EL DORADO COUNTY
SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES

El Dorado County Environmental Management Department
2850 Fairlane Ct., Placerville, CA 95667
January 12, 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** **Bill McCluskey, County Resident** **Gary Pigg, City of Placerville** **Dianna Hillyer, El Dorado Hills CSD** **George Turnboo, County Resident (New member)**
ALTERNATES PRESENT:	**Debi Harlow, El Dorado Disposal Service**
COUNTY STAFF:	**Jon Souza, Environmental Management** **Jeff Rusert, Environmental Management** **Greg Santon, Environmental Management** **Mina Andujar, Environmental Management**
OTHERS PRESENT:	**Jim Greco, Consultant** **Wes Peters, Carlton Engineering, Inc.**
MEMBERS ABSENT:	**Nancy Spinella, County Resident** **Sue Farris, El Dorado Disposal** **Livia Amidon, Cameron Park CSD** **Rick Angelocci, City of South Lake Tahoe**

I. Call to Order
Don Nizolek called the meeting to order.

II. Staff Announcements
No staff announcements.

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

IV. Approval of Minutes from September 8, 2008
Minutes approved on a motion by Jeanne Lear and seconded by Debi Harlow.

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

V. Old Business / Action Items

EDSWAC By-Laws (Added to Agenda):
The By-Laws had been submitted back in November of 2008 to be added to the BOS agenda but then pulled to go back to County Counsel for re-review. They were received back from County Counsel on December 30, 2008. There were only minor changes and they are expected to be added to an agenda for the BOS in February.

C & D Pending Changes (Added to Agenda):
The changes to the C & D Ordinance discussed at the November 18, 2008 EDSWAC meeting are pending the re-approval of Gerri Silva, Director of Environmental Management. Once approval is received, they will be added to a BOS agenda.

California Product Stewardship Resolution:
It was suggested by Jon Souza that If EDSWAC agrees to the concept of the California Product Stewardship Council, the Chairman should draft a letter to the Director of Environmental Management, Gerri Silva, recommending that the County sign a pledge of support, if possible make a financial contribution and submit a resolution to the Board of Supervisors supporting extended producer responsibility. An overview of the California Product Stewardship Council was discussed for any member that may have missed the presentation given by Mark Rappaport of the California Product Stewardship Council, at the November 17, 2008 meeting.

The County's pledge to the program at this time would only be a pledge of support since the County does not have the means to make a financial contribution. The Director, Gerri Silva discussed this with Mark Rappaport, and he said financial support is not obligatory, that the County would only become a signatory. Part of the County's pledge would be to incorporate producer stewardship/product liability into the County's Procurements & Contracts Ordinance. Once the County signs the pledge for producer responsibility it would become a resolution passed by the Board of Supervisors that would permeate in the County's own purchasing policies.

A motion was made by Dickson Schwarzbach and seconded by George Turnboo to have the Chariman draft a letter of endorsement to the Director of Environmental Management, Gerri Silva, for the California Product Stewardship Council.

Yes: **Schwarzbach, Nizolek, Lear, Hillyer, McCluskey, Pigg, Turnboo**
Absent: **Spinella, Farris, Amidon, Angelocci**

VI. Legislative/Regulatory Update
The Legislature is currently working on the Budget issue, so there are no new items to discuss. It was suggested by Jon Souza that the presentation of Senate Bill 1016 be moved to the March meeting. SB 1016 would change the calculations of waste diversion from a percentage version to a pounds per resident disposed system. SB 1016 became effective on January 1, 2009.

VII. AB 939 Goals
As reported at the last meeting, two annual reports will be due electronically this year. One will be due in March, for the year 2007 and the other due in August for year 2008.

The Ad Hoc committee, which was created in regards to the Material Recovery Facility, met last Wednesday, January 7, 2009. Minutes from that meeting were handed out. There are four areas that need to be considered and input given by the committee. Those areas are: clean vs. dirty, the MRF design, County Ownership and the new site of the MRF. The committee talked about what the goals were, why we were looking at clean vs. dirty, and the reasons for the new facility and location. The committee came to the conclusion that a new facility is needed to provide for growth, increased capacity and the expectations of having to reach a 75% diversion rate in the future. The committee discussed the advantages and disadvantages of clean vs. dirty and determined a clean MRF is most likely what is needed. After further research, it is anticipated that at the March meeting, the committee could give their full findings and recommendations to the EDSWAC committee.

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

B. Cameron Park Community Service District

Debi Harlow reported for the CSD. They are still extremely shorthanded. EDDS is working with them to set up a different 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.

