

MINUTES

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

Special Meeting of January 17, 2013
9:00 a.m.
Recology Vallejo, 2021 Broadway St., Vallejo

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

GUESTS:

Jill Firch, CalRecycle
Sam Ferrero, CalRecycle
Chris Aschero, Recycling Zone
Christine Bradley, Recology Corporate
Steve Kieffer, San Joaquin RCC
Nicholas Mueller, San Joaquin RCC
Deb Phillips, San Joaquin RCC
Arthur Boone, Northern California Recycling Association
Erin Hannigan, Solano County Board of Supervisors

1. Call to Order / Introductions

The meeting was called to order by Chair Dunbar at 9:03 a.m. Those present introduced themselves.

2. Public Comment

The following is verbatim testimony:

Arthur Boone: "I don't get up here every year so I just wanted to go over again as you know there has been a long litigation on the matter of the Potrero Hills Landfill and the question of its adequacy and the appropriateness of putting a landfill in that location. There are several parties that have been involved in that, the Sierra Club at one point, the Northern California Recycling Association and another organization called SPRAWLDEF. There was recently a court decision holding that there were some defects in the application to the Bay Conservation Development Commission. We thought that was going to be discussed by the Conservation Commission today but I gather the County has decided that their application needs some more work so they are pulling it. I don't know or understand all the legal details of that. We don't think that we're singling the Potrero Hills Landfill out for particularly onerous treatment. I hope nobody feels that our association hates people in Solano County. I don't think it's anything like that. The interesting thing that's happening is that the landfills in Northern California are currently operating at about 30% capacity. In another words, if you look at daily permitted notice of these landfills; if you look at how much material is coming in; plus the average is running at about 30%. And so what we have is a tremendous overcapacity of landfills. Landfills are not nice things. And they're really an old fashioned way to handle discarded materials. Recycling systems; composting, rock crushing, anything you want to do basically is preferable to landfills. And so we see that we need to keep nibbling at them. We've had some recent decisions regarding the Redwood Landfill in Marin County which is also basically which is a different kind of a problem but also a very severe problem with management of leachate and some mistakes that were made back in the 90's that have never been corrected. So no hard feelings; I hope everybody appreciates that there's plenty of places to put garbage. You may have to truck it a little further than you did but we think that...we hope the right things happen. We hope they happen soon because basically the ... Mr. Dunbar's company continues as they were and without similar respective of what happens to the courts. And that's not what we want but it is what, how things are done. So thank you very much."

3. Action Item(s)

a. Approval of the Minutes

The minutes of November 15, 2012 were approved with comments.

b. 2013 Youth Ag Day

The LTF considered approving a \$2000 contribution towards transporting the students and teachers to and from the Ag Day event. On a motion by Jane Bogner and a second by Derek Crutchfield the LTF approved the \$2000 contribution to the 2013 Youth Ag Day transportation fund. Esther Blanco, Jim Dunbar and Dave Ryan will also attend the event on behalf of the Task Force.

4. Presentations

Chair Dunbar presented Lisa Lefebvre with a plaque for her two years of service as Vice-Chair of the Local Task Force and thanked her for all her hard work on behalf of the LTF.

a. San Joaquin Regional Conservation Corps

Esther Blanco introduced Steve Kieffer, Nicholas Mueller and Deb Phillips of the San Joaquin RCC. She noted that this type of program would be beneficial to Solano County. They hire local youth between 18 – 24 years old, pay them above minimum wage, and train them in recycling jobs and leadership skills. The Corp as a group can be hired to come in and help with recycling and special events. If there is enough interest they would be willing to create a satellite campus in Solano County.

