

GLENN COUNTY
WASTE MANAGEMENT REGIONAL AGENCY
A JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY

MINUTES
October 26, 2023

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GLENN COUNTY WEBSITE*****

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Arnold called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS:

Tom Arnold, County of Glenn, Chair
Grant Carmon, County of Glenn
Forrest Sprague, Willows

Jeffery Tolley, Orland

ABSENT:

Mathew Romano, Orland, Vice-Chair

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
Tony Prochaska, Waste Management Recycling Education Representative
Ward Danner, CalRecycle

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4. MINUTES

MATTER 4.1: APPROVE MINUTES OF JULY 27, 2023

Documents: Minutes of July 27, 2023

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

Motion/Second: Member Carmon / Member Tolley

Order: Approve minutes of the July 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 – 10/26/2023

Proceedings: Chair Arnold introduced the item.

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

Tonnage – 2023 tonnage received through October 23, 2023, sent to Anderson Landfill is 21,879. Tonnage recycled is 1,076.

Beverage Contain Recycling Cities/County Payment Program – Fiscal Year 2022-23 (correction from report that stated 2021-22) had \$20,000 grant funding – We still have beverage recycling funding available. Majority of funds has been used for water refill stations within the city of Willows. Currently working with Salt Creek Conservation Camp to utilize their crews for cleanup

Household Hazardous Waste Discretionary Grants – \$100,000 grant – Received \$46,000 for an HHW event that was held back in October 2022, collecting 9 pallets of household hazardous waste. The remaining \$53,000 is being used with a partnership with California Product Stewardship Council (CPSC) to create a multi-media public

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education campaign and specifically focus on recyclable 1 lb. propane cylinders. The County currently has two retailers set up as recycling and exchange centers. Those retailers are Orland Ace Hardware and Willows Ace Hardware. The first event was held at Orland Ace Hardware where they handed out free 1 lb. propane cylinders and flyers, educating the public. The second event was held last week at the Transfer Station along with the County Community Cleanup Event. Nate, with CPSC, stated this was the most successful event in California that he has hosted. Three hundred (300) cylinders were handed out. All those that received a cylinder, sign a pledge to recycle and reuse them.

Local Government Waste Tire Amnesty Grant – \$50,000 grant – An event was held October 7, 2023 at which we collected 295 tires. There will be two more events before the end of the year, November 18, 2023 and December 9, 2023, both at the Transfer Station. We will be working on the advertising for these events.

Used Oil Payment Program (OPP) – \$10,000 grant – Monies are used to fund Certified Collection Centers where residents can take their used oil and filters at no cost.

Community Clean Up Day – Willows held theirs July 22nd and collected 25 tons of MSW, 18.5 tons of scrap metal, 78 mattresses, 4 tons of e-waste. Orland held theirs October 7th and collected 37 tons of MSW; still waiting on breakout counts. County event was held October 21st with 265 vehicles coming through. Over 61 tons of MSW collected; 1.35 tons of e-waste, 106 appliances, significant amount of scrap metal. This was a very successful event.

Member Carmon inquired if we had a comparison to last year for the Willows event. Mrs. Richardson replied not at this time but, can report at next meeting. Sharing the County event comparison from last year where we had 285 vehicles and about 20 tons less MSW so, although more vehicles, there was less MSW collected.

SB 1383 Local Assistance Grant Program – \$60,589 grant – Continue to work on implementation. Had meeting with CalRecycle going over current status. There have been changes with the edible food recovery enforcement coming in 2024.

Illegal Dumping 2023 – Year to date we have picked up over 23 tons of illegally dumped garbage.

Member Sprague inquired on clarification of total tonnage going to Anderson Landfill.

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Mrs. Richardson apologized stating correction as the “mattress recycling” total of 7.3042 tons does not go to the Anderson Landfill, we recycle through Mattress Recycling Council. We have a trailer at the Transfer Station for mattress collection, free of charge to residents, as consumers pay a fifteen-dollar (\$15) recycling fee at the time of purchase on mattresses.

MATTER 7.2 CIWMP Review – Draft Five-Year Countywide Integrated WM Plan for review and comments

Documents: Five-Year CIWMP/RAIWMP Review Report Template
Proceedings: Chair Arnold introduced item. Mrs. Richardson reported every five years CalRecycle requires us to go through a review of the Countywide Integrated Waste Management Plan. Original plan was drafted in 1998. There have been amendments over time but, we currently have a Request for Proposal (RFP) out for consultants to come and assist the county with reviewing and amending the current plan and all the respective documents that are included with it, to make recommendations. Mrs. Richardson reviewed the plan and discussion ensued (review recording for those details...item begins at 14 minutes into meeting). Mrs. Richardson stated all comments have been documented and she will include them in the review and submit.

