an error in the public comment on page 2 of 7. You put that the access road Jerry Brown donated 32 acres? No, I said Jerry Brown filled in 32 acres of wetland and was paying the County 8.3 million dollars to haul his garbage in here. And then after the fact, marsh development permit? So I would like that corrected in the minutes Jim Dunbar."

Mr. Dunbar: "Very well. You have your notes. We'll follow up on that." End of verbatim testimony.

There being no further comments the minutes of March 7, 2013 were approved and the minutes of May 15, 2013 were approved with amendments.

## 4. COUNTYWID INTEGRATED WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN (CIWMP) Non-disposal Facility Element (NDFE)

Ms. Untal stated that in January the City of Vallejo had brought to the Task Force a proposal to update the Non-disposal Facility Element for Recology Vallejo. Currently they are designated as a recycling center and wish to update the NDFE to change their siting status to a transfer station. Since that time there has been a modification made in which Mr. Crutchfield will explain in more detail.

Mr. Crutchfield, City of Vallejo, stated that Recology Vallejo's proposal to change their siting status to a transfer station was heard and approved by the City of Vallejo Planning Commission. The reason for the change was to include food scraps in residential yard waste. Later they went back before the City of Vallejo Planning Commission a second time to also include food scraps from commercial businesses. The green waste and food scraps will be taken to Jepson Prairie Organics to be converted into compost. At this point there is no timeline for when the program will be up and running as it is a very long process to convert a recycling center to a transfer station.

Marie Knudson, Allied Waste, asked if the permit indicated that it was for food waste only or for anything that a transfer station could take. Mr. Crutchfield answered that it was not going to become a transfer station in the true sense of the word. The only reason for the change in siting status to a transfer station was because the food waste could not be put on the ground for any substantial amount of time in a recycling center. Mr. Dunbar asked if there was a daily amount that they were anticipating. Christine Bradley, Recology San Francisco, stated that it was limited to 200 tons per day. Ms. Untal summarized that food scraps are still defined as solid waste. Because they intend to be collecting a solid waste which will be comingled with yard waste they were required to elevate their status to transfer station. The intention for Recology Vallejo to

become a transfer station is solely based on the technicality of definition. They don't intend to increase their MSW or residual but the food being brought in will be considered MSW. They will be above their 10% residual rate which allows them to continue to be a recycling center at this time. The decision to also include food scraps from commercial businesses has been brought to the LTF for complete transparency and to inform all the jurisdictions as Recology Vallejo moves forward with their expansion plan. There is no action to be taken by the LTF on the matter because per 2012 legislation there is no longer the requirement for a public hearing for a non-disposal facility element update.

#### The following is verbatim testimony:

Ms. Guidotti: "Does the proposed expansion of the NDF for to not be for development until it has been identified and described to the city NDF. Each proposal of the NDF must comply with project CEQA review and the land use permitting process. The permit of the various Federal, State and regional ... Recology Eastbay Organics they not going to stick for a second to beginning four months after they issue the permit Recology submits quarterly reports identifying the tonnage of material which is transferred to the composting facilities outside Alameda County and they identified Eastbay MUD, anaerobic digester and the material on which side it's going to. Like how much Potrero Hills gets and how much Hay Road gets. There's a problem because you're making a transfer station in Vallejo. Irving Lambert's parcel was used as the transfer station. Jerry Brown was supposed to divest seventeen landfills across the United States. He didn't do it. So the vote of the people on Measure E is still tied up in court on how much tonnage you can haul in here. I don't have the paper work on what went through last Wednesday... two weeks ago from Michael Harris and the problem is when you're hauling mixing food waste in your garbage, your green waste and you're sending it to Hay Road... One cigarette butt, one cigarette butt in there kills all the tomatoes. When you're sending the water from Jim Dunbar from Vallejo up to Potrero Hills Landfill with oleander on the freeway it kills a cow in seven to nine hours. The dust when he's recycling; when it blows over onto my property. Seven to nine hours, there is five chemicals that kills an animal that fast. So I'm not too happy about the recycling that Jim Dunbar is doing up there on... where he doesn't even have his permit yet. And one more thing is in regards to Recology... the food waste that China... the fact that you don't have the figures of how much waste is coming into this county. And I was supposed to get the papers from Diane today. She gave me a paper I don't have the second page still on how much is actually coming in. So I still would like that paper. So, and how much is being transferred into this county."

Mr. Dunbar: "Thank you June." End of verbatim testimony.

#### 5. <u>Presentations</u>

#### a. KUIC 95.3FM Public Outreach

Joe Scholtes, 95.3 KUIC, gave a brief Power Point presentation of the KUIC website showing how it can be used as an outreach tool. He noted that KUIC has a number of ways for jurisdictions to get their information out to the public such as the Hometown Happenings, Hometown Green pages and the Ultimate Coffee Break and Helping Your Hometown radio programs. He also showed the

members how to submit their information to the website. Their public service announcements are free to all nonprofits.

#### b. Local Impact from China's Green Fence Policy

Ms. Untal reported that Ms. Lefebvre was interested in making Styrofoam recycling services available at Recology Vallejo and was working with Sal Coniglio of Mt. Diablo Transfer Station to work towards that goal when she became aware of China's new Green Fence policy.

