

# MINUTES

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

September 16, 2010 Special Meeting

9:00 a.m.

Potrero Hills Landfill

X represents members present:

	<b>Company/Organization</b>	<b>Member Name</b>
	Allied Waste	Susan Hurl
	Allied Waste (Alternate)	Jennifer Brennan
	CCL Organics	Dave Burnley
	City of Benicia	Tonya Gilmore
	City of Benicia (Alternate)	Tonya Gilmore
X	City of Dixon	Martha Jensen
X	City of Fairfield	Esther Blanco
X	City of Fairfield (Alternate)	Sandra Gonzalez
	City of Rio Vista	Dawn Bahrenfuss
X	City of Suisun City	Alysa Majer
	City of Vacaville	Kari Holmes
X	City of Vacaville (Alternate)	Mindy Harris
	City of Vallejo	Derek Crutchfield
	Concrush	Allen Hochstetler
	Concrush (Alternate)	Andrew Hochstetler
	County of Solano	Ed Padilla
	County of Solano	Narcisa Untal
X	County of Solano (Alternate)	Marcy Hannum
	Fairfield-Suisun Sewer District	Kevin Cullen
	Pacific Rim Recycling	Steve Moore
X	Potrero Hills Landfill	Jim Dunbar
X	Potrero Hills Landfill (Alternate)	Natalie Hicks
	Recology Hay Road	Greg Pryor
	Recology Hay Road (Alternate)	Chris Taylor
	Recology Vacaville Solano / Recology Dixon	Scott Pardini
X	Recology Vacaville Solano / Recology Dixon (Alternate)	Julia Lopez
	Recology Vallejo	Ed Farewell
X	Recology Vallejo (Alternate)	Lisa Lefebvre
	Recycling Zone	Jack Waite
X	Rio Vista Sanitation Service	Keith Nance
X	Sierra Club	Jane Bogner
	Solano Community College	Dave Froehlich
	Solano Garbage Company	Geoff Harrison
X	Solano Garbage Company (Alternate)	Theresa Travers
X	Travis Air Force Base	Dolores Tiburcio
	VALCORE	Mark Nichols
X	VALCORE (Alternate)	Genie Kaggerud

**GUESTS:**

Roger Straw, Solano County, aid to Supervisor Seifert  
Marianne Butler, Solano RCD  
Richard Covington, Potrero Hills Landfill  
Kaoru Cruz, Dept. of Resources Recycling and Recovery (Cal Recycle)  
Jill Firch, Dept. of Resources Recycling and Recovery (Cal Recycle)  
David Tam, SPRAWLDEF and Northern California Recycling Association  
June Guidotti, Suisun  
Christina Hughes

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**1. Call to order / Introductions**

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Bogner at 9:07am.

**2. Public Comment**

Marianne Butler, Solano RCD, provided posters as a reminder of the upcoming Coastal Cleanup Day Event.

June Guidotti commented on how she was being affected by the general plan and by people who continue to apply for permits and was opposed to PG&E's proposal to put in a power plant.

Jim Dunbar, Potrero Hills Landfill, stated that his facility does not receive any power from PG&E.

**3. a. Approval of the Minutes**

The minutes of July 15, 2010 were approved with comments.

**b. Solano County Recycling Guide**

- i. Authorize FY 2010/11 allocation of \$19,548 to AT&T Yellow Pages for publication that reflects a zero increase from FY 2009/2010.

Public Comment: Christina Hughes stated not as many people are using the hard copy phone book.

M Jensen motioned to approve, G Kaggerud seconded and motion carried.

- ii. Authorize FY 2010/11 allocation of \$3,000 to a contractor to update the web-base version and hard copy version that reflects a zero increase from FY 2009/2010. (Agenda misprint stated \$2,000)

T Travers motioned to approve, M Harris seconded and motion carried. J Bogner abstained

**c. 2011 Youth AG Day**

- i. Authorize FY 2010/11 allocation of \$2,000 for one bus from each city - this reflects a zero increase from FY 2009/2010.

M Jensen motioned to approve, Keith Nance seconded and motion carried. J Bogner abstained.

- ii. Authorize FY 2010/11 allocation of \$625 for U.C. Cooperative Extension of Solano County to provide an interactive vermi-composting demonstration – an increase of \$78.50 from FY 2009/10 for printing and candy gummy worms.

M Harris motioned to approve, D Tiburcio seconded and motion carried.

**d. Countywide Integrated Waste Management Plan – Siting Element**

- i. Authorize the first amendment to Solano County's 1995 Countywide Siting Element (CSE).

In January 2009, the LTF authorized staff to begin a review of the Integrated Waste Management Plan for update. This element will be the second of five documents of the Plan to be amended. The Siting Element must demonstrate that Solano County has a minimum of 15 years disposal capacity for in-county generated solid waste and based on current conditions, Solano County exceeds capacity by over 50 years.

G Kaggerud motioned to approve, M Harris seconded and motion carried.

- ii. Authorize FY 2010/11 of \$10,000 for a consultant to assist Solano County in the preparation of the first amendment to the CSE, which is subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

Public Comment: June Guidotti asked that the issue of garbage company contracts being in compliance with Measure E be considered in the update of the Siting element.

