

GLENN COUNTY
WASTE MANAGEMENT REGIONAL AGENCY
A JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY

MINUTES
July 27, 2023

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1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Arnold called the meeting to order at 10:31 a.m.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS:

Tom Arnold, County of Glenn, Chair
Grant Carmon, County of Glenn
Gary Hansen, Alternate - Willows

Mathew Romano, Orland, Vice-Chair

ABSENT:

Jeffery Tolley, Orland

COUNTY STAFF PRESENT:

Don Rust, PW Director
Talia Richardson, PW Deputy Director
Jolene Swanson, PW Clerk

OTHERS PRESENT:

Diana Ramirez, Waste Management Public Sector Manager

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4. MINUTES

MATTER 4.1: APPROVE MINUTES OF APRIL 27, 2023

Documents: Minutes of April 27, 2023

Proceedings: Chair Arnold introduced the item, calling for corrections or comments.
Hearing none, Chair Arnold asked for a motion.

Motion/Second: Member Carmon / Member Romano

Order: Approve minutes of the April 27, 2023 meeting, as presented.

Vote: Unanimous

5. UNSCHEDULED ITEMS

None

6. ACTION ITEMS

None

7. REPORTS AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

MATTER 7.1 SOLID WASTE OPERATIONS UPDATE

Documents: Glenn County Solid Waste (GCSW) Update – 7/27/2023

Proceedings: Chair Arnold introduced the item.

Mrs. Richardson went over the GCSW Update and touched on the following:

Tonnage – 2023 tonnage, through June 30, 2023, sent to Anderson Landfill is 13,583. Tonnage recycled is 1,070.

Beverage Contain Recycling City/County Payment Program – Fiscal Year 2021-22 had \$20,000 grant funding – We still have beverage recycling funding available. Have been working with the City of Willows for some water refilling stations and the schools for any needs they may have. Please remember, if you hear of others that could benefit from these funds, send them our way.

Household Hazardous Waste Discretionary Grants – \$100,000 grant – Meeting next week with the California Product Stewardship Council. One gallon propane tanks are now available. Looking at how we will get those distributed out to the community.

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Local Government Waste Tire Amnesty Grant – \$50,000 grant – We have applied for an extension, due to all the storm damage. We should start holding events again in the fall.

Used Oil Payment Program (OPP) – \$10,000 grant – Reminder there are multiple locations throughout the county, including the Transfer Station, that will take used oil and filters for recycling.

Community Clean Up Day – Willows held their event on July 22nd at the Willows Waste Water Treatment plant; this was a well ran, successful event. Will report tonnage collected from that event at the October meeting. City of Orland will have their event on October 7th at the fairgrounds. The county has their Transfer Station event planned for October 21st. Mrs. Richardson handed out flyers to committee members to share or put up around town. We will also be posting to our website, advertising in the Valley Mirror, and getting it out on social media.

SB 1383 Local Assistance Grant Program – \$60,589 grant – Still in consistent discussions with Environmental Health as a lot of the demands are placed on them for the requirements. We have an upcoming meeting to check on the progress.

Illegal Dumping 2023 – Through June 30, 2023 we have picked up just over 14 tons. Member Carmon inquired if we have any funding from the state to offset the county’s cost. Mrs. Richardson replied no.

MATTER 7.2

Documents:

Proceedings:

Upcoming Community Clean Up Day Events

None

We are asking both cities and the members of this board for any information on anything that has not worked or anything we can do differently to improve the events. Please speak with your city staff and share this information with us prior to the upcoming events if possible. Member Romano inquired on the fairground location of Orland’s event. Diana Ramirez stated that the last event had to be moved just outside the grounds due to another event being held there and they had to redirect people. This year there is no conflict and they will hold it in the same historical location as past events. Member Romano suggested someone look into that location as their flea market has flowed into the parking lot and just make sure there will be no conflicts. Mrs. Ramirez stated she would speak with City of Orland staff to make sure they won’t be encroaching on the flea market space. Resident addresses are

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checked, although, if they live within the county, they will not be turned away. We just want to make sure that the events are promoted accurately for each jurisdiction to avoid people just showing up to any event they want to as this creates too many at some and not enough at others.

