

**REVISED AGENDA - SEE ITEM 4a
NOTICE OF MEETING
OF THE
INTEGRATED WASTE MANAGEMENT
LOCAL TASK FORCE**

Merced County Association of Governments
Conference Room
369 West 18th Street
Merced, CA 95340

(209) 723-3153

TUESDAY, MARCH 30, 2010 3:00 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER

**MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC MAY ADDRESS ANY ITEM
ON THE AGENDA DURING CONSIDERATION OF THAT
ITEM.**

2. ROLL CALL

3. ORAL COMMUNICATION

**PERSONS WISHING TO ADDRESS AGENDA ITEMS OR
COMMENT ON ANY ITEM NOT ON THE AGENDA, MAY
DO SO AT THIS TIME. COMMENTS ARE LIMITED TO
THREE MINUTES PER PERSON. PLEASE STATE YOUR
NAME AND ADDRESS FOR THE RECORD.
FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA, NO ACTION WILL BE
TAKEN AT THIS TIME. IF IT REQUIRES ACTION, IT
WILL BE REFERRED TO STAFF AND/OR PLACED ON
THE NEXT AGENDA.**

**COPIES OF STAFF REPORTS OR OTHER WRITTEN
DOCUMENTATION RELATING TO ITEMS OF BUSINESS
REFERRED TO ON THE AGENDA ARE ON FILE IN
THE OFFICE OF MERCED COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF
GOVERNMENTS. PERSONS WITH QUESTIONS
CONCERNING AGENDA ITEMS MAY CALL MCAG
TO MAKE INQUIRY REGARDING THE NATURE OF THE
ITEM DESCRIBED ON THE AGENDA.**

ITEM

STAFF

- * **4. Minutes of the September 29, 2009 IWMLTF meeting**

- * **4a. Proposed Amendments to Merced County Household Hazardous Waste Element** Sam Chandler

For discussion and possible action.

- 5. California Integrated Waste Management Board (CIWMB) is now CalRecycle** Jennifer Halpin

For information only.

- 6. Sharps** Jennifer Halpin

For committee discussion.

- 7. Survey of Other Local Task Forces** Jennifer Halpin

For committee discussion.

- 8. Newby Island Recyclery (NIR) Contract Statements** Jennifer Halpin

For information only.

- 9. Adjournment**

*Action

#Attachment

+Enclosure

**INTEGRATED WASTE MANAGEMENT
LOCAL TASK FORCE**

SEPTEMBER 29, 2009

MINUTES

The regular meeting of the **INTEGRATED WASTE MANAGEMENT LOCAL TASK FORCE (IWMLTF)** held Tuesday, September 29, 2009 at the Merced County Association of Governments (MCAG) front conference room, 369 W. 18th Street, Merced, California, was called to order by Vice-Chair Joe Sousa at 3:05 PM.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Joe Sousa, At-Large City Citizen, Los Banos
Lila McIver, At-Large City Citizen, Merced
Patti Dossetti, At-Large County Citizen, Merced
Rob Emerson, Private Refuse Hauler, Allied Waste
Dennis Shuler, Private Refuse Hauler, Gilton Solid Waste Management

MEMBERS ABSENT

Tom Grave, Environmental Representative, Merced Alliance for Responsible Growth
Stan Murdock, Public Refuse Hauler, City of Merced
Rigo Diaz, Private Refuse Hauler, Waste Management
Paul Fillebrown, Merced County Director of Public Works

OTHERS PRESENT

Heidi Sanborn, California Product Stewardship Council (CPSC)
Bob Gedert, CPSC and California Resource Recovery Association (CRRRA)
Nikki Tuft, Allied Waste
Joan Mulcare, Division of Environmental Health
Sam Chandler, Merced County Regional Waste Management Authority
Marjie Kim, MCAG
Candice Steelman, MCAG
Jennifer Halpin, MCAG, IWMLTF Secretary

3. Oral Communications

Jennifer Halpin welcomed the new Director of Environmental Health Joan Mulcare, who is originally from San Bernardino County.

4. Minutes of the March 24, 2009 IWMLTF meeting

Patti Dossetti moved to accept the minutes of the March 24, 2009 IWMLTF meeting.
Seconded by Dennis Shuler.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

5. Minutes of the June 30, 2009 IWMLTF meeting

Patti Dossetti moved to accept the minutes of the June 30, 2009 IWMLTF meeting.

