MARIN COUNTY HAZARDOUS & SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY

AB 939 LOCAL TASK FORCE

Wednesday, April 1, 2009
Suite 200-A Conference Room
65 Mitchell Blvd., San Rafael

8:30 -10:00 AM

AGENDA

Call to Order.

1) Open Time for Public Comment.

2) Approval of the March 4, 2009 JPA Local Task Force Minutes (Action – 5 Minutes).

3) Zero Waste Feasibility Study Presentation (Discussion – 50 Minutes).

4) “Just Do One Thing” Campaign Subcommittee Report (Discussion/Action – 35 Minutes)

5) Adjourn.

Next Meeting will be held on May 6, 2009 at 8:30 AM.

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Call to Order. The Local Task Force (LTF) meeting came to order at 8:35 AM.

The Chair stated that the "Just Do One Thing" agenda item would be addressed last to wait for Kiki La Porta's arrival.

1. Open Time for Public Comment. No comments received.

2. Approval of the February 4, 2009 JPA Local Task Force Minutes. Ms. Hull, Khany to approve the February 4, 2009 meeting minutes with edits. Motion approved unanimously.

Plastic Bag and Expanded Polystyrene Bans. The Local Task Force discussed two State Assembly bills, AB 68 and AB 87, which place a fee on single use plastic bags at grocery stores. Members agreed they supported the concept, but felt that they did not want to support bills that they were unfamiliar with or were likely to be revised.
3. **Mitigation Fee.** The Committee asked staff about the current rate structure for JPA fees. Staff advised the amount collected from haulers and facilities is based on the amount of waste that is collected and disposed both within and outside of Marin County. In addition the waste that is disposed in Redwood Landfill from outside of Marin is also subject to these fees. Ramin Khany stated that the landfill is charged a fixed amount every year by the JPA and that they decide how to recoup costs based on the fees they charge to all customers. The committee discussed the amount of the fee compared to those assessed at other regional landfills. Also discussed was the Zero Waste Feasibility Study process and possible programs which may require and increase in the JPA’s budget.

4. **“Just Do One Thing” (JDOT) Campaign.** LTF Members discussed implementing a program targeted for residents to do one thing a day to improve the environment and to meet as a subcommittee. The LTF discussed who wanted to be members of the committee and stated they would move forward in developing a plan and cost for the campaign and would report back to the LTF before developing a recommendation to the Executive Committee.

5. **Adjourn.** – Next meeting scheduled for April 1, 2009 at 8:30am.
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To: Local Task Force

From: Michael Frost

Re: Zero Waste Feasibility Study - Preliminary Status Report

R3 Consulting Group is on your agenda today to provide you with a status report of this study, and to solicit your comments and feedback. R3 met with all of Marin’s haulers and facility operators, and they continually update staff on their ideas and progress. For today’s meeting R3 has prepared a brief power point presentation and will open the meeting for comments following their presentation.

As this study progresses, it is anticipated R3 will make additional public presentations at the next JPA Executive Committee, the next full JPA Board meeting, and hold at least one evening meeting to solicit community comments.

Preliminary data indicates that further reduction in disposal and/or increased diversion in Marin County will likely result in amendments to local waste hauler franchise agreements, and increased costs to the community. Because the AB939 Task force is designed as a working group designed to provide comments to the JPA Board, it is appropriate for R3 to initiate the public process segment of their study with this presentation.

c. R3, Myriam Arce

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