

# MINUTES

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

Meeting of November 20, 2014

9:00 a.m.

Solano County Administration Center

Member Organization	Representative	Present
Republic Services	Susan Hurl	
Republic Services	Marie Knutson	X
CCL Organics	Dave Burnley	
City of Benicia	Sharon Williams	X
City of Dixon	Janet Koster	
City of Fairfield	Esther Blanco	X
City of Rio Vista	John Degele	
City of Suisun City	Amanda Dum	X
City of Vacaville	Ivonne Vaughn	X
City of Vallejo	Derek Crutchfield	X
Concrush	Allen Hochstetler	
County of Solano	Narcisa Untal	X
County of Solano	Marcy Hannum	X
County of Solano	David Weiss	X
County of Solano	Colby LaPlace	X
Fairfield-Suisun Sewer District	Kevin Cullen	
Pacific Rim Recycling	Steve Moore	
Pacific Rim Recycling	Marissa Wong	
Potrero Hills Landfill	Dave Jappert	X
Potrero Hills Landfill	Natalie Hicks	X
Recology Dixon	Paul Bandettini	X
Recology Dixon	Melanie Calabrese	
Recology Hay Road	Danielle Lowther	
Recology Hay Road	Chris Taylor	
Recology Vacaville	Julia Lopez	
Recology Vacaville	Scott Pardini	X
Recology Vallejo	Lisa Lefebvre	X
Recology Vallejo	Tom Phillips	
Recycling Zone	Dave Ryan	
Recycling Zone	Chris Aschero	
Rio Vista Sanitation Service	Sal Coniglio	X
Rio Vista Sanitation Service	Nicole Impagliazzo	X
Sierra Club	Jane Bogner	
Solano Community College	Dwight Calloway	
Solano Community College	Jeff Lehfeldt	
Solano Garbage Company	Sandra Gonzalez	X
Solano Garbage Company	Travis Armstrong	
Travis Air Force Base	Brian Sassaman	
Travis Air Force Base	Milea Franklin	X
VALCORE	Ken Hawes	X
VALCORE	Erin Tator	
CalRecycle	Jill Firch	
CalRecycle	Rachelle Tarver	X

### **GUESTS:**

Joe Scholtes, 95.3 KUIC

Marianne Butler, Solano RCD

Okla Hensley, CalRecycle  
Darcy Bird, CalRecycle  
James Dunbar, LYTEK  
Marcus Dufort, Potrero Hills Landfill

1. **Call to Order / Introductions**

The meeting was called to order at 9:15am and those present introduced themselves.

2. **Public Comment**

Marianne Butler, Solano RCD, described Solano County's Coastal Cleanup Day that was held on September 20<sup>th</sup>. It was a successful event with 2500 people participating; the volume of trash and recyclables collected was one of the lowest ever within the past eight years. Reasons for the low numbers could mean that people are becoming more aware and are doing the right thing; with low rainfall last year the rain might not have moved as much trash into the creeks; a lot of the cleanup sites in the past have been historic dumping sites which have now mostly been cleaned up. Volunteers cleaned up 80 miles of land in Solano County. She thanked everyone for participating in the cleanup event.

3. **Action Items(s)**

a. **Minutes: September 18, 2014**

The minutes of September 18, 2014 were approved.

b. **Election for Chair and Vice-Chair**

The candidates for Chair were Esther Blanco, City of Fairfield and Sal Coniglio, Rio Vista Sanitation Service. The candidates for Vice-Chair were Derek Crutchfield, City of Vallejo and Amanda Dum, City of Suisun City. After the candidates introduced themselves the LTF members cast their vote by secret ballot. Sal Coniglio was elected to serve as Chair and Amanda Dum was elected to serve as Vice-Chair. Their 2 year term will begin January 1, 2015 and end December 31, 2016.

4. **Countywide Integrated Waste Management Plan (CIWMP) – 2013 Annual Reports**

Rachelle Tarver, CalRecycle, gave a presentation on the annual report that cities are required to submit to CalRecycle in August. She described the main components of the report and explained why jurisdictions need to submit the report. She also described the components of the review cycle and gave some helpful hints on how to complete the report.

5. **PRESENTATIONS**

**California's Disposal-Based Reporting System (DRS)**

Okla Hensley and Darcy Bird, CalRecycle, gave a presentation on the CalRecycle Disposal Based Reporting System (DRS). The DRS is used to measure the statewide diversion goal progress; to calculate per capita disposal in jurisdictions' electronic annual report; to compare California waste-management practices and to measure waste stream by the waste characterization team. The presentation also covered who reports to landfills; what is tracked at landfills (ADC, AIC and Beneficial reuse); when quarterly reports are due to landfills and to whom landfills report.

The ideal reporting process was described and well as the revision process. They noted that DRS staff accepts revisions all year for all quarters. And revisions for a report year are accepted up until that year is finalized. For data inquiries jurisdictions may ask for access to records only for disposal reporting purposes. Facilities can deny access to records for proprietary reasons, but they must consult with CalRecycle for a final determination. All data requests should go to facilities. Instructions were given on how to access eDRS to review data.

## 6. **LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**

### **Senate Bill 270: Single Use Carryout Bags**

Solano County staff recently went before the Solano County Coordinating Council (4 Cs) to inform them that a paid signature gathering campaign has been organized to collect enough signatures for a referendum to put SB 270 (plastic bag ban) to a vote in November 2015. If successful it would delay the July 1, 2015 implementation of SB 270. Ms. Untal noted that if the referendum is not successful she will work with a graphic artist to begin a campaign to inform and educate the public about the bag ban. The launch date of the public education campaign will be late January or early February.

