EL DORADO COUNTY
SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
PUBLIC MEETING

El Dorado County Environmental Management Department
2850 Fairlane Ct., Placerville, CA 95667
July 9, 2007 2:30–4:30 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:
Bill McCluskey, County Resident
Dickson Schwarzbach, Task Force Chairperson
Gary Pigg, City of Placerville
Jeanne Lear, South Lake Tahoe Refuse (via phone)
Nancy Spinella, County Resident
Sue Farris, El Dorado Disposal
Tammy Mefford, Cameron Park CSD

ALTERNATES PRESENT:
Kristie Downey, EL Dorado Hills CSD

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

OTHERS PRESENT:
Jason Craft, Amador Disposal / Waste Connections, Inc.
Natalie Lee, CIWMB (via phone)

MEMBERS ABSENT:
Dianna Hillyer, El Dorado Hills CSD
Don Nizolek, Task Force Co-Chairperson

I. Call to Order

Dickson Schwarzbach called the meeting to order.

II. Staff Announcements

Jon did not have any announcements but asked Natalie Lee for an update on the Waste Board reorganization. Natalie Lee said that as of July 1st there are two primary programs at the Waste Board: Definability and Enforcement. The old office of local assistance is now part of local assistance and market development. Over the next six to eight months the Waste Board will be adding staff to the program areas to support market development to a higher degree with the local jurisdictions and limiting the number of jurisdictions that each staff person is working with. This will allow for more involvement in the staff region's needs and long-term goals. It will not be until August that a decision will be made whether Natalie Lee will continue to be our primary staff person. We will also see changes in the committee structures but their

goal is to have a smooth transition and for us to be able to contact them at the same numbers and e-mail address as we have in the past.

III. Approval of the Agenda

Approved; on a motion by Tammy Mefford and a second by Sue Farris.

IV. Approval of Minutes from March 12, 2007

Dickson Schwarzbach asked anyone to explain the open forum on the bio-diesel comment from Greg Stanton at the last meeting. Sue Farris said that the meeting did not take place. There is a company that wants to have a bio-diesel facility built in the County but the meeting was canceled. Jon Souza said that this company wants a letter of endorsement for this project but the BOS does not want to be involved in something that could be misconstrued as providing support.

Minutes approved; on a motion by Gary Pigg and a second by Kristie Downey.

V. Old Business

A. EDSWAC Organization and Responsibilities

Jon Souza said that according to Don Nizolek's last e-mail, Bill McCluskey, Jim Greco, Dickson Schwarzbach and Jon Souza responded with comments on the EDSWAC organization and responsibilities document that was distributed at last meeting. Jon Souza said that Don Nizolek was not able to compile those comments for this meeting. Dickson Schwarzbach was not present at the last meeting. She expressed appreciation to Don Nizolek for taking the initiative to develop the draft by-laws. She recommended editing the by-laws to reflect the advisory committee role, rather than a more formal compliance role. There was agreement to form a sub-committee to edit the by-laws to be less formal and more reflective of an advisory committee. Jon Souza was hoping to see more information on the membership/appointments, length of term of office, and toning down on the absences. Dickson Schwarzbach said that we do not want to have a lot of absences. In the past if a member was unable to attend and called in advance that was considered an excused absence. The concern is when members do not show up or call.

Bill McCluskey suggested having a sub-committee with the sole purpose of working on this document. It would be easier for a sub-committee to create a document and present to EDSWAC than to try to form a document at a full EDSWAC meeting. Jon Souza would e-mail Don Nizolek expressing the interest of the committee to simplify the document and make it workable for everybody. Jon Souza, Bill McCluskey, Dickson Schwarzbach, and Don Nizolek would be part of that committee.

Jon Souza said that we should have a candidate from the CSD, a community member that the supervisor appoints. Sue Farris said that we do not have a representative for District II. Per Dickson Schwarzbach, Jon Souza will ask Norma Santiago is she would appoint someone for District II.

B. Forward Planning Tool

Jeanne Lear said she had nothing to report but would enter the 2006 numbers and have the info out to the committee. Dickson Schwarzbach asked Jeanne Lear to work with Jon Souza in setting up a meeting when the report is ready.

VI. Meeting AB 939 Goals

Jon Souza mentioned that by Wednesday, we should know if we will receive a $50,000 reuse assistance grant for Placerville Thrift Store. This goes to the Sustainability and Market Development Committee. We should also have two proposals on our school education program by Monday of next week from Garbeu's and Sacramento Theater Company.

VII. Agency/Jurisdiction Reports:

A. Amador County

Jason Craft had no reports from Amador County. Dickson Schwarzbach asked if there was anything he could report on recycling. Jason Craft explained that they have the blue bag program and that in this particular area the participation rate is in the high 40%. But overall is pretty quiet.

Cameron Park Community Service District

Tammy Mefford said they are hoping to have two Community Clean Up events next year. Dickson Schwarzbach asked for an update on the parks and the green waste. Tammy Mefford said that Cameron Park is over 50% in terms of cart participation for green waste. They have a huge amount of green waste in bags as well. They are working together to close that gap and get carts only. The participation rate for both green and recycling is probably between 80-90%. Many of the customers have more than one recycling cart and the drivers are educating customers to get a green waste cart. Tammy Mefford mentioned they have to find a space for a large container where people can bring their overflow material for free.

