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AGENDA TUOLUMNE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Solid Waste Committee November 13, 2024 at 1:00 p.m.

LOCATION:

Committee and Commissions Conference Room
48 Yaney Avenue, 3rd Floor, Sonora, Ca 95370

ZOOM OPTION AVAILABLE FOR THE PUBLIC

Meeting ID: 848 8810 5682

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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 September 11, 2024.

4. STAFF / COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Green Waste Dollar Dump Day – November 23, 2024
- b. Mattress & Tire Collection Event – December 7, 2024
- c. Don't Trash Tuolumne / Clean CA Update

5. DISCUSSION ITEM

- a. 1,000 ton Allowance Allocation

6. NEXT MEETING – January 8, 2025

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
September 11, 2024, at 1:00 P.M.

PRESENT: Anaiah Kirk, District 3 Supervisor; Jaron Brandon, District 5 Supervisor; Mike Griffin, At-Large Public Committee Member; John La Torre, At-Large Public Committee Member; Andy Merrill, Sonora City Council Member

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

GUESTS: Vanessa Barberis, Public Sector Manager Waste Management; Jennifer Duran, Mattress Recycling Council; Tyler Summersett, City of Sonora Community Development Director

ABSENT: David Goldemberg, District 1 Supervisor

CALL TO ORDER

Supervisor Goldemberg called the meeting of Wednesday, September 11, 2024, to order at 1:01 P.M.

PUBLIC FORUM

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A member of the public stated that they were concerned about the UCCE office and whether they would continue their service of Styrofoam; at this time, the information is still available on their website; however, they are still determining if the collection will continue. The public member also asked that we speak to county employees about what is acceptable in the recycle carts and if we can please provide recycle carts to the resiliency center. Jim Garcia is back in town and should return to work next month.

John La Torre stated that a wall clock is needed for this room, and Deborah Reagan agreed. John La Torre questioned the status of the water fountain removed in the Franciscan Building hallway due to the pandemic and when it would be replaced. However, Deborah Reagan could not act on that. She stated that her plan for the water fountain was to replace it with a bottle filling station with money from the Beverage Container Recycling grant to cover the installation and filters.

COMMITTEE BUSINESS

- **Consideration of approving the minutes of the meeting on Wednesday, August 14, 2024.**

Supervisor Kirk looked for a motion to approve the minutes of the Board of Supervisors Solid Waste Committee Meeting on Wednesday, August 14, 2024. No changes or additions were suggested. A motion was made by Supervisor Brandon and a second by Committee Member Griffin, motion passes 4 – 0 – 1 with Supervisor Kirk abstaining.

STAFF / COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. HHW – Mattress and E-Waste Recycling

Deborah Reagan informed the Committee that Tuolumne County Solid Waste is happy to be able to provide a mattress and e-waste collection at the HHW monthly collection site every third Wednesday of the month in partnership with the Mattress and Recycling Collection Council. You may still take your mattresses to the Cal-Sierra/ Waste Management transfer station; however, this new county program is free of charge, with no appointment necessary. Andy Merrill asked if all mattresses were acceptable. Jennifer Duran from the Mattress and Recycling Council stated that only those charged the recycling fee when initially purchased, including mattresses, box springs, and futon mattresses are acceptable. No crib mattresses or mattress pads/ toppers. It was suggested that the county advertise on the social platform Next Door.

b. Transfer Station Fire Debrief

Deborah Reagan had two follow-up questions for Vanessa Barberis and Cal Sierra/ Waste Management regarding the fire on Sunday, August 11, 2024, that occurred at the transfer station located on Industrial Drive in Sonora, CA. She wanted to share those responses with the Committee. Question one was, why did the sprinklers activate at 4:30 A.M but the fire department was not notified until 6:00 A.M. Cal-Sierra/ Waste Management responded that the monitoring company was waiting to see if there was a water leak before contacting the fire department.

The second question was, why is the contact list not updated with current names and phone numbers? The response from Cal Sierra/ Waste Management was that due to the regular district manager, Jim Garcia, being out; the monitoring company needed the correct name and phone number to contact. Deborah Reagan stated she was notified by email after some time. All contacts have been updated at this time. John La Torre asked what caused the fire; Deborah Reagan stated that we may never know but that there are ashes, oil rags, or lithium batteries in the garbage all the time, and this may have led to the fire. This comment led to a discussion about adding a recycling incentive on batteries to encourage residents to recycle them instead of placing them in the garbage. All members of the Committee commented on the negligence of the monitoring company and felt that no matter what the situation is when the sprinkler system goes off, you call the local fire department. Supervisor Brandon requested a full report from Vanessa Barberis and Cal Sierra/ Waste

Management regarding issues discovered during the fire and what is being done about them.

c. Staff Adjustments - October

Deborah Reagan stated that in the month of October she would be having surgery and working remotely until the doctor releases her to drive; Blossom Scott-Heim, Public Works Director, will conduct the October 16, 2024, meeting.

DISCUSSION ITEMS/ACTION ITEMS

a. 1,000 ton allowance allocation – to BOS 9/24

Deborah Reagan informed the Committee that as part of the contract with Cal Sierra/ Waste Management, a 1,000-ton allotment of MSW will be taken to the Cal Sierra/ Waste Management transfer station annually. Maximizing this allotment is a goal of the Solid Waste Department expanding to county operations, transfer station coupon program, community green waste collection events, illegal dumping/litter cleanup projects, and housing-related programs if there is a public benefit. Deborah Reagan will take this matter to the Board of Supervisors meeting on September 24, 2024, and request that we allocate 100 tons to each of the five categories mentioned above, plus keep 500 tons in reserves.

b. Roundtable – item for October and November Agendas

Items to be added to future BOSSWC meeting agendas include an update from Cal Sierra/ Waste Management on the transfer station fire, data mapping or a 3-1-1 type of system where residents can report illegal dumping sites, and an update on AB 2902 regarding the extension of our rural waiver for having to collect curbside organics.

NEXT MEETING

The next scheduled Board of Supervisors Solid Waste Committee Meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 9, 2024, at 1:00 P.M.

ADJOURNMENT

Supervisor Goldemberg adjourned the Board of Supervisors Solid Waste Committee Meeting of Wednesday, September 11, 2024, at 2:16 P.M.