

SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT COMMISSION MINUTES

May 8, 2000

Chair Kristine Johnson called the meeting to order at 7:05.

1. **Roll Call:**

Present: Becker, Sprague, Balsley, Johnson, Schild, Lerner, Maguire
Absent: Chung

2. **Public Comment:**

Kathy Evans, representing the plastics task force, thanked the commission for a good start on the plastics policy. She noted that the task force would like to take a role in developing a bigger, broader policy.

3. **Approval of Minutes:**

Approval of March 27, 2000 minutes. It was M/S/C Sprague, Schild to approve minutes with the following changes: in #3 change to May and in #6 delete the word contractors. Motion unanimous.

Approval of February 28, 2000 minutes. It was M/S/C Becker/Sprague to approve with the following changes: add under the neighborhood cleanup section that commissioners raised concerns about the need to include multi-unit buildings in the neighborhood cleanup and that promotion should go to residents and not only building owners. Also add that a list of capital was distributed and discussed. Motion unanimous.

4. **Community Conservation Center Quarterly Report:**

Ms. MacKusick reported that the CCC opening gala will be September 14th. CCC is waiting for final sign-off on the facility. City permits officer will sign off when the fire department signs off. Fire department needs to come out and meet with Sonitrol. Markets continue to be strong. Tonnage is up in both the commercial and curbside program. The facility now requires 16% fewer hours to do the processing. Processing costs are not going down, however, because CCC has significantly increased wages.

5. **Ecology Center Quarterly Report:**

Kathy Hutton reported that tons are strong, but scavenging is hitting hard. Also, 1st of 3 new vehicles has arrived. Union contract is done. Term is three years. EC is working on drafting plastics education materials. She noted that people can report poachers to the police, non-emergency number or they can call Ecology

Center. It helps to get the license plate and vehicle number, date, time and location.

6. **Plant debris RFP process and selection of vendor:**

Steve Sherman, from Applied Compost Consulting, provided consulting services to the City of Berkeley, on selecting a new plant debris hauler and processor. Steve discussed the selection committee's recommendation of Grover Landscape Services to provide this service. Grover offered the second lowest price and was the best qualified. They are permitted for all food waste and the LEA stated that Grover runs a good operation. Contractor would backhaul up to 15 percent of finished compost. It was Lerner/Balsley to support the staff recommendation to use Grover landscape services for organic waste hauling and processing services. Motion unanimous.

7. **Plastics Recycling:**

This item was held over to the May 22 meeting to provide the plastics task force with an opportunity to meet with the committee and provide input.

8. **Franchise System Update:**

Staff explained that the rubbish collection franchise is proceeding on schedule. Seven companies have submitted franchise applications. Each franchise requires a public hearing. Public hearings will be held on June 20.

9. **Neighborhood Cleanup Update:**

Staff reported that the newsletter had been mailed out and everything was on target for the first neighborhood cleanup.

10. **Staff Updates:**

Tom Farrell reported on the Solid Waste Management Division's participation in the EPA's environmental management system.

11. **Future Agenda Items and Meeting Days:**

Multi-family recycling.

What to do about the weekly newspapers discarding their papers instead of recycling them.

12. **Adjournment:**

It was Johnson/Balsley to recess the meeting until May 22.

