

**SOLID WASTE ADVISORY TASK FORCE (SWAT)
Meeting Minutes of
October 17, 2012**

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MEMBERS PRESENT:

George Huntington (D) - Vice Chair	Town of Yucca Valley
John Davis (A)	City of Victorville
Bob Figoni (A)	City of Ontario
Dave Caretto (D)	City of Big Bear Lake
Ray Hansen (A)	City of Chino Hills
Melissa Morgan (A)	City of Highland
Thurston Smith (A)	City of Hesperia
Sylvia Ramos (A)	City of Chino
Mark Sorensen (D)	Public-at-Large, West Vly Region
Nancy Sidhu (D)	Public-at-Large, East Vly Region
Jeff Ziegenbein (D)	IEUA-West Vly Region
Gabe Chavez (A)	SBCo. Board of Supervisors, Fourth District

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Ed Camargo, (D)	City of Adelanto
Barb Stanton (D)	Town of Apple Valley
Tim Saenz (D)	City of Barstow
Alex Perez (D)	City of Colton
Lydia Wibert (D)	City of Fontana
Darcy McNaboe (D)	City of Grand Terrace
Phillip Dupper (D)	City of Loma Linda
Vacant (D)	City of Montclair
Janet Kulbeck (A)	City of Montclair
Linda Kidd (D)	City of Needles
Vacant (D)	City of Rancho Cucamonga
Linda Ceballos (A)	City of Rancho Cucamonga
Pete Aguilar (D)	City of Redlands
Ed Scott (D)	City of Rialto
Rikke Van Johnson (D)	City of San Bernardino
Dan Mintz (D)	City of Twentynine Palms
Tom Masner (D)	City of Yucaipa
Bambi Tran (D)	Construction-East Vly Region
Cole Burr (D)	Private Recycler, Desert Region
John Day (D)	Special District Representative, Mtn. Region
Brad Mitzefeld (D)	SBCo. Board of Supervisors, First District
Janice Rutherford (D)	SBCo. Board of Supervisors, Second District
Neil Derry (D)	SBCo. Board of Supervisors, Third District
Josie Gonzales (D) Chair	SBCo. Board of Supervisors, Fifth District

OTHER ATTENDEES:

Gerry Newcombe	SBCo. DPW Director
Art Rivera	SBCo. SWMD Manager
Julie Ryan	City of Hesperia
Andrea Saavedra	City of Highland
Julie Surber	SBCo. County Counsel
Paul Ryan	P.F. Ryan & Associates
James Breitling	Athens Services
Erma Hurse	SBCo. DPW
Rex Richardson	SBCo. SWMD
Suzan Garrido	SBCo. SWMD
Lisa Ormande	SBCo. SWMD

(D) = Delegate (A) = Alternate

I. Call to Order and Self Introductions: Meeting called to order by **George Huntington**, Vice-Chair, at 1:32 PM, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and 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~~
- C. Legislation Update
- D. Updated SWAT Committee Rosters
 - a. Technical
 - b. Strategic Planning
- E. SWAT Discussion Item

III. Approval of Meeting Minutes – April 18, 2012: Approved as submitted, all in favor.

IV. Legislation Update: John Davis states there is nothing to report at this meeting. **Nancy Sidhu** voiced her concerns with out-of-state bottles hurting the CRV program.

V. LEA Projects Update: None.

VI. SWAT Committee Reports, discussion & approval of committee rosters:

A. Technical Committee: Updated roster approved by the SWAT.

a. Elect a new vice-chair: Tony Mata elected vice-chair.

B. Strategic Planning Committee (SPC): Updated roster approved by the SWAT. There was discussion regarding the need for SWAT (see item VII). Other

discussion: **John Davis** said the SPC has identified three areas to focus its efforts: 1) AB341 impacts, 2) Develop compost markets, and 3) SWAT structure. The Logic Model process was used to develop these focus areas. **Mark Sorensen**, who facilitated the logic model sessions, went over the handout and stated the model is a tool used to set goals/objectives, develop a program plan and identify resources. **Jeff Ziegenbein** said an example of a program might be to have the SPC bring a proposal to the SWAT for it to set a goal of increasing composting. The SPC is evaluating where the county is now with composting and what steps need to be taken to reach the goal of increased composting capacity and markets. Identifying measurement methods are also part of the process. **Davis** noted that with the logic model you kind of work backwards starting with the desired outcome.

a. Elect committee vice-chair: Bob Figoni elected vice-chair.

VII. Presentation: AB341, CalRecycle (invited): Paul Ryan (PF Ryan & Assoc) presented an overview of AB 341. State is responsible to achieve 75% recycling rate by 2020. CalRecycle must submit a report by January 1, 2014 to legislature on what is needed to get to 75%. Cities/counties have to meet the existing 50% diversion goal. CalRecycle and the State are looking to count ADC & beneficial reuse as disposal rather than diversion/recycling relative to the 75% goal. With all this activity at the State level, the SWAT is expected to play an important role.

VIII. Discuss SWAT and SWAT Committee meeting need relative to Section 40950(a) of the Public Resources Code, meeting frequency and funding of the SWAT; and, consider changing the number of committees, meeting frequency of the committees and the SWAT, and solicit additional funding to support the activities of the SWAT: This was discussed under item VI(B). **Bob Figoni** stated that one of the objectives of the Strategic Planning Committee was to bring relevant information to SWAT members to help educate them on solid waste issues facing jurisdictions. **Jeff Ziegenbein** stated that one of the three goals of the SPC is to increase markets for compost. He also stated that SWAT would be useful in that effort. **Gerry Newcombe** indicated that we could use the compost discussion to see if the SWAT would be useful. So while we give this a chance, the County will not pursue reducing the meeting frequency of the SWAT and its committees.

IX. CIWMP 5-year Review Update: Erma Hurse said the Board of Supervisors approved the Final Countywide Integrated Waste Management Plan Five-Year Review (CIWMP) Report on September 25, 2012. The Report was electronically sent to SWAT members, the twenty-four jurisdictions within the County, and the regulatory agencies on Thursday, October 4, 2012. Staff is awaiting approval from CalRecycle on its findings that no revisions to the County's CIWMP planning documents are necessary at this time and requests approval of the Report.

X. WDA Update: Newcombe explained the city of San Bernardino, with all its financial troubles, is not extending its WDA. It appears all other cities are on board with the extension. The extensions are for 3 ½ years.

XI. Solid Waste System Update: **Newcombe** stated that the County has a RFP on the street for operation of the County's landfills/transfer stations. There was good attendance by interested parties at the pre-proposal meeting. The deadline for submitting has been extended to November 14, 2012. The goal is to have a contract to the Board of Supervisors in March 2013. The current contract expires on June 30, 2013. The County is pursuing other revenue opportunities including import, and has responded to a RFP to take waste from Los Angeles County. The County Solid Waste System is using cash reserves to cover its revenue shortfall. If this continues, these reserves will run out in 7 or 8 years.

XII. Member Comment: None

XIII. Public Comment (Limited to three minutes per speaker): None

XIV. Set next meeting date and adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 2:55 PM, next meeting is set tentatively for April 17, 2013.