

MINUTES

Solano County Local Task Force (LTF) for Integrated Waste Management

Meeting of September 17, 2015

9:00 a.m.

Solano County Administration Center

Member Organization	Representative	Present
CCL Organics	Dave Burnley	
City of Benicia	Sharon Williams	X
City of Dixon	Janet Koster	
City of Fairfield	Esther Blanco	
City of Rio Vista	John Degele	
City of Suisun City	Amanda Dum	X
City of Vacaville	Ivonne Vaughn	X
City of Vallejo	Derek Crutchfield	
Concrush	Allen Hochstetler	X
County of Solano	Narcisa Untal	X
County of Solano	Marcy Hannum	X
County of Solano	David Weiss	
County of Solano	Colby LaPlace	
Fairfield-Suisun Sewer District	Talyon Sortor	
Fairfield-Suisun Sewer District	Kevin Cullen	
Pacific Rim Recycling	Steve Moore	
Pacific Rim Recycling	Marissa Moore	X
Potrero Hills Landfill	Dave Jappert	
Potrero Hills Landfill	Natalie Hicks	
Recology Dixon	William Payton	
Recology Dixon	Melanie Calabrese	
Recology Hay Road	Danielle Lowther	
Recology Hay Road	Chris Taylor	
Recology Vacaville	Julia Lopez	
Recology Vacaville	Scott Pardini	
Recology Vallejo	Lisa Lefebvre	X
Recology Vallejo	Tom Phillips	
Recycling Zone	Dave Ryan	
Recycling Zone	Chris Aschero	
Republic Services	Susan Hurl	
Republic Services	Marie Knutson	X
Rio Vista Sanitation Service	Nicole Impagliazzo	X
Sierra Club	Jane Bogner	X
Solano Community College	Dwight Calloway	
Solano Community College	Jeff Lehfeldt	
Solano Garbage Company	Sandra Gonzalez	X
Solano Garbage Company	Travis Armstrong	
Travis Air Force Base	Brian Sassaman	
Travis Air Force Base	Milea Franklin	
VALCORE	Ken Hawes	
VALCORE	Vacant	
CalRecycle	Jill Firch	
CalRecycle	Rachelle Tarver	

GUESTS:

Erin Hannigan, Solano County Board of Supervisors
Karen Tedford, Solano County Board of Supervisors
Steve Pierce, Solano County Fair
Ashraf Batavia, CalRecycle
Chris Drake, Solano County Parks Manager
Joe Scholtes, KUIC Radio
Josh Simpson, Kamps Propane
Kevin Mattchen, Pick Up Propane
Jim Dunbar, Lystek International
Gabby Hernandez, Lake Berryessa Intern
Robert Eggers, Lake Berryessa Intern
Devin McHugh, Lake Berryessa Intern
Shaina Meiners, Lake Berryessa Intern

1. **Call to Order / Introductions**

The meeting was called to order at 9:04 am. Members and guests introduced themselves.

2. **Public Comment**

There were no public comments.

3. **Action Items(s)**

a. **Minutes: May 21, 2015**

The minutes of May 21, 2015 were unanimously approved on a motion by Ms. Bogner and a second by Ms. Vaughn.

b. **2016 Youth Ag Day**

Steve Pierce, Solano County Fair Manager, described Youth Ag Day as an event designed to educate and entertain local 3rd grade students on the important role agriculture plays in their everyday lives. It gives them an opportunity to see where their food comes from by visiting the 32 presentation areas where they can get a kid friendly, hands-on experience on many aspects of agriculture. He noted that in 2015 supporters raised over \$23,500, and that without the generosity of local supporters Youth Ag Day would not happen.

Ms. Untal stated that the LTF has supported Youth Ag Day since its inception in 2002. In the past the Task Force has given \$2,000 to fund one school bus from each of the seven communities plus Travis AFB. Over time the cost has gone up. This year the Task Force is being asked to increase its donation to \$4,400.

ACTION:

Ms. Dum asked if there was a motion to support Youth Ag Day for 2016. Ms. Bogner made a motion to authorize \$4,400 from Local Task Force funds to sponsor one school bus from each of the eight Solano County jurisdictions to support Youth Ag Day 2016. The motion was seconded by Ms. Lefebvre. The motion passed unanimously.

4. **Presentation**

a. **1-lb Refillable Propane Cylinders**

Ms. Untal introduced Josh Simpson of Kamps Propane which is promoting the use of refillable 1 gallon propane cylinders. Mr. Simpson said that Kamps Propane does not manufacture the refillable 1 gallon propane cylinders. Their primary business is in supplying propane for private residences and businesses. Two years ago they were approached by the manufacturer of a refillable 1 gallon propane cylinder. They had received approval from the Department of Transportation (DOT) to begin offering it to companies. What they found when they marketed their product was found that companies did not see it as a commercially profitable product for them.

He noted that for a variety of reasons over the last 40 years propane has become the number one source of fuel for people who want to use equipment to cook outside. The cylinders are sold everywhere in the retail marketplace. The price points vary widely from \$2.50 to \$7.99 depending on where they are purchased. Because of this the disposable cylinders have become a more significant waste problem. He estimated that approximately 40 million cylinders are sold in the U.S. annually and 6 million of them are sold in California. Many of the empty canisters are left in dumpsters at California parks and sports venues (tailgating). Many consumers are unaware of where and how they should be disposed.

