EL DORADO COUNTY
SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES

El Dorado County Environmental Management Department
2850 Fairlane Ct., Placerville, CA 95667
March 9, 2009, 1:30–3:30 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:	**Dickson Schwarzbach, Task Force Chairperson** **Don Nizolek, Task Force Co-Chairperson** **Jeanne Lear, South Lake Tahoe Refuse (By Phone)** **Dianna Hillyer, El Dorado Hills CSD** **Nancy Spinella, County Resident** **George Turnboo, County Resident (New member)**
ALTERNATES PRESENT:	**Debi Harlow, El Dorado Disposal Service**
COUNTY STAFF:	**Gerri Silva, Environmental Management** **Jon Souza, Environmental Management** **Jeff Rusert, Environmental Management** **Dave Johnston, Environmental Management** **Deana Watkins-Howey, Environmental Management**
OTHERS PRESENT:	**Jim Greco, Consultant**
MEMBERS ABSENT:	**Sue Farris, El Dorado Disposal** **Bill McCluskey, County Resident** **Gary Pigg, City of Placerville** **Livia Amidon, Cameron Park CSD** **Rick Angelocci, City of South Lake Tahoe** **David Kelley**

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

II. Election of EDSWAC Chair and Vice Chair
Dickson Schwarzbach was nominated as Chairperson and Don Nizolek as Vice Chairperson by Diana Hillyer and 2nded by Debbie Harlow.

Yes: 5 Nizolek, Lear, Spinella, Turnboo, Harlow
Absent: 6 Pigg, McCluskey, Farris, Amidon, Angelocci, Kelley

III. Staff Announcements
Jon Souza announced that Mina Andujar-Dejesus has moved on to a different department, so we now have Deana Watkins-Howey and Vicki Hallas sharing the responsibility for doing minutes for the meetings.

IV. Approval of Agenda
Revise and Prioritize
Agenda approved. No changes were made to the Agenda.

V. Approval of Minutes from January 12, 2009
Minutes approved on a motion by Don Nizolek and seconded by George Turnboo.

Yes: 5 Schwarzbach, Lear, Hillyer, Spinella, Harlow
Absent: 6 McCluskey, Pigg, Farris, Amidon, Angelocci, Kelley

V. Old Business / Action Items

California Product Stewardship Resolution:
The letter of endorsement for the California Product Stewardship Resolution by the EDSWAC to Gerri Silva was written and sent to Gerri. Since Gerri is in favor of the Resolution it should not take too long to get the Resolution through the BOS.

The Purchasing Department will most likely be the Department behind creating any new ordinances in purchasing.

EDSWAC Purpose:
Jon Souza passed out the original Resolution #267-92, which stated that the Integrated Waste Management Act of 1989 required the development of a local task force to develop and implement solid and hazardous waste management plans. Jon also passed out a copy of the Roles of the Task Force which states that the Task Force has two major functions: to serve in an advisory role to determine the County's solid waste needs and to review solid waste facility permits.

The EDSWAC By Laws are in the hands of the CAO, and they are currently getting them ready for presentation to the BOS. This will most likely happen in April. The changes to the C & D Ordinance will also be presented to the BOS in April. Dickson asked that the By Laws be given to each member so they have a good idea of the requirements of the committee.

VI. Legislative/Regulatory Update
There wereTto updates. AB283 introduce on February 12, 2009. This will be an extended producer responsibility bill. It may be heard on March 15, 2009.
SB25, Solid Waste Diversion is the bill that we have been tracking for the past two years. This is the bill that would increase the diversion rate to 75%. No changes have been made to the bill since it was last looked at in January.

VII. AB 939 Goals
SB 1016 Alternative Diversion Compliance System Act
The bill was introduced to create an alternative diversion compliance system act. Currently, it takes 18-24 months to report on the year previous. This bill would shorten it to 6-9 months with more interest on the programs in place. The diversion reporting will change to pounds per resident disposed. The Waste Board will determine the amount of solid waste disposed of in each jurisdiction at least once every two years. They will use generation rates from 2003-2006, and calculate an average per capita generation (Total generation tons x 2000 x population divided by 365 days, then divide that number by 4 and that will give an average per capita generation.) Then they will take 50% of that number (since they are assuming we have met the 50% requirement) and that will be our new target rate. The new numbers are not available as of today. Each jurisdictions generation numbers can be found on the Integrated Waste Management's website.

VIII. Agency/Jurisdiction Reports
a. Amador County
No report from Amador County

b. Cameron Park Community Service District
Debi Harlow reported for the CSD. EDDS is working with them to set up a new recycling center in Cameron Park instead of behind Bel Air. They are also looking to set up a yard waste collection center that would be fenced off

for overflow residential yard waste. The hope is it would also be adequate for collecting E-Waste and that it can be locked.

c. El Dorado County
Environmental Management Department
The County has a household hazardous waste drop-off event at the El Dorado Hills Fire Department on the 21st of this month. There were 2400 tires collected at the Tire Amnesty Day at the Fairgrounds last weekend. This brings the total amount of tires collected to over 100,000 tires.

