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MARK RAPPAPORT, TUOLUMNE COUNTY

## Minutes of the Rural Counties' Environmental Services Joint Powers Authority Board of Directors' Meeting

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Sacramento, CA 95814  
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Thursday, August 19, 2004

### DELEGATES AND OTHER COUNTY REPRESENTATIVES IN ATTENDANCE:

Larry Peterson, Deputy Director of Public Works	Amador County
Jennifer Barr, Program Coordinator	Calaveras County
Richard Dickson, Deputy Director of Public Works	Colusa County
John Souza, PIO	El Dorado County
Tom Varga, Assistant Director of Public Works	Glenn County
Vern Moss, Supervisor	Madera County
John Mitchell, County Engineer	Madera County
Steve Engfer, Solid Waste and Recycling Manager	Mariposa County
Tracey Harper, Recycling Coordinator	Nevada County
Steve Porter, Solid Waste Manager	Nevada County
Robert Meacher, Supervisor	Plumas County
John Kovach, Fiscal Technician	Siskiyou County
Alan Abbs, Solid Waste Director	Tehama County
Barbara Rapinac, Solid Waste Technician	Trinity County
Mark Rappaport, Solid Waste Manager	Tuolumne County

### STAFF IN ATTENDANCE:

Jim Hemminger	ESJPA Program Director
Mary Pitto	Regulatory Program Director
Bliss Hipp	Environmental Program Coordinator
Camille Chorley	Administrative Assistant
Tom Cambell	RCRC
Rich Mason	RCRC

### OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Jim Greco, Owner/Principal	California Waste Associates
Natalie Lee, Diversion, Planning & Local Assistance	CIWMB
Kyle Pogue, Diversion, Planning & Local Assistance	CIWMB
Steve SoRelle, Supervisor, Office of Local Assistance	CIWMB
Larry Sweetser, Consultant to ESJPA	Sweetser and Associates

### **Call to Order / Determination of Quorum / Introductions**

The meeting was called to order at 9:41 a.m. by Robert Meacher, Plumas County Supervisor. Roll call was taken, self-introductions were made, and a quorum was established.

### **Public Comment**

Alan Abbs announced that Tehama County's new landfill has been permitted through the California Integrated Waste Management Board and approved by the Water Board. Wednesday, August 25<sup>th</sup> is the grand opening and everyone is welcome to attend.

### **Review and approval of minutes of the meeting of May 20, 2004**

Robert Meacher called for a motion to approve the minutes of the May 20, 2004 meeting. A motion to adopt the minutes was made by Tom Varga. The motion was seconded by Richard Dickson and carried unanimously.

### **Announcements**

- A. The ESJPA dues notices will be sent out for FY 2004/2005 in the next few weeks. The dues will remain the same as FY 2003/2004. Invoices will be sent directly to the Technical Advisory Group member and a copy of the transmittal letter will be sent to the delegate supervisor.
- B. Jim provided a brief overview on the history of the ESJPA's International Truck. The ESJPA wrote and was subsequently funded for a grant application that included the purchase of a large box truck. Utilizing the box truck, the ESJPA was to collect used oil bottles from participating member counties and ship the bottles to a company who would granulate the bottles and recycle the plastic and the used oil. Part of the application was for the box truck to assist with the oil bottle program and add supplementary use for household hazardous waste collection. Unfortunately, after purchasing the truck the organization that was going to be involved with the oil bottle program went out of business. It became clear that the original program as written in the work scope of the grant was not going to work.

Some of the issues with regard to the ESJPA still possessing the truck are as follows: (1) liability; (2) cost of parking/storing it; (3) sitting idle and the required maintenance; and, (4) it needs a special license to drive it and transport the HHW, which no one in-house has.