Seconded by Lila McIver.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

6. California Product Stewardship Council (CPSC) Extended Producer Responsibility

Bob Gedert introduced Heidi Sanborn, Executive Director of the California Product Stewardship Council (CPSC). Heidi gave a PowerPoint Presentation on what Extended Producer Responsibility is and why local governments may be interested in it.

Lila McIver moved to recommend the Merced County Regional Waste Management Authority Board sign the California Product Stewardship Council Pledge of Support.

Seconded by Rob Emerson.

Ayes: Lila McIver, Rob Emerson.

Noes: Dennis Shuler, Patti Dossetti, Joe Sousa.

MOTION FAILED.

7. New Landfill Hours of Operation, Effective September 28, 2009

The days and hours of operation changed at the Highway 59 and Billy Wright Landfills as of September 28, 2009 due to tip fee revenue shortfalls from a decrease in waste and construction/demolition material. The new operation days and hours were chosen over an increase in monthly service rates.

8. Update on the Status of the Proposed Highway 59 Landfill Gas Utilization Project

There was a Request for Proposal (RFP) for the development of a Landfill Gas Utilization Project at the Highway 59 Landfill from June 3, 2009 to July 29, 2009. During that time, five proposals were received, with two being chosen as the most responsible. After oral interviews and presentations, the evaluation committee (composed of County Solid Waste staff), selected DTE Biomass Energy to develop the project. A contract will be brought back to the Merced County Regional Waste Management Authority Board (MCRWMAB) for approval.

Expected net revenue from the project is estimated at \$400,000 per year towards the MCRWMAB, with the ability to sell energy back to the grid at \$0.125 to either PG&E or MID.

9. Countywide Integrated Waste Management Summary Plan

Sam Chandler presented the Countywide Integrated Waste Management Summary Plan of 1995 to the IWMLTF. The plan is to be updated every five years, but changes haven't taken place since 1995. To be updated, funding would have to be approved to have staff research and work on the plan, or to hire a consultant. Dennis Shuler commented that it

took the Stanislaus County Local Task Force multiple meetings during the span of about a year to update their plan.

Joe Sousa would like to see the plan updated. He feels that not all of the goals have been met.

The local task force was created in pursuant to the California Integrated Waste Management Act of 1989 (AB 939). Its purpose is to provide recommendations and comments to the Merced County Solid Waste Regional Agency's Solid Waste Policy Board, or what is now called the Merced County Regional Waste Management Authority Board (MCRWMAB). Comments of the local task force are intended to address the development of, and revisions to, the Integrated Waste Management Plan.

Joe Sousa recommended updating the plan and keeping the task force. He asks for members to look at the summary plan and to do necessary markups throughout the summary plan.

Patti Dossetti suggested that the IWMLTF might discuss potential survey questions at the next meeting and give direction to staff, after which staff may then survey other local task forces throughout the State regarding their roles and functions.

10. Adjournment

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, THE INTEGRATED WASTE MANAGEMENT LOCAL TASK FORCE WAS ADJOURNED AT 4:30 PM.



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ITEM 4a

MEMORANDUM

DATE: MARCH 26, 2010

TO: INTEGRATED WASTE MANAGEMENT LOCAL TASK FORCE

FROM: SAM CHANDLER, DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS, SOLID WASTE DIVISION

SUBJECT: AMENDMENT TO THE HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE ELEMENT

SUMMARY

The Household Hazardous Waste Element (HHWE) is one of five planning documents required by the California Integrated Waste Management Act of 1989 (AB 939). AB 939 set up a waste hierarchy where each jurisdiction within California was required to reduce the amount of waste going into landfills by 25% by 1995 and 50% by 2000 and beyond, through source reduction, recycling, composting and reuse activities.

An Amendment to the Merced County Regional Household Hazardous Waste Element is necessary in order to transfer operations of the program to the Merced County Department of Public Works, Solid Waste Division from the Merced County Department of Public Health, Division of Environmental Health. The objective of the change is to reduce operational cost, increase hours of operation available to the public and consolidate operations to provide more effective use of staff and resources (see attachment, Draft Resolution No. 2010/4-15-01).

Operations of the program include the permanent household hazardous waste collection facility (PHHWF) at the Highway 59 Landfill; the antifreeze, batteries, oil and paint (ABOP) facility at the Billy Wright Landfill; temporary household hazardous waste (THHW) collection events; collection and disposal of pressure treated lumber; and, the recycling of universal (Cathode Ray Tubes) and electronic waste.

