EL DORADO COUNTY
SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
PUBLIC MEETING

El Dorado County Environmental Management Department
2850 Fairlane Ct., Placerville, CA 95667
November 19, 2007, 2:30–4:30 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:	**Dickson Schwarzbach, Task Force Chairperson** **Don Nizolek, Task Force Co-Chairperson** **Gary Pigg, City of Placerville** **Dianna Hillyer, El Dorado Hills CSD** **Jeanne Lear, South Lake Tahoe Refuse** **Nancy Spinella, County Resident** **Sue Farris, El Dorado Disposal** **Tammy Mefford, Cameron Park CSD**
ALTERNATES PRESENT:	**Livia Amidon, Cameron Park CSD**
COUNTY STAFF:	**Jon Souza, Environmental Management** **Jeff Rusert, Environmental Management** **Mina Andujar, Environmental Management**
OTHERS PRESENT:	**Jason Craft, Amador Disposal / Waste Connections, Inc.** **Jim Greco, California Waste Associates**
MEMBERS ABSENT:	**Richard Angelocci, City of South Lake Tahoe** **Bill McCluskey, County Resident**

I. Call to Order
Dickson Schwarzbach called the meeting to order.

II. Staff Announcements
No staff announcements

III. Approval of the Agenda
Revise and Prioritize
The agenda will be posted as "draft" before each meeting on the website and at the bulletin board in Building A across form Board of Supervisor's office. Agenda approved by Dickson Schwarzbach.

IV. Approval of Minutes
Don Nizolek said there was no mentioned in the minutes about the importance of having a written document on lessons that South Lake Tahoe may have learned during the Angora Fire. Jeanne Lear said that she would provide those at the next meeting. Approved, on a motion by Jeanne Lear and a second by Nancy Spinella.

V. Old Business
A. Proposed Construction & Demolition Ordinance Changes
Jon Souza explained that the committee recommended eliminating the footprint or size of the project exceeding 5,000 square feet in area and include all projects that require a County Building Permit. Environmental Management Department Staff feels that the increased number of projects under the ordinance could be addressed adequately. Another change calls for allowing contractors who indicate on the Debris Recycling Acknowledgement that they will use the franchise hauler and/or facility to not

be required to complete the Debris Recycling Report. Finally, the committee requested that additional text be added to the ordinance to describe the County's exclusive franchise concept.

Don Nizolek asked if it was made clear what the permit holder must complete if they agree to abide by the County's Franchise Agreement. Jon Souza indicated that it would be clear in the text that the permit holder must agree to use the franchise hauler and/or facility. By agreeing to do so, they would not have to complete the Debris Recycling Report. We could also add the definition of what is a mandatory service area from the Solid Waste Ordinance. Dianna Hillyer said that they had discussed about adding the definition of mandatory service area because El Dorado Hills had issues with third party haulers using the excuse of not being aware of the mandatory service area. Jon Souza will be visiting with John Costa, El Dorado Builders Exchange, and invite feedback on the proposed changes. The committee has agreed to meet with Mr. Costa if requested to.

Jeanne Lear said that South Tahoe Refuse does not have an exclusive franchise agreement with the City of South Lake Tahoe for construction and demolition debris.
She was not sure if there was a builders exchange in Tahoe.

Jon Souza said that once all parties approved these changes, a flyer to describe the ordinance to contractors and/or permit holders would be made available when they applied for a building permit. He indicated that we will have to address firms that haul roofing, tile and sheetrock since they are not currently required to recycle material in the County.

Don Nizolek expressed the importance of working all the bugs out of the proposed changes to make sure they will work before they get approved. Jon Souza said the sub-committee has not addressed what their expectations are of the franchisee as they will be the entity doing the majority of reporting in the future. The County has already been able to an increase in Construction & Demolition material being diverted. Environmental Management recently received a report from the State showing that for 2006 we disposed of 5,000 tons less than for 2005. In 2005 we had an increase of 10,000 tons disposed.

B. EDSWAC By-Laws
Jon Souza is still waiting to hear if the Board of Supervisors must approve the proposed By-Laws.

C. Forward Planning Tool
Jeanne Lear said some changes have been made but there is still more to add. She said the committee would like to include material numbers to provide an adequate comparison. This will provide us with recycling numbers by material type for all franchise facilities and jurisdictions. Jeanne Lear and Debi Harlow are tracking tons leaving each facility for recycling. Then they will add some information about recycling in schools and the new office recycling that will be coming in. She will e-mail the report to the committee.

VI. Meeting Assembly Bill 939 Goals
Jon Souza indicated that the California Integrate Waste Management Board Reuse Assistance staff took an extra month to provide us with a Grant Agreement to provide Snowline Hospice Thrift Store with $50,000. We now must present a resolution to the Board of Supervisors to get approval to receive the monies. The majority of the grant will be spent on a used truck.

Jon Souza received the first-draft of the script from Heart & Soul Productions. Heart & Soul Productions will present live theater to elementary schools on recycling. Environmental Management has sent them back our comments but is still waiting to move on with the contract. We wanted to have 59 presentations in the school year but we will not be able to start until the spring. We cannot sign the

contract until we get several proofs of insurances. Don Nizolek asked if there is a way for us to show that we have wisely spent money on a program like this. Dickson Schwarzbach suggested a pledge sheet to the kids to take home and return to the school filled out. Don Nizolek felt we should include in the contract that the theater company needs to provide us with feedback on how the program worked.

