

# MINUTES

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

May 19, 2011 Special Meeting

9:00 a.m.

Keller Canyon Landfill

X represents members present:

	<b>Company/Organization</b>	<b>Member Name</b>
X	Allied Waste	Susan Hurl
X	Allied Waste (Alternate)	Jennifer Brennan
	CCL Organics	Dave Burnley
X	City of Benicia	Tonya Gilmore
	City of Dixon	Martha Jensen
X	City of Fairfield (Alternate)	Esther Blanco
X	City of Fairfield	Sandra Gonzalez
	City of Rio Vista	Dawn Bahrenfuss
X	City of Suisun City	Amanda Dum
	City of Vacaville	Kari Holmes
X	City of Vacaville (Alternate)	Mindy Harris
X	City of Vallejo	Derek Crutchfield
X	Concrush	Allen Hochstetler
	Concrush (Alternate)	Andrew Hochstetler
X	County of Solano	Ed Padilla
X	County of Solano	Narcisa Untal
	County of Solano (Alternate)	Marcy Hannum
	Fairfield-Suisun Sewer District	Kevin Cullen
	Pacific Rim Recycling	Steve Moore
X	Potrero Hills Landfill	Jim Dunbar
X	Potrero Hills Landfill (Alternate)	Natalie Hicks
	Recology Hay Road	Greg Pryor
X	Recology Hay Road (Alternate)	Chris Taylor
	Recology Vacaville Solano / Recology Dixon	Scott Pardini
	Recology Vacaville Solano / Recology Dixon (Alternate)	Julia Lopez
	Recology Vallejo	Ed Farewell
X	Recology Vallejo (Alternate)	Lisa Lefebvre
	Recycling Zone	Jack Waite
	Recycling Zone (Alternate)	Dave Ryan
X	Rio Vista Sanitation Service	Keith Nance
X	Sierra Club	Jane Bogner
	Solano Community College	Dave Froehlich
	Solano Community College (Alternate)	Jeff Leheldt
	Solano Garbage Company	Kevin Finn
	Solano Garbage Company (Alternate)	Theresa Travers
	Travis Air Force Base	Dolores Tiburcio
X	VALCORE	Mark Nichols
	VALCORE (Alternate)	Genie Kaggerud

## **GUESTS:**

Marie Knutson, Allied Waste

Harry Englebright, Englebright and Associates

David Tam, SPRAWLDEF and Northern California Recycling Association

Arthur R. Boone, Northern California Recycling Association

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### **1. Call to Order / Introductions**

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Dunbar.

### **2. Public Comment**

David Tam noted that it does not take 10 to 15 years to site a new landfill. In an environmentally appropriate location it can take less time. Keller Canyon opened up in May 1992 in a little over 7.5 years. SPRAWLDEF was saddened but undaunted by the decision of the San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board to give waste incentive requirements in section 401 of the Clean Water Act certification to the Potrero Hills Landfill expansion. He expected the decision to be appealed to the State Water Resources Control Board.

Arthur Boone, Northern California Recycling Association, reported that there is a bill currently in Sacramento (AB1178) that could change the way that counties control their own waste streams. It would limit the rights of counties to keep other counties garbage out of their landfills.

### **3. Action Item(s)**

#### **a. Approval of the Minutes**

The minutes of January 20, 2011 were approved.

### **4. Presentation**

#### **a. Solano County Recycling Guide:**

Michael Larson, AT&T Advertising Solutions, spoke about how AT&T supports the recycling movement and that they plan to extend their efforts to recycle directories nationwide.

### **5. DISCUSSION ITEM(S)**

#### **a. Countywide Integrated Waste Management Plan – Siting Element**

##### **i. Update – Narcisa Untal, Solano County**

Harry Englebright, Englebright and Associates, stated that the next big step in the Siting Element update is the release next week of the Negative Declaration. The Negative Declaration describes the environmental impacts associated with the adoption of the Siting Element. There are no new sites proposed. The 30 day review/public comment period will begin once the document is sent to the State Clearinghouse. At the conclusion of the comment period the formal process of bringing the Siting Element back to the LTF then to the Planning Commission and the Board of Supervisors will begin. The process will occur over the summer and into the early fall. They hope to complete it by November 2011. Jim Dunbar asked if during the 30 day review period there will be any public meetings. Mr. Englebright

answered that there would be no public hearing on the Negative Declaration. Comments received during the review period will be incorporated into the document.

