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AGENDA TUOLUMNE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Solid Waste Committee
September 11, 2024 at 1:00 p.m.

LOCATION:
Committee and Commissions Conference Room
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 August 14, 2024.

4. STAFF / COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. HHW – Mattress and E-waste recycling
- b. Transfer station fire debrief
- c. Staff adjustments - October

5. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

- a. 1,000 ton allowance allocation – to BOS 9/24
- b. Roundtable – items for October and November agendas

6. NEXT MEETING – October 9, 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.

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MINUTES
UNAPPROVED
TUOLUMNE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
Solid Waste Committee
August 14, 2024, at 1:00 P.M.

PRESENT: David Goldemberg, District 1 Supervisor; Jaron Brandon, District 5 Supervisor; Mike Griffin, At-Large Public Committee Member

STAFF: Deborah Reagan, Solid Waste Director; Halee Eaton, Administrative Technician II; Amy Welch, Solid Waste Specialist; Monique Figueroa, Solid Waste Technician I; Brittaney Barton, Administrative Technician II

GUESTS: Vanessa Barberis, Public Sector Manager Waste Management; Jennifer Duran, Mattress Recycling Council

ABSENT: Anaiah Kirk, District 3 Supervisor; John La Torre, At-Large Public Committee Member; Andy Merrill, Sonora City Council Member

CALL TO ORDER

Supervisor Goldemberg called the meeting of Wednesday, August 14, 2024, to order at 1:08 P.M.

PUBLIC FORUM

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A member of the public expressed concerns with water quality/pollution along Woods Creek and Sullivan Creek. Concerns have been brought to the attention of the Environmental Health Department.

Vanessa Barberis, Public Sector Manager for Waste Management, addressed concerns over the recent fire at the Cal Sierra Transfer Station located at 19309 Industrial Way. A small fire broke out in the early hours Sunday morning, Staff as well as local Fire Departments assessed the damaged and are taking the appropriate steps in regard to safety and repairs at the site. The Cal Sierra Transfer Station was opened back up and fully operational Tuesday, August 13th around noon. Vanessa is available to answer questions or concerns that the Committee may have.

COMMITTEE BUSINESS

- **Consideration of approving the minutes of the meeting on Wednesday, June 12, 2024.** Supervisor Goldemberg looked for a motion to approve the minutes of the Board of Supervisors Solid Waste Committee Meeting on Wednesday, June 12, 2024. No changes or additions were suggested. A motion was made by Supervisor Brandon and a second by Committee Member Griffin, motion passes 3 – 0.

STAFF / COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. Temporary HHW Event – Groveland

On Saturday, August 24, 2024, between 9:00 AM and 1:00 PM Tuolumne County Public Works Department, Solid Waste Division will be holding their annual Household Hazardous Waste & Paint Collection event for residents and qualifying businesses. The event will be held in Big Oak Flat at the Tuolumne County Road Maintenance Yard, located just off Highway 120. This is the time to safely dispose of any old and unwanted cleaners, paints, pesticides, pool chemicals, contaminated motor oil and gasoline taking up space around the garage, house and/or yard. Appointments are not necessary for residential drop-off; however, for qualifying businesses, an appointment to drop off hazardous waste is required. Please call (800) 811-2435 for general questions or to see if you are a qualifying business.

b. Mattress and E-Waste Collection

Debbie Reagan reported that the Solid Waste Division, in co-operation with the Mattress Recycling Council will begin accepting mattresses and electronic waste at the County's facility on High School Road on the third Wednesday of every month. Final details are still in progress, but the goal is to launch this program in September. The Groveland Transfer Station currently accepts mattresses for no fee, this new location will provide residents of Tuolumne County an additional location to drop off unwanted mattresses for no fee.

c. Staffing – September

Debbie Reagan gave an update on staff and availability during the month of September; Several staff members under the Solid Waste Division will be out of office, leaving the division slightly shorthanded. Questions and concerns should be directed to the Solid Waste line at (209) 533-5588.

d. Green Waste Pilot Update

Debbie Reagan reported that there have been ongoing complications in regard to acquiring a chipper for future green waste events. There has been discussion about the existing Earth Resource Facility regarding its location. The site is currently leased, and a new location may be needed in the near future. The Solid Waste Division is still perusing a green waste pilot program and is having the necessary conversations to move the pilot forward.

Discussion ensued.

DISCUSSION ITEMS/ACTION ITEMS

- a. Create a Board of Supervisors agenda item to allocate the 1,000-ton allowance for self-haul disposal at the Cal Sierra Transfer Station and Earth Resource Facility**

Tuolumne has an annual 1,000 ton allowance in the Waste management contract to self-haul solid waste to the Cal-Sierra transfer station at no cost. This allowance was not utilized in 2023. Public Works, Facilities Management, Recreations and Solid Waste collectively self-hauled approximately 72 tons of solid waste to the transfer station in 2023. No action is needed from the Board to use this allowance for County operations. Capital projects may also be able to use this allowance for construction and demolition debris, but County Counsel will need to review existing contract language to determine if modifications are needed.

The Solid Waste Division also intends to bring greenwaste disposal into the allowance program. Tuolumne County self-hauled approximately 31 tons of greenwaste to the Earth Resource Facility in 2023. Debbie is having discussions with Vanessa Barberis regarding the conversion rate.

Debbie Reagan proposed creating an agenda item to bring to the Board of Supervisors to allocate the 1,000-ton allowance for self-haul at the Cal Sierra Transfer Station and Earth Resource Facility. The agenda item would ask the Board to make a finding of public benefit to extend the use of a portion of the allowance to support litter and illegal dumping abatement activities as well as greenwaste collection events by third-party community groups, non-profits and other public entities.

Debbie distributed a worksheet to facilitate discussion on prioritizing the type of projects and programs that might included in the allocation. Discussion followed and several themes emerged, including:

1. The allowance is not to be used to clean up private properties where the occupant has allowed rubbish and refuse to accumulate.
2. Illegal dumping on non-county property adjacent to a County road right-of-way could be an eligible project if it is reasonable to assume that the solid waste originated from the right-of-way.
3. Community greenwaste collection events in support of fuel reduction efforts are broadly supported.
4. Support for litter abatement and illegal dumping clean up projects should be extended to non-profits and community groups beyond the Compassion Outreach collective and 1pileatatime.

Member-at-large Mike Griffin asked if Resource Conservation Districts (RCDs) would have access to this allowance. Debbie replied that there would need to be additional discussion on special districts such as RCDs and Community Service Districts (CSDs). A specific clean up project might qualify, but ongoing solid waste disposal would likely not be within scope.

Supervisor Brandon suggested that projects supporting housing improvements within the County be considered and used Habitat for Humanity as an example. Debbie will research other entities with a mission to increase affordable housing stock as well as improve existing residences and bring that into the program, if possible.

Supervisor Goldemberg reiterated his support for community greenwaste events. He also noted that if there are existing ordinances that create obstacles to this type of project, the Board could consider changes to ordinances to remove such obstacles.

Both Supervisor Goldemberg and Supervisor Brandon recommended revising and simplifying this proposal before bringing this to the full board. Supervisor Goldemberg recommended that the minutes reflect as much of this discussion to avoid having a similar or the same discussion at the next BOSSWC on this topic. Debbie will present an updated draft of the proposal at the next committee meeting.

NEXT MEETING

The next scheduled Board of Supervisors Solid Waste Committee Meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 11, 2024, at 1:00 P.M.

ADJOURNMENT

Supervisor Goldemberg adjourned the Board of Supervisors Solid Waste Committee Meeting of Wednesday, August 14, 2024, at 2:18 P.M.