

# DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

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## SOLID WASTE ADVISORY TASK FORCE (SWAT) Meeting Minutes of October 19, 2011

### MEMBERS PRESENT:

**George Huntington (D) - Vice Chair**

John Davis (A)

Diana McKeen (A)

Jennifer Shankland (A)

Bob Figoni (A)

Bill Holland (D)

Linda Kidd (D)

Dave Caretto (D)

Gabe Chavez (A)

Doug Moore (A)

John Ragsdale (A)

Mark Sorensen (D)

Bambi Tran (D)

Town of Yucca Valley

City of Victorville

City of Apple Valley

City of Yucaipa

City of Ontario

City of Hesperia

City of Needles

City of Big Bear Lake

SBCo. Board of Supervisors, Fourth District

SBCo. Board of Supervisors, Fifth District

Public-at-Large, East Vly Region

Public-at-Large, West Vly Region

Contruction-East Vly Region

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### OTHER ATTENDEES:

Julie Ryan

Chas Kelley

Julie Surber

Chris Seney

Erma Hurse

Claudia Rozzi

Erika Ellis

Rex Richardson

City of Hesperia

SBCo. Board of Supervisors, Third District

SBCo. County Counsel

Nursery Products

SBCo. DPW

SBCo. SWMD

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(D) = Delegate

(A) = Alternate

**I. Call to Order and Self Introductions:** Meeting called to order by **George Huntington**, Vice-Chair, at 2:05 PM, followed by self-introductions. Quorum present.

**II. Informational items available at the sign-in table:** **George Huntington** advised those in attendance that the following items were located on the sign-in table.

A. SWAT Roster

B. Local Enforcement Agency (LEA) Projects List

GREGORY C. DEVEREAUX  
Chief Executive Officer

	Board of Supervisors	
BRAD MITZELFELT	..... First District	NEIL DERRY
JANICE RUTHERFORD	..... Second District	GARY C. OVITT
JOSIE GONZALES	..... Fifth District	

- C. Legislation Update
- D. Draft SWAT Strategic Planning Committee Roster
- E. Draft SWAT Technical Committee Roster
- F. Draft SWAT Membership Committee Roster
- G. Membership Applications for Bambi Tran and Mark Sorenson

**III. Approval of Meeting Minutes – April 20, 2011:** Approved, all in favor.

**IV. SWAT Committee Reports:**

**A. Technical Committee-** Update was presented by **John Davis**. Committee set agenda for SWAT when they last met in September. Other topics discussed were regulations for Mandatory Commercial Recycling and Materials Generated in San Bernardino.

**B. Strategic Planning Committee:** **John Davis** stated that the focus of this committee has been on presentation for today's meeting.

**C. Membership Committee:** **John Davis** gave brief updated and stated that this committee has two new recruitments for members of SWAT representing public-at-large and construction. There are vacancies that still need to be filled.

**V. Elect new Public-at-Large delegate, west valley region. Consider Mr. Mark Sorensen to fill the currently vacant seat representing the Public-at-Large, west valley region. Term is for two years.** Approved, all in favor.

**VI. Elect new Construction Industry delegate, east valley region. Consider Ms. Bambi Tran to fill the currently vacant seat representing the Construction Industry, east valley region. Term is for two years.** Approved, all in favor.

**VII. Discuss and approve updated Committee Rosters and SWAT Roster.** All committee rosters approved, all in favor. SWAT roster approved with minor changes, all in favor.

**VIII. Legislation Update.** Presented by **John Davis**.

**AB341** – establishes a statewide goal that 75% of generated solid waste be source reduced, recycled or composted by 2020. CalRecycle may not establish or enforce a local agency diversion rate greater than 50%. By January 1, 2014, CalRecycle will submit a legislative report providing strategies to achieve the 75% goal.

**AB525** – extends public works waste tire grant program through June 2015. The program provides grants to local agencies for activities including rubberized asphalt concrete and tire derived aggregate. Also expands outreach and technical support to local jurisdictions to encourage rubberized asphalt concrete and tire derived aggregate use.

**AB1149** – extends the plastic beverage container market development program through 2016. Program funding is set at \$10 million annually, but can increase if sufficient money is available in the beverage container fund after processing fee payments.

**IX. LEA Projects Update.** No update.

**X. Presentation: Update on Mandatory Commercial Recycling (MCR) and related legislation, Diana McKeen.** AB341 includes Mandatory Commercial Recycling and some lesser actions. This law incorporated much of what was in AB32. MCR requires all businesses that generate four cubic yards or more waste per week and multi-family residences of five or more units-regardless of amount of waste generated-implement a recycling program. Law effective July 1, 2012. Law has no enforcement provisions. Local jurisdictions responsible for education/outreach and monitoring of affected entities. CalRecycle to prepare a report by 2014 on how the State will achieve a 75% diversion rate.

**XI. Update: *Alternative Reduction, Recycling, Composting and Energy Technology Report*, prepared by the Strategic Planning Committee, presented by John Davis and members of the Committee.** Update to the Report which was presented at a earlier SWAT meeting. The report seeks to identify existing diversion infrastructure, forecast future needs. Needs would be further defined to targeted materials, anticipated feedstock available, general physical location of need. Difficult to get current information if facility doesn't have a Solid Waste Permit. For food waste, which is estimated at 13% of the county waste stream, existing processing capacity estimated at 89,800 tons/yr. with only 18,720 tons/yr. actually being processed (or 21% of existing capacity). The existing permitted capacity is only 44% of the estimated needed capacity. Other technologies being discussed at a State level; conversion, anaerobic digestion (AD).

**XII. Update: San Bernardino County Operated Disposal System: Comprehensive Disposal Site Diversion Program (CSDSP), presented by Claudia Rozzi.** The program was to be revenue neutral. This past year the program operated in the red, and had to be scaled back. Based on fees collected and operations cost, to be revenue neutral, the diversion rate cannot exceed 39.2% of charged tons. As operations costs go up, the maximum diversion goes down. Diversion rate is system-wide, not site specific. Bulk of diversion comes from wood/greenwaste and C & D type materials used as alternative daily cover at the landfills.

**XIII. Update: Extension of Waste Disposal Agreements (WDA) between the cities and the County by Claudia Rozzi.** She explained the County is drafting a letter to the city managers. Discussions with the county and the city managers are being held through a subcommittee of the City Managers Group.

**XIV. Public Comment (limited to three minutes). Rex Richardson** reminds that many of the Public member appointments will expire in April 2012.

**XV. Member Comment.** **Davis** added that the Membership Committee is developing a SWAT Membership Application form. The two new Public Member appointments, **Bambi Tran** and **Mark Sorensen** introduced themselves.

**XVI. Adjourn. 3:04 PM**

**Next SWAT meeting tentatively scheduled for---April 18, 2012**