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AGENDA TUOLUMNE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Solid Waste Committee February 14, 2024 at 1:00 p.m.

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

ZOOM OPTION AVAILABLE FOR THE PUBLIC

Meeting ID: 837 1487 0005

Passcode: 113662

<https://tuolumne-ca-gov.zoom.us/j/83714870005?pwd=6a3QsJ6nrFOCramEsjEBRMEx235RDV.1>

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 January 10, 2024.

4. STAFF / COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Board Vacancy Update

5. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- BOSSWC Scheduling
- Waste Management Winter Operations Update [Exhibit F - Cal Sierra Winter Operations Plan.pdf](#)
- Don't Trash Tuolumne Mascot Contest [Entries.docx](#)
- Possible 2024 Priorities
 - A. Clarity and Education/Outreach on recycling within Tuolumne County
 - B. Illegal Dumping
 - C. Green Waste

6. NEXT MEETING – March 13, 2024.

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.

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you need special assistance to participate in this meeting, please contact the Department of Public Works at (209) 533-5601. Notifications 48 hours prior to the meeting will enable the County to make reasonable arrangements to ensure accessibility to this meeting.

EXHIBIT F
WINTER SERVICE PLAN



Winter Service Plan
Cal Sierra Disposal

Plan Year: 2022 - 2023

Determination of Safe Roads / Operations

- Safety of our staff and the community is our top priority. During periods of inclement weather, WM can only provide collection services where we have determined our collection vehicles can safely use a roadway.
- Private and public roadways covered with 3" or more of snow are required to be plowed to two car widths to be serviced, unless WM determines that they are otherwise safe.

Remedies for service interruptions

- When weather forecast predicts weather events, WM will send proactive communication to residents informing them that delays may occur. (Residents must have accounts registered and a chosen communication preference, phone, text or email.) Our proactive service alerts will inform customers of the following:
 - If your road is privately maintained, please have roadway plowed to two car widths for service to occur.
 - Place carts out for service on regular service day so that if we are able to access roadways, we can collect your waste and/or recycling.
 - If service does not occur by 5:00 p.m. on your service day, please remove carts from curbside and we will send updated instructions in the evening.
- Whenever possible, depending on road conditions and staffing, WM will recover missed collections on the following day.
- In cases that we are unable to recover material before the following service day, residents will be provided a credit on their next invoice. Extra materials will not be collected on the following service day if a service credit is provided.

Resident Access to Communications

Winter Weather Hotline

- WM will update its Inclement Weather Hotline every morning by 6 a.m. when service is affected. Residents can call the number, 888-558-0616 at any time to get updates.
- WM will send out press releases during the first week of November, December, and January reminding residents about the Inclement Weather Hotline while also reminding them to register their accounts online for quicker notification of service delays.
- WM will post Inclement Weather Hotline phone number at the top of its website: CalSierra.wm.com.

Service Alerts

- Service alerts include outbound phone calls, text messages, and alerts added to our website. In order for customers to receive these communications, customers must visit wm.com to ensure their contact information is up to date and that they have set communication preferences.

- WM will offer a town hall meeting, in coordination with County staff, and advertise it as an in-person place to get assistance in registering their account and setting communication preferences.

Additional Remedies

Additional remedies may be offered by WM when conditions prevent service for longer than two weeks:

- If service is not recovered within 1 week, resident may choose:
 - Service credit for each missed week of collection
 - Or additional material collected on next service day
 - Or may request a voucher to self-haul to transfer station (email or pickup from office)
- WM will drive one of four rear load collection trucks to a designated area as close as possible to the affected area, for a designated period, and allow residents to bring trash to the truck for free disposal.

Key Contacts

Internal Waste Management Contacts to be Notified:

1. Vanessa Barberis, Public Sector Manager
2. Jim Garcia, District Manager, WM Waste Management
3. Chris Foley, WM Transfer Station Manager
4. Paul Rosynsky, Communications Specialist
5. Sean Aaron, Area Manager, Customer Experience
6. Shannon Castro, Centralized Dispatch Manager

Tuolumne County and City of Sonora Contacts:

(City and County staff will be asked to contact elected officials and other city/county staff)

1. Tuolumne County
 - a. Jim McHargue, Solid Waste Director: (209) 533-6538
2. City of Sonora
 - Melissa Eads, City Administrator (209) 532-4541 office
 - Public Works Supervisor Mike Lagomarsino at (209) 532-2922 office, (209) 743-2330 Cell

