

# MINUTES

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

Meeting of January 15, 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	X
City of Rio Vista	John Degele	
City of Suisun City	Amanda Dum	X
City of Vacaville	Ivonne Vaughn	X
City of Vallejo	Derek Crutchfield	X
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	Kevin Cullen	
Pacific Rim Recycling	Steve Moore	
Pacific Rim Recycling	Marissa Wong	
Potrero Hills Landfill	Dave Jappert	
Potrero Hills Landfill	Natalie Hicks	
Recology Dixon	Paul Bandettini	
Recology Dixon	Melanie Calabrese	
Recology Hay Road	Danielle Lowther	X
Recology Hay Road	Chris Taylor	
Recology Vacaville	Julia Lopez	X
Recology Vacaville	Scott Pardini	
Recology Vallejo	Lisa Lefebvre	
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	Sal Coniglio	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	X
VALCORE	Erin Tator	
CalRecycle	Jill Firch	X
CalRecycle	Rachelle Tarver	

### **GUESTS:**

John Duncan, Office Depot Business Solutions

Natalie DuMont, Solano Land Trust

1. **Call to Order / Introductions**

The meeting was called to order at 9:04 am and those present introduced themselves. Chair Coniglio welcomed the attendees. He noted that at the March meeting there will be discussion about the direction of the LTF over the next couple of years such as doing a little more outreach and promoting diversion programs throughout the county.

2. **Public Comment**

Natalie DuMont, Solano Land Trust (SLT), distributed flyers and gave a brief update on upcoming Solano Land Trust activities. The 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Kite Festival will be held at Lynch Canyon on April 11, 2015. The 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Open House at Rush Ranch will be held on April 25, 2015. And the 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Trail Run & Community Hike will be held at Lynch Canyon on June 6, 2015. She noted that the events were a good way for jurisdictions to do public outreach, education and promote their various programs. She also mentioned that occasionally the SLT hosts school field trips on their land and asked if LTF member organizations had any extra inventory of items like stickers, pencils, bags, etc... that they would be willing to donate as prizes and gifts for the kids.

3. **Action Items(s)**

a. **Minutes: November 20, 2014**

The minutes of November 20, 2014 were approved.

4. **Presentation**

a. **Green Purchasing Program**

John Duncan, Office Depot Business Solutions, gave a presentation on their "Greener Office" website. The company encourages small steps towards greener offices such as encouraging customers to convert from virgin paper (i.e. with no recycled content) to paper containing 10% post-consumer recycled content. It offers products that are "shades of green". They are categorized as mid green, light green, or dark green, depending on their environmental benefits relative to other products in their category: (1) reduced waste, (2) reduced energy, and (3) reduced chemical use.

Participants in the Green Purchasing program can request personalized reports that show the impacts of their green purchases on the environment. They also offer Leed credit reporting. Energy saving purchases used for office renovations such as LED lighting can be documented in Leed credit reports.

Ms. Blanco noted that she requests the reports from Office Depot because the State asks the city to show on their annual report how green their purchasing is. That data was previously difficult to track. The Office Depot report allows her to capture a citywide picture of their green purchases.

5. **Legislative Updates**

a. **Senate Bill 270: Single-Use Carryout Bags**

Chair Coniglio reported that there were enough signatures gathered for a referendum on the law, delaying its July 1 effective date until voters decide on the measure in November 2016.

6. **Discussion Topics**

- a. **Chair and Vice Chair Elections**
- b. **By-Laws**
- c. **"Cradle to Grave" Commodities**
- d. **Budget**

Item 6. a. – d. was continued to the next regular LTF meeting.

## 7. Member Updates

### Sandra Gonzalez, Solano Garbage Company

Ms. Gonzalez reported that they were very busy with Christmas tree collections after the holidays. They were also working on their customer guides.

### Ken Hawes, VALCORE

Mr. Hawes reported that VALCORE was still doing free recycling of Christmas trees at the drop off center in Vallejo. They will have a recycling information table at the upcoming Flyway Festival. They have started planning for Earth Day activities that are scheduled for April 18, 2015 in downtown Vallejo.

### Jane Bogner, Sierra Club

Ms. Bogner noted that the Flyway Festival will be held on the weekend of February 14-15<sup>th</sup> at Mare Island. VALCORE is planning to open a reuse barn where people can drop off and pick up non-electronic office items for free. Mr. Hawes added that there is a group in Vallejo called the Inventor's Lab for kids to do science projects who use items from VALCORE for their projects. He encouraged people to drop off items the Inventor's Lab could use such as coffee cups and glass jars.

### Marie Knutson, Republic Services

They are still picking up Christmas trees. They also are working with green businesses that are considering locating to Solano County. They passed their three year permit for ABOP and their door to door program for Housing and Space in Benicia. Last year they gave away 5000 burlap bags. They worked with WRAP and she also acquired four 96 gallon containers of binders that were discarded from schools. Upcoming events include a Clean Tech Fair at the end of March. She will also be working with Ms. Bogner to conduct composting classes.

### Derek Crutchfield, City of Vallejo

Mr. Crutchfield reported that the City will be holding their Recycling Rewards where residents submit their address on a postcard. Mr. Crutchfield randomly selects a card and goes out to the address and checks the garbage. If there are no recyclables in the garbage and the recycling has been done properly then residents are eligible win a year of free garbage service. Businesses can receive \$1000 off their garbage bill. Recently there was a winner and in addition to the prize a sign acknowledging their recycling efforts was placed in their front yard.

### Esther Blanco, City of Fairfield

Ms. Blanco noted that Fairfield will be doing free confidential paper shredding again on the last Saturday of each month from March to October. Gone for Good will again be conducting the event. Their Earth Day event will be held in conjunction with Kids Day of Fishing on April 25<sup>th</sup>. The San Joaquin Regional Conservation Corps will be helping with recycling. Other events coming up are the Farmers Market and the Tomato Festival. Next year they will be starting a mandatory composting program. Ms. Gonzalez, Solano Garbage, will be helping them later this year with their outreach efforts to industrial businesses to inform them that they will be subject to new legislation.

### Ivonne Vaughn, City of Vacaville

Ms. Vaughn reported that they too have been busy collecting Christmas trees with the help Recology and the Boy Scouts. In one day a Boy Scout troop collected 6,700 pounds of trees. The Winter Coat Drive was held in November. Residential donations were picked up curbside by Recology. The Boy Scouts sorted them all. They were donated to Christmas Wish and the Local Boys and Girls Club in Vacaville. They collected 1232.8 pounds of coats.

Nicole Impagliazzo, Rio Vista Sanitation

Ms. Impagliazzo reported that have been collecting Christmas trees and will be starting a curbside used oil program.

Sal Coniglio, Rio Vista Sanitation Service

Mr. Coniglio reported that they are providing the Boy Scouts in certain areas free disposal of Christmas trees. In the areas that they service they collected 6000 pounds of trees.

Amanda Dum, City of Suisun City

Ms. Dum reported that Solano Garbage picked up Christmas trees that were broken down and put into bags. The Boy Scouts picked up whole Christmas trees. The Girl Scouts continue to clean the Grizzly Island Trail on the third Saturday of the month.

Jill Firch, CalRecycle

Ms. Firch reported that it was nice to hear about the Green Purchasing program and that every city in Solano County had a procurement program in their planning document. She noted that Office Depot has a program for schools where they are rewarded for their recycling efforts.

CalRecycle will be holding a workshop on AB 1826 (organics recycling) sometime in the spring.

**8. Adjournment**

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 10:05 a.m.

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