Nicholas Mueller noted that the San Joaquin Regional Conservation Corps (SJRCC) is funded by CalRecycle through the “Bottle Bill”. Its mission statement is to create a foundation for future success by embracing a diverse and innovative environment that recognizes individuality, instilling ethics, honesty and integrity through everyday actions. Youth that are hired into the Core receive environmental training, green job skills, soft skills and an opportunity to complete high school (GED). SJRCC has partnered with the Building Futures Academy to give the corpsmembers a second chance to earn a high school diploma or GED. The Academy also provides hands on construction training including masonry, HVAC, drywall and painting. SJRCC's Natural Resource Crews work on projects involving environmental conservation, ecological restoration, public safety issues, and public land beautification in the San Joaquin Valley and its surrounding counties. Deb Phillips described how through hands-on learning, corpsmembers are educated on conservation. The experience and knowledge they develop can become a valuable introduction to a career in green jobs. A typical supervised SJRCC crew consists of 6-8 young men and women who are responsible for the collection of recyclables at local sites, restaurants, schools, offices, gyms and special events. The SJRCC is looking to work with more schools, businesses and organizations. Supervisor Hannigan noted that the Jesse Bethel High School Green Academy might be a good choice to work with SJRCC in Solano County.

Narcisa Untal stated that the SJRCC could be available to help with Solano County special events. The SJRCC can assist at any type of event in many ways from manning a recycling booth to hauling away recyclable materials from an event to be source separated at their site. A report of what they were able to

separate out in terms of recyclable materials would be sent back to the event manager.

5. Countywide Integrated Waste Management Plan (CIWMP)

The Non-Disposal Facility Element is one of the five elements of the CIWMP. The primary purpose of a NDFE is to identify “non-disposal” facilities within a jurisdiction’s borders that are required to obtain a state-issued Solid Waste Facility Permit to achieve AB 939 compliance. Recology Vallejo is currently permitted as a recycling center. The City of Vallejo has requested that Solano County act on its behalf to update the 2010 NDFE to change Recology Vallejo’s siting status to a transfer station.

Derek Crutchfield stated that the City of Vallejo has requested that Recology Vallejo accept residential and commercial food waste in their green yard waste bins for recycling. This step will require Solano County and state approval to expand Recology’s designation from its current recycling status to a transfer station designation. While a transfer station designation is typically reserved for a facility that brings garbage on site and transfers to a new vehicle for final disposal transport, Recology Vallejo would only look to the new designation due to a state requirement applying to food waste collection. Recently the Vallejo USD has entered into a contract with Recology Vallejo to haul their garbage. The City has plans to start food waste recycling programs at the schools.

Tom Phillips, Recology Vallejo, General Manager, stated that they and the City of Vallejo have been talking about recycling food waste for some time. Initially there were some concerns and conditions raised by the City of Vallejo Planning Commission but they have been resolved. He said food waste recycling is where most municipalities are heading -- especially with California’s garbage mandates to continue diverting waste from landfills statewide. The only cost effective way that they can accept food waste is to become a transfer station.

Marcy Hannum stated that she was with the Solano County Local Enforcement Agency (LEA) program; the LEA is an arm of CalRecycle. The LEA regulates the solid waste facilities in Solano County. One of the regulations cites that green waste mixed with food waste is considered solid waste. This triggers the requirement that Vallejo Recology submit an application to the Solano County LEA for a transfer station permit. As part of the application process the LEA will conduct a public hearing on Recology Vallejo’s request to have a transfer station designation.

Jill Firch, CalRecycle, stated that as far as updating the current planning document CalRecycle does not require a public hearing. Solano County’s requirement is to send CalRecycle a memo or letter confirming what changes were made within the facility.

Narcisa Untal stated that Recology Vallejo is currently sited as a recycling center. The facility now wants to accept food scraps to include with their green waste. Current regulations define food scraps as solid waste and once solid waste touches the ground it must be handled by a permitted facility. This is why

Recology Vallejo needs to apply for a solid waste facility permit through the Solano County LEA. The application process includes a conformance finding that Recology Vallejo is identified in one of the five elements of the Solano County CIWMP as being physically located at a particular address; what its diversion rate will be; what commodities will be brought in; capacity; and who is participating. The CIWMP will be updated to show Recology as a permitted solid waste facility. The City of Vallejo is also required to send a letter to the County of Solano that demonstrates that the City has gone thru their internal process and determined that the designation of Recology Vallejo as a transfer station is consistent with the City of Vallejo General Plan. The permit information will be forwarded to CalRecycle as an update to the Solano County 2010 NDFE. No action is required of the Solano County LTF.

Chair Dunbar asked the LTF members if there were any questions; hearing none he asked for public comment.