Ms. Lefebvre, Recology Vallejo, reported on the local impact of China's new Green Fence policy. Operation Green Fence is a campaign by Chinese customs to strictly enforce existing laws governing the import of waste co-mingled with recycled materials coming into their country. It is estimated that up to 20% per baled load is contaminated with waste. China is limiting the amount of acceptable contamination to 1.5% of each bale. Bales exceeding that amount are being rejected. Also if inspectors see contamination on more than three sides of a bale they may reject the entire load. A load consists of 32-36 bales with one bale weighing 1200lbs. The rejected loads are sent back at the sender's expense which is very expensive. With a limit of only 1.5% of waste allowed it only takes a small amount for a bale to be considered contaminated. So far Recology Vallejo has not had any rejections. The new policy will force recyclers in the US to either sort recyclables more carefully, or recycle more material in the US or both. Recology Vallejo works closely with Mt. Diablo Transfer Station and had been sending them residual material to be recycled that Recology could not take. Now due to the Green Fence policy Mt. Diablo Transfer Station is concerned about exceeding the 1.5% waste limit and cannot accept the residual material which will now go to the landfill. Ms. Lefebvre noted that trade magazines have said that this enforcement may just be a warning to those who are gross offenders and could only last thru November 2013. Mr. Coniglio said that Mt. Diablo Transfer Station is having the same experience and like Recology Vallejo they have a lot of pride in quality of their material and have not had any rejections. The have had to add staff to the pre-sort line to make sure their product will not be rejected. The added costs for labor and trying to stay productive have impacted the bottom line of their operations. Ms. Lefebvre added that stockpiles of mixed plastics #3-7 are growing as China is not accepting them at this time. Mr. Coniglio agreed stating that they also have stockpiles of residual material that are getting bigger as they have to hold on to them. Ms. Knudson asked if they recycled plastic bags and if the restrictions were affecting them as well. Ms. Lefebvre answered that they don't accept plastic bags but do receive a lot of them. They were included in the residual waste that they had been sending to Mr. Diablo Transfer Station. Mr. Coniglio stated that they have a load of the bags ready but since the market for them is volatile they are still holding on to them.

#### 6. Member Updates

#### Jane Bogner, Sierra Club

Ms. Bogner brought in some items labeled as compostable that she had put in her composting bin. The plastic lining from a paper cup had not biodegraded. A Sun Chip bag that was supposed to biodegrade in 12 weeks was still intact after being in her compost bin for two years. She also noted that VALCORE is looking for a new general manager as Keith Nance has accepted a full time job in Marin County. She also noted that she had been elected again as VALCORE's president.

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#### Esther Blanco, City of Fairfield

Ms. Blanco announced that she had taken the Recycle Guide and made it into a flip book. It is on the City of Fairfield's website and Facebook site. She noted that the upcoming Tomato Festival will have a Green Zone to highlight green businesses and other environmentally friendly activities. Ms. Blanco is also requesting a grant on behalf of Fairfield, Suisun City, Solano County and their school districts to help fund one supervisor and 7 core members (part-time) from the Solano Regional Conservation Corps. She is working with their school district to divert a percentage of their waste from all the schools to get free (33.3% diversion) or discounted (sliding scale) garbage services.

#### Sandra Gonzalez, Solano Garbage

Ms. Gonzales announced that they were going to begin a food waste program in a Suisun City elementary school next year. She is continuing to work with Ms. Blanco on multi-family recycling and are currently setting up a program at Dover Park Apartments (237 units).

#### Ed Padilla, Solano County

Solano County recently issued revised permits for Recology Hay Road Landfill and the Jepson Prairie Composting facility. The revised permit allows Recology Hay Road Landfill to increase the daily tonnage up to 2400 tons per day and the vehicle counts were increased from 500 to 620 vehicles. The change for Jepson Prairie was minor as they were tied in with the vehicle counts. The permits will expire in 5 years.

#### Marie Knutson, Allied Waste

Ms. Knutson noted that it looked like the City of Benicia was not going to replace Tonya Gilmore. She reported that she has been working with Kathleen Trinque who is in the Public Works Department and will be the LTF contact. Ms. Knutson also announced that Benicia High School is getting rid of old trophies. She asked if anyone has ideas on how to recycle them and thanked Ms. Bogner for the successful composting classes. Ms. Knutson added that they had created a very nice multi-unit recycling package that she would be happy to send to LTF members.

#### Sal Coniglio, Rio Vista Sanitation

Mr. Coniglio said that the transfer station in Pittsburg has begun an asphalt shingle recycling program. They are processing about 35 tons per week.

#### Allen Hochstetler, Concrush

Mr. Hochstetler stated that due to planned development adjacent to their current site they need to move to a temporary site. The industrial park they plan to move to won't be ready for another 5 to 10 years.

#### Dolores Tiburcio, Travis AFB

Ms. Tiburcio announced that their request for a food waste program was denied due to funding constraints. She hoped that the cost for the program would be included in the next round of negotiations for food service workers renewal contract.

#### Lisa Lefebvre, Recology Vallejo

Ms. Lefebvre announced that WhatBin.com should be up and running by the end of July. She brought bags of various sizes for attendees to take. She had been working with Mr. Crutchfield on recycling in schools and had doubled the amount of recycling from May to June.

#### Derek Crutchfield, City of Vallejo

Mr. Crutchfield stated that the City of Vallejo is in the process of replacing their garbage cans throughout the city. They recently replaced 90 older cans with new ones and 100 more will be ordered in the next fiscal year. The new cans are designed to prevent break-ins by scavengers.

