EL DORADO COUNTY
SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES

El Dorado County Environmental Management Department
2850 Fairlane Ct., Placerville, CA 95667
July 13, 2009

MEMBERS PRESENT:
Dickson Schwarzbach, Task Force Chairperson
Jeanne Lear, South Lake Tahoe Refuse (By phone)
George Turnboo, County Resident
Bill McCluskey, County Resident
Gary Pigg, City of Placerville
Sue Farris, El Dorado Disposal
David Kelley (By Phone)
Dianna Hillyer, El Dorado Hills CSD

COUNTY STAFF:
Jeff Rusert, Environmental Management
Dave Johnston, Environmental Management
Deana Watkins-Howey, Environmental Management

OTHERS PRESENT:
Wes Peters, Carlton Engineering, Inc.
Judy Mathat, District II Alternant
Wayne Lowery, El Dorado Hills CSD
Jim Greco, Independent Consultant

MEMBERS ABSENT:
Nancy Spinella, County Resident
Don Nizolek, Task Force Vice-Chairperson
Livia Amidon, Cameron Park CSD
Rick Angelocci, City of South Lake Tahoe
Jon Souza, Environmental Management

I. Call to Order
Dickson Schwarzbach called the meeting to order at 1:34 pm.

III. Staff Announcements
None

IV. Approval of Agenda
No changes. Agenda approved.

V. Approval of Minutes from May 11, 2009
Minutes approved on a motion by Diana Hillyer and seconded by Gary Pigg.

V. Old Business / Action Items

A. By-Laws- The BOS have approved the By-Laws.

B. Status of C & D Pending Changes- Jeff Rusert reported that proposed changes are being reviewed by either the CAO's or County Counsel's office. The EDC Builder's Exchange (BE) did not provide a letter of support for the proposed changes. The reason for not supporting changes in writing is unknown. Diana Hillyer suggested that after changes are reviewed, the revised Ordinance should be re-submitted to the BE and support requested again. The BE should then be advised that a revised Ordinance will be submitted to the BOS for approval with or without BE support and to suggest that we work together. We should find out their position and concern's. Dickson requested EMD staff followed up.

C. Solid Waste Plan (SWP) Working Group – Dave Johnston reported on the subcommittee discussion:

- Group mission
- County solid waste challenges
- BOS direction to prepare a Request for Proposal (RFP) for a solid waste plan and plan priorities.
- Facilities: clean vs. dirty MRF, transfer stations (existing and future) and landfills (Union Mine and future). Regional facilities and JPA formation. Public vs. private facility ownership and best interest of the community.
- Existing markets for recyclable materials and development of future markets
- Alternative technologies
- Possibility of increased diversion goals

Four subcommittees were formed and meeting were schedule prior to the next Working Group meeting on August 5, 2009. The subcommittees and members are as follows:

- RFP's. Members are Laurel Stroud, Judy Mathat, Diana Hillyer and Greg Stanton.
- Grants. Members are Laurel Stroud, George Turnboo, Gary Pigg, and Dave Johnston
- Facilities/Landfills. Members are Judy Mathat, Ravel Buckley, and Greg Stanton
- Alternative Tech. Members are Judy Mathat, Laurel Stroud, Richard Kreck, and Dave Johnston.

Additional facility tours may be conducted. Possible sites included BLT in Sacramento (a clean MRF), the Placer County facility (a dirty MRF) and possibly a waste to energy facility in Anderson (Wheelabrator).

Jim Greco stated it may be important to distinguish the SWP and the Integrated Waste management Plan (IWMP) required of all counties. He suggested the SWP committee minutes be submitted to EDSWAC to discern the difference between the SWP and IWMP. Dave Johnston stated Gerri Silva explained the difference between the SWP and the IWMP during the SWP meeting. Dickson requested that SWP minutes are provided to EDSWAC members.

D. Technical Feasibility Literature Review of In-Vessel Compost Technology (George & Bill) –
No update was available. See open forum/public discussion below.

VI. Legislative/Regulatory Update
There are no Legislative/Regulatory Updates. Judy Mathat stated she had heard about pending CARB regulations and expressed concern about the impact to small businesses. Sue Ferris concurred and gave an example of the costs to comply.

VII. Meeting AB 939 Goals -
Jeff Rusert stated he prepared and submitted the Quarterly Report. Sue Ferris will have diversion quantities for different locations by the next meeting.

VIII. Agency/Jurisdiction Reports

a. Amador County – Sue Farris
No report

b. Cameron Park Community Service District – Sue Farris
Sue Ferris's stated El Dorado Disposal's report will include Cameron Park information.

c. El Dorado County
Environmental Management Department
Dave Johnston reported the El Dorado Hills HHW facility expansion is complete. A magnet postcard will be sent to about 20,000 residents once electronic waste handling procedures are in place. A recent visit to the buy back

centers in Cameron Park and El Dorado Hills found significant quantities of e-waste are being collected in the area. The El Dorado Hills Center collects far more than Cameron Park.

A Saturated Petroleum Absorbent storage unit for the Wentworth Springs Rubicon trailhead is being retrofitted with self serve drop slots. Users can drop off absorbent and contaminated soil generated while on the trail. Similar storage units are already in place at Loon Lake and McKinney/Tahoe trailheads. Due to the current economic situation, EMD has not conducted much public outreach this summer.

Jeff Rusert stated he continues to work on the County office recycling program. He recently met with Building C custodial staff. There are still some issues to work out. Jeff feels an incentive program might help increase office paper recycling. Custodial staff is limited and has had some difficulty with the 32 gallon containers for recyclables. Jeff has been handling these containers himself.

