

**RIVERSIDE COUNTY
SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COUNCIL
(COUTYWIDE LOCAL TASK FORCE)**

SPECIAL MEETING

Minutes

June 22, 2006

**MEMBERS
PRESENT**

Bruce Williams
John Skerbelis
Paul Ryan
Terry Wold
Katie Barrows
Ben Wilcox
Frankie Riddle
Ed Campos
Curtis Showalter
Bob Magee

REPRESENTING

CVAG
County Sup. Dist. #2
EDA
County Sup. Dist. #1
Environmental
ISRI
CVAG
IEDA
City of Corona
CLHWMA

**MEMBERS
ABSENT**

Simon Housman
Eric Kroenke
Russell Keenan
Lee Anderson
Bruce Scott
Rob Moran
Barbara Spoonhour
Lyle Alberg
Siobhan Foster

REPRESENTING

County Sup. Dist. #4
County Sup. Dist. #5
Engineering
Agriculture
Agriculture
EDA
WRCOG
WRCOG
City of Riverside

ALTERNATES

Miguel Arciniega
Eliza Echevarria
David Fahrion
Christina Foster

County Sup. Dist. #5
City of Moreno Valley
IEDA
City of Riverside

STAFF

Laurie Holk
Hans Kernkamp
Lesley Likins
Frances Trevino

LEA
Waste Management Dept.
Waste Management Dept.
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GUESTS

Bob Kuznik
Rick Wade
Troy Butzlaff
Alex Braicovich
Gary Calhoun
Chuck Tobin

Palm Springs Disposal
Palm Springs Disposal
City of Palm Springs
WMIE
City of Palm Springs
Burrtec

**AGENDA ITEM 1
CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS**

The meeting was called to order at 11:05 a.m. by First Vice-Chairman Bob Magee, with self-introductions.

**AGENDA ITEM 2
COMMENTS FROM LTF MEMBERS**

None.

**AGENDA ITEM 3
APPROVAL OF MAY 18, 2006 ADVISORY COUNCIL MINUTES**

Bob Magee asked if there were any corrections, additions or deletions to the May 18, 2006 minutes. Hearing none, Paul Ryan moved that the minutes be approved as submitted, seconded by Miguel Arciniega, motion carried with Katie Barrows abstaining. The minutes were filed.

**AGENDA ITEM 4
ACTION ITEMS**

A. City of Palm Springs NDFE Amendment for the Palm Springs Recycling and Transfer Facility

Lesley Likins said the LTF is being asked to reconsider the proposed amendment to the City of Palm Springs NDFE in order to include the identification and description of the Palm Springs Recycling and Transfer Facility. She said the LTF did take an action at the last meeting on May 18, 2006; unfortunately we did not have a quorum present. Ms. Likins stated that this facility will be operated by Burrtec Waste Industries and is being developed to serve the cities of Palm Springs and Desert Hot Springs and the immediate unincorporated surrounding areas. The facility is expected to handle 750 tpd and will focus primarily on recyclables, with a proposed diversion rate of 30%. Per state regulations, the LTF is required to comment on this facility, including an assessment of the regional impacts of the potential diversion facility. Ms. Likins said in preparation of this meeting, staff sent out a list of questions to the City of Palm Spring to help with the discussion of these issues. Responses to these questions have been included in the packet for this meeting. Staff is recommending support of this NDFE amendment.

Troy Butzlaff said they have been working on this project with Palm Springs Disposal and Burrtec for the last few years. They have brought forward an excellent project to help meet AB939 goals as well as develop other facilities on the 10 acre site. He said the City of Palm Springs is looking at going to a single stream system for collection and in order to accomplish that they need this facility. They are awaiting action from this LTF and then they will present this amendment to the City Council and forward it on to the CIWMB. The project has been approved by the Planning Commission.

Katie Barrows commented that the answer to question #5 did not specifically respond to the question and asked for clarification.

Question

Burrtec has the ability through their contract with San Bernardino County to import up to 250,000 to 350,000 tons per year of waste for disposal from out-of-County sources. Does Burrtec's agreement with Palm Springs prevent Burrtec from exporting waste from this facility to San Bernardino County landfills?

Answer

The Environmental Assessment was for the delivery of residual to the Lambs Canyon and Badlands Landfills.

Bob Kuznik with Palm Springs Disposal said that since the environmental document only looked at waste going to in-County landfills, it was clear that transport outside of Riverside County was not contemplated, but, in answer to whether there are any contracts that limit export, there are none.

Hans Kernkamp asked whether the proposed 30% recycling rate is a reasonable goal to set for a new facility when we are required to meet a 50% mandate. He asked if that goal should be higher than 30%. Troy Butzlaff said the City of Palm Springs would agree that they want to meet the maximum amount of diversion possible. They have not yet sat down with Palm Springs Disposal or Burrtec to work on an Operating Agreement for this particular facility. He said as part of those discussions they can start looking at what level of diversion the City should expect and have some guarantee for. Chuck Tobin said the facility is targeted initially to handle a single waste stream. He said Palm Springs Disposal is trying to really focus on C&D as another major component and they think 30% is appropriate given those are the kinds of materials they are talking about.

Mr. Kernkamp indicated that 750 tpd includes more than just the recyclable waste stream from two jurisdictions. Chuck Tobin said over time they will add more processing/recycling to get to that level. For instance, at the Agua Mansa Transfer Station they are now receiving select commercial. Ultimately, if the State goes to 75% diversion, they are going to have to reach in and process the remaining waste stream. The project may grow and handle processing for each and every component of the waste stream, but until that occurs and a traffic analysis that looks at all of those components can be done, the 750 tpd is at a level that takes in all the materials they are currently handling and the corresponding traffic if it was at 750 tpd..

Hans Kernkamp asked if the size of this facility has been determined. Troy Butzlaff said at this point, there has been a determination based on the application. They certainly can amend the Conditional Use Permit and allow for expansion. Mr. Kernkamp asked if it is mainly going to be floor sorting or if the processing equipment would be similar to the Agua Mansa Transfer Station. Chuck Tobin said they have commercial recycling also. He said most of the C&D is a floor sort operation, just like they do at the Agua Mansa Transfer Station. Other recyclables that are commingled will have a sorting line. Mr.

Kernkamp asked if they have done an analysis on what the tipping rate will be. Mr. Butzlaff said they will be looking for a rate that is consistent with the rate charged at the Edom Hill Transfer Station. They will be sitting down to work out all of the details.

The LTF voted on the following recommended motion:

The Solid Waste Management Advisory Council/Countywide Local Task Force (LTF) has reviewed the proposed amendment to the City of Palm Springs NDFE for the Palm Springs Recycling and Transfer Facility and has found that the amendment will not result in adverse regional impacts and will assist the City in meeting AB 939 goals. The LTF recommends that the City Council for the City of Palm Springs approve the proposed amendment.

On the motion of Katie Barrows, seconded by Terry Wold, and duly carried by unanimous vote, it was ordered that the above matter is approved as recommended.

**AGENDA ITEM 5
PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Troy Butzlaff thanked everyone for attending the meeting to take an action on Item 4.A.

**AGENDA ITEM 6
ANNOUNCEMENTS**

None.

**AGENDA ITEM 7
ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:25 a.m.

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