#### Narcisa Untal, Solano County

Ms. Untal reminded everyone that the next LTF meeting will be at Loma Vista Farm. She also reviewed the upcoming events shown on the agenda.

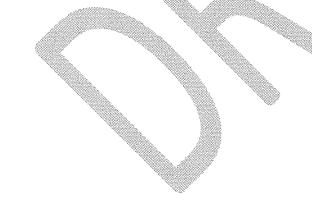
#### Jim Dunbar, Potrero Hills

Chair Dunbar noted that Potrero Hills is working on mitigation work that is scheduled to be completed this summer.

#### 7. Adjournment

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 10:33am

The next regular LTF meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 19, 2013



### **DRAFT MINUTES**

# Solano County Local Task Force (LTF) for Integrated Waste Management Meeting of September 19, 2013

Meeting of September 19, 2013 9:00 a.m. Loma Vista Farm, Vallejo

Member Organization	Representative	Present
Allied Waste	Susan Hurl	
Allied Waste	Marie Knutson	
CCL Organics	Dave Burnley	
City of Benicia	Kathy Trinque	Х
City of Dixon	Janet Koster	
City of Fairfield	Esther Blanco	Х
City of Rio Vista	John Degele	Х
City of Suisun City	Amanda Dum	Х
City of Vacaville	Ivonne Vaughn	Х
City of Vallejo	Derek Crutchfield	Х
Concrush	Allen Hochstetler	X
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County of Solano	Ed Padilla	X
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VALCORE	Mark Nichols	
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#### **GUESTS:**

Amy Garden, County of Napa Joel Greene, Curiosity Quest Goes Green Rita LeRoy, Loma Vista Farm

#### 1. Call to Order / Introductions

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chair Blanco at 9:06 a.m. Those present introduced themselves.

#### 2. Public Comment

None

#### 3. Action Item(s)

Minutes from the July 18, 2013 meeting carried to November 21<sup>st</sup> meeting.

#### 4. <u>Presentation</u>

#### a. Curiosity Quest Goes Green

Joel Greene, host of the award-winning, nationally syndicated PBS show *Curiosity Quest Goes Green* presented the details of his programming package available for two-year media right. It allows local cities to broadcast the first two seasons on their local channels. Many southern California cities have seen it as an unique way to spend their Beverage Container and Litter Abatement funds because the programming shows environmental stewardship and provides an upbeat family educational show that explores environmental topics such as: recycling bottles and cans, food composting, and hazardous waste management. In each show, Joel ventures on a quest in response to viewer's letters of curiosity. Each quest takes viewers on location for an unscripted, hands-on exploration. It is actually the only Environmental show aimed at kids!

In addition to broadcasting episodes of *Curiosity Quest Goes Green* on their local city channels, some of the cities are utilizing the episodes within their local schools and/or within their own departments in the following manner(s):

- Cable access channel is viewed in classrooms
- Some cities transfer the episodes from the DVDs to a server and then send out a
  notice to the local schools that they can check-out the DVDs from the local library
  or they put the DVDs in the schools' libraries once educators are aware of the
  episodes being readily available, they are usually very excited because they are
  viewed as a great resource
- Use the episodes as tools to educate on a certain topic

#### 5. Member Updates

#### Kathy Tringue, City of Benicia

Ms. Trinque introduced herself as the replacement for Tonya Gilmore.

Kathy Trinque Administrative Secretary City of Benicia - Public Works Dept 250 East L Street Benicia, CA 94510 (707) 746-4332

#### Esther Blanco, City of Fairfield

- 1.) Tomato Festival We hired San Joaquin Regional Conservation Corps to assist with the recycling/diversion this year. Progress has been made over the last few years working in partnership with the Fairfield Main Street Association. We went from having a 20 yard dumpster full three years ago (no recycling or outreach), to last year starting outreach and education with the "green tomatoes" and setting up recycling stations some success. This year we had about ¼ of the 20 yard dumpster full with recycling stations, Green Tomatoes manning the stations, and SJRCC members helping to collect, sort and divert. Margaret Manzo from the Fairfield Main Street Association will present to the LTF at a future meeting.
- 2.) We are working with Solano Garbage on having our dumpsters two separate colors. We love the newly painted blue dumpsters, but the blue dumpsters with the Republic Services logo (arrows going around in circles) seems to be confusing people. They can't tell if the dumpster is for trash or recycling. Even with huge green arrow, and stickers with "trash only" on the front. We'd like two different colors for the dumpsters, one for recycling, one for trash. We will be working with SGC into options. This won't be an overnight fix, but as dumpsters come into be painted and repaired, they will be switched out.
- 3.) Fairfield had a large fire on Marigold Street two weeks ago, that impacted about 20 Fairfield residences. Several homes were lost to the fire and many others suffered significant damaged. SGC brought in dumpsters to help the residents to start cleaning up their properties. One issue we had to address was HHW. The residents thought that could bring their hazardous waste to their local fire station. The Battalion Chief contacted me. We worked with SGC and they allow the Marigold residents to go to the HHW collection without an appointment. They were allowed to bring everything needed to dispose. 14 Marigold residents showed up. We wanted to say thank you to SGC for helping the City make things a little easier for the impacted residents during a difficult time.

#### Sandra Gonzalez, Solano Garbage Company

SGC has expanded into the Travis Unified School District to start a cafeteria food waste program at Travis Elementary School beginning September 30<sup>th</sup>.

