



DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
Solid Waste Management Division

MINUTES
SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT COMMISSION
Monday, August 29, 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, Asa Dodsworth, Steen Jensen, Jay Miyazaki, Peter Schultze-Allen, Carrie Sprague, David Tam (by speaker phone)

Commissioners absent: Sankor Sridaran (approved leave)

Staff: Tom Farrell, Peter Holtzclaw, Tania Levy

Members of the Public: Jeff Belchamber and Sara MacKusick, Community Conservation Center (CCC).

2. Comments from the Public: Jeff Belchamber announced that the Dwight/King drop-off is closed, and many customers are patronizing the Gilman Street drop-off location. CCC has a tentative agreement with their employees' union, IWW.

3. Announcements: Farrell introduced Peter Holtzclaw, the new recycling program manager. Schultze-Allen welcomed new commissioner Asa Dodsworth, appointed by Darryl Moore. Farrell announced that Claudette Ford is the new Public Works Director. Peter Schultze-Allen has met with her.

4. Approval of the Minutes of the July 25, 2005 Commission meeting: It was M/S/C Sprague/Tam to approve the minutes as written. 7/0/0.

5. Approval of Agenda: It was M/S/C Sprague/Blachman to approve the agenda. 7/0/0.

6. Old Business:

a. **Solid Waste Management Plan:** The subcommittee of Jensen and Tam had two meetings with staff. Farrell stated he and the DPW Director prefer we report to Council with more general directions than what ESA recommends in the Plan. These include:

- 1) Change collection system
- 2) Rebuild at Second and Gilman to accommodate increased diversion
- 3) Enact a construction/demolition recycling ordinance to reduce construction waste
- 4) Enact Mandatory commercial /multi family recycling to improve capture rate in those sectors

Staff recommended keeping the broad-based framework of the City continuing to collect materials and control the transfer station, contracting out the MRF and residential recycling collection. ESA provided sound foundation, but more analysis of a broader menu of options is needed before going to Council with specific recommendations.

Jensen asked if this would affect timeline of going to Council with a resolution; staff responded that the resolution should be able to be in front of Council in November, which is within the timeframe originally envisioned.

Miyazaki stated the plan should include Financing, Rate structure, the \$30 million rebuild package, Legislation (C&D Ordinance and Mandatory Recycling), and Zoning issues, particularly the West Berkeley plan (referring to keeping industrial zoning).

- b. Changing Commission Name to Zero Waste:** Levy distributed a draft Council item and the current ordinance establishing the Commission. Commissioners suggested as additional functions, making the City more livable and sustainable, and advising Council on regional and state legislation concerning waste reduction. The Council liaison representative in Section 3.40.030 should be the Council representative to the Alameda County Recycling Board. Staff will update the draft and obtain City Attorney advice.

7. Staff Reports

Farrell reported the Transfer Station had an outside audit, and the oral report praised the Division's accuracy. Bulky Pickup by appointment is working well. Since participation has dropped to 40-60 households/week, the Division is re-mailing 1600 notices biweekly to blocks of residents, to remind them to call for appointments. The Division plans to participate in National Garage Sale Day, in Spring 2006. Staff distributed copies of the Ecology Center and Community Conservation Center quarterly reports.

8. Future Agenda Items and Meeting Dates: The next meeting will be September 26 at the North Berkeley Senior Center. The top priority subject continues to be the Solid Waste Plan.

9. Adjourn: It was M/S/C Sprague/Jensen to adjourn at 9:20 pm.

Peter Schultze-Allen, Chair, Solid Waste Management Commission