This change is consistent with the Operating Agreement between the Merced County Regional Waste Management Authority and the Merced County Department of Public Works wherein the Operating Agreement names the Merced County Department of Public Works, Solid Waste Division as the Operator and Administrator for the Authority's facilities.

REQUESTED ACTION

Recommend the Merced County Regional Waste Management Authority Board approve amending the Household Hazardous Waste Element.

Attachment: Resolution No. 2010/4-15-01

RESOLUTION NO. 2010/4-15-01

**RESOLUTION OF THE MERCED COUNTY REGIONAL WASTE MANAGEMENT
AUTHORITY BOARD AMENDING THE HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE
ELEMENT**

WHEREAS, the Merced County Regional Waste Management Authority (Authority) is comprised of the cities of Atwater, Dos Palos, Gustine, Livingston, Los Banos and Merced, and Unincorporated Merced County; and,

WHEREAS, the Merced County Regional Waste Management Authority Board is the governing body of the Authority; and,

WHEREAS, the Joint Powers Agreement (JPA) of the Authority designates the Authority the powers necessary to expand and operate Solid Waste Facilities for the benefit of all of the member jurisdictions; to achieve waste diversion goals; and, to comply with the California Integrated Waste Management Act; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to Public Resources Code section 41770, local agencies are required to review and revise if necessary, the Elements contained in the countywide or regional agency integrated waste management plan; and,

WHEREAS, the Authority wishes to amend the Household Hazardous Waste Element to restate the program operator to the Merced County Department of Public Works, Solid Waste Division, from the Merced County Department of Public Health, Division of Environmental Health in order that the public be better served with increased operating hours and consolidation of staff resources; and

WHEREAS, the amendment is consistent with the Operating Agreement between the Authority and the Merced County Department of Public Works, wherein the Solid Waste Division is named as the operator and administrator for Authority owned facilities; and

WHEREAS, CalRecycle Office of Local Assistance has reviewed the Authority's plan to amend the Household Hazardous Waste Element and has provided concurrence; and,

WHEREAS, the amendment to the Household Hazardous Waste Element will be reported as an update in the Authority's Annual Report to CalRecycle.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Merced County Regional Waste Management Authority Board approves and adopts the amendment to the Household Hazardous Waste Element, which is hereby made, by reference thereto, a part of this resolution.

The foregoing resolution was approved by the Merced County Regional Waste Management Authority Board on April 15, 2010 by _____ who moved its adoption, which motion was duly seconded by _____ and which was adopted by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

Jesse Brown, Chief Executive Officer
Merced County Regional Waste Management
Authority

John Pedrozo, Chairperson
Merced County Regional Waste
Management Authority Board

ITEM 5

MEMORANDUM

DATE: MARCH 23, 2010

TO: INTEGRATED WASTE MANAGEMENT LOCAL TASK FORCE

FROM: JENNIFER HALPIN, RECYCLING INFORMATION SPECIALIST

SUBJECT: CALIFORNIA INTEGRATED WASTE MANAGEMENT BOARD (CIWMB)
IS NOW CALRECYCLE

BACKGROUND

On January 1, 2010, the California Integrated Waste Management Board (CIWMB) disbanded. Its formerly managed programs, grants, loans and Division of Recycling programs, are now administered by the Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle), a department within the California Natural Resources Agency. A few examples of programs now under CalRecycle include:

- Beverage Container Recycling & Litter Abatement
- Recycling Market Development Zone (RMDZ) Program
- Tire Recycling, Enforcement, and Permitting
- Used Oil Collection
- Waste Reduction Award Program (WRAP)

CalRecycle has hundreds of program and policy experts with a leadership team of:

- Former chair of the CIWMB, Margo Reid Brown, as CalRecycle's Chief Deputy Director and Designated Acting Director,
- Jason Marshall as Deputy Director for Recycling;
- Mark Leary as Deputy Director for Waste Management;
- Tom Estes as Deputy Director for Administration;
- Alicia McGee as Deputy Director for Communications and Public Affairs;
- Elliot Block as Deputy Director for Legal Affairs; and
- Lisa Macumber as Deputy Director for Legislative Affairs.

CalRecycle's website is www.calrecycle.ca.gov. Our CalRecycle Local Assistance and Market Development representative is Paul Brainin, who can be contacted at pbrainin@calrecycle.ca.gov.

REQUESTED ACTION

For information only.