## 7. **Member Updates**

### Esther Blanco, City of Fairfield

Ms. Blanco noted that there is legislation pending on recycling topics including mattresses, carpet and organics. She was curious as to what everyone else is doing about those topics because there are requirements and mandates that are coming up quickly. Ms. Untal offered to put topics of interest on LTF agendas for discussion.

### Sandra Gonzalez, Solano Garbage Company

Ms. Gonzalez announced that the school food waste recycling program is doing well. All the schools in the Travis USD are now doing some kind of food waste recycling and their diversion rates are up.

### Amanda Dum, City of Suisun City

Ms. Dum is working with Ms. Gonzalez, Ms. Blanco and the Fairfield-Suisun Sewer District on stormwater issues particularly trash reduction. In collaboration with Marianne Butler, Solano RCD the Suisun City is hoping to have a presentation by Todd Sutton of Waste Sleuth at local elementary schools. She is working on putting together a PET education outreach flyer that will help the public identify items associated with that category of recyclables. The City is working to create a stronger presence with multi-family residences in Suisun City and will be distributing the PET flyers in these areas. On the City website they are creating a dedicated webpage for recycling information with links to other sites. Suisun City is also working on a smoking ordinance.

### Natalie Hicks, Potrero Hills Landfill

Ms. Hicks reminded everyone that it is important to review their data quarterly; because by the time May 15<sup>th</sup> rolls around the landfill is getting a lot of requests for information.

### Lisa Lefebvre, Recology Vallejo

Ms. Lefebvre reported that Recology Vallejo received their permit to become a transfer station. Now they will be able to start the program and begin taking in food scraps at the first of the year. They recently participated in the Coastal Cleanup Day and will be participating in the Mad Hatter parade in Vallejo.

### Ivonne Vaughn, City of Vacaville

Ms. Vaughn reported that the Vacaville Coat Drive is beginning this week. In addition to coats, blankets and jackets are also needed. They are donated to Christmas Wish and the local Boys and Girls Clubs. She also thanked KUIC for helping them out with advertising to get the word out. Vacaville is also continuing to work to increase recycling in apartments. They are in the process of identifying an apartment complex which will receive apartment recyclers. Last month they had another apartment complex that started recycling services. As a recycling coordinator for the City of Vacaville she also handles their temporary hazardous waste site at the corporation yard. Checking the inventory one week she discovered that someone had

brought in what they referred to as a “flare”. It turns out that it was not a roadside flare but was a WWII “Signal Round Red Star Cluster M12A1 Rifle Grenade Flare”. The Travis AFB Bomb Squad disposed of the “flare”.

Sal Coniglio, Rio Vista Sanitation Service

Mr. Coniglio reported that they had a site tour coming up with Rachelle Tarver of CalRecycle. Recently their transfer station in Pittsburg received a visit from U.S. Customs who brought in a drug boat that was dropped in Monterey. They wanted the vessel crushed and sent to the landfill. On the same day they discovered a loaded gun on their C & D line. Pittsburg USD has a nutrition and garden program at some of their schools and Rio Vista Sanitation Service has been providing food waste collection and compost soil for the garden program. One of the schools was recently selected to go to the White House to help harvest a garden with Michelle Obama and stay for lunch. The school was one of three winners selected out of 60 schools across the U.S.

Ken Hawes, VALCORE

Mr. Hawes reported that VALCORE celebrated America Recycles Day on November 15<sup>th</sup> by adding a clothing recycling bin to their yard. They also teamed up with a library in Vallejo to accept library books that are old, damaged or no longer relevant. VALCORE offers the books to the public and recycles the remainder.

Marcus Dufort, Potrero Hills Landfill

Mr. Dufort introduced himself as the regional engineer for Waste Connections. He was in the area to visit Potrero Hills Landfill and learn about their operations.

Dave Weiss, County of Solano

Mr. Weiss reported that over the last couple of months he had been working with CalRecycle and Recology Vallejo towards the issuance of their transfer station permit. He is also working with Tonnesen Pet Cemetery to get their closure plan approved by CalRecycle and the State Water Board. The closure plan is needed to determine what the financial assurances they will have to put aside for closure. After the closure plan is approved Tonnesen begin the application process for their solid waste facility permit (SWFP).

Sharon Williams, City of Benicia

Ms. Williams reported that the City of Benicia was very busy preparing for and participating in Coastal Cleanup Day. The City had nine sites for Coastal Cleanup Day this year.

Derek Crutchfield, City of Vallejo

Mr. Crutchfield reported that the City participated in America Recycles Day. They offer recycling contests where the winners can receive free garbage pickup for one year. The City randomly visits participants to see if their recycling is being done properly. The contest has 12 residential winners (one winner per month). Winning commercial and multi-family dwelling customers are eligible to win \$1,000 off their garbage bill and are eligible to win more than once. The City is also considering working with Joel Green of Curiosity Quest to make a Lunch Challenge DVD targeted towards local middle and high school students. The Lunch Challenge is designed to help schools reduce the amount of food waste and trash generated during the lunch break.

**8. Adjournment**

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 10:54 a.m.

The date of the January 2015 LTF meeting is pending and will be announced in December.