

MINUTES

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

Meeting of November 17, 2016

9:00 a.m.

Solano County Administration Center

Member Organization	Representative	Present
City of Benicia	Sharon Williams	X
City of Dixon	Janet Koster	
City of Fairfield	Esther Blanco	
City of Rio Vista	John Degele	
City of Suisun City	Amanda Dum	X
City of Vacaville	Ivonne Vaughn	X
City of Vallejo	Derek Crutchfield	
Concrush	Allen Hochstetler	X
Concrush	Brandon Hochstetler	
County of Solano	Narcisa Untal	X
County of Solano	Marcy Hannum	
County of Solano	David Weiss	X
County of Solano	Colby LaPlace	
Fairfield-Suisun Sewer District	Talyon Sortor	
Fairfield-Suisun Sewer District	Kevin Cullen	
Pacific Rim Recycling	Steve Moore	
Pacific Rim Recycling	Marissa Moore	
Potrero Hills Landfill	Dave Jappert	
Potrero Hills Landfill	Natalie Hicks	
Recology Dixon	William Payton	
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	
Recology Vallejo	Tom Phillips	
Recycling Zone	Dave Ryan	
Recycling Zone	Chris Aschero	
Republic Services - Fairfield	Sandra Gonzalez	X
Republic Services - Fairfield	Jeff Donlevy	
Republic Services - Benicia	Marie Knutson	X
Republic Services - Benicia	Travis Armstrong	
Rio Vista Sanitation Service	Nicole Impagliazzo	X
Sierra Club	Jane Bogner	X
Solano Community College	Dwight Calloway	
Solano Community College	Jeff Lehfeldt	
Travis Air Force Base	Jonathan Carlson	
Travis Air Force Base	Milea Franklin	
VALCORE	Ken Hawes	X
VALCORE	Sam Quinoz	
CalRecycle	Jill Firch	
CalRecycle	Rachelle Tarver	

GUESTS:

Ruth Cesmas, Integrated Waste Management Intern
Joe Scholtes, 95.3 KUIC
Daria Kent, PaintCare

1. Call to Order / Introductions

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 am. Members and guests introduced themselves.

2. Public Comment

There were no public comments.

3. Action Items(s)

a. Minutes: July 21, 2016

The minutes of July 21, 2015 were unanimously approved on a motion by Ms. Vaughn and a second by Mr. Hochstetler.

b. Minutes: September 15, 2016

The minutes of September 17, 2015 were unanimously approved on a motion by Mr. Hochstetler and a second by Ms. Gonzalez.

c. Nominations: Chair and Vice-Chair

Nominations for LTF Chair:

Mr. Hochstetler, Concrush, nominated Amanda Dum, City of Suisun City. Ms. Dum accepted the nomination.

Ms. Impagliazzo, Rio Vista Sanitation Service, nominated Sandra Gonzalez, Republic Services Fairfield. Ms. Gonzalez accepted the nomination.

Ms. Bogner, Sierra Club, nominated Scott Pardini, Recology Vacaville Solano. Mr. Pardini declined the nomination.

Ms. Dum, City of Suisun City, nominated Ivonne Vaughn, City of Vacaville. Ms. Vaughn declined the nomination.

Nominations for LTF Vice-Chair:

Ms. Knutson, Republic Services Benicia, nominated Ken Hawes, VALCORE. Mr. Hawes accepted the nomination.

Ms. Knutson, Republic Services Benicia, nominated Sandra Gonzalez, Republic Services Fairfield. Ms. Gonzalez accepted the nomination.

On a motion by Ms. Vaughn and a second by Ms. Dum the LTF accepted the nominations. A ballot vote for the LTF Chair resulted in a tie between Ms. Dum and Ms. Gonzalez. A tie breaker vote resulted in the election of Ms. Gonzalez as LTF Chair for the 01/01/17–12/31/18 term.

A ballot vote for LTF Vice-Chair resulted in the election of Mr. Hawes for the 01/01/17–12/31/18 term.

5. Presentation

a. PaintCare Program

Ms. Daria Kent, PaintCare, Northern CA Regional Coordinator, gave a brief informational presentation and asked for feedback on their program in Solano County. PaintCare is active in eight states and the District of Columbia. California's paint stewardship law requires that the paint manufacturing industry to develop a financially sustainable and environmentally responsible program to manage leftover paint. Of the approximately 650 million gallons of paint sold in the U.S. about 10 percent goes unused and is available for recycling. Paint manufacturers established PaintCare, a non-profit organization, to run

paint stewardship programs in states with applicable laws. PaintCare is funded by a non-refundable fee paid by consumers at the point of purchase. The program includes education about buying the right amount of paint and setting up convenient recycling location throughout the state.

There are 786 drop-off sites in California. They would like to achieve a paint drop-off site for every 30,000 people. Most of these sites are at paint retailers (paint, hardware, and home improvement stores) that have volunteered to take back paint. PaintCare sites accept most types of old house paint, stain and varnish. Containers must be five gallons or less. All PaintCare drop-off sites accept up to five gallons of paint per visit, with some sites accepting more.

Ms. Untal noted that the intended purpose of the presentation and Ms. Kent's outreach to the LTF was to get feedback from Solano County regarding their outreach efforts. Ms. Kent was interested in learning the location of our facilities and the densities of our neighborhoods in Solano County.

