

# SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE & LOCAL TASK FORCE MEETING MINUTES

June 14, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 9:05 a.m. Attendees are listed on the attached sheet(s). *Committee Members Present:* Michael Geyer, Bob Hampton, Larry Moxley, Craig Mifflin, Ken Weir, Leslie Golich, and Orchel Krier. *Committee Members Not Present:* Leticia Perez and Mick Gleason

**Item #1: Introductions.** Heidi Carter, KCPWD's new Marketing & Promotions Coordinator.

**Item #2: Approval of Minutes.**

**MOTION:** *Approve Minutes for the meeting held on July 20, 2018 and December 14, 2018.*

Motion stated by Orchel Krier; seconded by Craig Mifflin. Motion was unopposed.

**Item #3: Introductions by Ms. Lynn Brooks:** Ms. Lynn Brooks, Assistant Director of Public Works, introduced new Public Works Department employee, Ms. Heidi Carter-Escudero.

**Item #4: Keep Kern Beautiful presented by Ms. Heidi Carter-Escudero:** Ms. Heidi Carter-Escudero, Marketing and Promotions Coordinator, thanked the Board of Supervisors for providing Kern County Public Works with a letter of support. The letter of support will assist the Department with affiliating itself with Keep America Beautiful. Previously, Public Works has had two branded programs - Keep Kern Clean and Keep Kern Roads Clean, in which the Department has shown similar efforts to that of Keep America Beautiful. This new affiliation with Keep America Beautiful will be a re-branding of those two programs. The Department also participates in several community outreach and educational events in which staff have an opportunity of doing hands-on educational interactive games with the communities of Kern County. The Department also has two crews that are a part of the Removing and Preventing Illegal Dumping team. With the future affiliation with Keep America Beautiful, the Department hopes to expand its educational outreach and clean-up efforts with support from Kern County communities to help Keep Kern County Beautiful.

**Item #4: Request for Statement of Interest for Waste Diversion Services presented by Ms. Lynn Brooks:** Ms. Lynn Brooks, Assistant Director of the Operations Division, discussed the visit of County staff to WASTECON where employees were introduced to new waste-to-energy technologies that could be helpful in meeting state mandates, such as AB 1383 and SB 1016. The County's goals for this process is to find options for developing waste diversion infrastructure in the County and inform all jurisdictions within the County of those options that will allow Kern County to achieve diversion goals mandated by the State. The County is searching for interested parties who can provide any new and proven technology options for use in the County that will increase diversion from landfills. HF&H will review and rank any SOIs submitted to determine whether the technology is proven and whether they meet the County's needs. After a list is prepared, the County will develop a committee to review what options should be pursued.

**Item #5: Proposition 218 Update presented by Ms. Lisa Shreder:** Ms. Lisa Shreder, Public Works Manager, stated the department started the Franchise Hauler Rate Setting process in late 2018 and completed it on May 21, 2019 at the Board of Supervisors meeting. We ended up with 14 franchise areas that need to have the Prop 218 process done to discuss the rate increases and recycling surcharge additions, while 6 franchise areas did not need to have the Prop 218 process done due to no rate increase or addition of recycling surcharges. Notices were published in 5 different newspapers and more than 80,000 notices were mailed out to County residents.

Seven public information meetings were held by the department in Shafter, Lost Hills, Taft, Buttonwillow, and metro-Bakersfield, where separate meetings were held for all Commercial Zones and Non-Tax Roll Billed Zones. In total, only 23 residents or property owners attended the meetings. 286 written protests were received by the County, and approximately 1,774 County man hours were spent throughout the Proposition 218 process, excluding the Director and Assistant Directors. All Proposition 218s were approved by the Kern County Board of Supervisors with the exception of the Lost Hills Area, which was voted out by residents.

**Item #6: CalRecycle Visit presented by Mr. Brandon Fontes:** Mr. Brandon Fontes, Engineering Manager, stated on an annual basis, the County gets a visit from CalRecycle representatives in which they evaluate the County on various efforts to reduce waste amounts received at the landfill and increase recycling. CalRecycle visits the County to review all reports submitted, discuss and evaluate how good the efforts were. They were interested most in the efforts put forth in the mandatory commercial recycling, mandatory commercial organics recycling, and household hazardous waste programs. CalRecycle representatives were extremely pleased with the presentation done by Christine Williamson, if any assistance is needed, everyone is welcome to reach out to her for help. CalRecycle representatives are also concerned with seeing the efforts being made in the Education and Outreach aspects of each program. Although it is not an official law yet, CalRecycle expects jurisdictions to begin inspecting waste bins for any recyclable materials that may be incorrectly placed into the wrong bin. CalRecycle also indicated they are expecting jurisdictions to begin performing waste assessments on multi-family dwellings and commercial units to determine what recycling services those complexes or commercial businesses should be subscribing to. Multi-family complexes and commercial businesses are no longer capable to self-certify, CalRecycle expects jurisdictions to make that determination for them. A year from now, when SB 1383 is active, they expect jurisdictions to already have been complying with these laws.

**Item #7: Status of Compost Facility presented by Mr. Bryon Smith:** Mr. Bryon Smith, Senior Engineering Manager, stated the development of the compost facility at the Shafter-Wasco landfill was originally brought to the committee back in FY 16/17, when an RFP was put out. After January 2019, the County entered into an agreement with SCS Consulting Engineers, Inc. to meet the statewide organics diversion mandates and SB 1383. At the Shafter-Wasco Facility, you can see in the map, there are two areas: one for the Diversion/Self-Haul Area and one for the Composting Area. The construction and operational sequencing of the ASP compost system has been scheduled in two Phases. Phase 1 is scheduled to begin in 2021 with it finishing in 2022 and we can start composting operations at that moment. Phase 2 is scheduled to begin in 2022 with it finishing in 2023, and both Phases should then have begun composting operations. Public Works staff worked alongside the Kern County Fire Department during the development of the composting facility layout. The Fire Department has approved the conceptual ideas and will need documents at completion for their final approval. One of the other biggest items staff is working on is the permits, such as the Focused Supplemental Environmental Impact Report. We need to get permits from the Planning Department, CalRecycle/LEA, Water Board and Air Board. Our cost estimate for this composting facility is \$22 Million. Another thing Public Works is going to be doing is applying for grant funding from CalRecycle.

**Item #8: Cities Issues –** Mr. Kevin Barnes discussed the upcoming demands from SB 1383 and announced the City of Bakersfield is now providing Commercial Organics Cart Service along with several others.

**Item #9: Public Comments** - None

**Item #10: Committee Member Comments** - None

**MOTION:** *Adjourn meeting.*

Motion stated by Ken Weir; seconded by Bob Hampton. Committee unanimously approved.

Meeting adjourned at 10:20 a.m.