



Multi-Jurisdictional Solid Waste Task Group

MINUTES: October 22nd, 2007

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Attendees:

Members

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Mark Schleich

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Claudia Stine

Stephen MacIntosh

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Jeff Clarin

Leslie Wells

Eric Lohela

Carlyle A. Johnston

Lisa Sloan

Brian Just

Brad Hageman

Public

Jim Binder, ARI

Chip Clements, Clements Environmental

Sue Higgins, ARI

Bob Engle, Engle & Gray

George Eowan, IRI

Mary Rose, M.R. & Associates

Mario Borgatello, MarBorg Industries

Thor Schmidt, Allied Waste

Marrienne Hopkins, UCSB

Guiding
Principles

Local Control

Regional
Services

Waste Diversion

Economic
Efficiencies

Reliability

Flexibility

1. **Meeting was called to order** at 9:08 am by the Co-Chairs
 - a. Introductions
 - b. Quorum was achieved
2. **Public Comment:** Mario Borgatello wanted to thank the MJSWTG (Task Group) for heading in the right direction with conversion technology and appreciated the presentations done by Santa Barbara City & County staff to the City Council of Santa Barbara. In addition, Mr. Borgatello wanted to announce his plans to establish a natural gas collection vehicle at MarBorg.
3. **Minutes:** The minutes were approved without change.

4. **Legislative Update presented by George Eowan:** Mr. Eowan informed the Task Group of impending changes in both the legislature and the California Integrated Waste Management Board (CIWMB) that “will be moving the State of California beyond AB 939.” A handout was distributed that included summaries of important legislation (described below).

Background: The California statewide average is 54% diversion. Collectively all jurisdictions have spent \$3 billion on infrastructure to achieve this result (according to the CIWMB). 62% of all local jurisdictions have achieved the 50% requirement set by AB 939, with many jurisdictions surpassing that goal by a large margin – including the jurisdictions of Santa Barbara County.

The majority of Mr. Eowan’s presentation focused on two Bills that will have the largest impact on the jurisdictions of Santa Barbara County: The Wiggins and Padilla Bills.

SB 1016 Wiggins – Will impact how diversion is calculated, focusing on what is sent to the landfill as opposed to focusing on the amount diverted. This would be a totally new way of tracking and calculating diversion for all jurisdictions. This Bill also proposes to use 2006 as a common base year for all jurisdictions. It would be from 2006 that all diversion goals would be set.

SB 1021 Padilla – Will impact the amount that needs to be diverted. The first version set 75% by 2012. The second 60% by 2012 and 75% by 2020. Similar to the Wiggins Bill this would focus on disposal numbers for calculation diversion. This has been converted to a two year Bill and is still under revision. Other interesting aspects of this bill: early drafts would require commercial recycling. The diversion requirement would be a statewide goal rather than a jurisdictional goal allowing significant variation in diversion numbers in each jurisdiction. Under this Bill Conversion Technology would be allowed as a means of diversion, specifically: anaerobic digestion and ligno-cellulosic ethanol production would both count for diversion goals.

5. **Presentation on banning Expanded Polystyrene (EPS) given by Stephen MacIntosh and Eric Lohela:** At the request of the City of Santa Barbara’s Solid Waste Committee (Committee), Environmental Services Division staff conducted extensive research into the feasibility of establishing a ban on the use of EPS (commonly known as “Styrofoam”) in the foodservice sector of the City of Santa Barbara.

Staff’s recommendation was approved by the Committee and included the following three-pronged approach: 1) expanding existing public education and outreach efforts with additional emphasis on anti-littering, 2) developing a comprehensive organics diversion program (including foodscraps) and 3) once the comprehensive organics recovery and composting program is in place, implement a ban on EPS and promote the use of compostables by the foodservice sector.

6. **Update from the City & County of Santa Barbara on the Conversion Technology Study Group:** Mark Schleich from the County of Santa Barbara Public Works Department provided an update on the Conversion Technology Study Group. In October the City & County Study Group selected Alternative Resources, Incorporated (ARI) of Concord, Massachusetts. ARI is the recognized leader in conversion technology evaluation and is currently performing, or has performed, similar projects for the County of Los Angeles, the City of New York and the City of San Diego.

The Study Group is currently led jointly by both Mr. Schleich and Bob Samario, Assistant Finance Director of the City of Santa Barbara. The group’s management is defined by a Charter approved by the County Executive and City Administrator’s offices.

Presenting on behalf of ARI was the Project Manager Sue Higgins and the Project Director Jim Binder. Ms. Higgins gave a presentation on the scope and length of ARI’s contract detailing the timeline and specific deliverables associated with the evaluation project.

ARI will be the lead consultant in charge of defining the guiding goals and selection criteria by the end of January 2008 and completing a comprehensive feasibility study by the end of March 2008. A final version of the Study Group goals and selection criteria will be presented to the MJSWTG at the December meeting.

Supervisor Carbajal, Councilmember Barnwell and Councilmember Falcone emphasized the inclusiveness of this study. There was discussion on the need for extensive outreach and the desire for all affected jurisdictions (those serviced by the Tajiguas Landfill) to participate in the feasibility study.

7. **Other Business:**

Comments were made by both Councilmember Barnwell and Supervisor Carbajal on how productive and exceptional this meeting was. Mario Borgatello also commended the Task Group in its progress.

8. **Future Meeting Schedule:** The next meeting will be held at 9:00 AM December 10th, at the Solvang Veteran's Memorial Hall.