Ms. Untal stated that she didn't think that PaintCare's outreach in Solano County has been very successful and that they need to do much more in our County. Local jurisdictions are doing their individual outreach efforts but are aware that counties that are larger than Solano County are getting more of PaintCare's budgeted outreach. Local jurisdictions are still getting calls from the public with complaints that paint retailers can't accept their used paint. She didn't think that it was the individual jurisdictions or the haulers that should have to do the outreach to the paint retailers. Their trade association established the PaintCare program to make it convenient for residents to drop off used paint but it is not happening in Solano County. It was noted that Home Depot and Lowes have not chosen to participate in the PaintCare program.

Ms. Gonzales suggested having a sticker with recycling information on the paint cans of participating retailers. Ms. Vaughn noted that she had not heard of any paint recycling complaints. The City of Vacaville has given paint retailers and recycling centers a laminated sheet that gives recycling information for hazardous wastes. She mentioned that she would like to see a billboard with PaintCare information for Solano County. Ms. Knutson noted that they used PaintCare for their ABOP which saved them thousands of dollars in Benicia. Another member noted that they have seen an increase in paint coming into the hazardous waste facility since PaintCare started and they saved on disposal costs.

Ms. Untal commented that while it was good to hear of jurisdictions having success with PaintCare there are other jurisdictions that are having some issues. She asked if it would be possible for Solano County to have a one day paint take-back event at Lowes or Home Depot if jurisdictions partnered with the retailer. Ms. Kent thought that might be a good idea.

4. Member Updates

Sandra Gonzalez, Republic Services Fairfield

Ms. Gonzalez reported that America Recycles Day was celebrated with KUIC on site and a paper shredding event.

Nicole Impagliazzo, Rio Vista Sanitation Service

Ms. Impagliazzo reported that America Recycles Day was celebrated with a well-attended free e-waste drop-off event.

Ivonne Vaughn, City of Vacaville

Ms. Vaughn reported that the Winter Coat Collection drive is underway. Residents can place their gently used coats and blankets in a labeled plastic bag next to their recycling toter for

pick up. The coats are sorted by Boy Scouts and donated to Christmas Wish at the Boys and Girls Club for distribution throughout the community. They are also getting ready for the Boy Scout Christmas Tree Collection.

Sharon Williams, City of Benicia

Ms. Williams reported that the City of Benicia's Coastal Clean Up Day was a success. The Drug Take-Back event saw good community participation.

Marie Knutson, Republic Services Benicia

Ms. Knutson stated that an upcoming event Called Awakening the Dreamer Symposium will be held December 3rd at the Solano County Events Center in Fairfield. The event offered by Sustainable Solano, aims to help people learn how they can make a difference towards a sustainable future that works for all citizens in Solano County.

Ken Hawes, VALCORE

VALCORE provided staffing for a waste audit in Martinez. They also provided staffing for a zero waste event called Martini on the Plaza. The event had an 88% diversion rate. Over 12,000 pounds of material was collected during the Coastal Cleanup Day. They finished the season at the Farmers Market where they hosted an information table for the City of Fairfield. They will begin collecting Christmas trees on December 26th for TreeCycle.

David Weiss, County of Solano

The LEA will be working with Strategic Materials, a glass recycler in Fairfield, to assist CalRecycle with some permitting questions. Glass from transfer stations is cleaned of non-glass debris on site.

The County has a five year permit review coming up for Vision Recycling, a green waste composting facility. It wants to make a significant change by increasing the number of days it receives feedstock by an additional day. The change will trigger the need to get a revised permit.

Potrero Hills Landfill and the Potrero Hills Landfill composting facility are also due for their five year reviews. The composting facility has no changes. The landfill has some updates to their Joint Technical Document and has asked for an extension thru November for their review.

Allen Hochstetler, Concrush

Concrush is still at its temporary site pending the completion of the Train Station development which may take a year or longer. He asked members to let him know if they become aware of any compatible sites to which Concrush could eventually move.

Ruth Cesmas, County of Solano (intern)

Ruth Cesmas introduced herself to the LTF. She is the County of Solano's new recycling intern. Ms. Cesmas noted that she is currently working on the Used Oil Recycling program in Rio Vista and the unincorporated area of Solano County.

Narcisa Untal, County of Solano

The impact of the Plastic Bag Ban going into effect immediately after it was passed by voters was discussed. The countywide results for the Fall Drug Take Back event were distributed to members.

Solano County Public Works will now be responsible for the Illegal Mattress Dumping program. They are collecting discarded mattresses in the unincorporated area of Solano County.

Thru another program, Bye Bye Mattress, they are also trying to secure an area for mattress drop offs at a facility in Solano County. Once secured it would be open to the public. If a city wants to join the program they could have a trailer delivered to their site and be reimbursed for

staff costs of loading used mattresses into the trailer. Once the trailer is full the Mattress Recycling Council would pick up the trailer and deliver the mattresses to a recycling center.

The County is actively promoting a centralized approach to reporting any illegal dumping found in the unincorporated area. Illegal dumping has become more prevalent and it's hard to track because people are calling different entities to report it. There is now one number to call. Any illegal dumping in the unincorporated area of Solano County should be reported to the Solano County non-emergency dispatch line (707-421-7090). With this the County can begin to actively track the number of dumping incidents.

Amanda Dum, Suisun City

There was a smaller turnout for Coastal Cleanup this year. Ms. Dum asked if other jurisdictions had experienced a similar drop in participation. It was noted that Vallejo had over 100 fewer volunteers that last year. Also there was an Earth Day Cleanup in September for Vacaville and one in April for the County. Ms. Dum thanked the LTF for the opportunity to act as Chair for the past two years.

6. Adjournment

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 10:28 a.m.

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