The following is verbatim testimony:

Arthur Boone: "I would like to make a comment if I could. I will make this very, very brief. The first city in the country to have food debris in their green carts was San Francisco and that is because Recology took the lead in San Francisco. To help make that happen they have worked out all the difficulties I think that it took to making that happen in that community. There are now out of 8,000 curbside programs in the whole country; there's only about 150 that are processing food debris in green carts. Believe it or not; in the whole country? And two thirds of those programs are within 50 miles of San Francisco. You are ...(unintelligible-others speaking). You are recovering a part of the green Bay Area because the greater Bay Area is ...(unintelligible-others speaking).

Derek Crutchfield: "Well Vallejo is the gateway to the Bay Area. So it's only natural that we would follow this lead. And you know it was clearly as a recycling coordinator to see, to know that those trucks in San Francisco were passing us every day heading to Jepson Prairie Organics and that our stuff couldn't be in those trucks. So I'm glad that we are finally at this place."

6. Member Updates

Dolores Tiburcio, Travis AFB

Dolores Tiburcio reported that she has submitted a proposal to use funds from the scrap metal reimbursement program to fund a computer based recycling training program. Recycling training is required of all personnel. As there is always a significant number of personnel beginning or ending an assignment on the Base continuity can be a problem. The proposed program will allow individuals to view the computer based recycling training program; complete a self-test; and print out their training certificate. The benefit of the program is that it saves manpower and is an excellent tracking device of those who have completed the training and those who have not. Dolores is waiting for an approval on the proposed program from the Air Force chain of command.

Esther Blanco, City of Fairfield

A multi-family housing recycling guide was recently completed. We are now officially

doing our outreach with the limited supply purchased through the bottles and cans grant, although we have been doing outreach since July. Fairfield is also looking for another site for the Community Garden.

Allen Hochstetler, Concrush

Concrush holds a conditional use permit on property in the unincorporated area of Solano County. As the five year permit is about to expire they have applied to renew the use permit for another five years. The property will soon be annexed by the City of Fairfield and eventually the property will no longer be zoned for their existing use. They have plans to move to the proposed Train Station Industrial Park. Mr. Hochstetler noted that they recycle 100% of everything that comes into the yard. In five years they have not had a single noise, dust or odor complaint. They have recycled 1.3 billion pounds of construction debris.

Derek Crutchfield, City of Vallejo

Derek Crutchfield stated that he was very fortunate to work with some great people. VALCORE is a great help and asset to the City of Vallejo. Lisa Lefebvre and Tom Phillips of Recology Vallejo have been awesome to work with as well. He and Lisa have been working on creating a recycling program for multi-family dwellings as part of the Mandatory Commercial Recycling program. They will provide carts and bags to encourage the residents to participate in recycling along with outreach efforts to educate residents on the value of recycling. The carts and bags are printed with acceptable recyclables to help prevent contamination of the recycling containers. They will begin with a pilot program of five units. They have also ordered recycling containers for the schools. Derek is also working on providing magic and puppet shows at the K-2 grade levels to educate students on how to recycle at school. He also added that the confidential shredding is still offered by VALCORE on the third Saturday of each month to all Solano County residents.

Lisa Lefebvre, Recology Vallejo

Lisa Lefebvre has been working with Derek to start a recycling program at the schools including a friendly competition between schools at the middle and high school levels. She has been working with the Green Team at Jesse Bethel HS who will help with recycling education at the schools. The Coats for Kids drive was very successful with over 300 coats that were distributed and diverted from the landfill. For the third year in a row Recology adopted a family at Christmas. Lisa also works closely with Mark Nichols formerly of VALCORE who is now an employee at Recology Vallejo.

Marie Knutson, Allied Waste

Marie Knutson has been working with schools and multi-family dwellings to promote recycling. With the multi-family units the biggest problem she is running into is space. She is also working with businesses in the Benicia Industrial Park to help them get rid of the discards from their projects. One of the businesses is a coffee company that goes thru hundreds of burlap bags per day. A burlap bag give away is being planned for Contra Costa and Solano counties. She offered the bags to the meeting attendees as well.