#### Ed Padilla, Solano County

Mr. Padilla announce his retirement and expressed his appreciation to the LTF's collaborative efforts in working for the environmental good of Solano County.

#### Lisa Lefebvre, Recology Vallejo

Working with the Vallejo Unified School District to increase recycling and monthly reports indicate a steady increase.

#### John Degele, City of Rio Vista

A hazardous waste event is tentatively scheduled for October 26.

#### Amanda Dum, City of Suisun City

New recycling toters at Corp Yard and a temporary cardboard recycling bin for a Public Works maintenance project that is expected to generate a lot. Also, participated in a joint recording with the County, City of Fairfield and Solano Garbage Company promoting used oil and filter recycling.

#### Dolores Tiburcio, Travis AFB

Ms. Tiburcio announced her retirement effective October 31 and thanked the LTF for the years of support. She also developed a continuity binder for the new program manager to ensure Travis' solid waste diversion program continues.

#### Derek Crutchfield, City of Vallejo

- 1. No rate increase for the third consecutive year after the latest rate review. Although there was a revenue shortfall, the difference will be spread over the next two years which will allow the City to keep rates fairly low.
- 2. Currently working to implement a permanent Pharmaceutical Take Back program at the Vallejo Police Dept.
- 3. Old and unused furniture from City offices will be sold during a surplus sale on October 4-5 at Bldg. 535 on Mare Island. All proceeds will go into General Fund.
- 4. VALCORE Recycling is trying to reinvent themselves so that they can be on the cutting edge once again. Currently, VALCORE Recycling is losing money with the Buy Back Center because several other buy back centers have opened all over the City. The City of Vallejo encourages other Solano County jurisdictions to use VALCORE if at all possible.

#### 6. Adjournment

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 10:36am

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Special Meeting of November 21, 2013 9:00 a.m. Mt. Diablo Recycling Center

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VALCORE	Vacant	
VALCORE	Erin Tator	

#### **GUESTS:**

Marianne Butler, Solano RCD Sally Houghton, PRCC

#### 1. Call to Order / Introductions

The meeting was called to order by Chair Dunbar at 9:10 a.m. Those present introduced themselves. Chair Dunbar thanked Mr. Coniglio for inviting the LTF to the Mt. Diablo Recycling Center.

#### 2. Public Comment

There were no comments.

#### 3. Action Item(s)

a. Approval of the Minutes: July 18, 2013

Approval continued to the January 2014 meeting due to lack of a quorum.

b. Approval of the Minutes: September 19, 2013

Approval continued to the January 2014 meeting due to lack of a quorum.

#### 4. Presentation

## a. China's Green Fence Can Help Build U.S. Markets for PET, HDPE and Mixed Rigid Plastics

Sally Houghton, Plastic Recycling Corp. of CA (PRCC), stated PRCC buys PET plastic bales and sells them domestically for export. There is a bid every Tuesday that sets the price for the PET bales across the state. She visited China this past September to see the changes as a result of the Green Fence. The Green Fence is an initiative by the Chinese government to stop the importation of unsorted waste into mainland China. It has had an effect on many sellers of plastic; especially those on the unprocessed side.

She reported that the Chinese government is focusing on environmental issues. One of the areas they are concerned with is the importation of waste into their country. Because they don't want to have to dispose of our garbage they are requiring that bales of material coming into their country be sorted and free of waste. The consensus in the plastics industry is that it is going to be risky to import certain plastics directly into China such as mixed ridges and unprocessed scrap. The industry also feels that the Green Fence is not going to go away.

The effect of the Green Fence on the plastics market will be significant. Ms. Houghton noted that the disposal of "dirty" plastic bags has been effected by the Green Fence policy. Mixed ridges (buckets, pallets, plastic toys) are not wanted in China anymore and the decision needs to be made whether to develop a domestic infrastructure to begin reclaiming the material here. In the meantime materials now unacceptable for export will be stockpiled.

Ironically the Green Fence policy might provide a good opportunity to develop domestic infrastructures especially since the other Asian markets might eventually decide to implement their own Green Fence policies. There are healthy domestic infrastructures with PET especially in California. Over the last few years PRCC's domestic sales have been higher than their export sales.

When the demand for export material was high the quality dropped. Now with the China markets demanding higher quality it will have an effect on the baled PET. PRCC has just started to introduce grade "A" (100% buyback material) and grade "B" (mixture of curbside and/or buyback) bales as well. The industry is also looking at ways to capture PET from thermoforms. She also noted that labels on beverage bottles need to be more standardized to avoid contamination. The good from the Green Fence is that the quality of recycling material is getting better which is good for all markets domestic and export. With China pushing back and perhaps other markets following it is time to start spending money on our own domestic infrastructures to sort materials further to make them attractive to export markets and close the recycling loop.

## b. 2013 Summary: Lake Berryessa Boater Outreach Program (Bilge Pad Recycling), Watershed Explorers Program, and Coastal Cleanup Day

Ms. Untal noted that Ms. Butler is the Education Program Manager for the Lake Berryessa Boater Outreach Program (Bilge Pad Recycling), Watershed Explorers Program, and Coastal Cleanup Day. They are funded at a population based share cost amongst the cities and County of Solano. There are also additional partners throughout the county. The programs have been active in the county for 8 to 10 years now.

