MARIN COUNTY HAZARDOUS & SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY

AB 939 LOCAL TASK FORCE

Wednesday, April 2, 2008
Suite 200-A Conference Room
65 Mitchell Blvd., San Rafael

9:00 -10:30 AM

AGENDA

1. Call to Order.

2. Environmental Local Task Force Member Update. (Informational – 5 Minutes)

3. Approval JPA Local Task Force Minutes from March 5, 2008. (Action – 5 Minutes)

4. Open Time for Public Comment.

5. Foodwaste Composting Committee Endorsement. (Informational/Action – 10 Minutes)

6. Rate Structure Presentation by Kevin Miller of the City of Napa. (Informational - 45 Minutes)

7. Waste Management Infrastructure Flowchart. (Information – 10 Minutes)

8. Additional Subcommittee Reports (Informational – 15 Minutes)
   • Construction and Demolition Materials.
   • Solid Waste Rates.

9. Next JPA Local Task Force Meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 7, 2008, 9:00 – 10:30 AM, 65 Mitchell Blvd., San Rafael.

10. Adjourn.

The full agenda including staff reports can be viewed at
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MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT
Tom Gaffney, Ross Valley Cities
Terry Cosgrove, San Rafael
Jon Elam, Tamalpais CSD
Patricia Garbarino, Marin Sanitary
Loretta Figueroa, Almonte Sanitary District
Kim Huff, Southern Marin Cities
Tania Levy, Unincorporated Area
Ramin Khany, Redwood Landfill
Matt McCarron, Novato
Steve McCaffrey, Redwood Empire Disposal

STAFF PRESENT
Michael Frost, JPA Staff
Alex Soulard, JPA Staff

OTHERS PRESENT
Tamara Hull, Sustainable San Rafael
Judy Schrieberman, Las Gallinas San Dist.
Ed Mainland, Sustainable Novato
Marilyn McConnell, Public
Dee Johnson, Novato Disposal

1. Call to Order. The Local Task Force (LTF) meeting came to order at 10:04 AM.

2. Approval of JPA Local Task Force Meeting Minutes from January 2, 2008. M/s, Elam, Figueroa to approve the January 2, 2008 meeting minutes. Motion approved unanimously.

3. Open Time for Public Comment. Ed Mainland stated that the presentation from Debra Kaufman was helpful, the LTF should have presentations from Kevin Miller and Robert Haley, and that a JPA work to reform the franchise agreements to get to zero waste. Members requested staff invite Kevin Miller of Napa to present at the next meeting.

   Staff reported interviews are taking place March 5th and final appointment will be made by the JPA. Staff also reported that the RFI will receive responses by end of the month.

4. Waste Management Infrastructure Description. Staff reported on the current waste infrastructure in Marin listing the four private and one community haulers, nineteen franchising agencies, recycling and buyback centers, household hazardous waste facilities and three composting facilities within Marin County. Members requested staff prepare a flowchart that would show the waste flow of Marin from franchise agencies to haulers and disposal or recovery facilities used. Local Task Force Members discussed possibilities to regulate non-franchised haulers.
5. **Subcommittee Reports.**

   - **Construction and Demolition Materials.** The subcommittee reported they had met twice and discussed that all cities should adopt identical C and D ordinances and that the JPA could develop a streamline reporting form that can be easily verified at the landfill to meet diversion requirements. Members stated there was concern that there are not enough enforcement.

   - **Progressive Can Rates** Subcommittee members met one time and discussed looking at who has developed variable rates, and how different rate structures work. The Task force members discussed how proportional rates give a subsidy to small cans, which can be balanced by fining small can users who overfill their cans. The group discussed changing the frequency of pickups for different can types.

   - **Foodwaste Composting.** The subcommittee reported on Marin Sanitary’s pilot foodwaste composting program, that there in not much room at permitted composting facilities, there is a potential to work with the sanitary district to digest these materials, and there would be a potential fieldtrips to Berkeley that would be helpful. PG&E gave a grant to the City of San Rafael to work with the Central Marin Sanitation Agency and Marin Sanitary to develop a program to generate energy from foodwaste. They are looking into the use of modular anaerobic digesters. Staff stated they are working with the Master Gardener’s and the Marin Art and Garden Center to consider developing a backyard composting program.

6. **Adjourn.** Next meeting is April 2, 2008 in 65 Mitchell Blvd.

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Date: April 2, 2008

To: Local Task Force Members

From: Michael Frost

Re: Foodwaste Composting Committee Endorsement

Staff received the attached request from the Marin Art and Garden Center to develop a program to provide subsidized compost bins to Marin residents. Working with the Art and Garden Center, a bin subsidy in conjunction with the Master Gardner Program is being developed. Models for like backyard compost bin subsidy programs exist in many neighboring Bay Area communities.

The Foodwaste Composting Subcommittee reviewed and discussed a compost bin subsidy combined with education proposal at their March 19th meeting. The Subcommittee endorsed the concept of a backyard composting bin subsidy program that would include education and various composting techniques.

The Subcommittee also suggested that the JPA support the local permitting process to assist in the development or expansion of facilities that could compost or anaerobically digest food and green waste.

Additionally, the Subcommittee discussed exploring what role the JPA can take in influencing the remodel of the Northgate Mall to make sure the facility uses reusable cups, plates, and utensils and established a clean foodwaste stream.

It is requested the Local Task Force approve and forward to the JPA Executive Committee an endorsement to develop a backyard composting bin subsidy program that would include education.

Attachment

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September 12, 2007

Mr. Michael Frost  
County of Marin, Department of Public Works  
Office of Waste Management  
P.O. Box 4186, San Rafael, CA 94913-4186

Dear Michael,

I am writing to ask that the Office of Waste Management take the lead in getting the support of the County of Marin to subsidize compost bins for Marin County residents. As you know Marin Art and Garden Center (MAGC) offered a very successful hands-on "Home Composting made Easy" class this past summer. The class was held at the MAGC Composting Demonstration Site, which features a number of different bin styles, and methods, including worm composting. The class was co-sponsored by College of Marin, the Marin County Stormwater Pollution Prevention Programs (MCSTOPPP) and MAGC.

The public response was overwhelming, and our class topped 34 participants - almost more than we could handle. (Enclosed is one of the letters of commendation for the July Home Composting class.) The participants consistently asked if and when the County would start supplying or subsidizing composting bins for on-site composting as is done in other counties in the Bay Area, including Alameda, San Mateo, San Francisco, San Jose, and Contra Costa.

It makes such good sense in terms of our waste management needs and our sustainability goals that I don't understand why Marin would not move forward with this project. MAGC, in on-going collaboration with College of Marin and MCSTOPPP, would like to continue providing classes utilizing our site, and would like to offer even more classes and expanded services.

Anytime you are willing to discuss this issue in greater detail, please call me at (415) 455-5263.

Sincerely,

Charlotte Torgovitsky,  
Garden Education Manager  
Marin Art and Garden Center
Date: April 2, 2008

To: Local Task Force Members

From: Michael Frost

Re: Waste Management Infrastructure Flowchart

At the March 5, 2008 Local Task Force Meeting the staff presented a description of the waste management infrastructure in Marin. Task Force Members additionally requested that staff prepare a flowchart that shows the flow of waste from franchise areas to haulers and the final disposal sites or recovery facilities the materials are sent to.

Attached are two flowcharts, one of which shows how garbage moves to disposal facilities, and one that shows how diverted materials move through and out of the County.

Attachments