



SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE & LOCAL TASK FORCE MEETING MINUTES

June 24, 2022

The meeting was called to order at 9:02 a.m.

Committee Members Present

Michael Geyer, Joshua Mann, Maxwell Goossen, Orchel Krier, Ken Weir, and Tim Prado

Committee Members Not Present

Phillip Peters, Leticia Perez, Cathy Prout, Eric Arias, and David Couch

Agenda Item #1: Welcome & Rollcall

The Chairman, Mr. Michael Geyer, welcomed all members and guest present.

Agenda Item #2: New Member Introduction & Vacancy

The Chairman announced new member Tim Prado's appointment to the committee. Tim Prado introduced himself, stating he comes from a background in water, serving as Board President for the Lamont Public Utility District. The Chairman then announced a new vacancy for the Franchise Haulers, Metro-Bakersfield committee seat with the resignation of Larry Moxley. Due to this, a vote will need to be made on appointing a Vice-Chair for the Committee. This vote will take place later in the meeting.

Agenda Item #3: Approval of Minutes

MOTION: *Approve minutes for the meeting held on December 10, 2021.*

Motion stated by Tim Prado; seconded by Max Goossen. Motion was unopposed.

Agenda Item #4: Introduction – Mr. Samuel Lux

Mr. Lux, the new Interim Director of Public Works, gave a brief introduction to himself. He has been a civil engineer for eleven years now and has twenty years of experience. Mr. Lux is focused on learning the waste world and the legislature that applies.

Agenda Item #5: Hauler Update – Ms. Lisa Shreder

Ms. Lisa Shreder, Public Works Manager, discussed the upcoming rate changes for garbage hauling services that were approved by the County Board of Supervisors' June 28, 2022 meeting. As requested by the Franchise Haulers, the Recycling Surcharge will continue for an additional year. The Hauler Admin Fee was also increased. Due to the rate setting delays, the rates will not be effective until August 1, 2022. For the month of July, residents will be charged the prior year fees. Public Works is continuing to meet with all haulers to update contracts. A meeting will be held on June 30, 2022 at 1:30 pm for all haulers to attend. Lastly, the County Board of Supervisors consented to the Zone 2 Haulers' (excluding Valley Garbage) transfer of stock to Burrtec Kern, LLC on May 24, 2022.



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Agenda Item #6: Illegal Dumping Update – Ms. Lisa Shreder

Ms. Shreder presented the current year totals for the R.A.P.I.D. crew: 2,817 sites cleaned, and 573.4 tons of waste hauled including 428 mattresses (306 recycled, 71%). The crew is also utilizing contractors to clean large problematic areas. So far 36 tons have been collected by contractors working in the Taft Area and in the Oildale Area. The department's Homelessness Program has now been expanded to 1 Supervisor and 5 Code Officers. They have abated 202 encampments with 124 individuals accepting assistance. In order to reduce illegal dumping, the department has continued to host more Bulky Waste Collection Events throughout the County. Thus far, there have been nine events held in Bakersfield, Taft, Lamont, Mojave, Lost Hills, Delano, Lake Isabella, Frazier Park, and Ridgecrest. In total, the department has collected 66.5 tons during these events. More events are planned for the fall in outlying areas including Wofford Heights, Buttonwillow, Rosamond, and a second event in Bakersfield.

Agenda Item #7: Landfills Update – Mr. Brandon Fontes

During the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic, the department saw higher-than-normal daily traffic counts and tonnages. Today, traffic counts and daily tonnages are being maintained at these increased levels. Due to this, department staff are seeing modules fill a lot faster causing an acceleration of future module timelines. Mr. Fontes, Public Works Manager, estimated an increase of approximately 10% in trash tonnage and 15-20% increase in traffic. Timeline expectations for new modules are currently estimated at around a 2-year completion.

Agenda Item #8: Fee Increases Effective July 1, 2022 – Tony Bonanno

Mr. Bonanno, Public Works Manager, announced that the new gate fee increases will become effective at all County facilities come Friday, July 1, 2022. At the sites, gate house staff had begun notifying and informing customers of the fee increases back in March. These increases will mostly impact self-haulers. Commercial fees increased; residential waste was not affected; Construction & Demolition waste will be \$80/ton; all tires will be chargeable.

Agenda Item #9: SB 1383 Update – Tony Bonanno

Mr. Bonanno reminded those in attendance that the regulation for Tier 1 generators, such as grocery stores, became effective on January 1, 2022. The Tier 1 generators will need to seek out contracts with food recovery organizations. Staff has been reaching out to Tier 2 generators (restaurants/cafeterias). There are expected complexities for State metric system.



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Agenda Item #10: Shafter-Wasco Composting Facility – Chuck Magee

Mr. Magee, Public Works Manager, announced that Public Works has obtained Air Credits for this project. The department has also finalized and placed contracts with all composting facilities in the County. Currently, the project is in Design and afterwards will go to Permitting for Review. The County will have two processing facilities, located at Bena & Shafter, to clean the waste. The department is also looking into options for each jurisdiction and into solutions for what to utilize the end product for. Some ideas include use at parks or for farmers and homeowners. Mr. Magee ended his comments stating there will need to be a variety of qualities for the end product to match market needs.

Agenda Item #11: Cities Issues

Orchel Krier, with the City of Taft, mentioned the issues for senior citizens to move their carts for servicing. He mentioned he has been in discussions with Max/Westside Waste, to see what can be done to assist residents.

Agenda Item #12: Public Comments

None

Agenda Item #13: Committee Member Comments

Appointment of Vice-Chair

MOTION: *Appoint Josh Mann*

Motion stated by Orchel Krier; seconded by Ken Weir. Committee unanimously approved.

Agenda Item #14: Adjourning of the June 24, 2022 Meeting

MOTION: *Adjourn meeting.*

Motion stated by Ken Weir; seconded by Orchel Krier. Committee unanimously approved.
Meeting adjourned at 10:06 a.m.

Next Meeting:

September 30, 2022 | 10:00 A.M. | PSB Public Meeting Room