EL DORADO COUNTY
SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
PUBLIC MEETING

El Dorado County Environmental Management Department
2850 Fairlane Ct., Placerville, CA 95667
September 10, 2007, 2:30–4:30 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:	**Bill McCluskey, County Resident** **Dickson Schwarzbach, Task Force Chairperson** **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** **Don Nizolek, Task Force Co-Chairperson**
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.**
MEMBERS ABSENT:	**Gary Pigg, City of Placerville** **Richard Angelocci, City of South Lake Tahoe**

I. Call to Order

Dickson Schwarzbach called the meeting to order.

II. Staff Announcements

Jon Souza announced that Greg Stanton has been promoted to Deputy Director of EMD.

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

Approved, on a motion by Bill McCluskey and a second by Jeanne Lear.

V. Old Business

A. EDSWAC By-Laws

Dickson Schwarzbach thanked Don Nizolek for all the work he put into the by-laws document. All the changes mentioned at the last meeting were addressed at a sub-committee meeting. Bill McCluskey moved to approve the by-laws with a second by Jeanne Lear.

B. Forward Planning Tool

Jeanne Lear said she just sent the document to Debbie Harlow at WCNX to make sure their 2006 numbers were in. Jeanne Lear said the document is set up with all the individual jurisdictions to have an overall picture of all the numbers. The group would meet today after the EDSWAC meeting to set the next sub-committee meeting.

VI. Meeting AB 939 Goals

Jon Souza reported that the Waste Board approved a $50,000 grant for Snowline Hospice on July 17th. We are now waiting for the grant agreement but it won't be until November 2007 before we can start working on it. Snowline Hospice is trying to increase their outreach by getting a new vehicle since they are going as far as Roseville to get material. They are also hoping to build a processing center. Don Nizolek asked for clarification about the conditions of the grant as far as comparing their numbers before they get the funds and after. Jon Souza said that this data would be shown in the volume of material that would be coming in the door and their sales. Sue Farris said WCNX takes a lot of their recycling material and this would show an increase as well. Jon Souza said that part of the grant would also be used to design a flyer to promote Snowline Hospice's store hours and inform County residents about their program.

We have made arrangements with Heart & Soul Productions and Garbeau's to provide a 25minute program for grades K to 5. The goal is to have presentations all 59 schools in the County over a school year. We have started working on a script and on a contract.

Jeff Rusert has been enticed to look into a countywide government offices recycling program. Jon Souza explained that there are a lot of individual programs in place. Some programs are for cardboard, or paper. Beverage containers would be added. Currently, M.O.R.E is doing most of the offices. Once we design a plan, it will be presented to the BOS.

Jon Souza gave an update on Senate Bill 10-20 that will possibly increase the statewide diversion to 75% by January 1, 2020. The preparation committee was supposed to meet August 30th but the meeting was postponed. Any amendments were supposed to be in by last Friday, September 7th. Friday 14th would be the last day to pass a bill. Dickson Schwarzbach asked Jon Souza to e-mail the committee if the bill passed.

VII. Agency/Jurisdiction Reports:

A. Amador County

Jason Craft reported working with the wineries. The dispatcher has the bulk of recycling bins because some of the wineries are generating enough wine to have their own bins.

They are having their annual Grizzly Flat community clean up on Saturday, September 15th for appliances, tires, metal, green waste and trash. Historically, they get between 75 and 80 people but right now they have 150 people signed up for this event.

Cameron Park Community Service District

Tammy Mefford introduced Livia Amidon as her alternate. Sue Farris said that WCNX picks up green waste every other week in Cameron Park either in bags or carts but are transitioning to carts only. Cameron Park CSD is also looking for a secure location for an overflow container for their green waste.

B. El Dorado County

Environmental Management Department

Don Nizolek had asked Jon Souza for a report on the Angora Fire. Jon Souza reported that coordination started on the second day of the fire and that included the State, the Waste Board, El Dorado County, Department of Toxics, and La Hunta. The Governor, the Waste Board and the County were very instrumental giving financial support. The Waste Board was willing to upfront as much a seven million dollars in the project but came through with three million quite rapidly.

Phase I was the debris removal that concluded on September 1st. Of the 260 homes that were involved, 256 required debris removal. These property owners registered for it and the removal has been completed. There was 59,455 tons of material removed. There was 639 tons of metal recycled; and 5,787 tons of concrete was recycled. The balance of 50,000 tons of ash was landfilled. We only had about 11% of diversion. Ash doesn't have a way of being recycled but it had to be removed for fear of runoff to the lake.

Phase II was the Hazardous Tree removal and placement of erosion control. This project began August 31st and would run through mid October. So far they have sent 50 tons of trees to a lumber mill.

