



DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS  
Solid Waste Management Division

**MINUTES**  
**ZERO WASTE COMMISSION**  
**Monday, Nov. 15, 2010**  
**North Berkeley Senior Center, 1901 Hearst Street**  
**Workshop Room B, 1<sup>st</sup> floor**

Vice Chair Jensen called the meeting to order with a quorum at 7:04 PM

**1. Roll Call:**

**Commissioners present:** Jensen, Bartlett, Kirkpatrick, Kalil, Halperin, Blachman (7:10).

**Commissioners absent:** Tam

**Staff:** Andy Schneider

**Members of the Public:** Daniel Maher of the Ecology Center (EC); Sara MacKusick of Community Conservation Center (CCC); Mary Lou Van Deventer of Urban Ore.

**2. Approve Agenda: M/S/C Kalil/Kirkpatrick to approve the agenda, 5/0/0**

**3. Comments from the Public:** Mary Lou Van Deventer presented a handout and discussed Urban Ore's annual update to the Commission. She outlined their tonnage, zero waste efforts and plans for becoming a universal waste handler.

**4. Announcements and Commissioner Comments:** Doug Halperin introduced himself as a new commissioner for District 4. Jensen announced that he is transferring the role of chair of the Programs and Facilities Subcommittee to Kalil.

**5. Approve Meeting Minutes of Sept 27, 2010:** Kalil asked that the minutes be corrected to show that the Commission will expect to see a draft of the Division Assessment report before the end of the year. **M/S/C Kirkpatrick/Blachman to approve the Sept. 27 minutes as amended 6/0/0**

**6. U.C. Berkeley Recycling Status Report:** Lisa Bauer, Recycling and Refuse Manager for UC Berkeley, presented an information update on their waste programs. They bring 5-7 tons of mixed paper to CCC daily. UC used to bring MSW to Berkeley's Transfer Station, but a better rate was found elsewhere. Lisa overviewed their blue bin recycling system and various reuse programs. Lisa recommends re-approaching UC after her replacement is hired to discuss coordination of new programs, mutual benefits, and to possibly negotiate a large generator rate for MSW, green waste and debris box service.

**7. Pending Council Items:** Schneider reported on the landfill and C&D contracts due to go to council on Nov 16<sup>th</sup>. Contract amendments are needed to adjust contract NTE amounts due to direction of more materials to Altamont landfill and Davis Street for C&D processing. The contract amendments are temporary, exclusive contracts that include better rates. Kalil stated concerns about a lack of information and discussion regarding Put-or-Pay, perceived monopolies, Highest and Best Use, and the budget implications of these contract decisions.

**Motion to extend meeting 10 minutes M/S/C Jensen/Kalil 6/0/0**

**8. Division Update:**

Residential Recycling Cart Roll-Out: Schneider reported that the cart roll-out was nearly completed. Ecology Center crews are working long days during the transition to carts, which is causing some resident confusion. Discussion of complaints and resolutions continued with Daniel Maher offering his perspective and agreeing to update the Commission at the February ZWC meeting.

Plastic Bag Ordinance: Schneider updated the Commission on the City's Bag Reduction Ordinance status. Currently unable to pay for an EIR in our budget situation, and unwilling to risk adopting an ordinance without an EIR, we are waiting for a planned county-wide EIR funded by StopWaste.org. This EIR is expected to be completed by the end of 2011 and will support any Alameda County city wishing to adopt a model bag ordinance which is very similar to Berkeley's proposed draft.

**9. Future Agenda Items and Meeting Dates:** Urban Ore would like to present in January on a recent Zero Waste conference in Brazil. Kalil stated that the Commission expects the budget update from staff at the January meeting along with the results of the Division Assessment project.

**10. Adjourn: M/S/C Kalil/Blachman to adjourn at 9:15 6/0/0**