El Dorado Disposal
It is being discussed that the future of the Tire Grant will move towards allowing collection of tires one Saturday a month at the MFR for free.

d. El Dorado Hills Community Service District
Diana Hillyer reported that the EDH CSD sent out a proposal to nine different companies to get an audit of Waste Connection services. They are planning their April 25th Green Party in celebration of Earth Day. They are also working on a creek clean up day. They did not have any diversion reports.

e. City of Placerville
Nothing new to report.

f. City of South Lake Tahoe
South Lake Tahoe / South Tahoe Refuse
Jeanne reported that the blue bag program has been started in certain pilot areas, and next week other neighborhoods will be included. The goal is to have it all up and going by Earth Day or May 1st.
The enclosure of the Material Recovery Facility has been completed and they hope to get their certificate of occupancy by June 1st. Then the equipment can be installed. A diesel tank has been installed and they will be using it once the weather warms up with biodiesel for their equipment.

Earth day preparations are being made for the April 25th celebration and the Clean Tahoe Day is scheduled for June 6th.

IX. Open Forum/ Public Comments
Gerri Silva, Director of Environmental Management, provided information that will be presented in the Solid Waste Workshop that will be held in the BOS Chambers next Monday, March 16, 2009 at 11:00 am. The purpose of the workshop is to look at two things in the County. The first is the solid waste management system and the plan for the future of that, and the rate setting criteria. Our current system is working well, we have met the 50% diversion rate County Wide, but are now looking at some proactive movements to move forward in the future. The goal is to start looking at the different aspects of our current system. The first part is to look at the current facilities. We need to decide if we want rural, mini transfer stations vs. one big MRF or do we want to look at self hauling? We need to look at program enhancements for commercial and multi family recycling. Where do we want to go with green waste management? We need to look at our existing policies and how we would create new policies based on new mandates. Landfills? Are we interested in reopening Union Mine or finding a new landfill? Our current franchise agreements are all good until 2012, with the exception of the Tahoe/ Truckee agreement, which expires at the end of this year. This gives us time to look at all these components. Since there are so many different areas that we are trying to focus on regarding solid waste in the County we knew that we needed to have this workshop. We are not mandated to do this. Environmental Management felt a global, comprehensive plan was needed.

The second part of the Workshop is to look at the system plan for a standardized rate setting methodology for the franchises. We have seven franchise agreements that are currently all different. The goal is to move forward with

development of a standardized rate setting methodology. It is anticipated that creating a new methodology will take approximately a year, but the time is good since the franchise agreements are good until 2012. There is not funding available for moving with a lot of the County Waste Management Plan, and the funding for the rate methodology which will be taken over two fiscal years.

Gerri is asking that EDSWAC create an ADHOC committee to send to the workshop. Previous Solid Waste Meetings have been very well attended so it is anticipated that we will receive a lot of good input. Since the BOS may want other items to be reviewed where the ADHOC committee would take all this information, take six months to review it and come back six-months later to present their recommendations. Gerri hopes that EDSWAC can present to the BOS the background behind the creation of EDSWAC and what the group has done in the past.

It was motioned by Dickson, and 2ND by Nancy Spinella to endorse this plan and have someone go represent EDSWAC's viewpoint and also to have the opportunity for input as this plan develops. George Turnboo volunteered to join the ADHOC committee on behalf of EDSWAC.

Don Nizolek brought up an open item. He wanted to know about whether or not the rate surcharge was being looked at for being removed or revised. El Dorado Disposal is planning on going back to the BOS, if the rate is different they will make the modifications. George Turnboo said that it was discussed between him and Gerri Silva that maybe the money that has been set aside from this surcharge could be used to help fund the studies of the new MRF. Debi Harlow stated it would not be a good place for the money to come from or look good to have the money being charged through the residents' garbage bills. She thought it would be better to set up a special tax to generate the money.

George Turnboo brought up that he has talked with Ted Gaines who is researching new technology, specifically one that is provided by Wheelabrator (burning the trash to generate electricity, biomass). Ted Gaines's assistant worked with Wheelabrator before becoming Ted Gaines's assistant. There are grants that are available ($1.6 Million). If we could qualify for a grant we could use this money to research this technology. Steam is what is generated from the Wheelabrator, with no particulates being released. One of these Wheelabrator can produce enough electricity to run 700,000 homes. Everything can be burned in these, except the recyclables. This technology has already been developed so there would not be any money needed to help develop it. George's thought is that if we can incorporate new solid waste technology to solve our solid waste issues, it can also generate revenue for the County.

Debi Harlow brought up that El Dorado Disposal is working on a Spring Clean up for communities from El Dorado Hills to Pollock Pines in April/May for yard waste, trash, E-waste. They are providing boxes to each of the communities. It is open to anyone. It was discussed how the recycling centers are now passing out vouchers to people recycling instead of cash. They haven't been passing out cash for six months.

Dickson Schwarzbach suggested that we add these discussions of new technology to our next meeting agenda. Our rate structure is different from other County's so we need to be cautious comparing our systems to other systems. She suggested that George bring some information on these other technologies to the next meeting that he can share with the committee.

N**ext Meeting: May 11, 2009**

VI. Meeting Adjourned
A motion to adjourn was made by Diana Hillyer and seconded by Debi Harlow
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Yes: 6 Schwarzbach, Nizolek, Lear, Turnboo, Spinella, Harlow
Absent: 6 McCluskey, Farris, Amidon, Angelocci, Kelley, Pigg

Submitted by Deana Watkins-Howey

Approved:_____

Date: _____
Chairperson