EL DORADO COUNTY
SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
PUBLIC MEETING

El Dorado County Environmental Management Department
2850 Fairlane Ct., Placerville, CA 95667
January 08, 2007 2:30–4:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:
Dickson Schwarzbach, Task Force Chairperson
Don Nizolek, Task Force Co-Chairperson
Dianna Hillyer, El Dorado Hills CSD
Sue Farris, El Dorado Disposal
Smokey Rickerd, City of South Lake Tahoe
Gary Pigg, City of Placerville

ALTERNATES PRESENT:

COUNTY STAFF:
Jon Souza, Environmental Management
Greg Stanton, Environmental Management
Jeff Rusert, Environmental Management
Mina Andujar, Environmental Management

OTHERS PRESENT:
Jim Greco, Consultant

MEMBERS ABSENT:
Jeanne Lear, South Lake Tahoe Refuse
Nancy Spinella, County Resident
Bill McCluskey, County Resident
Tammy Mefford, Cameron Park CSD

I. Call to Order

Dickson Schwarzbach called the meeting to order.

II. Staff Announcements

Thanks to Mina Andujar, we were able to get the minutes a month before the meeting. Thanks to Greg Stanton, we will be purchasing a transcriber to get the minutes out even earlier. We would like for the members of the committee to please call us if they cannot attend the meeting. If we do not hear from a member we will assume that that member will be present.

III. Approval of the Agenda

Approved; on a motion by Gary Pigg and a second by Diana Hillyer.

IV. Approval of Minutes from November 13, 2006

Approved; on a motion by Gary Pigg and a second by Diana Hillyer.

V. Old Business

Jon Souza said there was nothing that needed follow up.

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

Agency/Jurisdiction Reports:

A year ago in December, we submitted our second five-year countywide solid waste plans review and the CIWMB still has not been able to get it on an agenda yet. Jon Souza said there are going to be some changes at the Waste Board. One of those changes will allow the executive director to make decisions without an item going to the full board. Since we were the first jurisdiction to go through the five-year review process, we will be the first to do a second five-year review. They will not be notifying us in their agenda but we hope that the representatives will keep us informed. The annual reports for to 2005 will be due March 1st. By April both Unincorporated County and South Lake Tahoe will probably have their by biennial reviews and those will be based on 2004 and 2005. Placerville had theirs this fall as they did not have a time extension on the 50% goal. Both the City of SLT and the County had time extensions that put us in a different category.

A. Cameron Park Community Service District

Sue Farris reported that one of the issues in Cameron Park is that they want to look at an option for a smaller cart for garbage that has been requested by seniors. Another issue is the large amount of green waste that occurs a couple times each year. It gets a little excessive when there are as many as 75 bags of green waste at one home. Diane Hillyer said that El Dorado Hills is also every other week for green waste but they offer a second green waste can for free. Sue Farris said WCNX would add another green waste box in EDH at a Latrobe Road facility. Diane Hillyer said they have a “Close the Lid on It” campaign educating the residents about the fact that they can use a second can for green waste and not place it in the waste cart.

B. El Dorado County

Environmental Management Department

Jon Souza said that staff submitted a report on the Reuse Assistance Grant for a project with Habitat for Humanity that was due in December. The grant purchased a truck and provided for the salary of a supervisor to run the program. The project involved working with developers and contractors to reuse materials that might otherwise have been discarded. We also submitted our final report and payment request for our Waste Tire Cleanup Grant.
We had a Household Hazardous Waste event on January 6th at El Dorado Hills Fire Station. There will be others on January 20th; February 3rd and 17th; and March 3rd.
Hopefully after the Waste Board meeting on January 15th we will know whether Snowline has received the WRAP award for 2006. On January 27th there will be a Tire Amnesty Day at the Georgetown Airport and another one on March 17th at the Fair Grounds.

