EL DORADO COUNTY
SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
PUBLIC MEETING

El Dorado County Environmental Management Department
2850 Fairlane Ct., Placerville, CA 95667
March 12, 2007 2:30–4:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:
Dickson Schwarzbach, Task Force Chairperson
Don Nizolek, Task Force Co-Chairperson
Gary Pigg, City of Placerville
Jeanne Lear, South Lake Tahoe Refuse
Nancy Spinella, County Resident
Bill McCluskey, County Resident

ALTERNATES PRESENT:
Debi Harlow, El Dorado Disposal
Kristie Downey, EL Dorado Hills CSD

COUNTY STAFF:
Jon Souza, Environmental Management
Mina Andujar, Environmental Management

OTHERS PRESENT:
Natalie Lee, CIWMB
Jason Craft, Amador Disposal / Waste Connections

MEMBERS ABSENT:
Tammy Mefford, Cameron Park CSD
Sue Farris, El Dorado Disposal
Dianna Hillyer, El Dorado Hills CSD

I. Call to Order

Dickson Schwarzbach called the meeting to order.

II. Staff Announcements

No staff announcements

III. Approval of the Agenda

Approved; on a motion by Gary Pigg and a second by Don Nizolek.

IV. Approval of Minutes from January 8, 2007

Approved; on a motion by Jeanne Lear and a second by Gary Pigg.

V. Old Business

A. C&D Scavenging- How addressed in various document (C&D Ordinance, Solid Waste Management Ordinance, and Solid Waste Services Agreement between El Dorado County and El Dorado Disposal Services, Inc.)

Jon said that the C&D Ordinance does not address scavenging. If we ever go into that document, we need to specify that there is C&D that is disposed and C&D that is either reused or recycled. We may also have to address that it is up to those individuals that need a permit under that ordinance that they make sure to follow the franchise agreement. In the Solid Waste Management Ordinance the only thing that mentions C&D is that "The owner, agent or contractor maybe required at any time to show proof of appropriate collection, or if personally transported a final disposal at an authorized facility". There is a section, under grant and acceptance of exclusive residential and commercial franchise, in the Franchise Agreement that adds confusion as to the intent of the document. It reads: "A licensed contractor generates C & D in the course of business activities and arranges for the hauling of such C & D (but excluding all other Solid Waste or Recyclables) by a third party to an authorized and permitted (as may be required by federal, state, or local regulatory agencies with jurisdiction over such activities) processing facility for purposes of material recovery and such contractor is in compliance with the County's C & D Recycling Ordinance. Environmental Management will send an "intent" memo to County Counsel to try and clear up some of these issues. Don Nizolek asked how are we able to identify that there are so many poachers if we can't even understand what the requirements are? Jon explained that some companies are coming in under the umbrella of C&D and that material may be landfilled. These companies remove material from the County but do not pay franchise fees. Don Nizolek said that when reading WCNX categories it seems to eliminate at lot of people infringing upon the franchise. The ordinance doesn't define what a person is. Don asked if our ordinance was different from the City of SLT's. Jon Souza noted that South Lake Tahoe modeled their ordinance after the County's. Jeanne Lear said that the number of private haulers in South Lake Tahoe is somewhat different because they have done drop boxes and no one else is doing that and there are also a lot of end-dumps operating. Since their landfill is in Nevada they have a whole different set of issues. Jon Souza said he would be working on the intent memo to County Counsel at the end of the month.

B. EDSWAC Organization and Responsibilities

Jon Souza passed around a copy of the Sacramento County's advisory committee protocol that explains how members are appointed, how delegates are designated by the district, absences, and responsibilities with the task force meeting. He recommended everyone to read it and designate a subcommittee group to look these over and see which points would be valuable for our organization. Don Nizolek committed himself to go over the document and come up with a draft for the group to look at next meeting.

C. Forward Planning Tool

Jon Souza said there was a rough draft and that the committee would be meeting that afternoon. Dickson Schwarzbach explained to Natalie Lee that the meeting was to get perspective on what the group should focus on next.

VI. Meeting AB 939 Goals {New Base Year Request - 2003}

Jon Souza said that on January 17, 2007 the Waste Board finally approved the five-year review of our County-wide Integrated Waste Management plan. The February 7th Market Development Sustainability Committee meeting announced the Wrap Award winners for 2006 and Snowline Hospice in Placerville Thrift store was the first time winner. Jon Souza just submitted the City of Placerville and El Dorado County Annual Reports that are due on March 15th. The Annual Report for the City of South Lake Tahoe will be electronically filed on March 15, 2007. All three county jurisdictions have the required diversion.