Marcy Hannum, County of Solano County

Marcy Hannum noted that recent actions of the Solano County LEA were to approve two amendments to the Potrero Hills Joint Technical Documents. One amendment was

to start up a new sludge management operation and the second was an amendment to the composting facility to allow an adjustment to the site boundary. There is a 30 day appeal period that ends February 11, 2013. She also gave a brief description of the three member Solid Waste Independent Hearing Panel and announced that there was an opening on the panel for a technical member. Applications were being accepted thru February 11, 2013. (See Attachments A & B)

Jane Bogner, Sierra Club

Jane Bogner stated that VALCORE is looking for a new manager to replace Mark Nichols. She is also continuing to update the online recycle guide.

Sandra Gonzalez, Solano Garbage

Sandra Gonzalez is continuing to work with school sites that are participating in a food waste recycling program. She is also working on a recycling program for multi-family units.

Jim Dunbar, Potrero Hills Landfill

Jim Dunbar reported that Potrero Hills currently has all of their permits in place. In January they will be starting up a sludge management operation processing center as they are now permitted to accept bulk liquids and certify them for disposal.

Narcisa Untal, County of Solano

Narcisa Untal briefly reviewed upcoming events as listed on the agenda under Informational Items. At the request of the Solano County Local Enforcement Agency the next LTF meeting will be a special meeting on either March 7th or 14th. The LEA would like to bring their recommendation for the Solid Waste Independent Hearing Panel technical expert position to the Local Task Force for their comment at the March special meeting. Any LTF comments will be submitted to the Board of Supervisors for their review. She also noted that the visiting college students from Mexico were very interested in getting a better understanding of how we manage our garbage in the Bay Area. They will be touring various recycling facilities including Recology Vallejo, Potrero Hills Landfill and Jepson Prairie Organics.

7. Adjournment

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 10:37 a.m. with the walking tour immediately following.

8. Special Item – Optional Walking Tour of Recology Vallejo Recycling Center

The next regular LTF meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 21, 2013



SOLANO COUNTY
Department of Resource Management
Solid Waste Local Enforcement Agency (LEA)

Date of Notice: January 10, 2013

PUBLIC NOTICE

Project Type/Number: Amendment to the Report of Facility Information
Solid Waste Facility Permit SWIS No. 48-AA-0075

Facility Name: Potrero Hills Landfill

Facility Location: 3675 Potrero Hills Lane, Suisun, CA 94585

Facility Contact: Jim Dunbar - (707) 432-4621

Date LEA Received Application: December 26, 2012

Date LEA Approved Application: January 10, 2013

LEA Contact: Marcy Hannum, Senior REHS - (707) 784-3303

Introduction

Please be advised that the County of Solano Solid Waste Local Enforcement Agency (LEA) received and approved a Report of Facility Information (RFI) amendment to the Solid Waste Facility Permit for the Potrero Hills Landfill. The LEA is certified by the California Department of Resources, Recovery and Recycling to enforce state laws and regulations at solid waste facilities within the County of Solano.

Description of Changes

The RFI amendment addresses the following changes:

- Include the Sludge Management Plan in Appendix Z. This plan details how high-moisture content material (material above 50% moisture excluding biosolids and wastewater treatment sludge) will be mixed with soil and other absorbent substances to 'solidify' the material for disposal.
- Update Figure 14 (Ancillary Facilities) to reflect the proposed location of the Sludge Management Area within the portion of the landfill's permitted boundary commonly known as Phase I.
- Update Figure 16 (Limits of Composting) to reflect the change in the boundary of the Composting Operation within the portion of the landfill's permitted boundary commonly known as Phase I.

LEA's Determination

Pursuant to Title 27, California Code of Regulations, section 21665(c), the LEA reviewed the application and determined that the proposed changes are consistent with State Minimum Standards, are consistent with all adopted CEQA documents, and does not conflict with the existing Solid Waste Facilities Permit. The LEA approved the amendment on January 10, 2013.

