



DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
Solid Waste Management Division

MINUTES
SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT COMMISSION
Monday, July 25, 2005
North Berkeley Senior Center, 1901 Hearst Street

Chairman Peter Schultze-Allen called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

1. Roll Call:

Commissioners present:

Susan Blachman, Steen Jensen, Jay Miyazaki, Peter Schultze-Allen, Carrie Sprague,
David Tam

Commissioners absent:

Sankor Sridaran (approved leave)

Staff: Tania Levy

Members of the Public: Jeff Belchamber of Community Conservation Center, Scott Murtishaw,
and Dan Sicular of ESA.

2. Comments from the Public: Jeff Belchamber announced that the Dwight/King drop-off location is closing July 31 due to city approval of a building permit on the site. Closure has been anticipated since the site was sold.

3. Announcements: Tam: Alameda County Planning Commission approved expansion of the Vasco Road Landfill through 2022; Livermore, Pleasanton, Sierra Club and neighbors have filed appeals. Blachman: A meeting is pending to discuss implementing the City's Pollution Prevention Principle.

4. Approval of the minutes of the June 27 2005 Commission meeting: It was M/S/C Tam/Sprague to approve the minutes as corrected. 6/0/0.

5. Approval of Agenda: It was M/S/C Jensen/Sprague to approve the agenda. Commissioners later agreed to discuss only item 6a and 9, and to table the remainder of the items.

6. Old Business:

- a. **Solid Waste Management Plan:** Commissioners discussed the Consultant's recommendations for mandatory residential weekly organics collection, biweekly refuse collection, mandatory commercial provision of recycling, (?) construction debris management and site redesign.

They concluded that they would like to see more program options, need details of financing and rate structure and need information on participation in organics recycling in other communities. They also agreed on the unique suitability of current site for recycling and refuse processing in Berkeley, that a construction-demolition debris sorting system is needed (on site or other site convenient to Berkeley residents) to increase diversion and to earn additional revenue. Keeping industrial zoning in West Berkeley, is important, to attract businesses that use

recycled material, and is in accord with the existing recycling market development zone. Also discussed were requiring multi family buildings to have recycling service, ways to market the program to the public, the role of reuse in reducing waste, and the implications of a slower rebuilding process. The Commission took a straw poll, which resulted in conceptual support of the draft Plan recommendations.

It was M/S/C 6/0/0 to establish a subcommittee consisting of Jensen and Tam to draft recommendations, followed by preparation by staff of a draft council item for review by the Commission at its August 29 meeting.

7. Future Agenda Items and Meeting Dates: The next meeting will be August 29 at the North Berkeley Senior Center. The top priority is to discuss recommendations of the sub-committee for the solid waste management plan, and financing options. The Commission may meet Monday, September 12 in addition to the scheduled meeting on September 26.
8. Adjourn: It was M/S/C Miyazaki/Jensen to adjourn at 9:45 pm.

Peter Schultze-Allen, Chair, Solid Waste Management Commission