Top 10 Mascot Design Contest Entries



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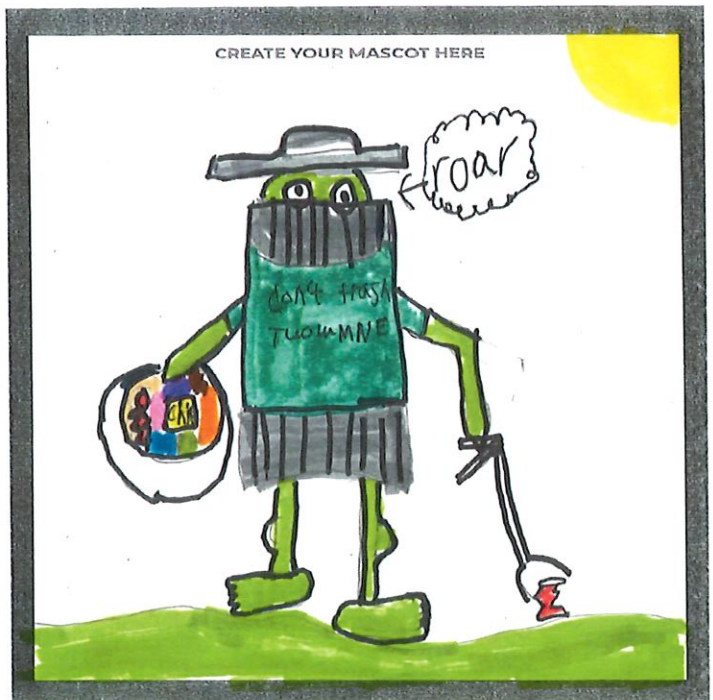
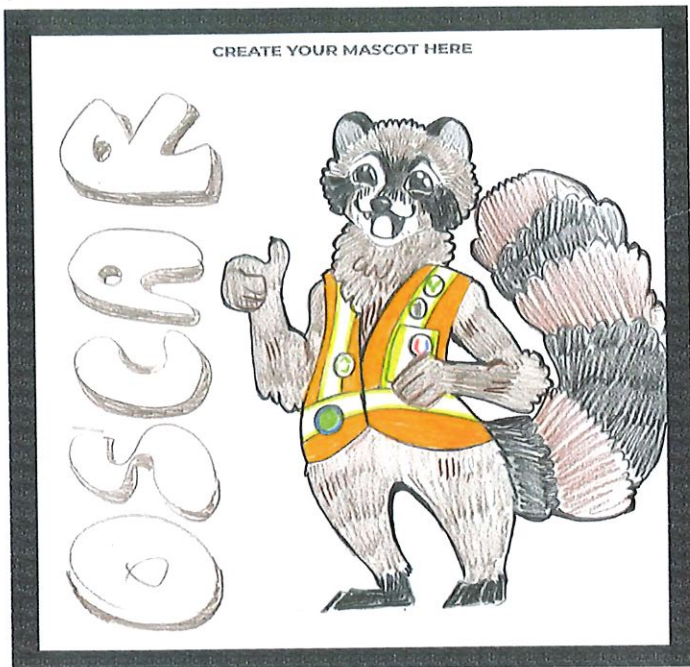


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TUOLUMNE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Solid Waste Committee

January 10, 2024 at 1:00 P.M.

PRESENT: Supervisor Anaiah Kirk; Supervisor David Goldemberg; Mark Plummer, City of Sonora Alternate

STAFF: Kim MacFarlane, Director of Public Works; Halee Eaton, Administrative Technician; Amy Welch, Solid Waste Specialist; Monique Figueroa, Solid Waste Technician I; Bryce Howard, Solid Waste Consultant; Emma Hawks, Assistant to the Department Head; Deborah Reagan, Solid Waste Director; Blossom Scott-Heim, Assistant Director

GUESTS: Jim Garcia, District Manager at Cal Sierra; Vanessa Barberis, Public Sector Manager Waste Management

ABSENT: Andy Merrill, City Council Member; John Latorre, At-Large Public Committee Member

CALL TO ORDER

Supervisor Kirk called the meeting of Wednesday, January 10, 2024, to order at 1:19 P.M.

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. Seeing no one wishing to speak the public forum was closed.

COMMITTEE BUSINESS

A. Consideration of approving the minutes of the meeting on Wednesday, November 8, 2023.

Supervisor Kirk looked for a motion to approve the minutes of the Board of Supervisors Solid Waste Committee Meeting on Wednesday, November 8, 2023. No changes or additions were suggested. A motion was made by Supervisor Goldemberg and a second by Supervisor Kirk. Motion passes 2 – 0 – 1 with Mark Plummer abstaining, Andy Merrill and John Latorre absent.

STAFF / COMMITTEE REPORTS

- **Introduction to Solid Waste** [Introduction to Solid Waste Attachment.pdf](#)
Debbie Reagan gave an introduction to Solid Waste referencing the attached document. Debbie explained what the Solid Waste Division does in regard to solid waste

collection and disposal services in Tuolumne County, reporting and recordkeeping requirements related to integrated waste management, overseeing landfills, grants, and other payment programs related to waste reduction and diversion. The division also manages the franchise agreements for both collection and transfer stations, annual permits for solid waste haulers, household hazardous waste collection events the third Wednesday of every month, and two special collection HHW events in Groveland and Sonora each year.

The Solid Waste Division supports the Board of Supervisors Solid Waste Committee. The committee is made up of two Supervisors, one Sonora City Council Member, and two At-Large Members. John Latorre was just reappointed as an At-Large Committee Member on January 9, 2024. Monique Holcomb declined reappointment; a notice of vacancy will be posted for the vacant committee member position.