ITEM 6

MEMORANDUM

DATE: MARCH 23, 2010

TO: INTEGRATED WASTE MANAGEMENT LOCAL TASK FORCE

FROM: JENNIFER HALPIN, RECYCLING INFORMATION SPECIALIST

RE: SHARPS

BACKGROUND

In July of 2006, Governor Schwarzenegger approved Senate Bill (SB) 1305 (Figueroa). SB 1305 took effect on September 1, 2008, and made it illegal to knowingly dispose of home-generated, hypodermic needles, into any solid waste, recycling, and/or green waste container. Home-generated, hypodermic needles are pen needles, intravenous needles, lancets, and other devices that are used to penetrate the skin for the delivery of medications, and which are derived from a household, multifamily residence, farm, or ranch (includes human and animal sharps waste). SB 1305 also stated that home-generated sharps shall be transported only in approved sharps containers and disposed at either of the following: a household hazardous waste facility, a home-generated sharps consolidation point, a medical waste generator's facility, a state-approved sharps mail-back service.

Improper disposal of sharps may injure people, spread germs, or spread serious diseases such as HIV/AIDS, Hepatitis, and Tetanus. Home health care providers, wastewater treatment plant workers, and recycling, composting, and sanitation workers are prone to being stuck by sharps.

Currently, there are two, free drop-off locations where residents of Merced County can take their home-generated sharps:

- 1) The Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Facility
6040 N. State Hwy 59, Merced 95348
Please call 209-723-4753 or 209-381-1100 for hours of operation.
- 2) Division of Environmental Health
260 E. 15th Street, Merced 95340 (first floor in the Public Health building)
Monday to Friday: 8 AM – 5 PM

Residents can also pay for mail-back program boxes, or check to see if their local pharmacy will take back the sharps.

DISCUSSION

The current locations, noted above, take back sharps from the public for free, but they are both located in Merced. Residents of other jurisdictions would have to drive to Merced to properly dispose of their sharps. Will the majority of sharps-generators do this? Would the task force like staff to see what other counties and/or cities have in the form of ordinances or programs to make sharps collection available to a higher percentage of their residents?

REQUESTED ACTION

For committee discussion.

ITEM 7

MEMORANDUM

DATE: MARCH 23, 2010

TO: INTEGRATED WASTE MANAGEMENT LOCAL TASK FORCE

FROM: JENNIFER HALPIN, RECYCLING INFORMATION SPECIALIST

SUBJECT: SURVEY OF OTHER LOCAL TASK FORCES

DISCUSSION

Provide staff direction on development of a survey to gauge roles and functions of other local task forces throughout the State of California.

REQUESTED ACTION

For committee discussion.

MEMORANDUM

DATE: MARCH 23, 2010

TO: INTEGRATED WASTE MANAGEMENT LOCAL TASK FORCE

FROM: JENNIFER HALPIN, RECYCLING INFORMATION SPECIALIST

SUBJECT: NEWBY ISLAND RECYCLERY (NIR) CONTRACT STATEMENTS

BACKGROUND

To answer questions from the public and jurisdictions on any inconsistencies on what is considered recyclable and what is considered residue or contaminants, the County of Merced Solid Waste Division has provided these statements from the original contract with Allied Waste's Newby Island Recyclery (NIR) for the processing of "single-stream" recyclables. The contract states the following, whereas **CONTRACTOR** shall be NIR:

Sorting, Processing, Marketing and Storage of Recyclable Materials

CONTRACTOR shall sort, by both mechanical and manual means, ALL Recyclable Materials into separate product lines including, without limitation, old corrugated containers, newspaper, office paper, mixed paper, aluminum containers, other scrap aluminum, other metal containers, high-density polyethylene (HDPE) containers (natural and colored), polyethylene terephthalate (PET) containers, plastic film, and glass (clear, brown, green and mixed). The **CONTRACTOR** shall sort, Process and market these Recyclable Materials in a manner consistent with the best industry practice to maximize the economic value to these Recyclable Materials. With the exception of what is commonly recognized by the recycling industry as "residue" or "contaminants", **CONTRACTOR** agrees to divert from landfilling all Recyclable Materials under this Agreement.

CONTRACTOR shall Process all Recyclable Material delivered to the Processing Facility in a manner that maximizes material revenue and must meet all federal, state and local laws, as well as California Integrated Waste Management Board regulations and standards for the methods of Processing.

REQUESTED ACTION

For information only.