

MINUTES
SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT COMMISSION
Monday, February 26, 2001, 7:00 P.M
Solid Waste Management Center, 1201 Second Street

Chair Kristine Johnson called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

1. Roll Call: Commissioners Balsley, Becker, Johnson, Lerner, Schultz, and Sprague were present, and Commissioner Maguire was absent.
Members of the Public: Elliot Cohen of the Peace and Justice Commission, Sara MacKusick of Community Conservation Centers, Dave Williamson of the Ecology Center, Diamera Bach of the Department of Parks. Staff: Tania Levy
2. Introduce New Commission Member, Garth Schultz: Mr. Schultz described his background and goals as a Commissioner.
3. Public Comment: Mr. Cohen described the resolution proposed by the Peace and Justice Commission, and requested that the Solid Waste Commission review it at its next meeting. The Chair requested that the proposal be on the next agenda and that the resolution be provided in the packet.
4. Approval of the January 22 minutes. It was MSC Balsley/Sprague to approve the minutes with the correction of Mr. Williamson's name in item #4. The vote was 5/0/1 with Mr. Lerner abstaining.
5. Election of Officers: Rod Becker was elected Chairperson and Carrie Sprague will be Vice Chairperson. Both votes were unanimous. The Commission thanked Kristine Johnson for her two years of service as Chair.
6. Quarterly Reports: Sara MacKusick distributed and presented the 2nd quarter report from Community Conservation Centers (CCC). Tons are lower than expected due to poaching, but higher for buyback and drop-off due to CCC's "Accounts" program. The International Workers of the World won a union election at CCC. CCC proposes increasing wages to the amounts mandated in the City's Living Wage Ordinance; therefore CCC is requesting higher processing and sorting fees for the Ecology Center and City's materials.

Dave Williamson presented the Ecology Center's (EC) quarterly report. The net cost per household was low due to continued high market prices and to poaching activity. The Ecology Center will begin using Biofuel made from recycled vegetable oil in their 10 diesel trucks, to reduce air pollution. Commissioners recommended that the next Division Newsletter educate residents to set out materials as late in the day as possible to reduce poaching opportunities, and to turn in license numbers of vehicles involved in poaching. E.C. hired a plastic recycling investigator and is seeking a permanent executive director to replace Kathy Hutton.
7. Cash for Trash Report: Dave Williamson reported that the Cash for Trash Contest is attracting interest and publicity, and described the methodology. They received forms

from 390 households who declined to participate. In the second contest week, Mr. & Mrs. Bogas won \$500.

8. Budget Update: Staff distributed a list of the Division's new budget requests with recommendations from the Director of Public Works. Commissioners discussed the baseline and new budget.
9. Commission Business: Commissioner Johnson attended the Budget Workshop for Commissioners held in February. She reported that the Solid Waste Management Commission receives unusually early and comprehensive information about the budget compared to other commissions. Commissioners' Statements of Economic Interest are due in April. The Chair, Vice Chair and others will attend the workshop for Commissioners on March 6th. Sylvia Schild is no longer on the Commission due to two absences out of four meetings in July-December 2000.
10. Overfilled Trash Containers Policy: Commissioners reviewed the policy and took no action.
11. Eliminating Bins Owned by Customer: Staff presented the rationale for this draft policy to require City customers to use bins provided by the City. The Commission did not take action.
12. Neighborhood Cleanup Subcommittee Report: The Subcommittee consisted of Commissioners Balsley, Becker and Johnson. Mr. Becker distributed a draft policy for bulky item pickup and reuse services (attached). It was MSC Becker/Lerner to endorse the draft policy, subject to constraints described by staff.
13. Staff Updates: Staff reported that Director Tom Farrell, Wanda Redic and Joseph Ayankoya are attending ISO14000 training. The Environmental Management policy is being considered by other commissions. The Division has a new commercial recycling intern. The Recycling Program Manager position recruitment closes March 5th. Commissioner Carrie Sprague volunteered to be on the interview panel. The Citywide Garage Sale will be April 28. The Solid Waste Division and Parks Departments are working to create a recycling system in city parks. The School Board will consider adopting a recycling policy at its March 7 meeting.
14. Future Agenda Items and Meeting Days: The next meeting will be March 26. Agenda items include the Commission Advocate policy, Neighborhood Cleanup, policy, UC Berkeley recycling status and recycling in City Schools.
15. Adjournment: It was MSC Lerner/Balsley to adjourn the meeting at 9:30. The vote was 6/0/0.