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AGENDA TUOLUMNE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Solid Waste Committee July 13, 2023 at 2:00 p.m.

LOCATION:

Conference Room 3A
48 Yaney Avenue, Sonora, Ca 95370

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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 May 10, 2023.

4. STAFF / COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Solid Waste Consultant Introduction
- E-Cigarette Disposal
- Green Waste Dollar Dump Days
- Moore Bros Scavenger and Burns Refuse Service Franchise Collection Agreements

5. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- Illegal Dumping in Tuolumne County
- Ammonia Refrigerator Disposal

6. NEXT MEETING – August 9, 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

TUOLUMNE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Solid Waste Committee May 10, 2023 at 1:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Supervisor Ryan Campbell; Supervisor Jaron Brandon; Andy Merrill, City Council Member; Matt Hawkins, City Council Member; John La Torre Jr., At-Large Public Committee Member; Monique Holcomb, At-Large Public Committee Member.

STAFF: Kim MacFarlane, Director of Public Works; Monique Figueroa, Solid Waste Technician I; Halee Eaton, Administrative Assistant; Emma Hawks, Assistant to the Department Head; Blossom Scott-Heim, Supervising Engineer; Brittaney Barton, Administrative Assistant; Dore Bietz, Office of Emergency Services; Sean Hembree, Office of Emergency Services; Cody Nesper, County Counsel; Quincy Yaley, Community Development Director; Brian Bell, Chief Building Official.

GUESTS: Jennifer Duran, Mattress Recycling Council; A Member of the Public; Vanessa Barberis, Waste Management; Jason Revord, 1pileatatime; Burns Refuse.

ABSENT: None

CALL TO ORDER

Supervisor Ryan Campbell called the meeting of May 10, 2023, to order at 1:06 P.M.

PUBLIC FORUM

A member of the public requested that an agenda item be added on the next Solid Waste committee meeting regarding the disposal of nicotine pens and e-cigarette pens. They are considered hazardous waste and it was questioned if there was already a process in place.

Jason Revord requested that we find a solution to disposing of ammonia refrigerators in Tuolumne County. Chair Campbell directed this question to Quincy Yaley. Quincy stated that depending on where the unit is dumped determines the process that is used to pick it up. Illegal dumping that happens on private property should go through the code compliance process and use code compliance trust funds to do an abatement such as removing the refrigerator and paying for the dumping fees. She also stated that the county is currently working to find funding to deal with these types of issues in the road right of way. She also mentioned a source of state funding that is being looked into for instances where the code compliance funding cannot be used.

Kim MacFarlane added that anything that falls within the road right-of-way must be picked up. The Public Works Road Department crews are dealing with multiple different locations that have been experiencing illegally dumping. The Solid Waste enterprise fund is paying for eight buckets of human waste that were illegally dumped on Italian Bar Road. Removal and disposal

of the waste will cost approximately \$6,000. Since ammonia refrigerators contain hazardous waste, a contractor may need to be hired to ensure proper disposal. Amy Welch will investigate and follow up with Jason Revord regarding ammonia refrigerators/disposal.

Jason Revord mentioned that 1 pile at a time will be doing a clean up this upcoming weekend on Big Hill Road near the old apple ranch where a large amount of illegal dumping has been dumped over the side of the hill. He questioned how far off the road can it be to qualify for the yardage that was given to them, Cody Nesper recommended that we carry on this discussion during the illegal dumping item on the agenda.

COMMITTEE BUSINESS

A member of the public requested that the minutes be revised. Supervisor Campbell looked for a motion to approve the minutes with the requested revisions. No other additions or changes were requested. A motion was made by Committee Member John La Torre and a second by Committee Member Monique Holcomb. Motion passes 3 – 0 - 1 with Supervisor Brandon absent.

STAFF / COMMITTEE REPORTS

- **May 20th Household Hazardous Waste Event**

The Tuolumne County Solid Waste Division will host its annual Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event. This event will take place on Saturday, May 10th from 9am-1pm at the Cal Sierra Recycle Center on Camage Avenue.

- **SB1383 Grant**

Monique Figueroa gave an update on the SB1383 grant. The SB1383 global assistance grant is the mandatory collection of organic waste that Tuolumne County gets a waiver for because our population is less than seven thousand. Although we are not responsible for implicating that part of SB1383, there are other aspects that must be taken care of. The first aspect is inspection and enforcement for edible food recovery programs regarding tier 1 and tier 2 generators. Tier 1 generators are grocery stores and supermarkets. Tier 2 generators are restaurants that seat 250 people or more, hotels with onsite food facilities, health facilities with an onsite food facility, large venues, state agencies with a cafeteria, and education agencies. Inspections are set to start next week and the Solid Waste division is working with Environmental Health to complete these inspections. At the next meeting an item about the paper procurement policy will be put on the agenda. The county is to use recycled materials, such as paper, where it is feasible. The price for 20 lbs. of regular paper is \$42.99 and for 20 lbs. of recycled paper is \$46.38 so there will be a cost impact.

Discussion ensued.