C. El Dorado County
Environmental Management Department

The County had two household hazardous waste drop-off events at the El Dorado Hills Fire Department in the month of December.

On December 9, 2009, the County presented the County-Wide Enhanced Recycling Program to the Board of Supervisors. The program did not move forward for Sierra Disposal, Amador Disposal and El Dorado Disposal. The program did move forward for American River Canyon, and the East Slope SLT basin for a green waste recycling program, which will be kicked off on Earth Day. Blue bags for a mixed recyclable program were approved for the American River Canyon and SLT basin. The program was presented at the JPA and the JPA is funding the first pilot year of the blue bag program. There will be no rate impact to the customer because of the JPA funding. The concern on the West Slope is having a rate impact during this economy.

El Dorado Disposal

They are picking up Christmas trees for free for the residents of the City of Placerville as long as they have cut them up. They had containers for Christmas tree collection at the Transfer Station for two weeks for free drop off.

D. El Dorado Hills Community Service District

The Christmas tree collection and chipping program was overwhelming this year. Each year more trees and bigger trees are received. Plans were already being discussed to increase the capacity for next year. Spring Clean Up is set for May 3, 2009. The EDCSD is busy preparing for an audit.

E. City of Placerville

The three cart system is working well. No complaints have been received in the six-month period that they have been in place.

F. City of South Lake Tahoe
South Lake Tahoe / South Tahoe Refuse

Jeanne reported the blue bag program was rolled out in three pilot areas on the first of the year. The areas include one area in the County, one area in City of SLT and one area in Douglas County, Stateline area, up in Kingsbury Grade. Support was given from the Department of Conservation by providing volunteers, laminated cards, and recycled bags. The Department of Conservation volunteers and STR employees went door to door to pass out the bags and inform the residents of the new program. The program does not impose a significant change in their operation on the ground or at the MRF. They still need to develop some statistical data but so far the program has been working well.

The enclosure of the Material Recovery Facility has been completed, thanks in part to the mild winter weather. The MRF was designed with the possibility of adding future advance technology. The anticipated start of operation is this summer.

South Tahoe Refuse had a Christmas tree recycling program and a Christmas food drive. Earth day preparations are being made for the April 25th celebration.

IX. Open Forum/ Public Comments

Debi Harlow reported that EDDS is setting up dates for the Spring Clean Ups.

Jim Greco stated that in Cameron Park, residents can subscribe for green waste carts, and also some residents can do bags of green waste. However, that is not the case in EDH. Debi Harlow reported that EDDS is working to educate Cameron Park residents to eliminate the bags. They want to have a 20 yard dumpster for all their overflow yard waste at the new recycling center. They are also thinking of adding an extra day of drive by pickups of yard waste bags. The residents would need to call to schedule an extra pick up.

He also brought up the Sacramento Bee article that was about abolishing the waste management board members. There has been a bill introduced, SB 44 to restructure the Board. Jim asked the committee what their opinion was on this. The comments and opinions were that this was political, but we'll have to wait and see how it plays out. Regardless, we will still have to work with the Waste Board even if they don't have Board members.

Don Nizolek questioned the garbage rate increase that was added last year due to the increased fuel costs. What was the mechanism used for that fuel charge? Is there a sunset clause or is it tied to an index?

Greg Stanton reported that the increase is tied directly to a diesel fuel index. It is something that is included in the franchise agreement as an "extraordinary cost", and compensation is allowed to be requested. The index is one quarter or two quarters behind. It was planned to request the surcharges to be removed by the Board of Supervisors in December, but we realized the rates would have gone up because the index hadn't come out yet. The new index comes out this month. It is being evaluated for potential future action by the Board.

Elections for a new chair and co-chair should be done at the next EDSWAC meeting. The next meeting agenda will be limited to give time to address how EDSWAC will be measured under SB 1016. A review of EDSWAC's purpose will be discussed at the next meeting for the new EDSWAC members.

A verma composting demonstration for Schnell School's Pre–K classes was requested of EDDS and they agreed to do it and provide the worms.

Next Meeting: March 9, 2009

VI. Meeting Adjourned
A motion to adjourn was made by Dickson Schwarzbach and seconded by Bill McCluskey
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Yes: **Schwarzbach, Nizolek, Pigg, Lear, Hillyer, McCluskey**
Absent: **Spinella, Farris, Amidon, Angelocci**

Submitted by Deana Watkins-Howey

Approved:_____

Date: _____
Chairperson