Marianne Butler, Solano Resource Conservation District (SRCD), noted that the three programs are funded thru the county and city jurisdictions thru oil funds and beverage container proceeds. The Watershed education program is directed towards 3<sup>rd</sup> graders. Students throughout the county are brought to either Rockville Park in Fairfield, Hann's Park in Vallejo and Lagoon Valley Park in Vacaville for an all-day field trip. The students get an environ-scape presentation, learn about plants, stormwater and how oil and other pollutants are impacting it. Last year the program educated 1,761 students in 63 classes including 450 adults. Participant numbers have skyrocketed because they received a habitat and conservation fund grant thru their partnership with the Greater Vallejo Recreation District (GVRD). The grant gave the program \$200,000 to use over a four year term. Student education manuals and transportation are funded through the grant. They are projecting higher participant numbers for next year and their goal is to have every 3<sup>rd</sup> grader in the county participate in the watershed program. Ms. Butler noted that they also have a 6th grade education program at the Suisun March and a high school biomonitoring program. Their goal to SRCD is to get every student involved in place based education programs in the 3<sup>rd</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> and high school grades.

Ms. Untal commented that the Watershed Explorers Program is completely funded by the cities and county and provides a learning experience for students that schools normally do not have access to. It is open to public, private and

charter schools. The program has been tailored to meet school science standards and there is now a waiting list to participate in the program.

Ms. Butler also reported that the Lake Berryessa Boater Outreach Program is a summer program that began in 2002 with a large grant from the EPA. The program focused on public outreach and education regarding the use of bilge pads in their boats which collect oil and keep it out the lake. Lake Berryessa is the drinking water source for approximately 500,000 people in Solano County. Thirty-five percent of the visitors to the Lake are from Solano County.

The program started with two interns and by next summer will have seven or eight interns. Last year they increased their exposure by working at the lake every weekend from Memorial Day thru Labor Day. They are at each of the five boat launches from Friday thru Sunday to speak with the boaters about using the bilge pads as well as collecting used pads and distributing new ones. There are canisters for the used bilge pads at each boat launch. This past summer the interns had directly spoken to 4,769 people and distributed 2,214 bilge pads. They also distributed oil surveys from the Dept. of Boating and Water dock walker program as well as Lake Berryessa Watershed Partnership questionnaires. Out of all the boaters who answered a survey 70% said that they had never used a bilge pad. The Lake Berryessa Watershed Partnership meets quarterly to discuss ways to enhance the Lake Berryessa boater outreach program. The County of Solano and the Cities are the main funding sources for this program. The Solano County Water Agency (SCWA) has become very involved in the program because of the invasive species threat and provides important funding.

Ms. Untal noted that Lake Berryessa is located within the boundaries of Napa County. Yet the Lake is the primary drinking source for many Solano County residents, businesses and agricultural areas. Napa and Solano Counties partner in the Lake Berryessa Boater Outreach Program. Ms. Untal showed a video created in part by the 2013 summer interns at Lake Berryessa. It showed what the interns do to promote bilge pad use and recycling and educate the public about the threat of invasive species. The SCWA has requested that presentations on the Lake Berryessa Boater Outreach Program and the Watershed Explorers Program be given to the SCWA Board of Directors and the City, County Coordinating Committee (County Supervisors and Mayors from each city in Solano County).

Ms. Butler reported that the Coastal Cleanup Day (third Saturday in September) was coordinated by many of the local waste water treatment plants as well as the County and all of the Cities participating in the event. Ms. Butler as liaison to the Coastal Commission was also involved in the coordination of the event in Solano County. She reviewed the collection statistics and noted that the heavy rain during the event impacted the collection numbers. Their goal for the last few years has been to have 3000 participants. Because of the rain they fell short of the goal this year. 41,000 pounds of trash was collected out of the creeks this year. There was 2,587 pounds of recyclables collected (plastic and glass beverage containers). There were 58 cleanup sites throughout the county with a total 81 miles of area cleaned.

Ms. Untal noted that some cleanup sites continue to have trash dumped on them year after year. There will be a meeting with the site captains to look for ways to discourage trash dumping throughout the year so that the sites stay clean. She asked the LTF for any ideas they may have on the issue. Additional signage, fencing, checking into local ordinances are some suggestions that have been voiced.

Ms. Butler added that funding for the Coastal Cleanup Day is through the County, local cities and wastewater agencies. Using Department of Conservation funding the County of Solano was able to pay Ms. Butler to coordinate the countywide event. A video describing Coastal Cleanup Day efforts in Solano County was shown. Ms. Butler thanked all the Cities and the County for their support in providing local funding for the event.

#### 5. <u>Member Updates</u>

#### Sandra Gonzalez, Solano Garbage Company

The cafeteria food waste program at Scandia Elementary School has been in place for about two weeks and the students are very excited about the program.

#### Ivonne Vaughn, City of Vacaville

They have started to work intensively with the hotel industry in their area to promote sustainability.

#### Dave Adler, Rio Vista Sanitation Service

Rio Vista Sanitation Service provided boxes for a City of Rio Vista hazardous waste event in October. It was a very successful event. Their collection numbers were the most they had ever had.

#### Lisa Lefebvre, Recology Vallejo

They are continuing to work with the Vallejo Unified School District to increase recycling. They are also working with their commercial customers to make sure they are in compliance with the regulations.

