

MINUTES

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

Meeting of March 16, 2017

9:00 a.m.

Solano County Administration Center

Member Organization	Representative	Present
City of Benicia	Sharon Williams	
City of Dixon	Janet Koster	
City of Fairfield	Esther Blanco	
City of Rio Vista	Dave Melilli	
City of Suisun City	Amanda Dum	
City of Vacaville	Ivonne Vaughn	X
City of Vallejo	Derek Crutchfield	
County of Solano IWM	Narcisa Untal	X
	Colby LaPlace	
County of Solano LEA	Marcy Hannum	
	David Weiss	
Travis Air Force Base	Jonathan Carlson	
	Milea Franklin	
Recology Dixon	Julia Lopez	
	Melanie Calabrese	
Recology Vacaville Solano	Scott Pardini	
	Paul Bandettini	
Recology Vallejo	Tom Phillips	
	Lisa Lefebvre	
Republic Services - Benicia	Marie Knutson	
	Susan Hurl	
	Travis Armstrong	
Republic Services - Fairfield	Sandra Gonzalez (Chair)	X
	Jeff Donlevy	
Rio Vista Sanitation Service	Nicole Impagliazzo	
Potrero Hills Landfill	Dave Jappert	
	Natalie Hicks	
Recology Hay Road/Jepson Prairie Organics	Chris Taylor	
	Danielle Lowther	
	Bryan Clarkson	
Concrush	Allen Hochstetler	X
	Brandon Hochstetler	
Fairfield-Suisun Sewer District	TaLYon Sortor	
	Kevin Cullen	
Pacific Rim Recycling	Steve Moore	
	MariSa Moore	
Recycling Zone	Jack Waite	
	Chris Aschero	
Sierra Club	Jane Bogner	X
VALCORE	Ken Hawes (Vice Chair)	X
Solano Community College	Vacant	

GUESTS:

Joe Scholtes, 95.3 KUIC
Kim Fu, The Reporter
Lisa Mekis, CA Carpet Stewardship Program, CARE
Laura Vernan, Conservation Corps North Bay (CCNB)

1. **Call to Order / Introductions**

The meeting was called to order at 9:06 am. Members and guests introduced themselves.

2. **Public Comment**

There were no public comments.

3. **Action Items(s)**

a. **Minutes: January 19, 2017**

Due to a lack of a quorum the minutes of January 19, 2017 were continued to the next meeting.

4. **Presentations**

a. **Conservation Corps North Bay (CCNB): Funding from CalRecycle Expands Recycling Services into Solano County.**

Narcisa Untal reported that the CCNB contacted Narcisa when they found a large tire dump off of Hwy 37 to get more information about it and offered to pick it up on their way back to their headquarters. They informed her that they receive funds from CalRecycle to pick up recycling materials. There is no administrative cost or time to local jurisdictions for CCNB activities. The CCNB moving into Solano County will be a benefit for the area.

Laura Vernon, CCNB Recycling Program Manager, stated that the Conservation Corps North Bay is the oldest youth conservation corps in the country. Serving Marin and Sonoma Counties since 1983, CCNB has helped nearly 10,000 young men and women break the cycle of poverty through education and job skills, while serving the environment and community.

They are a workforce development program that works with corps members who are eighteen to twenty five years old to provide job training skills, assistance in earning high school diplomas, and build career pathway skills. The corps members are the workforce that gets the projects done.

CCNB provides recycling collection in parks and public lands, E-waste collections, storm drain marking, tire collections and clean-ups, free auto tire recycling. The recycling portion of the program is funded by the CalRecycle Cans and Bottles recycling program. E-waste collections are events where they can work with jurisdictions for daily or a weekend collection. Again costs are funded by a CalRecycle grant. Storm drain marking can be done in the unincorporated areas of the county and is funded by CalRecycle oil grant money. In some counties they are helping jurisdictions do a survey and trash mapping study as they are marking the storm drains. The survey shows the risk level of trash going into a storm drain in different areas.

CCNB not only sets up tire amnesty days but also obtains the permits and provides the trucks and workers for the events. They will also go into an area and spend a few days cleaning up illegal tire dumps. Ms. Vernon briefly reviewed the administrative process for setting up tire collections.

b. CA Carpet Stewardship Program: Introduction of the Carpet America Recovery Effort (CARE) in Solano County.

