

**INTEGRATED WASTE MANAGEMENT  
LOCAL TASK FORCE**

**December 2, 2008**

**MINUTES**

The regular meeting of the **INTEGRATED WASTE MANAGEMENT LOCAL TASK FORCE** held Tuesday, December 2, 2008 at the Merced County Association of Governments front conference room, 369 W. 18<sup>th</sup> Street, Merced, California, was called to order by Chair Tom Grave at 3:01 PM.

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Tom Grave, Environmental Representative, Merced Alliance for Responsible Growth  
Julie Hernandez, Private Refuse Hauler, Waste Management  
Patti Dossetti, County Citizen-at-Large  
Lila McIver, City Citizen-at-Large, Merced  
Dennis Shuler, Private Refuse Hauler, Gilton

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Paul Fillebrown, Merced County Director of Public Works

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Scott Johnston, Merced County Solid Waste Division  
Mary Kay Cruz, Merced County Solid Waste Division  
Marjie Kirn, Merced County Association of Governments  
Jennifer Halpin, Merced County Association of Governments, IWMLTF Secretary

**3. Oral Communications**

Patti Dossetti and Lila McIver are the newest members to the IWMLTF.

**4. Minutes of the August 26, 2008 LTF**

A copy of a recycling survey conducted by Fresno State was requested to serve as an example, but was never received.

Patti Dossetti moved to accept the minutes of the August 26, 2008 IWMLTF meeting.  
Seconded by Julie Hernandez.

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**5. Updated “Tire Care & Recycling Program” Brochure**

Jennifer Halpin updated the 2000/2001 brochure with English and Spanish versions. Copies of the English brochure were mailed to all City Managers, the County of Merced Division of Public Works and Division of Environmental Health.

**6. Home Depot Taking Back CFL's for Free**

Jennifer Halpin announced that compact fluorescent lights (CFLs) are accepted at Home Depot returns desks. The information about the program is posted on [www.mercedrecycles.com](http://www.mercedrecycles.com) (MCAG's website for recycling information), but it could also be made into a press release for the newspapers and placed in the MCAG newsletter.

**7. New Recycling Laws**

Jennifer Halpin summarized the newest California recycling laws that will be in effect to help deter metal, CRV container, and newspaper thefts.

**8. 2008-09 First Quarter Report to the Merced County Regional Waste Management Authority Board**

Scott Johnston summarized the 2008-09 First Quarter Report to the Merced County Regional Waste Management Authority.

Tom Grave made a correction to page 3 of the report, stating that "Federal" should be changed to "Final" in "Federal Environmental Impact Report (FEIR).

**9. Ag-Chem Container Recycling**

Through a partnership with the Merced County Agriculture Commissioner and Interstate Ag Plastics, agricultural-chemical (ag-chem) containers from growers and commercial applicators will be collected for free.

There are three days left in the schedule: January 12, 13 and 14.

**10. New Recycling Hauler for the Merced County Area**

Jennifer Halpin informed the IWMLTF of Eagle Recycling, a new recycler to the area. Eagle Recycling would like to offer free recycling services to schools in Merced County. Currently, only a few schools have recycling programs in place.

**11. Adjournment**

After much discussion, Chair Tom Grave would like to meet with staff to receive direction on adding a discussion item to the next agenda about where the IWMLTF is heading and what its duties should be.

**THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, THE INTEGRATED WASTE MANAGEMENT LOCAL TASK FORCE WAS ADJOURNED AT 3:55 PM.**