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AGENDA

TUOLUMNE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Solid Waste Committee

February 8, 2023, at 1:00 p.m.

LOCATION:
Conference Room 3A
48 Yaney Ave., Sonora, CA 95370

ZOOM OPTION AVAILABLE FOR THE PUBLIC

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1. INTRODUCTIONS

2. PUBLIC FORUM

The public may speak on any item not on the printed agenda. No action may be taken by the Committee. The amount of time allocated for the public forum is limited to 15 minutes.

3. COMMITTEE BUSINESS

- A. Consideration of Approving the Minutes of the Meeting on December 14, 2022.
- B. Procedure for future remote BOSSWC Meetings.

4. STAFF / COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Staff Changes
- Big Oak Flat Update
- Clean California Grant Update

5. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- Update on the process for Illegal Dumping.

6. NEXT MEETING – March 8, 2023

7. ADJOURNMENT

The Board of Supervisors Solid Waste Committee serves as an advisory group to the Board of Supervisors by reviewing, commenting on and recommending new and/or modifications to existing policy related to the Solid Waste Collection, management and disposal systems within the County.

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MINUTES

UNAPPROVED

Board of Supervisors Solid Waste Committee (BOSSWC) Wednesday, December 14, 2022, at 1:00p.m.

PRESENT: Supervisor Ryan Campbell; Supervisor David Goldemberg; John La Torre Jr., At-Large Public Committee Member.

STAFF: Kim MacFarlane, Director of Public Works; Diane Green, Solid Waste Specialist; Amy Welch, Solid Waste Technician I; Monique Figueroa, Solid Waste Technician I; Halee Eaton, Administrative Assistant; Emma Hawks, Assistant to the Department Head; Blossom Scott-Heim, Supervising Engineer; Dore Bietz, Office of Emergency Services; Sean Hembree, Office of Emergency Services; Cody Nesper, County Counsel.

GUESTS: Phil Hickenbotton, A member of the public; Jim Garcia, District Manager Waste Management.

ABSENT: Monique Holcomb; At-Large Public Committee Member; Matt Hawkins, Sonora City Council Member.

CALL TO ORDER

Supervisor Ryan Campbell called the meeting of December 14, 2022, to order at 1:01 p.m. Supervisor Campbell suggested we introduce ourselves first then address Assembly Bill 361 Consideration of Adopting Resolution 2022-08 Making Findings in Support of Allowing Remote Meetings Pursuant to AB361 (Modified Brown Act Procedures During a Declared Emergency).

Supervisor Campbell asked if there was any public comment.

Supervisor Goldemberg made comments on the upcoming changes in January regarding meetings.

Chair Campbell brought the resolution back to the committee looking for a motion in support of approving the resolution.

The motion was moved by Supervisor David Goldemberg and seconded by Committee Member John La Torre Jr.

Supervisor Campbell Called for the vote: Ayes: 3; Abstain: 0.

Motion Carried 3 – 0

PUBLIC FORUM

Phil Hickenbottom, A member of the public, introduced himself and expressed his interest in joining the Board of Supervisors Solid Waste Committee.

Seeing no one else wishing to comment, Chair Campbell closed the Public Forum.

COMMITTEE BUSINESS

Consideration of Approving the Minutes of the Special Meeting on August 31, 2022.

No additions, changes, or corrections were suggested.

Committee Member La Torre made a motion to approve the minutes and a second by Supervisor Goldemberg.

Supervisor Campbell Called for the vote: Ayes: 3; Abstain: 0.

Motion Carried 3 – 0

STAFF REPORTS

1. Big Oak Flat Update

Diane Green mentioned the hauler agreements with Waste Management and Cal Sierra Disposal whose contracts were renewed in the fall but that the contract with Burns Refuse Service is only effective through September 30, 2023. In the Burns contract they are required to notify the County at least 8 months prior to the end of the term of the agreement if they are seeking a renewal, which may be renewed for an additional term of 10 years. March 21, 2022, Burns submitted a notice of intent to seek a franchise renewal extension. The contract extension needs to be completed and submitted to the Board of Supervisors.

The contract with Moore Brothers Scavenger Company will also terminate on September 30, 2023. Moore Brothers is also required to notify the County at least 8 months prior to the end of the term of the agreement, and it may be renewed for an additional term of 10 years. On September 3, 2021 Moore Brothers submitted a request to extend and renew the franchise contract with Tuolumne County Solid Waste.

