



SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE & LOCAL TASK FORCE MEETING MINUTES

March 12, 2021

The meeting was called to order at 9:02 a.m.

Committee Members Present

Michael Geyer, Larry Moxley, Orchel Krier, Max Goossen, Allie Wyatt and Joshua Mann.

Committee Members Not Present

Ken Weir, Leticia Perez, Phillip Peters, Cathy Prout, Eric Arias, and David Couch,

Welcome & Roll-Call

The Chairman, Mr. Michael Geyer, welcomed all members and guest present.

Approval of Minutes

MOTION: *Approve minutes for the meeting held on December 11, 2020.*

Motion stated by Joshua Mann; seconded by Mr. Larry Moxley. Motion was unopposed.

Removing & Preventing Illegal Dumping (R.A.P.I.D.) Update presented by Ms. Lisa Shreder

Ms. Lisa Shreder, Public Works Manager, presented the finalized 2020 Year End Totals for the R.A.P.I.D. crew: 3,514 sites cleaned, 764.5 tons of waste hauled including 887 mattresses (502 recycled, 57%) and 130 encampments. Current Year totals: 866 sites cleaned, 188.9 tons of waste hauled including 176 mattresses (93 recycled, 53%) and 62 encampments. Ms. Shreder also presented the finalized 2020 Illegal Dumping Hot Spots map (depicted by Zip Code) for the Kern County area and compared it to the 2021 YTD Hot Spots map. To reduce illegal dumping occurrences, the department has proceeded with plans to host more Bulky Waste Collection Events throughout the County. Three events have occurred so far, and another event is planned for later this month in the Shafter area, next weekend – March 20th, 2021.

Fees – Land Use (Illegal Dumping) presented by Mr. Craig Pope & Ms. Lynn Brooks

Mr. Pope informed the group that a sub-committee was formed to develop ideas for addressing the illegal dumping issues Kern County faces. Mr. Pope also gave a presentation on the need for more crews and how the increase in Land Use Fee will be distributed if the proposed rate is passed.

Hauler Rate Setting Update presented by Ms. Lisa Shreder

Soon the Department will be submitting the documents to Set a Public Hearing (5/25/21) regarding the rates to the Board of Supervisors. After the meeting is held, the department will be able to set the Public Informational Meetings, which are planned to be held via Microsoft Teams.



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Landfills Update presented by Mr. Brandon Fontes

There does not seem to be a decrease in traffic levels at the landfills anytime soon. Adjustments will be made to improve efficiency and decrease time that the public must spend at the facilities. Currently, there is a plan for hiring additional staff to man the Gate Houses. The department hopes to also increase efficiency here by having sufficient staff to have one attendant for inbound traffic and one attendant for outbound traffic. Bena will be seeing reconstruction to adjust traffic flow.

SB1383 – Status Update & Treated Wood Waste presented by Mr. Chuck Magee

Regulations still set to become effective beginning on January 1, 2022. The Bena landfill is now capable of accepting TWW after receiving a variance from the State. So far, the Department is only able to take TWW at this site and the public will need to contact Terence Dozier to set up an appointment. Those hauling TWW into the facility will need to have a variance as well as the generator of the waste. Public Works will still accept the waste if the hauler and/or generator do not have a variance, however, it will be reported to DTSC as such. Disposing of TWW at Clean Harbors costs 2 to 3 times as much as at Bena.

Cities Issues

None

Public Comments

None

Committee Member Comments

None

Adjourning of the March 12, 2021 Meeting

MOTION: *Adjourn meeting.*

Motion stated by Joshua Mann; seconded by Maxwell Goossen. Committee unanimously approved.

Meeting adjourned at 9:53 a.m.

Next Meeting:

September 10, 2021 | 9:00 A.M. via Microsoft Teams