**b. Zero Waste Committee Update**

i. Zero Waste Kick-Off Event – Chair Natalie Hicks, Potrero Hills Landfill

Lisa Lefebvre will be focusing on the commercial sector. She has chosen Genentech as a business to focus on as well as Toyota Vallejo. She will monitor their garbage output for one year and come back to the LTF with her findings. Theresa Travers will focus on Green Valley School composting and recycling programs and will monitor their garbage output as well. Focusing on the residential sector, Keith Nance will monitor various customers for a year and give a \$500.00 award at the end of the program.

ii. Calendar – Vice-Chair Derek Crutchfield, City of Vallejo

Derek Crutchfield and Sandra Gonzalez plan to create a 2012 calendar for the birthday celebration. The calendar will also include the Recycling Guide. It would be something people would be able to take away from the Solano County birthday celebration in September. The calendar (10,000 copies) will be distributed at various events. Each month the calendar would focus on one subject. It would also contain event information for all of Solano County. He reminded members to submit their event information for the calendar as soon as possible. The deadline to submit information for publication is early June. The cost estimate is approximately \$20,000 for 10,000 to 15,000 copies. Michael Larson noted that AT&T might be interested in co-opting part of the calendar.

iii. Green Event Certification Program, Narcisa Untal, Solano County

The Zero Waste Committee is also working on a voluntary program to certify green events that are locally sponsored in Solano County. The Committee had planned to partner with the Solano Land Trust for their fund raiser called Farm Fresh Feast which could serve as a role model for the development of a green event certification program. Events are one of the largest generators of garbage because of the convenience of using disposable items. The certification program will be modeled after the Green Business Program which is (1) voluntary, (2) requires compliance with local, state and federal regulations (3) goes above and beyond compliance levels. The Green event certification would require a permit for the event site. The Green Event Certification Program was pulled from the Board of Supervisors agenda because it was felt by County Supervisors that additional work was needed for the regulatory process, support of non-profits, and re-assessment of the fee structure. In July the certification process will be brought before the LTF for review and a recommendation to go before the Board of Supervisors before the Solano County birthday celebration. There are currently seven events whose sponsors are interested in participating in the Green Event Certification program. Cities in Solano County are also being encouraged to adopt Green Event Certification programs of their own.

## 6. **Member Updates**

### M. Harris, City of Vacaville

City of Vacaville just had their 6<sup>th</sup> prescription take back event the collected 214 pounds of pills and 6 twelve gallon containers of ointments and liquids. A coloring contest was held on Earth Day.

### S. Gonzalez, City of Fairfield

The City of Fairfield held an Earth Day celebration which featured an e-waste event, composting demonstrations, eco-friendly products and practices, entertainment, food, a kids fishing derby. Partnering the event with Fairfield were Solano Garbage, Fairfield-Suisun Sewer District and the City of Suisun City. The City of Fairfield is also planning to hold a pharmaceutical take back event in June.

### L. Lefebvre, Recology Vallejo

Recology Vallejo held an Earth Day event where they collected 15 boxes of e-waste, approximately 300 tires and several hundred florescent bulbs. Recology now uses an e-waste company that recycles in a very environmental friendly way.

### A. Dum, Suisun City

Amanda Dum introduced herself as the new recycling coordinator for the City of Suisun City. She announced that they held their first Earth Day celebration and plan to continue the event next year. She also announced that they now have composting containers available.

### T. Gilmore, City of Benicia

The City of Benicia held an Earth Day event and also held a prescription take back event. They are entering a new contract with Allied Waste that is expected to bring a big improvement in garbage collection services.

### M. Nichols, VALCORE

VALCORE held their Earth Day event on April 16<sup>th</sup>. They are also will be featuring recycling activities at many upcoming local events. Their composting classes are continuing.

### J. Brennan, Allied Waste

J. Brennan introduced Marie Knudsen who will be the Allied Waste representative to the LTF. They will be providing services for mandatory commercial recycling for the City of Benicia. She noted that the sharps collection program has also been successful.

### D. Crutchfield, City of Vallejo

The City of Vallejo offers confidential shredding on the third Saturday of each month and has been very successful. The service is open to Solano and Napa county residents and costs \$10.00 for 1-20 pounds of paper. He thanked VALCORE and Recology Vallejo for partnering with the City. At Vallejo's Earth Day event they collected tires and e-waste.

#### J. Dunbar, Potrero Hills Landfill

Potrero Hills Landfill received their expansion permit from the Regional Water Quality Control Board. The landfill will be starting an approved resource, recover, recyclables and materials collection program. Potrero Hills Landfill will be submitting an application for a Solid Waste Facilities permit within the next 30-45 days.

#### N. Untal, County of Solano

The Cities and County jointly submitted a grant request to CalRecycle for the Tire Amnesty Program in an amount of \$90,000. Because the Tire Amnesty Program is being used as a model by the State, the grant was funded for the full \$90,000. The program is expected to begin in August or September. The grant does not include any money for advertising.

D. Tam stated that the last public statement from Potrero Hills Landfill was that phase one would be filled by about 2016. The Daily Republic quoted J. Dunbar as saying that they would get started on phase two of the project in 2012. He asked why phase two was to be constructed four years ahead of its need. J. Dunbar answered that it was to keep the cost down and to completely build out phase one area requires part of phase two to be built to make better use of the phase one footprint.

#### 6. Adjournment

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 11:00am to the tour of the Keller Canyon Landfill.

The next regular LTF meeting is scheduled for <b>Thursday, July 21, 2011.</b>
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