Tuolumne County does not have mandatory waste collection requirements in the unincorporated areas. Recycling services and containers vary among our franchise haulers. All Waste from the transfer station is transported to Merced landfill for disposal.

Discussion Ensued

- **Don't Trash Tuolumne Campaign Update**

Monique Figueroa gave an update on the Clean California Grant that was awarded to Tuolumne County on August 4, 2022. The Grant is \$129,000 and the goal is to provide funds to local communities to help beautify and improve communities and roads. The Tuolumne County Public Works, Solid Waste Division is running a Don't Trash Tuolumne campaign that will target both the City of Sonora and The County of Tuolumne with the goal of eliminating existing litter and illegal dumping hotspots, while promoting education and encouragement to residents and visitors to keep Tuolumne clean, safe, and beautiful. The first component of the campaign is the mascot design competition for Tuolumne County K-12 students. The contest began Monday, January 8th and will run through Friday, January 26th. Students will receive instructions on how to draw a mascot in their classrooms that represents the County of Tuolumne. There are also instructions online at the [Don't Trash Tuolumne](#) website. There students can find four instructional videos provided by the Tuolumne County Arts Alliance. The Solid Waste Division selected GreenDot as our vendor and they have been working with Tricia Dunlap with the County Superintendent of Schools, to promote the contests at our local elementary schools. At the end of January when the contest ends, GreenDot will determine the five finalists and members of the BOSSWC will select the final winner. The student who is selected as the winner will have their design turned into an actual costume that will represent Tuolumne County at future clean up events. After this phase is completed, GreenDot will begin working on the County marketing aspect which includes radio and social media outreach. The [Don't Trash Tuolumne Instagram](#) and [Don't Trash Tuolumne Facebook](#) pages are currently live.

- **SB1383 Grant Update**

Monique Figueroa gave an update on the SB1383 Grant provided by CalRecycle that was awarded to Tuolumne County in 2022. The grant was awarded for approximately \$85,000. The goal for the SB1383 Grant is to help educate and prepare jurisdictions on the collection of organic waste. Tuolumne County is on a waiver, making our expected start date in 2027, unless it is extended before December 31, 2026. The Solid Waste Division hopes to partner with Master Gardeners and the University of California Agricultural Resources and how to best spend the funds. The budget given to the County is for compliance, inspections, enforcement, education, outreach, equipment, and costs for personnel.

- **BOSSWC Vacancy**

The Board of Supervisors Solid Waste Committee Member vacancy was briefly touched on by Debbie Reagan under the item "Introduction to Solid Waste". John Latorre was just reappointed as an At-Large Committee Member on January 9, 2024, at the Board of Supervisors meeting. Our prior At-Large Committee Member Monique Holcomb declined reappointment. A Notice of Vacancy will be posted for the position by the clerk of the board. The Solid Waste Director will also conduct outreach to prior applicants.

- **EcoHero Update**

Amy Welch gave an update on Tuolumne County Public Works Department, Solid Waste Divisions partnership with EcoHero. EcoHero will be performing at local elementary schools for a few weeks in January. The performances promote anti-littering and beverage container recycling. EcoHero has been performing since 2015 and introducing students to sustainability issues and informing them of how they can get involved. Various topics are discussed through dancing, storytelling, and trivia to illustrate to students how they can have an impact on the ecosystem at home and at school. Performances will be taking place at Twain Harte Elementary, Tenaya Elementary, Sonora Elementary, Curtis Creek Elementary, Jamestown Elementary, Columbia Elementary, Soulsbyville Elementary, Belleview Elementary, and Summerville Elementary. Performances will be paid for by the City County Payment Program.

Discussion Ensued.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

- **2024 Topics and Priorities**

Debbie Reagan asked that all committee members, staff, guests, and members of the public use this item as a chance to bring anything of interest for a future agenda item forward. A possible item to prioritize this year is recycling clarity and consistency within all of Tuolumne County's haulers.

Supervisor Kirk asked that any weather-related delays in disposal service with Waste Management be dealt with in a timely matter and that there be more communication, accountability, and higher expectations moving forward. James Garcia agreed to add Supervisors Kirk and Goldemberg to his service communications.

Supervisor Goldemberg mentioned keeping an eye out for more potential grants funds for trash clean ups. Goldemberg also mentioned implementing a Green Waste Curbside Pickup Program in Tuolumne County and/or hosting community green waste events.

Mark Plummer expressed interest in pursuing a potential extension of the waiver for SB1383. Debbie Reagan explained that there are potential additional extensions to the waiver for different factors like population, elevation, etc.

NEXT MEETING

The next scheduled Board of Supervisors Solid Waste Committee Meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 14, 2024, at 1:00 P.M.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Kirk adjourned the Board of Supervisors Solid Waste Committee Meeting of Wednesday, January 10, 2024, at 2:15 P.M.

Board of Supervisors Solid Waste Committee Attendance for 2024

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