Public Comment: David Tam, SPRAWLDEF, read a letter dated 9/15/10 he sent to the LTF regarding Measure E and its impact on the Siting element. (See attachment A) Mr. Tam also read a letter dated 9/15/10 to the LTF from Arthur Boone, Northern California Recycling Association. (See attachment B)

Public Comment: Roberto Valdez, Vacaville, stated that he was very concerned that the landfill expansion would adversely affect vernal pools and wildlife habitats.

M Jensen motioned to approve, A Majer seconded and motion carried.

**4. Discussion Items**

a. Legislative Update

- i. Mandatory Commercial Recycling (AB32 vs AB737)

If AB 737 is not signed by the Governor by September 30, a provision for Mandatory Commercial Recycling is still viable in AB 32, the Climate Action Plan. However, Proposition 23 seeks to overturn AB 32 in the November mid-year election.

Public Comment: June Guidotti stated that "My comment on AB32 is ... it's my understanding you have to do CEQA adding AB32 which you are not doing on expansion to this landfill because you are not in compliance with the air quality."

- b. Countywide Integrated Waste Management Plan - NDFE
  - i. All Solano County jurisdictions held public hearings and approved the 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment to the Countywide Non-Disposal Facility Element. It now awaits formal approval by CalRecycle on October 13 which is also the last opportunity for public comment.

Public Comment: June Guidotti stated that she was pleased that the public would be able to make comments on the Solano County NDFE when it goes before Cal Recycle review panel in October.

- c. Pharmaceutical Waste Update
  - i. September 25 - Countywide drop-off event at Solano County Sheriff Coroner's Office sponsored by the Drug Enforcement Agency, including disposal.
  - ii. November 20 - City of Vacaville single-day drop-off at its police department.
  - iii. Permanent collection opportunity to serve countywide.  
The Solano County Sheriff, Gary Stanton, has approved the placement of a permanent collection container in one of his public lobbies in Fairfield. Staff to coordinate with container specifications with Sheriff's Office.

Public Comment: June Guidotti stated that she had concerns regarding waste disposal and the Fairfield Suisun Sewer District.

## 5. **Member Updates**

D Tiburcio, Travis AFB, announced that Travis AFB is one of two bases competing for the Installation Excellence Award. One of the programs highlighted was the Scrap Metal Recycling program. N Untal was invited to speak at the event to highlight the LTF's partnership with TAFB.

M Harris, City of Vacaville, announced their annual Winter Garb Event for the collection of gently used coats and blankets. Recology Vacaville Solano will pickup donations the week of November 1-5.

## 6. **Adjournment and Tour of Potrero Hills Landfill**

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

The next regular LTF meeting is scheduled for <b>Thursday, November 18, 2010.</b>
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From  
DAVID  
TAM

9/16/10

Jane  
Boyer

dateWed, Sep 15, 2010 at 6:55 PM  
subjectRe: September 16th Special LTF meeting  
mailed-bygmail.com

Dear Solano County Integrated Waste Management Plan Local Task Force Members:

Measure E, passed by the voters of Solano County, reads as follows:

“The county of Solano shall not create a policy, adopt a resolution or ordinance, enter into a contract or in any manner allow for the importation of any solid waste as defined in Section 3 which originated or was collected outside the territorial limits of Solano County which will bring the cumulative total amount of such imported solid waste in excess of 95,000 tons per year.”

The Siting Element of the Solano County Integrated Waste Management Plan therefore cannot legally reflect “a policy,” or a “resolution or ordinance,” or “in any manner” allow for importation into the County of more than 95,000 tons per year. See Measure E, section D.

The Local Task Force of the County, therefore, is prohibited from adopting or recommending any Siting Element which does not conform with Measure E.

Respectfully,

David Tam, SPRAWLDEF Research and Development Director (510-859-5195)  
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Attachment A

Northern California Recycling Association  
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*JK  
June Boone  
9/16/2010*

15 September, 2010

To: Solano County Integrated Waste Management Plan Local Task Force

From: Arthur R. Boone, President, Northern California Recycling Association

Re: Implementing Solano County Measure E:

I regret that I am unable to be present in person today; I am the lead for a tree planting project sponsored by the SF Bay Chapter of the Sierra Club and need to be involved in that work at this time.

David Tam from SPRAWLDEF will carry the message I would like you all to have. In June a court of competent jurisdiction, the California Superior Court in Vallejo, Justice Beeman, ruled that Solano County Measure E from 1984 is a valid exercise of public power in your community.

The owners of the Potrero Hills Landfill continue to behave as if the judge has not spoken. The restriction of not more than 95,000 tons per year of garbage from outside the county which applies to all operating landfills needs to be complied with immediately.

Any siting element approved by your LTF needs to incorporate the holdings of Measure E and you can no longer pretend that the initiative was wrong, in error, etc.

Failing to follow the court's ruling will impede your own credibility and, on behalf of our organization, I encourage you not to do so.

Truly yours,



Arthur R. Boone, President  
Northern California Recycling Association, 2010.

Attachment B