

# MINUTES

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

Meeting of September 19, 2013

9:00 a.m.

Loma Vista Farm, Vallejo

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

**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. Presentation**

**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 Trinke, City of Benicia

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

Kathy Trinke  
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 totes 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

The next regular LTF meeting is scheduled for <b>Thursday, November 21, 2013</b>
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