EL DORADO COUNTY
SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
PUBLIC MEETING

El Dorado County Environmental Management Department
2850 Fairlane Ct., Placerville, CA 95667
May 14, 2007 2:30–4:30 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Don Nizolek, Task Force Co-Chairperson
Gary Pigg, City of Placerville
Jeanne Lear, South Lake Tahoe Refuse (via phone)
Nancy Spinella, County Resident
Bill McCluskey, County Resident
Sue Farris, El Dorado Disposal

ALTERNATES PRESENT:

Kristie Downey, EL Dorado Hills CSD

COUNTY STAFF:

Jon Souza, Environmental Management
Greg Stanton, Environmental Management
Jeff Rusert, Environmental Management
Mina Andujar, Environmental Management

OTHERS PRESENT: **Jim Greco, California Waste Associates**

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Dickson Schwarzbach, Task Force Chairperson
Tammy Mefford, Cameron Park CSD
Dianna Hillyer, El Dorado Hills CSD

I. Call to Order

Don Nizolek called the meeting to order.

II. Staff Announcements

Jon Souza said that there was a nice write up in March 16th Mt. Democrat regarding the City of Placerville's recycling efforts. There was another write up in May 13th issue on the efforts of El Dorado Disposal and the Cool Cycling Co-op to recycling bikes.

III. Approval of the Agenda

Approved; on a motion by Kristie Downey and a second by Nancy Spinella.

IV. Approval of Minutes from March 12, 2007

Approved; on a motion by Gary Pigg and a second by Jim Greco.

V. Old Business

A. EDSWAC Organization and Responsibilities

Don Nizolek passed out a Committee By-Laws draft that he put together. Several points were discussed, some changes were made and others will be addressed at the July meeting. All those present agreed to go through the draft and e-mail Don Nizolek their ideas and or choices on what areas needed to be changed or improved by next meeting. Some of the areas that were discussed at the meeting were as follows:

Section I shows an Overview of when the committee was established.

Section II explains the three groups of membership that the task force has such as the franchisees, jurisdiction representatives, and community members who represent the residential and commercial solid waste generators.

Section III Appointments: Don Nizolek had some questions about how an appointed member by the BOS had an alternate and what was the position of this alternate. Don Nizolek wanted to address the necessity of having the appointed member be present at the meetings instead of sending an alternate in their representation to every meeting.

Section IV Term of Office: Appointed members shall serve a five-year term.

Section V Alternate Members: Don Nizolek said that we would like all jurisdictions to have an alternate but we haven't had an alternate from Cameron Park for a while and we lost the alternate form City of SLT.

Section VI Responsibilities: This section explains the responsibilities of EDSWAC as an advisory committee on solid waste management matters. This section also goes over the responsibilities of the Chair, Vice-Chair, Members, and Solid Waste Coordinator. Jon Souza said that we should address the election of the EDSWAC Chair and Vice-Chair. It was suggested that the positions of would be elected for one-year terms. An individual could be re-elected. It was also decided that March would be the best time to elect these positions after the Board renewed all the memberships. It was suggested that the Solid Waste Coordinator title be changed to Environmental Management Representative.

Section VII Public Meetings: This section establishes the location, time and date, and membership quorum of the committee meetings. It also explains the delivery of meeting minutes and agenda preparation and distribution. It was agreed that the agenda be posted three business days prior to the public meeting.

Section VIII Absences: This section explains the amount of times that a member could be absent from the public meetings. It was agreed that a member would notify the EM Representative of their absence no later than three business days after the agenda is sent in order to establish a quorum. There was a discussion on how many times a member could be absent before the position became vacant. It was discussed that after three consecutive absences without notice the member is presumed to have resigned and that the position becomes vacant.

B. Forward Planning Tool

Jeanne Lear said she would have the numbers for July meeting.

C. Report on County Documents Intentions regarding Scavenging

Jon Souza said that at the last meeting EMD staff discussed sending a report to find out what were the intensions when these ordinances were written. EMD staff met and decided that to report to County Council was not needed because: The solid waste agreement services between El Dorado County and EDSI defines C&D and grant and acceptance of exclusive commercial franchises. It addressed that a third party can take C&D recyclables and is not in conflict with the franchise agreement. If the material were for disposal it would be in violation of the franchise agreement. Greg Stanton said that what we were exploring is not under the scope of EDSWAC and based on the by-laws that were discussed earlier the subject matter is not appropriate for this committee to explore further. Don Nizolek said that the only reason why it came up was because we had a presentation at consecutive meetings about illegal collection of C&D waste outside of the franchise agreement. It concerned Don Nizolek to see in the meeting minutes that an illegal activity was going on but we could not get an answer of who was responsible for it. Greg Stanton said that the allegation is not EDSWAC charge to delve into. We have several thousand permits currently on the books for diverted material and most of this material was not hauled by the franchisee. Don Nizolek said that one of the items was that the material was not accurately getting into our numbers. Greg Stanton said that EMD staff has presented EDSWAC with numbers in regards to the C & D hauling and we track the reports that we receive. Greg Stanton said that Vicki Hallas, in EMD, provides EDSWAC with C & D data on permits. Jon Souza said that Vicki Hallas continues to provide contractors with what they must provide in their reports. Most of the time, when the project is final two or three years later, she is working with someone different and the person prior had not completed reports and / or passed on information to the new person.