- **Clean California Grant Update**

Monique Figueroa gave an update on the CalTrans Clean California grant. Tuolumne County Solid Waste has secured Green Dot as a contractor. Green Dot will be working with the Tuolumne County Arts Alliance and Tricia Dunlap from Tuolumne County Office of Superintendents. Discussion as to how to introduce the mascot contest and instructional videos to each of the local schools have been had. The videos will be

played on the superintendent of school's website, the Don't Trash Tuolumne website, and Public Works Facebook page.

Kim MacFarlane added that the grant is worth almost \$130,000 and will help with eliminating the cycle of repeat illegal dumping offenders that is often passed down from generation to generation. At the next board meeting Public Works, The Sheriff, and the Chief Probation Officer are hoping to restart the inmate program cleaning up Tuolumne to tie in with the aspect of the Clean California grant.

Monique Figueroa recommended the solid waste committee members be the judges on the stakeholder advisory group. The responsibilities of the judges would be to determine a winner from the finalist for the mascot contest and the marketing and campaign. A survey will also be given to the students.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

- **Illegal Dumping in Tuolumne County**

Kim MacFarlane mentioned a procedure that was requested at a previous meeting to request funds for an abatement of illegal dumping. Public Works has been working with County Counsel to get something drafted regarding this process. The county as part of the agreement with Waste Management has 1,000 tons for free disposal. Kim also mentioned a program that has been proposed involving the inmate program and probation. Many discussions have been had with county council as to what to do with the lands that fall in between public and private and how to determine which category it would fall into. Cody Nesper further explained that public funds cannot be used on private land and the board would need to make a public benefit finding that a clean up does in fact have a public benefit and public resources can be used for a specific private property clean up. There is a question whether this needs to be a delegated procedure or if authority can be given to the Solid Waste Committee to make the decision.

Monique Holcomb expressed her concerns with a prior clean up done at Mill Villa and how long it took to complete. She stated that she feels a tool kit would simplify the process for private owners and would offer more to resident and business owners as well.

Discussion ensued.

Chair Campbell added that when illegal camping and illegal dumping takes place on private property and the offenders were not told to leave, this has always been the responsibility of the property owner. He also added that before the Mill Villa clean-up project, there has never been a request to the county to help pay for trash removal. There are limited funds within the county to dedicate to cleaning up private property.

Discussion ensued.

Monique Holcomb expressed that having the proper no trespassing signs available to business owners and property owners at cost would aid those responsible for the property. Campbell stated that there are different funding sources that play a factor in

how things are paid for. Cody added that the County does not receive a discount for signs and if it did, it would not be given out because it is an expenditure of public funds. Discussion ensued.

Jason Revord mentioned a new group that has been conducting clean ups over by the Law and Justice center by the name of Compassion and Outreach. It is in much better shape than what they found it in and the unsheltered in the surrounding area have participated in these efforts.

Chair Campbell advised that a tool kit should be brought back to this committee at a future meeting that will provide people with what resources are available and what can be done regarding people camping and dumping on private property. Andy Merrill questioned if we could have branded trash bags that people could bring to the dumps for a lesser fee. Cody Nesper explained that if we are going to be expanding public funds that the board would need to decide on a case-by-case basis to determine if there is a public benefit.

Monique Holcomb mentioned the idea of creating a preferred contractors list and pre vetting people for recommendation, such as 1pileatatime. Kim MacFarlane stated that when dealing with the eight buckets located out on Italian Bar Road, many contractors and companies did not respond back or were not willing to deal with the issue, out of 7 different companies only one was willing to go out and get them at a very expensive cost.

Supervisor Brandon recommended considering a process to bring forward cases that cross onto private property and have the board designate the Solid Waste Committee with the authority to make the determination if public funds going towards proposed clean-up projects would have a public benefit.

- **Treated Woods Waste Resources**

Kim MacFarlane stated that all treated wood waste should be accepted at the Transfer Stations. John La Torre stated that his treated wood waste was accepted the last time he visited Cal Sierra Transfer Station and the process was much simpler than before.

- **Green Waste Vouchers**

Kim MacFarlane gave an update on the green waste program in Cal Sierra/Waste Management's contract. The Solid Waste division has proposed a new program, Green Waste Dollar Dump Days, it is intended to be a coupon free event where Tuolumne County residents can bring in 1 cubic yard for \$1 of hazardous vegetation and yard waste. The proposed dates are June 3rd, September 9th, December 2nd, and the first Saturday of March going forward. We are still awaiting a response from Cal Sierra/WM. Vanessa expressed that their only concern was the coupon process. They have used the coupons to verify residency with a similar program with the City of Sonora. With fire season coming up, The Solid Waste division will continue communication with Cal Sierra/WM to get this program started as soon as possible.

NEXT MEETING

The next scheduled Board of Supervisors Solid Waste Committee Meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 14, 2023, at 1 P.M.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Campbell adjourned the Board of Supervisors Solid Waste Committee meeting of Wednesday, May 10, 2023, at 3:02 P.M.