MATTER 7.3 Recommendation on how to address frequent contamination/overage customers

Documents: Section 3 – Solid Waste Services – Commercial & Residential Contamination and Overages: 8/2022-8/2023
Glenn County Recycler – Fall 2023
Proceedings: Diana Ramirez reported they are following up from previous discussion on frequent customers with contamination or overages. Requested data has been provided in your packets. Looked at a twelve-month view of all three jurisdictions. We calculated a rate of notifications as well as number of containers and frequency of collection, to put into perspective. This shows that the highest percentage of issues is 8 percent in commercial locations. Member Sprague inquired on situations where someone dumps items into another’s container, sharing his own experience. Mrs. Ramirez commented they do get customer dispute calls and they are handled. Please note this report does not record those dispute calls. Member Tolley inquired on technology for locking containers to avoid disputes. Mrs. Ramirez stated she would look into this, adding, in her opinion, these results are not bad. You have less than a handful that are

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at or above 5 percent. May want to determine what should trigger action on the cities or county's part. Tony is being proactive, working closely with customers inquiring ways he can help and educate those receiving notifications.

Member Sprague clarified; you don't charge for the recycle bins.

Mrs. Ramirez replied for residential it is part of the package but, commercial customers pay.

MATTER 7.4 Franchise Fees – Definition and Discussion

Documents: Fiscal Year 2023 Franchise Fees

Master Franchise Agreement

Proceedings: Mrs. Richardson commented this is something one of the members had requested. Sharing the County Franchise Fees collected for fiscal year 2023 were three hundred thirty-two thousand six hundred ninety-two dollars and thirty-six cents (\$332,692.36), paid to the General Fund and transferred back into the Solid Waste fund. This total does not include sales of recyclable materials. See report for definition of Franchise Fees. The city of Orland received approximately one hundred and sixty-five thousand dollars (\$165,000.00) and they are using that for solid wasted administration within the city, the rest is for their roadways. The city of Willows received approximately one hundred thirty-five thousand dollars (\$135,000.00), used differently year to year. The county is the only entity that returns it all back into solid waste fund to help operate our Transfer Station at the one-hundred-dollar (\$100.00) tipping fee. The tipping fee covers solid waste operations and 10 percent goes to future environmental impact.

Member Carmon inquired if the cities have ever contributed back to the solid waste fund.

Mrs. Richardson responded not to her knowledge; adding that the county handles all of the quarterly and annual reporting including reporting for the cities.

Member Sprague inquired if there was a JPA.

Mrs. Richardson replied there is but, it doesn't state anything about the cities contributing. Maybe this is something the members would like to form an adhoc committee to review for possible financial compensation down the road.

Member Carmon shared he feels it is unfair to place all the burden on the county administration alone and feels spreading it out fairly would be reasonable.

Member Sprague agreed and inquired if there was a way to capture those from the city versus county.

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Mrs. Richardson stated yes, this is part of her reporting. She also shared she is working with our software provider to change the way it is currently reported as it is a bit difficult being fiscal year to fiscal year. We are looking into multi-year reporting. We are hoping the program will be built by next meeting.

Member Tolley commented he also thinks this would be great, as it can show the cities how much the fees may have to raise if the cities don't contribute versus how much the fees may drop if they do.

Member Sprague inquired on damages to the cul-de-sacs caused by the WM trucks and who is responsible for repairs. Mrs. Ramirez responded stating to contact the WM district manager located in Corning, as they have insurance and would come out to inspect for possible claim.

Member Carmon shared

MATTER 7.5 Waste Management Quarterly Report – Sacramento Recycling & Transfer Station (SOTA)

Documents: Project Key Dates

Proceedings: Mrs. Richardson referred to WM's Sacramento Recycling & Transfer Station's state of the art (SOTA) report of key dates, sharing the start date of their upgrade, to meet regulation standards and become more efficient at the facility, is November 13, 2023 and estimated completion is July 8, 2024. During the project, materials will be diverted but, there will be no changes to collections nor any cost increases.

Member Carmon inquired on the letter of support the county sent for WM to receive a grant for green waste, was this successful.

Mrs. Ramirez replied they have not heard anything at this time. She also shared that upon completion, if the members were interested in a field trip to tour the new facility, they would love to have them.

8. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

City assistance

9. NEXT MEETING

Date: January 25, 2024 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.