Sue Farris indicated that one of the reasons why the discussion started was that landfill reporting from Keifer Landfill had different numbers from what was reported by WCNX. Considerable amounts of C & D material go to facility in Sacramento County and there is concern that it is not being recycled. Sue Farris feels the gap is being closed in El Dorado Hills. A lot of the residential building that is going on right now is in El Dorado Hills and we have been very good at providing contractors in the County with information about contacting El Dorado Disposal for their C & D. Some contractors have contacted them regarding future

projects they have for that area. There is an ordinance language change that matches the franchise agreement that clearly says that no one hauls anything other than C & D.

VI. Meeting AB 939 Goals

Jon Souza reported that Environmental Management has been directed into looking in the possibility of receiving a designation as a "Recycle Market Development Zone". The Waste Board has not been issuing any new designations since 1995. This may change July 1st. The zones combine recycling and market development to fuel new businesses in the community. It would also provide loans, technical systems, and free product marketing to businesses that use waste out of our waste stream. We also started working on our Recycle Where-You-Play program in some of the golf courses such as Bass Lake golf course and Apple Mountain golf courses such as Bass Lake and Apple Mountain to provide recycling containers around the clubhouse and at different holes in of the course. We hope to do the same with one of the private golf course in the area by the time summer is over.

Our school education program received the approval of El Dorado County Office of Education to provide live theater from K to fifth grade. We have contacted four theater companies and two of them have responded positively. We hope to get all going by next fall.

VII. Agency/Jurisdiction Reports:

A. Amador County

No reports from Amador County

B. Cameron Park Community Service District

No reports from Cameron Park CSD

C. El Dorado County

Environmental Management Department

Jon Souza said we are in the process of making a nomination for the 2007 WRAP award. We had a Household Hazardous waste event in El Dorado Hills on May 19 and will have another on June 2 and 16. We will be outreaching at the Home and Garden Event on May 26 and will be helping with Clean Tahoe on June 9.

El Dorado Disposal/ Western El Dorado Recovery Update

Sue Farris said that they are going to continue to educate the customers in El Dorado Hills about keeping all material in the cart with the "Close the Lid" campaign. WCNX will pick up anything they have but it needs to be in a cart. There are new containers in the Latrobe Rd yard and people can bring any recycling and any green waste for free and WCNX will take it.

D. El Dorado Hills Community Service District

Kristie Downey reported that they had a Spring Community Clean up Day on Saturday, May 5 where about 515 vehicles came through from the community. They collected bicycles, gently used items, electronics, green waste, mixed recycling, rubbish and debris. The bicycles were collected by EDH Fire Department and were being taken to inmates to refurbish and give to Toys for Tots charity. The gently used items came up to three tons and were collected by Snowline Hospice. The green waste reported by WCNX was 5.32 tons and mixed recycling was 1.16 tons and almost 42 tons from rubbish and debris. They had ten different organizations working that day with the community clean up. Their diversion report for the first quarter of 2007 came to 51.96%. Their ordinance was updated to include the C & D updates. The had On Earth Day, April 21 they had their Recycling and Buy- Back opening.

E. City of Placerville

Gary Pigg said they had a community clean up day too and wanted to thank El Dorado Disposal and the County. It was great to have the inmates helping. The event attracted 342 cars and one motorcycle. He asked people why they were bringing their E-Waste to the community clean up and if they knew the WCNX took those items for free. Many people said that community clean up sort of set up the deadline for them to get done with the clean up and out of their garages. Gary Pigg also said that they couldl have a neighborhood clean up event, not open to the public, for the neighborhood watch in September or end of summer.

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

Jeanne Lear reported that they had Earth Day on May 5th. They participated on the organizing committee and had a generator powering the stage with bio-fuel. They also had an Earth Day program at the environmental school in the Myers area. Clean Tahoe Day is scheduled for June 9. She said that they are still working on their permit for the eleven items that the City wanted done. They are right now working on the last item that is the exterior design of the building. Also STR received authorization from the BOS to expand their commercial recycling program from cardboard to cardboard plus mix food and beverage containers.

VII. Open Forum / Public Comments

Greg Stanton said that there was an agenda item on March 27 that was going to be brought back on June 12 regarding bio-diesel. He said that the Board is looking is for a letter from a support group and that the original item on March 27 mentions the basic information on what they are asking for.

The next meeting is July 9, 2007.

Meeting Adjourned.

Motion by Gary Pigg and second by Kristie Downey

Submitted by Jon Souza and Mina Andujar

Approved: _____

Date: _____
Chairperson