



DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
Solid Waste Management Division

MINUTES
ZERO WASTE COMMISSION
Monday, April 25, 2011
North Berkeley Senior Center, 1901 Hearst Street
Workshop Room B, 1st floor

Chair Kalil called the meeting to order with a quorum at 7:05 PM

1. Roll Call:

Commissioners present: Jensen, Kirkpatrick, Kalil, Halperin, Saborio, Blachman (7:20)

Commissioners absent: Bartlett, Tam

Staff: Ken Etherington - Solid Waste Division Manager, Andy Schneider – Recycling Program Manager.

Members of the Public: Martin Bourque of the Ecology Center (EC); Sara MacKusick of Community Conservation Center (CCC); Mary Lou Van Deventer of Urban Ore; Tania Levy, Ann Chandler, Josephine Lau, Michelle Choi.

2. Approve Agenda: M/S/C Kirkpatrick/Jensen to approve the amended agenda 5/0/0

3. Comments from the Public: Martin Bourque reported on recent truck tipper problems that are being replaced under warranty. He stated that the Ecology Center is challenged to complete each service day while keeping their self-paid overtime costs under control.

4. Announcements and Commissioner Comments: Saborio requested follow-up on a presentation by Jack Macy including battery recycling. He also asked if the City was a member of the California Product Stewardship Council. Kalil responded that the ZWC has prepared a Commission Report, but that we still need an accompanying Staff Report and to contribute the \$1000 needed to become a member. Staff agreed to pursue these items to show Berkeley's support of this statewide EPR effort. Kalil announced the EIR review for the StopWaste Mandatory Recycling and Single-Use Bag ban/fee which will be held at the Hayward City Hall on Tuesday April 26. Halperin asked for the additional budget detail promised at the March 28th meeting.

5. Approve Meeting Minutes of March 28, 2011: M/S/C Halperin/Jensen to approve the March 28, 2011 minutes 6/0/0

6. SW&RD Tonnage Update 2009-2011: Etherington gave additional details from the update provided at the March meeting. Diversion tonnage showed that the City continues to move towards a higher diversion rate. Commercial recycling service, franchised accounts and reportable diversion rates were discussed. Kalil asked what our next area of focus is and Etherington reported that food waste in the residential waste stream is our next target for outreach and support. The possibility of a StopWaste grant for an outreach campaign was discussed. A substantial increase in C&D tonnage diverted for sorting was also reported.

7. Refuse Rate Subcommittee Presentation & Discussion: Kalil provided minutes and meeting summary for the two Rate Subcommittee meetings that were held in April. She reported that the Subcommittee is progressing with recommendations and preferred alternatives to inform a sustainable rate structure for collection in all sectors and as well as at the Transfer Station. The goal of a sustainable rate structure is to insure funding for essential services, like street sweeping; as well as funding for programs and staffing that will be necessary to reach our diversion goals. How to remain competitive in the commercial sector, itemizing services on waste bills, mandatory recycling and how Proposition 26 will affect rates was also discussed.

8. Division Update: CCC contract is in negotiations with outsourcing container processing as an option. The City's new Multifamily Recycling Program is ready to offer voluntary support and consultation in preparation for mandatory state or county requirements. Urban Ore was just granted a 6 month contract extension.

9. Future Agenda Items and Meeting Dates: EC & CCC First Quarter Reports, Mixed rigid plastics update.

10. Adjourn: M/S/C Jensen/Halperin to adjourn at 9:15 6/0/0