MATTER 7.3

Illegal Dumping

Documents:

None

Proceedings:

As stated earlier, 14 tons were collected from January 1, 2023 thru April 27, 2023. The staff time and equipment charges for that period came to twenty thousand one hundred ninety-four dollars and thirty-six cents (\$20,194.36). Solid Waste, when fully staffed, will send two people out for litter patrol while picking up for service requests of called in illegally dumped items. Our road crews will also pick up items that they find and bring back to the dumpsters in each yard for disposal. Member Carmon inquired if we still have inmates assist solid waste staff still. Mrs. Richardson stated that we used to but there was difficulty with supervision staffing. Currently we only use Salt Creek and it is difficult because they have them on other jobs.

MATTER 7.4

JPA – Potential Revision

Documents:

None

Proceedings:

One of the tasks within the five-year countywide integrated WM plan is to review the JPA. Pete Carr, Orland City Manager, has made requests in the past for changes. We have sent copies of the JPA to both City of Orland and City of Willows asking for their review and any comments or requested changes which, we will pass on to the consultant. We recently revised the bylaws and the City of Willows counsel had one comment regarding where meetings can be held. Currently it states meetings shall be held at any place, “within or without the State”, which has been designated and agreed upon”. They would like that changed to “within the jurisdiction of the body”. We have asked them if that change could be held until a later date.

Member Carmon inquired on the requests of Mr. Carr.

Mrs. Richardson stated he has mentioned multiple times of the involvement of the cities. We have also heard from Board members in the past of the financial involvement of the cities, that there currently is none at this time and the county is bearing all the cost of the solid waste operation yet, the franchise fees are given to both cities and the county. These are the types of concerns that we will share with the consultants. They will then come back to this group with their revisions and possibly what other agencies are doing as well so that we can make an informed decision here.

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Member Hanson inquired on what are the franchise fees are.
Mrs. Richardson stated she would research and bring this information to the next meeting.

Mrs. Ramirez commented that she will also collect what the average over the last twelve months was and share at the next meeting. Customers pay WM and WM in turn pays back a portion to the county. It is ten percent of the gross receipts.

Mrs. Richardson also shared that with SB 1383 and all the changes that have occurred since 1998, we need to revise all these documents and develop a good solid waste master plan for the county so we have a blueprint to move forward.

MATTER 7.5

Waste Management Quarterly Report

Documents:

None

Proceedings:

At the last meeting there were questions asked and the information has been provided in this packet. Diana is here to answer any questions. We did receive notice that our recyclables will be taken to an alternate location while the recycle center goes through a scheduled upgrade which will take approximately six months.

Member Carmon asked if the graphs could be explained, such as the charge ticket versus no charge ticket.

Mrs. Ramirez explained the information collected was from October 2022 thru March 2023 and included all three jurisdictions combined. Day count is days serviced. Average ticket per day are actually tickets or notifications that were issued. Percent is what percentage per day. If Tuesday is a higher collection day, you may see a higher number of notifications given. Charge tickets are chargeable notifications/tickets versus no charge notifications/tickets. Bar graphs to show how folks are trending.

Chair Arnold inquired if this is working and are you seeing a reduction in problems.

Mrs. Ramirez stated yes, you can see this are the bar graphs as we go into 2023. We can see who are repeat offenders and the there is wording in the contract that states WM can remove their bins if individuals are consistent repeat offenders, not changing their behavior. Also, someone had asked last meeting if people were discontinuing their recycling service because of the new rules and the answer is no, it has been consistent. We are moving and trending in the right direction.

Member Carmon inquired if there was information on what the top contamination item was.

Mrs. Ramirez stated plastic bags for sure.

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8. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Member Romano requested the cities and county be able to see lists of the frequent offenders so that they can get involved and possibly send letters out to assist WM. Mrs. Ramirez stated that would be great, we would love the support.

9. NEXT MEETING

Date: October 26, 2023 10:30 a.m.

Location: Willows Memorial Hall, Board of Supervisors Chambers
525 W Sycamore Street, Willows, CA.

10. ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.