Additional Information

Documents are available for public review by appointment in the LEA office located at 675 Texas Street, Suite 5500, Fairfield, Ca 94533. If you have any questions please contact Marcy Hannum at (707) 784-3303 or by email at mlhannum@solanocounty.com

Appeal Process Information

For information on the appeal process pursuant to Public Resource Code section 44307 you may contact Marcy Hannum at (707) 784-3303.



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January 11, 2013

**Applications for Technical Expert on the
Solano County Solid Waste Independent Hearing Panel
Now Being Accepted**

Applications from individuals who are interested in serving as the Technical Expert on the Solano County Solid Waste Independent Hearing Panel are currently being accepted by the Solano County Local Enforcement Agency (LEA). The ideal candidate will have practical, technical experience in solid waste facility operations or regulatory oversight programs pertaining to solid waste facilities. Experience may be gained through employment in the solid waste industry, private sector providing services to assist in permitting or operation of solid waste facilities, or a government regulatory agency responsible for solid waste facility enforcement. Typically, the individual will have a professional license or registration, such as a Professional Engineer or Registered Environmental Health Specialist. The position requires that the individual not have any conflict of interest resulting from employment, claim or litigation, or actions taken for or against solid waste facilities operated in Solano County or their parent companies. The Solid Waste Independent Hearing Panel does not meet regularly. The Board of Supervisors has approved a \$100 per diem compensation for panel members.

Application Process:

If interested, obtain an application by contacting the Solano County Local Enforcement Agency at the address, telephone number or email provided below. A resume or additional information may be attached to the application. Applications must be completed and submitted no later than **5:00 PM, Monday, February 11, 2013** to:

Marcy Hannum, Senior Environmental Health Specialist
Solano County Local Enforcement Agency
Department of Resource Management
Environmental Health Services Division
675 Texas Street, Suite 5500
Fairfield, CA 94533
(707) 784-6765 - general office phone
(707) 784-3303 – direct phone
(707) 784-4805 – fax
mlhannum@solanocounty.com

Building & Safety
David Cliche
Building Official

Planning Services
Mike Yankovich
Program Manager

Environmental
Health
Terry Schmidbauer
Program Manager

Administrative
Services
Suganthi Krishnan
Sr. Staff Analyst

Public Works-
Engineering
Matt Tuggle
Engineering Manager

Public Works-
Operations
Wayne Spencer
Operations Manager

Appointment Process:

The LEA will evaluate all applications received and will make a recommendation to the Board of Supervisors for final appointment. The LEA may obtain input and concurrence from the Solano County Integrated Waste Management Local Task Force before making its recommendation to the Board of Supervisors. It is anticipated that the effective date of appointment will begin in mid-April 2013.

Additional Background:

The LEA is responsible for enforcement of solid waste laws and regulations pertaining to solid waste facilities in Solano County. As part of this effort and consistent with state laws and regulations, the Board of Supervisors has established a Solid Waste Independent Hearing Panel to hold administrative hearings as needed by the LEA regarding action occurring at solid waste facilities or for review of LEA enforcement action. The panel is comprised of three members: a technical expert with knowledge of solid waste management methods and technology, someone from the public at large and a member of the Board of Supervisors. All members are appointed by the Board of Supervisors for a four year term, and may serve more than one term, but no more than two consecutive terms.



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***Application for Technical Expert for the
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NAME _____

RESIDENCE ADDRESS, CITY, ZIP _____

EMPLOYER _____

EMPLOYER ADDRESS, CITY, ZIP _____

HOME PHONE _____ CELL PHONE _____

WORK PHONE _____ EMAIL _____

SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT IN WHICH YOU RESIDE (please check one) 1___ 2___ 3___ 4___ 5___ None___

WILL YOU BE AVAILABLE TO ATTEND DAY AND/OR NIGHT MEETINGS AS NEEDED _____

MEMBERSHIPS IN OTHER ORGANIZATIONS (list name and address)

PROVIDE YOUR PERTINENT WORK & EDUCATIONAL HISTORY (CHECK ONE OR MORE)

___ RESUME ATTACHED

___ ADDITIONAL PAGE ATTACHED

DESCRIBE HOW YOUR INVOLVEMENT MIGHT BENEFIT THE PANEL (Attach an additional page if necessary)

REFERENCES (list 3-5)

APPLICANT SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

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