Kamps Propane believes that California is the right place for a refillable propane cylinder because Californians will choose a more environmentally conscience solution as long as it's economical. They estimate that it would cost approximately \$1.50 to safely recycle a disposal tank.

The refillable canister is manufactured and certified by the DOT as a refillable 1 pound container. The certification from the DOT allows it to be refilled and carried on public roadways. The 1 pound disposal container is not DOT certified to be refilled. The refillable cylinder has a 12 year service life, can be refilled hundreds of times and is recyclable. Kamps Propane sells and exchanges the refillable cylinder at their 12 twelve offices in California. The price for a new refillable cylinder is \$12.99. The cost to exchange the empty cylinder for a new, full one is \$1.99. The refillable cylinder works with most of the commonly uses devices. The cylinder is currently available for sale and exchange at their 12 sites in California. They are working on making them available in as many venues as possible. Soon they will be available for sale and exchange at all of their Pick Up Propane retail locations over California, Nevada and Arizona. He asked the LTF to help speed up the pace at which consumers move from using disposable canisters to refillable canisters by spreading the word about the product.

b. Lake Berryessa Boater Ed Program

Ms. Untal noted that the Lake Berryessa Internship Program has wide support from Solano County jurisdictions and agencies. The program started in 2000 with 2 interns. This year there are 11 interns. Four of the interns, Robert Eggers, Gabby Hernandez, Devin McHugh and Shaina Meiners gave a presentation to the LTF on the Summer Outreach Program at Lake Berryessa. Ms. Hernandez gave an overview of the three main components of the program which are Invasive Screening, Boater Surveys and Recreator Surveys. Ms. Meiners noted that they were able to be at the lake 7 days per week offering education to boaters on good environmental practices. In addition to the four existing sites, the program is now offered at three additional sites. They promote the Lake stewardship in two ways. One is talking to visitors about good environmental practices such as oil recycling and invasive mussels. They help support the use and recycling of oil absorbent bilge pads through the bilge pad exchange program. The interns gather and manage data for the Watershed Partnership. And they also participate in World Environment Day and Coastal Cleanup Day. Ms. Meiners noted that a good portion of their time is spent screening boats for invasive mussels and educating boaters on how to prevent importing invasive mussels to the lake in the future. In 2012 3,100 boats were screened. This year 8,827 boats were screened for invasive mussels. Mr. Eggers stated that the boater surveys were taken to determine what boaters know about oil recycling and the consequences of discharging oil and hazardous waste into the lake. Boaters who take a survey get a free Clean and Green Boater Kit which includes information on ecological boating practices and an oil absorbent bilge pad to prevent pollution. Boaters are also informed that Lake Berryessa is a drinking water source for a portion of Solano County. Mr. McHugh reported on their goals and accomplishments for the summer. They made contact with 2,606 boaters through their survey efforts and were able to talk to them about good environmental practices at the

lake. 1,113 boaters completed the survey and 1,736 bilge pads were distributed to boaters. Of the types of boats on the lake 57% are inboard, 26% are inboard/outboard and 17% are outboard or jet. Inboard or inboard/outboard boats are designed to accommodate bilge pads. This means that 83% of the boats on the lake can use the bilge pads. To encourage people to bring back and recycle used bilge pads they have been giving out coupons for ice cream. Orange zip ties are being attached to the bilge pads to identify where they are being recycled. Ms. Hernandez noted that several people this summer remembered seeing interns from last year and were familiar with the program.

5. Member Updates

Marie Knutson, Republic Services

Coastal Cleanup Day is on Saturday, September 19th.

Jane Bogner, Sierra Club

VALCORE is holding a winter coat drive for gently used coats and warm clothing as a way to celebrate America Recycles Day.

Allen Hochstetler, Concrush

Assembly bill 2355 requires that a local agency that has jurisdiction over a street or highway either adopt the standard developed by the Department of Transportation for recycled paving materials, recycled base, sub base and previous backfills or discuss at a regularly scheduled public hearing of the local agency's legislative or other governing body why the standards are not being adopted. The bill will impose a state mandated local program and will go into effect on January 1, 2017.

Sandra Gonzalez, Solano Garbage Company

Solano Community College is launching a sustainability program in October at the Fairfield campus.

Ivonne Vaughn, City of Vacaville

TerraCycle collects difficult-to-recycle packaging and products and repurposes the material into affordable, innovative products. It is widely considered the world's leader in the collection and reuse of non-recyclable, post-consumer waste.

Amanda Dum, City of Suisun City

The next meeting is November 19, 2015.

Narcisa Untal, County of Solano

The 31st statewide Coastal Cleanup Day is Saturday, September 19th. They are hoping to have 3,000 volunteers this year. Marianne has been busy coordinating with all the site captains to make sure they have all the supplies they need. There will be two Drug Take Back events this fall due to the unexpected participation of the DEA. The first will be held on September 26th and the second on October 17th.

6. Adjournment

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 10:34 a.m.

The next regular LTF meeting is scheduled for **Thursday, November 19, 2015**