B. El Dorado County

Environmental Management Department

Jon Souza reported that the Waste Board finally approved a $1.6 million clean up for an illegal dumpsite project in Pollock Pines. The owner of this site had accepted trash for over 20 years. The clean up should start around August 15th. There is about 50,000 cubic yards of material such as concrete and rubble that would be ground up and used on roads. They will rent

cushion burners for the wood and use that on the landscaping but some of the woodchips will go to Sierra Pacific.

EMD is having a Household Hazardous Waste event on July 21st, August 4th, and 18 at El Dorado Hills Fires Station. There will be a Clean Boating kits give away event on August 4th at Echo Lake. Last weekend, EMD had staff from EM Department at Tahoe Marina for their clean boating kits.

Jon Souza said that EMD has received 2,606 permits that fall under the C & D Ordinance. They have received the recycling reports back from 1,953. This is a little over 15,000 tons of material. There are only 67 permits year to date and compared 529 from last year.

Sue Farris asked Jon Souza that if a builder with 200 lots had to pull a permit per lot or per the amount of lots they were working on as they built. Jon Souza said each lot would have a permit and that it was possible that they would receive a commercial rate versus a residential rate. Sue Farris also said that if a builder's homes were 2,500 square feet each since they were building multiple homes they would fall under the permit guidelines. Jon Souza said that the footprint is 5,000 square feet and that is why it only seems to affect a commercial residential development versus someone else who is building a 3,000 square foot. Jon Souza said we should to look at this in the future and bring this into the ordinance as an amendment. What difference is if someone is building a 3,000 square foot versus a bunch of 2,500 square foot?

El Dorado Disposal / Western El Dorado Recovery Update

Sue Farris reported that they have met with three quarters of the developers in El Dorado Hills and all but one has stopped using the poachers. WCNX has put in six-yard bins for every two lots in these development projects. She said that every six-yard bin that was put in by these poachers was marked with "trash only" but most of the material was recyclable. WCNX is sorting through all that material that will now count as diversion material where it used to go to the landfill. These bins or roll off carts are picked up twice a week and the material goes to the C & D line and will show an increase in the tonnage.

WCNX is educating customers in the City of Placerville about the weight of the cans. These cans are hand serviced and it is very difficult for the drivers to handle the material. WCNX will stop picking up the heavy cans until the customers separate the materials. Sue Farris said they are working with the City of Placerville on a proposal to convert to a cart program.

Nancy Spinella asked Sue Farris if they could send out a thank you note to the builders for not using the poachers. Sue Farris said that was a good idea and that it would go a long way. She also said that they provide them with free carts for their lunch trash to avoid contamination on the six-yard containers but the residents of these neighborhoods are illegally dumping on these containers.

D. El Dorado Hills Community Service District

Kristie Downey said that they would try to do another community clean up event in October.

E. City of Placerville

Gary Pigg reported working with Sue Farris on the cart system and possibly going to mandatory garbage pick up. He said they started having internal meetings on having anyone who is submitting for a building project to also submit a recycling plan.

Gary Pigg also reported illegal dumping by businesses and homeowners in the recycled cans around Downtown Placerville.

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

Jeanne Lear said that the eleven issues that the City of SLT needed for the facility they are building have all been submitted. The hold up from the funding side is because they have requested an extension to their franchise from the City of SLT and El Dorado County to match the funding. The companies will not lend them money unless they have an extension for the payments. The permit process is running along and they are hoping that the franchise will get taken care of before the end of the year.

The debris that is being taken from the Angora fire will be taken to Carson City Landfill. They are going to try to recycle the metal. The home foundations would be with Tahoe Asphalt. The rest of the debris will go to Class III Landfill. Although the debris is not technically hazardous there are probably heavy metals within the ash. There is going to be erosion control at all the different sites and will be wetting down the material before it is transported.

Jeanne Lear said that they are also working on setting up a temporary wood site for the burnt wood. There are a lot of small trees that the homeowners will have difficulty getting rid off. They are hoping to operate a temporary wood site for about 14 weeks until mid October. This would fall right into the organics building that they would be building next season.

Jeanne Lear also mentioned that the help that came from the fire department in the West Slope was phenomenal.

VII. Open Forum / Public Comments

Nancy Spinella asked if we were getting diversion out of the casino overpass. Jon Souza said that we were not allowed to contact them. Sue Farris reported that the casino has contacted WCNX for C & D boxes and asked about a refrigerated compactor.

Gary Pigg said there is a job going through the assembly regarding recycled containers for multi-families. Natalie Lee said that assembly bill 548 requires the owners of multi-family dwellings to provide recycling opportunities for their residents. She said that there have been very strong oppositions to this assembly by one of the apartment homeowners associations and there should be an update soon as to how that faired on the assembly floor.

The next meeting is September 10, 2007.

Meeting Adjourned.

Motion by Bill McCluskey and second by Nancy Spinella

Submitted by Jon Souza and Mina Andujar

Approved: _____

Date: _____
Chairperson