Jon Souza said that Senate Bill 1020 was dead for this year. The bill would have increased the diversion rate to 75%. He indicated that there would be another one in 2008 as well as one that may take us away from the type of reporting that we have been doing. More emphasis will be placed on programs.

VII. Agency/Jurisdiction Reports:

A. Amador County
Jason Craft said they are working with some of the smaller wineries to determine what their recycling needs are especially for cardboard and glass. Amador Disposal has a rotating pick up schedule for those wineries. Some of the smaller wineries were taking their material to the larger wineries, who now have requested they have their own collection points.

B. Cameron Park Community Service District
Cameron Park had a fall clean up day in October. They received a lot of positive feedback from the residents. Tammy Mefford thanked Waste Connections for all the work they did at this event. Cameron Park is also working on a Christmas tree recycling program with El Dorado Disposal that will be held at the Cameron Park Lake. This will coincide with a Christmas tree pick up by two Boys Scout troops in the area. Effective July 1, 2007, the Parks Department took over the maintenance of the containers at the lake. El Dorado Disposal donated a 20-yard container for staff to use. Cameron Park Community Service District is researching the possibility of having a recycling center like the one on Latrobe Road in El Dorado Hills.

D. El Dorado County
Environmental Management Department
There will be a Household Hazardous Waste event on December 1 & 15 at El Dorado Hills Fire Station.

E. El Dorado Hills Community Service District
El Dorado Hills had a clean up day on October 6, with over 50% diversion. Dianna Hillyer also thanked Waste Connections for all the work they did at this event. There were 2.25 tons of gently used items collected; 5.67 tons of electronic waste; about 7 tons of green waste. Another 6.25 tons of mixed recyclables were collected, and 21 tons went to the landfill.

Dianna Hillyer reported 57% diversion between July and September for their third quarter diversion report. The District is also talking with the City of Folsom about Folsom's cardboard being dropped off at the recycling center. The recycling center currently has 25 to 50 tons a month of cardboard recycling.

Christmas tree chipping is scheduled for January 5 & 6.

F. City of Placerville
Gary Pigg said City of Placerville has scheduled an E-Waste event at the Mosquito Park. He said they have received a few calls asking about the destination of the material after a recent negative newspaper article on the environmentally harmful methods that some e-waste recyclers use to dispose of the material.

He said that PG&E started a rebate program to exchange high-energy use florescent lights for more energy efficient ones. When questioned what their plans were for the used lights, PG&E had no idea. There is a program where the lights are package and sent to a processor in southern California. The City of Placerville is working with PG&E to develop a facility locally to recycle the lights.

Gary indicated that they are still working on the three-cart system for the City for sometime after January 1st.

F. El Dorado Disposal/ Western El Dorado Recovery Update

Sue Farris said they are looking at utilizing a different e-waste company. They are trying to work with a local gentleman who utilizes industries, such as Mother Lode Rehabilitation (M.O.R.E.) to disassemble the units. Depending on how large the project is they will try to include M.O.R.E. in their plans. Western El Dorado Recover is also looking at adding e-waste boxes at the buy-back centers.

Sue Farris said they would have the boxes again at the El Dorado Disposal for the Christmas trees. There will also be overflow boxes at the Latrobe Road center.

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

Jeanne Lear said they would have Christmas tree recycling for two weeks after January 1st. This collection would go to their Parks & Recreations. There will be a food drive December 10 to 14 at Sierra Disposal Service and the City of South Lake Tahoe. The company is also expanding their school-recycling program. A large number of schools did tours at the plant this past year.

Their expansion permit is in and completed to the City of South Lake Tahoe, and will go to the planning commission on December 13th. There are also three code amendments that have to pass City Council in January. These amendments, which will not delay the permitting process, pertain to the design of the expansion.

VII. Open Forum / Public Comments

Don Nizolek expressed his concern about the lead contaminated toys that have been recalled and the very low percentage that are actually returned to these manufacturers. Don said he did not see any guidance in any of the Solid Waste franchise websites as far as educating the public not to landfill these toys.

Jim Greco asked if anyone has heard about the Maytag or Whirlpool dishwashers catching fire. Jim said he owns a Maytag and the company told him to stop using the machine immediately. Another alternative they offered was to get a $75.00 refund check that would go towards another Maytag product or request a kit to have a contractor install a modification kit.

Jon Souza would like the committee to look into “producer liability.” There is much interest in the solid waste industry to require manufacturers to become more responsible for the disposal costs at the end of the life of their product. There is also interest in requiring manufacturers use safer materials in their products.

Dickson Schwarzbach asked about household battery collections. Sue Farris said Waste Connections takes them for free. Jon Souza pointed out that several stores now take back used batteries. They can also be taken to the Household Hazardous Waste collection events. Dickson asked if we could include in the websites information on locations to take batteries.

The next meeting is January 14, 2008.

Meeting Adjourned.

Motion by Dianna Hillyer and a second by Gary Pigg.

Submitted by Jon Souza and Mina Andujar

Approved: _____

Date: _____
Chairperson