The Big Oak Flat Transfer Station is undergoing many changes and improvements. A new container/office was delivered to the site; telephone communication and propane were also connected. A Request For Quotes (RFQ) for perimeter fencing was solicited by the County. The quotes were due December 9, 2022, with only one respondent.

David Goldemberg had questions regarding the new container at the Big Oak Flat Transfer Station.

2. Pressure Treated Wood Waste (TWW)

Amy Welch mentioned that in 2021 the DTSC banned treated wood waste from being accepted at standard landfills, and required special handling and disposal at hazardous waste landfills, such as the one located outside of Bakersfield, California.

Waste Management applied for a variance and Tuolumne County Solid Waste applied on behalf of Moore Bros operating the Groveland Transfer Station. These were approved allowing the transfer station to begin accepting treated wood waste. Jim McHargue told Waste Management that their contract stated they were not allowed to charge a sur charge.

Chair Campbell had questions regarding how a load of treated wood waste would be handled when arriving at the transfer station. Amy Welch explained the process of disposing treated wood waste at the transfer station based on information provided by the WM site supervisor.

Member La Torre expressed prior concerns of treated wood waste being expensive and inconvenient to dispose of. He believes that Waste Management has only addressed one of these concerns and avoided the other.

Jim Garcia of WM explained there is not a lot that they can do regarding the convenience of the process. This is because California considers it a hazardous material. Regulations restrict treated wood waste from being hauled with trash. He explained that the treated wood waste was being hauled separately from trash to the Merced landfill. WM is required to keep track of who is disposing treated wood waste, and how much they are disposing, as well as documenting the generators and how much they are producing each year. For Merced to accept TWW mixed with the trash, the requirements mentioned above must be provided.

Goldemberg expressed concerns regarding the process and the treated wood waste, that is considered hazardous waste, being mixed with other materials. He requested that something possibly be drafted for the ESJPA Committee or the Board of Supervisors to address this situation.

3. Clean California Grant Update

Monique Figueroa provided an update on the Clean California Grant. Solid Waste applied for a grant through CalTrans'. Clean California Initiative and Tuolumne County was awarded the grant and will be using the funds to clean up local roads and make Tuolumne County a more desirable place. There are three phases of this grant with an emphasis on education. The first goal is education. Tuolumne County Solid Waste will be holding a mascot contest; developing a marketing campaign around messaging to keep Tuolumne County clean; and hosting clean up days through a voucher program. For any of these ideas to start working, a consultant must be hired. An RFP was posted on November 30, 2022 and closed on December 19, 2022.

Chair Campbell had questions about how we will receive the grant, if it has already been received, and when we would like to start some of the projects.

Monique Figueroa explained that the \$129,000 has already been allocated, Solid Waste will begin phase one of the project as soon as we have a consultant. Payments from the State are made to the County on a reimbursement basis.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

- **Creating a Green Waste Program**

Supervisor Goldemberg expressed prior concerns on creating a Green Waste Program in Tuolumne County. He believes that now that we have a vegetation ordinance this topic needs more attention. He stated that residents do not have an easy way to dispose of green waste without great costs. A lot of people also do not have the physical capability and financial means to deal with green waste. He would like to see the residents of Tuolumne County be provide with better options.

Kim MacFarlane stated that providing programs like surrounding counties, such as the program the City of Modesto provides, comes with a cost.

Goldemberg would like to see the Solid Waste division approach in a more reasonable way and provide suggestions on how to deal with the issue.

- **Illegal dumping in Tuolumne County**

Kim MacFarlane stated that there needs to be a process in place for requests for reimbursement for illegal dump clean up efforts on public property – anything on private property should be addressed through the Code Compliance process, and clean up efforts on private lands cannot be funded with the SW fund. Public Works only has authority to provide funding for illegal disposal cleanups occurring on public lands.

County Counsel may need to draft a resolution to give the Director of Public Works or the Director of Solid Waste the authority to make these decisions without going to the board.

A guideline or standard is needed for what the county is going to pay for and not pay for. Authorization is needed from the County regarding utilizing public funds for private lands.

COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORTS

Supervisor Goldemberg made note that the City of Sonora did not attend this meeting as well as the last Solid Waste Committee Meeting. While we still had enough quorum to hold the meeting, it has been requested that they get an additional reminder to the City for these meetings.

NEXT MEETING

The Solid Waste Committee meeting scheduled for Wednesday, January 11, 2023 will be canceled, the next scheduled Committee meeting will be for Wednesday, February 8, 2023.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Campbell adjourned the meeting of Wednesday, December 14, 2022 at 2:37 PM.