#### Derek Crutchfield, City of Vallejo

They are very close to beginning a drug drop off program with the Vallejo police department. They are working on an outreach campaign and hope to start a Monday thru Friday program on January 1, 2014. The City also offset the Vallejo USD recycling costs by \$70,000. The City also purchased Curiosity Goes Green videos with the help of Ms. Untal, Solano County. They will be showing the programs on their public access channel.

#### Jim Dunbar, Potrero Hills Landfill

Beginning in January Potrero Hills Landfill has secured the waste stream from the Napa Vallejo Waste Management Authority which means that almost all the trash collected in the county, except for Benicia, will actually be staying in Solano County.

#### Narcisa Untal, County of Solano

Ms. Untal noted that the next meeting is in January and will be held at the Solano County Administration Center as there are three potential NDFE updates.

Kaoru Cruz, CalRecycle, was not able to attend the meeting but provided a written update from CalRecycle. (See attached Exhibit A)

#### 6. Adjournment

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 10:25am

#### 7. Special Item - Optional

Mt. Diablo Recycling Center Site Tour

The next regular LTF meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 16, 2014



From: Cruz, Kaoru@CalRecycle [mailto:Kaoru.Cruz@CalRecycle.ca.gov]

Sent: Wednesday, November 20, 2013 1:22 PM

**To:** Untal, Narcisa

Subject: FW: Final November LTF update

Narcisa, I have a conflict tomorrow, so I won't be able to attend the LTF meeting. However, here is the latest news from CalRecycle.

Kaoru

#### November LTF update

#### **NEW! ILG Survey**

As part of the Institute for Local Government's new project related to the financing and siting of recycling programs and infrastructure, ILG is conducting a short survey to better understand:

- How local agencies finance the staff and administrative functions of their solid waste and recycling programs;
- How local agencies and the private sector finance recycling infrastructure and recycled content manufacturing facilities; and
- Best practices and lessons learned related to siting and planning for recycling infrastructure and recycled content manufacturing facilities.

ILG is interested in learning about the experiences, programs, best practices and lessons learned from local agency officials, industry representatives, project proponents and others.

If your agency or organization has information to share, please complete a short <u>survey</u> (<u>www.ca-ilg.org/RecyclingSurvey</u>) and let us know about your efforts and projects. Questions may be directed to Yvonne Hunter at yhunter@ca-ilg.org or 916-658-8242

Changes to Beverage Container Redemption Program (Provided in Oct. update –included for information purposes in case questions asked/ staff did not attend LTF meeting previous month)

No More Comingled Rates at Recycling Centers

As part of the state's ongoing efforts to improve recycling efforts and ensure the Beverage Container Recycling Fund's fiscal integrity, consumer loads of California Redemption Value, or "CRV," beverage containers that include non-CRV material will no longer be eligible for refunds at recycling centers. This change will be effective November 1, 2013. The updated rule, signed into law by Gov. Brown, eliminates the "commingled" per-pound payment rate that is somewhat lower than the CRV-only rate.

The law change does not affect commingled rates for curbside programs, certified drop-off or collection programs, or community service programs. CalRecycle will continue to reimburse these programs using commingled rates.

Most consumers who redeem their empty bottles and cans at recycling centers will not notice a change, since many of those businesses already accept only CRV materials. Starting in November, this change

will ensure only CRV-eligible containers are redeemed for their redemption value. Consumers are still able to redeem containers by count, rather than weight, for up to 50 CRV beverage containers of each material type, per day.

Recycling centers may choose, but are not required, to accept non-CRV materials from consumers, either as a donation without issuing a payment, or as scrap, and pay the applicable scrap value. Please note that California Code of Regulations (CCR) Section 2525(d) requires that all donations made to a recycling center, whether in person or anonymously, must be logged and/or receipted. Additionally, CCR 2525(h) requires that all scrap transactions be receipted. Receipts must indicate whether the load consists of rejected, line-breakage, or out-of-state containers.

Currently, any broken glass containers purchased from consumers, certified drop-off or collection programs, or community service programs shall be deemed commingled. Under the new law, certified recycling centers shall no longer pay commingled rates to consumers; therefore, as of November 1, 2013, broken glass is considered scrap.

Recycling centers will be receiving material including a poster for display at recycling centers to inform consumers that CRV will only be paid for segregated loads of eligible materials. This poster will be available in English and Spanish. If you have questions regarding this issue, please contact Mike Miller at (916) 323-0713 or <a href="Mike.Miller@CalRecycle.ca.gov">Mike.Miller@CalRecycle.ca.gov</a>. Written comments may be sent via mail to 801 K Street, MS 17-24, Sacramento, CA 95814, or via facsimile to (916) 445-0645.

#### **Electronic Reporting Requirements**

Currently program participants can submit required reports either electronically, using Division of Recycling Integrated Information System (DORIIS) or on paper. The new law (PRC Section 14553[b]) will require program participants to use DORIIS exclusively for shipping reports (DR 6), handling fee claims (DR 14), and processor invoices (DR 7). This change will be effective starting January 1, 2014. Information, guidance, and training will be provided over the next several months to assist with this transition. Please visit <a href="www.CalRecycle.ca.gov/BevContainer/Recyclers">www.CalRecycle.ca.gov/BevContainer/Recyclers</a> for training schedules and locations.

For questions and/or additional information on required use of DORIIS or how to become a DORIIS user, please contact Tabatha Chavez (916) 327-4401 or <u>Tabatha.Chavez@CalRecycle.ca.gov</u>.