Ms. Untal noted that she had been contacted by the Carpet Stewardship Program who wished to look at different facilities in Solano County that might be able to work with the Carpet Recycling Program. They looked at Recology Hay Road Landfill, Potrero Hills Landfill and Recology Vallejo Transfer Station which are sites where countywide events are typically held because they are centrally located to most county residents. These facilities offer their sites at no cost to support recycling programs in the county. The goal is to use the location(s) that best serves the majority of people in the county.

Lisa Mekis, CA Carpet Stewardship Program, CARE, stated that about 400 million pounds of carpet goes into California landfills annually. Their scope includes not only collection and recycling of carpet but also manufacturing and market development of products made from recycled carpet. CARE has conducted outreach to all flooring retailers in California by either a site visit or by phone. For consumers they are working on grant programs and procurement programs. They are also reaching out to carpet installers and contactors about where to take used carpets for recycling.

CARE is working to establish and support at least one Carpet Recycling drop-off site in every county in California. There are currently 38 carpet recycling drop-off sites in California that are CARE sponsored. A map of the sites was distributed and revealed that the site for Solano County was the Vallejo Transfer Station. Narcisa noted that it was important that a drop off site in Solano County be centrally located to provide convenient access for our population centers.

Once a drop-off site is located CARE brings in a container; pays for a third party hauler (usually a 53 or 28 foot trailer); the full container will be picked up and replaced with an empty one; the transportation and recycling tip fee are paid by CARE. CARE also provides technical assistance for the drop-off sites; promotional materials in English and Spanish; assistance with websites as well as Google ads.

Currently there are 25 products that are made out of post-consumer carpet. Some of the products are carpet underlayment, carpet tile, signage, construction insulation, and wattles. They recently offered a grant program for public agencies to purchase products made out of recycled carpets. Last year they awarded 2.5 million dollars in grants to build infrastructure for manufacturing.

Under AB 2398 an assessment (\$0.25 per square yard) is charged on every square yard of carpet sold and/or shipped in California. All carpet retailers are responsible for charging and reporting the carpet stewardship assessment on all carpet sold in California. Assessment funds are used to help the California Carpet Stewardship Program influence recyclability of manufactured carpet, increase reuse opportunities, provide collection opportunities, increase recycled output, and support the development of products made with post-consumer carpet.

5. Member Updates

Sandra Gonzalez, Republic Services

City of Fairfield 6th annual Earth Day event will be held on Saturday April 22nd. Republic Services is sponsoring a children's poster coloring contest with the theme "Reduce, Reuse, Recycle."

Ivonne Vaughn, City of Vacaville

The City of Vacaville had their first confidential paper shredding and e-waste collection thru Gone for Good. They had a little over 80 cars come thru. It will run from 9am – 12pm, on second Saturdays thru October 2017. A Prescription Drug Take Back event is coming up in

April. Sutter Regional and North Bay Healthcare are helping out by distributing informational flyers about the event.

Ken Hawes, VALCORE

VALCORE provided zero waste services, used oil outreach and recycling outreach at the Flyway Festival on Mare Island. At the Youth Ag Day they provided zero waste services and “Pre-cycling” education to the children. They are preparing for Earth Day in Vallejo on Saturday, April 15th. For their third year VALCORE will be offering zero waste services in Napa for their Earth Day event on Saturday, April 22nd. Last year’s event in Napa had a 94% diversion rate. They will be providing labor for Republic Services at upcoming compost give away events on March 25st in Martinez and on April 1st in Benicia. On Saturday March 18th VALCORE and the City of Vallejo will provide confidential paper shredding at \$0.50 per pound.

Narcisa Untal, County of Solano

The Solano County website will soon have a community event calendar. Jurisdictions were encouraged to submit information on upcoming events. The County is starting a public outreach and education campaign where each month there will be a focus on one item of information pertaining to recycling.

6. Adjournment

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 10:15 a.m.

The next LTF meeting is scheduled for **Thursday, July 19, 2017, at the Solano County Government Center, 675 Texas St., Fairfield, 6th Floor Conference Room 6004**