We have 2,645 permits that have been subject to our C&D ordinance since October 30, 2004. That is 19,456.02 of diverted tonnage. But over time permits are decreasing. We had a high of 1,020 permits in 2004 then we had a low of 598 last year and we only have 17 that are subject to the ordinance so far in 2007. The 152 permits that were issued in 2003 are all final. Of the 1,020 submitted in 2004, 986 are final. Don Nizolek said that Placerville shows a diversion rate of 70% in 2004 and asked if there was something to be learned from what we do with Placerville. Jon Souza said that we do the same programs and the County manages the majority of the performed programs or El Dorado Disposal provides those services and year after year they have a tremendous diversion. Natalie Lee tried to explain why some diversion rates are higher than others and said that their (CIWNB) measurement system is disposal based. She looked at some general trends over time to see why the gap between the two jurisdictions had increased over time. Other than one different year Placerville's disposal has not increased at the rate that the County disposal has. One of the reasons why it is not increasing as much could be related to how allocation of waste is reported. The other contributing factor that probably favored Placerville is how overall generation was measured and allocated in the two jurisdictions. In many ways their numbers are so much smaller overall compared to the County and the Unincorporated areas and their numbers are not increasing as the same rate. Jon Souza said that the majority of the waste comes from the unincorporated area. He also said that this County has been at 50% or above for three years. Don Nizolek asked how our numbers show based on population, taxable sales, and employment. Natalie Lee said that since we haven't established a new based year it would be a little more difficult to factor that in, and when we do a new base year all of your data prior to that base year is basically gone. The adjustment factors start from your new base year forward. Dickson Schwarzbach said that given the great news for Placerville perhaps we could get good coverage in the newspaper and get peoples attention by having the County recognize the City for doing such great job of getting 70% diversion. Gary Pigg agreed and asked Natalie Lee if the 70% statewide was unique. Natalie said it was, especially with an

older base year that didn't look like it was altered by anything. This is a good achievement but she asked that they check their 2006 disposal just to make sure that it is consistent with 2005.

VII. Agency/Jurisdiction Reports:

A. Cameron Park Community Service District

No reports from Cameron Park CSD

B. El Dorado County

Environmental Management Department

Jon Souza said we would be submitting a Reuse Assistance Grant for Snowline on March 23. We have a Tire Amnesty at the County Fairgrounds and a Household Hazardous Waste Event on at EDH Fire Station on March 17. We will be participating in the Mow Down Air Pollution Event on March 31 at Cal State. We also have a Household Hazardous Waste Event at EDH Fire Station on April 7, 21 and May 5th. We will be at Kids Expo April 14, and the Home & Garden Show April 27-29 and Earth Day April 28.

El Dorado Disposal/ Western El Dorado Recovery Update

Debi Harlow said they are meeting with EDH CSD tonight to go over the C&D Ordinance. We are doing Kids Expo April 14th. We are having community clean up days in Cameron Park on April 21, City of Placerville and County on April 28, and El Dorado Hills on May 5th.

C. El Dorado Hills Community Service District

Kristie Downey said EDH CSD be having a community clean up day on May 5th. EL Dorado Hills Fire will be participating collecting any type of bicycles to be refurbished. Their first quarter diversion last year from 2006 was 58.2% and is the highest they have ever had. Kristie also mentioned that at the end of next week they are opening a recycling center in Latrobe Rd at the CSD Corporation.

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D. City of Placerville

Gary Pigg said they are having the community clean up day on April 28. They have also done the pilot program on the three-cart program but without the use of the greenwaste cart. Debi Harlow is working on the phone survey. Debi Harlow said people have called and they all like it and don't want it to be taken away. We will keep the pilot program going indefinitely. In February, WCNX submitted a report to the City of Placerville.

E. City Of South Lake Tahoe / South Tahoe Refuse Co., Inc.

Jeanne Lear said that they are finishing the permitting process. They have submitted their paper work to TRPA but it is on hold for approval until they have any issues with the City of South Lake Tahoe resolved. They had their five-year program review submitted and have operational plans for the new facility. They are working on some eleven issues that they got back from their submittal to the City of South Lake Tahoe. If they get their permit approval they will be doing some drainage work in their existing site.

VII. Open Forum / Public Comments

Jeanne Lear said Earth Day at Lake Tahoe is on May 5th and their Clean Tahoe will be on June 9th.

Don Nizolek expressed his concern that the Cameron Park CSD had not attended EDSWAC for the last five meetings. The last meeting they were in attendance was March 13, 2006

The next meeting is May 14, 2007.

Meeting Adjourned.

Submitted by Jon Souza and Mina Andujar

Approved:_____

Date:_____
Chairperson