



San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments

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Energy, Environment, and Natural Resources Committee Solid Waste Working Group

Sam Pedroza, Chair

June 24th, 2008

11:30 am

West Covina City Hall
Upstairs Conference Room
1444 West Garvey Avenue
West Covina, CA 91790

MINUTES

1.0 Preliminary Business

1.1 Call to Order

S. Pedroza called the meeting to order at 11:38 am.

1.2 Self-Introductions

S. Pedroza	LACSD, Claremont
M. Rodriguez	Arcadia
C. Kalscheuer	Azusa
V. Castro	Covina
M. _____	Covina
J. Lee	Diamond bar
C. Agu	LA County Public Works
J. Ranells	La Verne
H. Maloney	Monrovia
H. Morris	Pomona
D. Figoni	San Dimas
S. Samaniego	West Covina
J. Reisdorf	Maxcom Data Management, Inc.

SGVCOG Staff

M. Creter, Staff
B. Cooke, Staff

1.3 May 27th Minutes

Working group members reviewed the May 27th minutes and no changes were made.

2.0 Discussion Items

2.1 Legislative Update

There was an update and discussion regarding the following bills:

- **AB 2058 (Levine):** Staff reported that the COG Governing Board took the Solid Waste Working Group and EENR Committee's recommended position of "support in concept." A letter was sent to Assemblymember Levine and members of the Senate Environmental Quality Committee who was scheduled to hear the bill the prior afternoon, June 23rd. The bill was passed with amendments by the Environmental Quality committee, but these amendments had not yet been released. There was discussion regarding the possible redistribution of the collected plastic bag fee in part to local governments to fund plastic bag abatement activities, but to date, this was not included in the bill's language.
- **SB 1016 (Wiggins):** It was recommended that the Committee track SB 1016 which would change the diversion rate calculations to a per capita formula. The CIWMB has taken a position of "support" whereas the some San Gabriel Valley cities have taken a position of "oppose."

2.2 Hauling Rates Survey/Database Discussion

Joseph Reisdorf of Maxcom Data Management, Inc. presented to the Solid Waste working group their proposal to create and host a solid waste management information system & database. The database would be an interactive tool that organizes public information related to waste management programs in order to create efficiency. San Gabriel Valley cities can fill out information regarding their city's activities and then all contributors will have free access to the data. Cities' can then periodically edit and update their information. Mr. Reisdorf reported that they will provide this service at no cost. There was discussion regarding possible minor additions and revisions to the survey questions. There was discussion regarding whether to charge outside users a fee for access. Maxcom Data Management will host the database on their survey and it will be accessible through the COG website. Any further comments should be submitted to Mr. Reisdorf via email.

2.3 Trash 101

There was discussion regarding the content of the Trash 101 agenda wherein members identified three major areas that should be addressed: (1) long-term disposal, (2) cost forecast, and (3) current and future diversion mandates. In addition, members discussed disposal issues including the Waste-by-Rail system and its impact on current disposal practices. There was also discussion regarding potential speakers for each session. The EENR Committee will review the Working Group's recommendations for the agenda. A conference call will be scheduled for next week to finalize the agenda content. The deadline for mailing out a flyer to advertise the event is July 11th.

2.4 Household Hazardous Waste Grant Application Update

Staff reported that they have contacted City of Industry to determine if they will also submit a grant application under the CIWMB Household Hazardous Waste Cycle. Staff highlighted the work plan being developed and encouraged feedback from working group members. The Notice of Funding Availability has not been released yet.

2.5 Solid Waste White Paper

There was discussion regarding the timing of the development of the Solid Waste white paper. It was determined that this document would

be finalized after the Trash 101 Workshop to allow for ideas from the workshop to be incorporated into its content.

3.0 Items for Future Meetings

None.

4.0 Set next meeting date

The next meeting was scheduled for August 26th at 11:30 am at West Covina City Hall.

5.0 Adjournment

S. Pedroza adjourned the meeting at 1:25 pm.