Dickson Schwarzbach asked if there were any e-waste events. Sue Farris said they accept e-waste at every Clean Up Event and WCNX accepts e-waste for free at the MRF. Don Nizolek asked if the property taxes that are taken out for HHW also paid for the e-waste disposal. Jon Souza said the costs for e-waste disposal are built into the rate structure since the ban on electronic disposal came about three years ago. If you are like most jurisdictions, you really have no funding for your e-waste. It is something you have to pull out of other parts of your budget. But normally those fees were probably set up just to help fund the drop-off events. Because WCNX does their part for free which is billed to the County but not to the residents. That is why the State came up with the program where they pre-charge on the units. A lot of jurisdictions are making more with their e-waste program but they are the ones who do the collections. Don Nizolek asked if we are seeing empty aerosol cans during collection at HHW events or if we are pulling more out from the garbage. Sue Farris said that they mostly get batteries. She said aerosol cans come in the recycling and in the garbage but it is primarily the batteries that they are getting separate. If empty aerosol cans are found in the line they are put in the commingle recycling otherwise they are landfilled. Jon Souza said hardware stores in some communities collect the batteries.

El Dorado Disposal / Western El Dorado Recovery Update

C. El Dorado Hills Community Service District

El Dorado Hills had a tree chipping last weekend with the Boy Scouts and filled up eight 30-yard containers that are ready for chipping. But still have three to five 30-yard containers to fill with leftover trees. This is a highly successful event that gets bigger every year and the material goes into their parks. Diane Hillery also wanted to thank the County for their ten recycling cans. Now almost all of their parks are equipped with recycling cans.

El Dorado Disposal / Western El Dorado Recovery Update

Don Nizolek asked where we were on the illegal activities of C&D poachers. Sue Farris said WCNX, El Dorado Disposal, has proposed a new language change and ordinance change but in order for it

to go before the EDHSCD Board it first has to go to a sub-committee. Sue Farris said the contract language in EDH is more specific than the ordinance language. The ordinance came after the contract and both have to match in order to get the support from a legal standpoint. Diane Hillyer is working on getting it before the Board. Dickson Schwarzbach clarified that WCNX and CSD have to enforce their contract and if they have a legal action that is not within the scope of our committee. We can advise and we can talk about it but it would be between CSD and WCNX as far as a legal issue.

Jon Souza said that EDH has recently started to send us plans for developments. Someone there has taken an interest in suggesting to developers that they make room for recycling and trash activity. This is something we will try to pursue.

D. City of Placerville

Gary Pigg reported that there is a two-cart system pilot. The survey is not finished yet. WCNX was doing phone calls and contacted every one of the 180 customers that are in the pilot. Sue Farris said they would be able to provide feedback on the 32 gallon at the next meeting. So far most people have been very excited about it. Sue Farris said WCNX would like to introduce the green waste at the end of this pilot and do the pilot a little longer.
Garry Pigg said the City of Placerville has become very conscious in their recycling. He also said they set a date for April 28th for their community clean up. They are also thinking about experimenting with the neighborhood clean up day where they would piggyback on the neighborhood watch that the police department runs. This would be a version of the community concept of emphasizing e-waste, recycling and green waste.

E. City Of South Lake Tahoe

Smokey Rickered said they had many celebrating on New Year's Eve and he was surprised at how fast the garbage collection from the California and Nevada sides were cleaned that day. He also said that they are getting calls from people who own houses out there as their second home asking about recycling. STR submitted their application for their new building expansion.

VII. Task Force Matters

Until package complete from Sue Farris and Jeanne Lear, Forward Planning Committee will not set a meeting date. Jon Souza said we should try to set up a meeting in February. Dickson Schwarzbach said the idea is to see what are the big-ticket items we should focus on.

VIII. Open Forum / Public Comments

The minutes have been posted in the website as soon as they are transcribed. Everyone agreed that we should post the minutes after they are approved. Don Nizolek also asked if we should have some sort of protocols on how the EDSWAC should work. Jon Souza said he would find out from the solid waste group in Sacramento how they do it and present it at next meeting.

The next meeting is March 12, 2007.

Meeting Adjourned.

Motion by Sue Farris and a second by Smokey Rickered

Submitted by Jon Souza and Mina Andujar

Approved:_____

Date:_____
Chairperson