CalRecycle also has pending regulations to implement a state law requiring importers of out-of-state containers to enter the state through California Department of Food and Agriculture inspection stations, provide personal identification at the station, and specify where they are taking the containers.

NEW! BCRP fund quarterly report will be out shortly and will have some important info. Please stay tuned.

#### **SWRCB** informational Meetings on Draft Compost Order

The State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) is revising the Draft Statewide General Waste Discharge Requirements for the Discharge of Wastes at Compost Management Units. The State Water Board held a public scoping meeting on August 23, 2013 for the Programmatic Environmental Impact Report (PEIR) that will be prepared for the proposed General Waste Discharge Requirements for Composting Operations. During the scoping meeting, Water Board staff received comments from

interested parties on the recommended contents of the PEIR. More information and documents from the meeting are available in the "Past Activities" section at:

<u>www.waterboards.ca.gov/water\_issues/programs/compost</u>. The draft PEIR and an updated draft WDR are tentatively scheduled to be available by June 2014. If you have any questions or comments, please email <u>composting@waterboards.ca.gov</u>

#### **Carpet Extended Producer Responsibility**

CalRecycle received a Revised Carpet Stewardship <u>Plan</u> (Plan) from CARE on October 28, 2013 and resubmitted the Plan on November 5<sup>th</sup> with some revisions in response to Calrecycle's comments from August. This Plan has a number of adjustments to demonstrate a higher commitment to recycling. The Plan is currently under review by CalRecycle staff. <u>Stakeholder comments</u> are posted on the CalRecycle website.

CARE submitted the first annual report to CalRecycle by July 2103. CalRecycle provided comments on that report at the October 15th public meeting. The Annual Report was nearly complete and, given that some items will depend on what is in the Plan that is being revised, CalRecycle would like CARE to focus on the Plan first. The Plan is what governs the program, along with statute and regulation..

#### Used Oil Lifecycle Assessment (LCA) Project

Senate Bill 546 (Lowenthal, Chapter 353, Statutes of 2009), made significant changes to the California Oil Recycling Enhancement (CORE) Act. Among those changes was a requirement to conduct a comprehensive life-cycle analysis of the used lubricating and industrial oil management process, from generation through collection, transportation, and reuse alternatives.

CalRecycle has been working with a broad stakeholder group and a team of contractors for the past 24 months to perform the necessary analysis. The final reports from the contractors were submitted in July and a presentation of preliminary findings was given in August.

CalRecycle is currently creating a report to the Legislature that is expected to be completed in time for the January 1, 2014 deadline.

#### **GRANTS**

Grants Updates at - www.calrecycle.ca.gov/Grants

Also try the CoolCalifornia Funding Wizard at www.coolcalifornia.org/funding-wizard-home

#### City/County Payment Program FY 13/14

The Notice of Funds Available (NOFA) and Application Guidelines is tentatively scheduled for release the last week of November. Again, tentatively, the due date for cities/counties to submit their funding request through the CAPRS database is in late February. Prior to the release of the NOFA/Application Guidelines, Program will send out a "heads-up" letter notifying the cities/counties of upcoming payment program and subsequently, an invitation letter encouraging all to apply.

#### NEW!!! Used Oil Competitive Grant - FY 2013/14

The RFA for this grant program was presented at the October public meeting. Grant program basics:

\$7.0 million available for local government jurisdictions and non-profit entities. Maximum grant amounts for individual applications up to \$250,000; regional applications up to \$1.0M. The focus of this competitive grant cycle:

- 1) Implement or expand a used oil and filter collection program
- 2) Mitigation projects preventing used oil stormwater pollution
- 3) Public education and outreach to inform the public of local used oil and filter recycling opportunities and ways to prevent stormwater pollution caused by oil

NOFA release: anticipated to be released in late November or early December

Application due date: anticipated January 2014

## NEW! PILOT PROJECT ADDED to Farm and Ranch Solid Waste Cleanup and Abatement Grant Program (FY 2013/14)

Grants area available for the cleanup of illegal disposal sites on farm and ranch property. Farm or ranch property need not have active sales or production, but shall be appropriately zoned, or otherwise authorized for agricultural activities. Farm or ranch property includes appurtenant easements or right-of-ways such as, but not limited to, public roads and utilities. Applicants in the third cycle may choose to apply under the new pilot project if they need additional time to submit documents identified in the Application Guidelines. The pilot will allow an applicant to apply for funds for existing illegal disposal sites with only a resolution and an estimate of expenses submitted by the application due date. After grant award the grantee will then complete and submit the remaining application forms to GMSWeb to make the application complete. Grantees will submit the remaining forms before cleanup costs are incurred. The NOFA is anticipated to be released in mid to late December.

#### **Discussion of the Tire Incentive Program**

An item during the CalRecycle monthly meeting presented the criteria for the new Tire Incentive Program (TIP). The TIP is a competitive, pilot incentive grant program that proposes to expand commercial (business) demand for different and higher value-added TDPs by providing financial incentives to eligible manufacturers to more competitively price and market their TDPs, thereby increasing sales and market share. TIP provides manufacturer incentives (up to \$500,000) to: increase the use of California crumb rubber; use crumb rubber as a substitute for virgin rubber; and use finer (<60) mesh crumb rubber. The NOFA is anticipated to be released in December.

For additional information, see the item at:

http://www.calrecycle.ca.gov/Actions/Documents%5c25%5c20132013%5c974%5cTIP%20Criteria.pdf.