Over 1,700 tires were collected during two recent collection events in Somerset and Georgetown. The grant is now finished. The next tire grant will fund recycling of tires collected at the MRF's. This grant is on hold pending a State budget resolution.

El Dorado Disposal – Sue Farris
Sue Farris reported that EDD has been working with Marshall Hospital to improve recycling programs. Debi Harlow has been working with hospital staff.

Carts used in Cameron Park are being re-lidded to accommodate the switch from the current 96 gallon waste/64 gallon recycling carts to 64 gallon waste/96 gallon recycle carts. Community education is being accomplished with door hangers and flyers. There has been an overwhelmingly favorable response to the switch.

EDD is working with the City of Placerville to implement the recently approved mandatory collection program. EDD staff, Gary and John, are contacting the 400-500 constituents that do not currently have service. There is an exemption program for opting out of the program.

For sometime now, rigid plastics are being pulled from the waste stream for recycling. A rigid plastic market has been located. There is no CRV value, but at least it's removed from the waste stream. Diana Hillyer mentioned their monthly newsletter could include rigid plastic recycling information.

The C & D line is being improved. The line is being retrofitting to make it sturdier, by reinforcing the steel and replacing the steel belt. EDD is looking to extend the line to increase sorting; this will take several months to accomplish. The goal is to add another conveyer sort line to the existing C & D line so they can accept more material. The majority of the material collected from the C & D line is ground sorted (concrete, heavy metals, large timbers) and the remaining material goes across the line. Wood, cardboard, rigid plastics and metals are the primarily materials coming off the line.

Dickson asked about household battery recycling locations: El Dorado Disposal collects household batteries at their buy back centers and at the MRF on Friday's and Saturday's. Dave let her know that EMD has provided collection boxes to many local government agencies. Environmental Management has approximately 100 of the battery collection boxes left, but once they're gone there are no more boxes.

d. El Dorado Hills Community Service District –
Diana Hillyer reported that this will be her last EDSWAC meeting due to reorganization of the EDHCSD. She will also no longer be in charge of franchise management. She introduced her boss, Wayne Lowery. EDHCSD has not decided who represent the District in EDSWAC. Dickson thanked Diana for her hard work and expertise.

The fall community clean-up is scheduled for October 24, 2009. Dave Johnston suggested moving this date to a first or third Saturday to coincide with HHW dates. Diana said it was hard to coordinate dates. Due to many different considerations this date was chosen.

e. City of Placerville

Gary Pigg reported that as Sue indicated, the City has gone to a mandatory collection program. The three-cart system has been working well, with no complaints. A date for the Placerville community clean-up day has not been chosen. Gary reported that they have created a partnership with the County on their clean-up days since they don't check id's to make sure the people disposing of material are residents of Placerville, and Gary feels at least half or more come from outside the City of Placerville.

Clarification was given on the mandatory collection program that was voted in by the Placerville City Council members on June 23, 2009. The program will begin thirty-days after June 23, 2009. A contract was created to help the residents that claim financial hardship on a case-by-case basis.

f. City of South Lake Tahoe/ South Tahoe Refuse

Jeanne Lear reported that they will be going in front of the Integrated Waste Management Board for a resource recovery facility permit. This is the last step of the permitting process. The second phase of the project, the truck parking facility, will be starting with demolition, grading and foundation work this summer.

The Clean Tahoe Day was June 6, 2009. Fire Fest is coming up the first Saturday in October. Equipment has been purchased for the resource recovery facility.

The blue bag program is out to the summer rental areas. The Boys and Girls Club did a tour of the facility. There's a new Environmental Education Coalition in South Lake Tahoe with broad participation by agencies. Environmental curriculum will be used in elementary schools.

They are putting together a package of commercial recycling programs that vary depending on size and type of facility. They are hoping to bring this to their JPA for approval and direction in the next few months.

IX. Open Forum/ Public Comments

George Turnboo reported that the meeting with Walt Harmon and Bill McCluskey did not happen because George was on vacation. George went to Nebraska University and met with people about the research on the soft walls (rubber and plastic composites) and on composting. The University owns a composting facility that returns compost to farmers. George went through Iowa, where many windmills provide power. He visited the Kenosha Wheelobrator facility, which burns garbage. The remaining soda ash is put it into roads. There is no waste.

Dickson asked if federal energy grant funding is being researched by the SWMP Committee. This grant can be used only for energy projects, such as biomass. Judy Mathat said that she was not familiar with the names of the different grants that are available.

Judy thought that if we could do a beta test at Union Mine along with the Forest products, there will be several products that can be made, and there will be money available to receive.

George read a letter that was sent by Diane Feinstein to Ron Briggs regarding fuel reduction projects in California's national forests. The letter indicated that currently there is an interior appropriations bill that will provide $338,959,000.00 for forest product programs and $350,285,000.00 for hazardous fuels reduction projects. These amounts are ten and thirty-million above the President's request. If the Bill is enacted, it is Ms. Feinstein's hope that the funds would help supply additional work in the areas around Quincy, Senora, Camino and other impacted communities.

It was discussed that it is a little premature to apply for grants, when we haven't decided what type of facility it is that El Dorado County is going to need.

Next Meeting: September 14, 2009

VI. Meeting Adjourned
A motion to adjourn was made by George Turnboo and seconded by Diana Hillyer.

Submitted by Deana Watkins-Howey

Approved:_____

Date: _____
Chairperson