Jon Souza reported that there would be a Household Hazardous Waste Event at the EDH Fire Station this coming Saturday and another one on October 6th. There would be staff involved with the Tahoe Fire Fest on October 6th. The last three Saturdays of October we would be doing Household Hazardous Waste Events at Pioneer Fire Station, in EDH and Garden Valley.

Construction and Demolition numbers are really dropping down. Since the ordinance was in place, we have had 2,655 sites that have qualified under the ordinance. We had 1,000 in 2004. This number dropped to 837 in 2005. Last year we had 483. This year we only have 163 permits. Don Nizolek said that we should expect to see smaller homes being built. He also said this would be another indication to revisit the situation and bringing in everybody else into the C & D ordinance. Jon Souza said we would like to amend the ordinance and go after the remodels, the 2,500 square foot homes instead of the 5,000 square foot. Sue Farris said that anyone building multiple homes is still covered under the ordinance but regardless of the size of the home all materials are the same and all should be recycled.

Dickson Schwarzbach asked Jon Souza what EDSWAC would need to do if there was interest in making changes to the C & D ordinance. Jon Souza suggested gathering some volunteers to review the document. He said EMD could provide them with some ideas on what was missing from the document such as the warehouses that were being remodeled with tenants moving into these places. Dianna Hillyer said she would be interested in looking at the County C&D ordinance. Dickson Schwarzbach made a motion, second by Dianna Hillyer, to have a subcommittee come with a recommendation on how to amend El Dorado County's C & D Ordinance. Sue Farris, Jeanne Lear, and Don Nizolek also volunteered to participate in this committee.

Jon Souza reported that the Nielsen illegal dumpsite in Pollock Pines would be finished by November 1st. There is about 50,000 cubic yards of material that is mainly wood, green waste and some concrete. This material would be grounded on site and used on roads. They are using crushing burners for the wood waste. The ash would be used to re-vegetate the landfill where the dump was located. There would be very little disposal coming out of the site.

El Dorado Disposal/ Western El Dorado Recovery Update

Sue Farris said they have identified two additional builders who would not utilize WCNX services. One had WCNX services and has decided to haul their own material. This is allowed under the ordinance if they use their own equipment and workers to do so, but it is very difficult to control. The rest of the builders are using WCNX services. The material coming from these builders is being sorted and recycled.

Sue Farris also reported that they have changed their Household Hazardous waste processor to Phillips. They are very helpful and respectful. She is very happy with their performance.

D. El Dorado Hills Community Service District

Dianna Hillyer said they would have a Community Clean-Up Event on Saturday, October 6th. Their diversion report was accepted with a 51.96% diversion, a total of 11,483 tons of waste generated with 6,546 tons diverted.

Dianna Hillyer said that WCNX has been working with them on the "Close the Lid" campaign to encourage residents to have closed lid on carts so waste does not fall out. This campaign has been very successful. People have called asking for more carts. She also reported that for the first time in five years no liens were recorded on any property for delinquent garbage accounts. Dianna Hillyer complimented Sue Farris and the WCNX staff for their efforts on getting those bills collected and paid on time.

Dianna Hillyer also mentioned that their back center on Latrobe Road is now open.

E. City of Placerville

Sue Farris said that the City is getting ready to present a proposal for a cart program as an informational agenda item on the City Council's October 9th agenda. The pilot program has been in operation for over eight months because the customers have asked WCNX to not remove the carts. The City currently provides green waste services a couple of times a year. With this program, WCNX would provide those green waste services as opposed to having the green waste going in the trash for the majority of the year.

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

Jeanne Lear expanded on the Angora Fire report. She explained that the State fronted the money and the County put itself on the hook as liable to implement the program quickly. The County will now collect the funds from insurance companies.

Jeanne Lear also mentioned that there is a redevelopment project for a convention center as you drive on Hwy 50 towards SLT. You would see a big open area on the left side of the road. All the little hotels are gone. All of the asphalt and concrete went for recycling to Tahoe Asphalt. Most of the other debris went to the Carson City Landfill.

Jeanne Lear reported that they are meeting with City Planning on Wednesday. The City Planner is ready to put out the 30-day review for the negative declaration for SLT to get their permit. The City of SLT has extended the franchise agreement by 20 years. South Tahoe Refuse is still working with El Dorado County on an extension of the franchise agreement.

VII. Open Forum / Public Comments

Don Nizolek asked what happened to the bio-diesel organization that was looking for County support. Jon Souza explained that the BOS is working on a lot of other projects. This organization was looking for endorsement to obtain funds from their bank. Jon Souza said the County is not in that type of business but that doesn't mean that the bio-diesel project is gone.

The next meeting is November 19, 2007.

Meeting Adjourned.

Motion by Tammy Mefford and second by Dianna Hillyer

Submitted by Jon Souza and Mina Andujar

Approved: _____

Date: _____
Chairperson