#### **EVENTS**

#### AB 32 Scoping Plan Public Workshops - remaining December 12/13

Byron Sher Auditorium Cal EPA Building

The California Air Resources Board (ARB) developed the Scoping Plan mandated by the Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006 (AB 32). The most recent public workshop was October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2013.

The Air Resources Board will be providing updates on the Scoping Plan at its October 24/25 and December 12/13, 2013 meetings. They expect to consider the Final Plan update in Spring of 2014. CalRecycle has worked jointly with the Air Resources Board on the development of the Waste Management Sector Plan (Overview, Technical Papers and Implementation Plan) which will be included in the appendices of the Scoping Plan Update.

A complete meeting schedule, associated materials, information from past meetings, and opportunity to sign up for the Air Resources Board's Climate Change Email Listserver can be found at: <a href="https://www.arb.ca.gov/cc/scopingplan/meetings/meetings.htm">www.arb.ca.gov/cc/scopingplan/meetings/meetings.htm</a>.

#### High Diversion Rates and Compensation Workshops -- remaining 12/10/13

Location: CalEPA Headquarters/Coastal Hearing Room

1001 | Street, Sacramento, CA 95758

Date: December 10, 2013 Time: 9:00-1:00pm

[Webcast information can be found here

(www.calrecycle.ca.gov/Calendar/EventDetail.aspx?ID=3046&DS=ACES closer to workshop date)

Contact Information: Christopher Bria (916) 324-3560 and Kaoru Cruz (916) 341-6249

To achieve AB 341's 75% goal, new models for local funding of materials management activities (such as recycling and composting) will likely be necessary to sustain these activities into the future, independent of landfill disposal fees. CalRecycle is exploring new models of funding mechanism(s) for such activities and will co-sponsor FREE workshops by HF&H Consultants.

These workshops will focus on funding interactions at the collection and post-collection levels and how different approaches might impact service providers (public and private) and various regulatory agencies (State, County, City/District). They are designed to provide City and County official/staff with information about managing rates related to collection, processing, and disposal of discarded material, and insights into managing solid waste and recycling rates in the face of evolving programs and everincreasing diversion goals. The workshops will include dynamic presentations, interactive rate models and tools, and real world case studies.

MSW and Recycling Coordinators, City Managers, County Administrators, Finance Directors, and/or Public Works Directors who manages a rate structure/increase are highly encouraged to attend this workshop.

Please note that registration is required and space is limited. If you haven't already done so, please RSVP to <a href="mailto:kerwin@hfh-consultants.com">kerwin@hfh-consultants.com</a>.

#### **Next CalRecycle Public Meeting**

December 17, 2013 Cal EPA Building

Description: As part of CalRecycle's commitment to maintain transparency in decision making and program development, the Department will conduct public meetings on a monthly basis. This meeting

will include 1) a review of pending decisions to be made within the following 30-60 days, 2) an update on ongoing projects and other work activities currently underway and 3) an opportunity for public comment on activities in general.

#### **Mark Your Calendars**

#### 2014 US Composting Council Conference and Tradeshow

Location: Oakland Marriott City Center, Oakland, CA

Date: January 26-29. 2014

More information at <a href="http://compostingcouncil.org/conference/uscc\_oakland2014">http://compostingcouncil.org/conference/uscc\_oakland2014</a>

#### **15th Technical Training Series**

Doubletree by Hilton Ontario Airport 222 North Vineyard Avenue Ontario, CA

Date: March 17-20, 2014

More information: http://www.cce.csus.edu/conferences/CalRecycle/lea tts13/index.cfm?pid=606

#### 2014 Tire Conference

Capitol Plaza-Holiday Inn 300 "J" Street Sacramento, CA 95816

Date: April 23-24, 2014

More information to come

## Please also see the CalRecycle Events Calendar to keep on top of upcoming events: (<a href="https://www.calrecycle.ca.gov/Calendar">www.calrecycle.ca.gov/Calendar</a>)

Date Event

11/19/2013 Waste Tire Rulemaking Workshop

Sacramento, CA Sponsor: CalRecycle

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Regulations.

11/20/2013 Waste Tire Rulemaking Workshop

Riverside, CA 92507 Sponsor: CalRecycle

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Workshop to discuss the Proposed Waste Tire Storage, Permit and Penalty Criteria

Regulations.

12/9/2013 Covered Electronic Waste Stakeholder Workshop

Sacramento, CA Continuing Informal Rulemaking Discussions regarding CRT glass disposition.

Time and Location: 1:30-4:30, Coastal Hearing Room.

More info to be posted first week in December

12/10/2013 <u>High Diversion Rates and Compensation</u>

Sacramento, CA Sponsor: CalRecycle

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12/11/2013 Bioplastics: Understanding Packaging Innovations and Materials Management in

Sacramento, CA

<u>California</u>

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New materials and packaging continue to be introduced into the California marketplace, with significant implications for the State's resource recovery

infrastructure. CalRecycle st... [More]

12/11/2013 <u>Enforcement Advisory Council Meeting</u>

Sacramento, CA

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CalRecycle as an advisory committee representing the various regions of the state

and the disciplines engag... [More]

12/12/2013 A Conversation About Packaging: Opportunities and Challenges

Sacramento, CA

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Join us for a conversation to explore the role of packaging in meeting California's

statewide goal of 75% source reduction, recycling, and composting by 2020. The

focus of this wo... [More]