In disposing of the truck staff would first like to see if any member county has use for it for its intended purpose. Then, with permission from the Waste Board to make sure ESJPA is following all the grant procedures and requirements, staff would like to transfer the truck to that county. The biggest concern for the ESJPA is that we are complying with the grant managers and the Waste Board rules so they do not turn around and request that we return the money issued to us for the purchase of the truck. It is important to note that we have been able to use the truck for some of the e-waste and HHW collection events where we have contracted with MSE.

The purpose of talking about this issue today is to let the ESJPA Board know which member counties' have expressed interest in acquiring the truck and to get a motion of approval for disposing of the truck. Currently only Butte County has expressed interest in the truck.

Jim asked for a motion of approval to proceed with disposing of the truck to Butte County, if they are still interested. If Butte County is not interested in the truck, then staff would like to pursue selling it on the open market. Mark Rappaport wanted to make sure all the counties knew that the truck was available. Discussion followed.

Jim will speak with Butte County to see if they are still interested and then request approval from the Waste Board. If the ESJPA decides to sell the truck on the open market, any funds received will be put back into the ESJPA programs as approved by the Waste Board.

Mark Rappaport expressed interest in the truck in the event that Butte County is no longer interested. Mark Rappaport made a motion to proceed with disposing of the truck to Butte County. If Butte County is not interested then another offer will be made to other ESJPA counties before putting the truck on the open market. The motion was seconded by Larry Peterson and carried unanimously.

#### **Presentation Items**

- A. Steve Engfer gave an overview of the solid waste programs in Mariposa County.
- B. Kyle Pogue, with the CIWMB Office of Local Assistance, distributed a spreadsheet showing an overview of AB939 compliance for all the ESJPA member counties. Of the 21 member counties, six counties will not have a 2001/2002 biennial review because those jurisdictions are currently on time extensions, six counties have been approved for the 2001/2002 biennial reviews, four counties are scheduled for the September CIWMB meeting, and five counties are scheduled for the October/November CIWMB meeting.

The deadline for the 2003 Annual Reports is February 1, 2005. Notices will be going out soon for 2003 Annual Report passwords.

Kyle discussed the city of McFarland, which was fined \$12,000 by the Integrated Waste Management Board for not fulfilling the requirements of their compliance order. Kyle stressed the importance of communicating with your Local Assistance staff.

Kyle gave an update on the new Board Members at the CIWMB. Rosalie Mule is in the Industry seat; her term runs through January 1, 2008. Rosario Marin is the other new member and Kyle is working with her as her technical advisor. Linda Moulton-Patterson will be stepping down as the board chair in September and most likely Rosario Marin will be her replacement for that position.

#### **Presentation of Certificate of Appreciation to Natalie Lee**

Jim Hemminger presented Natalie Lee, CIWMB Office of Local Assistance, with a Certificate of Appreciation from the ESJPA. Natalie will be working with the CIWMB on a part time basis.

## Change of Chair

Alan Abbs took over as chair at 11:00 a.m.

## Regulatory Issues

- A. Jim Hemminger gave his perspective on the new Waste Board members. Rosalie Mule attended the MOLO Training in Calaveras. It was a good opportunity for Jim to talk with her about rural issues. Boardmember Mule is very familiar with solid waste issues. Jim is looking forward to the ESJPA establishing relationships with both Rosalie Mule and Rosario Marin. Both new Boardmembers will be invited to future ESJPA Board of Directors meetings. Please make an extra effort to attend these meetings.
- B. Jim Hemminger reviewed the California Performance Review (CPR). The CPR is the Governor's program to resuscitate and rejuvenate California government. Jim directed members to the sections of the CPR Report included in the Board Packet which specifically deals with issues affecting rural counties. Jim plans to go to a public hearing that will be conducted on solid waste issues in Fresno on September 17th. In summary, the report suggests eliminating the CIWMB as well as the Regional and State Water Resources Control Board. The report also suggests eliminating the Air Board and consolidating all Solid Waste agencies into one department. Discussion followed.
- C. Mary Pitto gave an update on the implementation of retrofit requirements on diesel powered solid waste vehicles. On July 20<sup>th</sup>, the Air Toxic Control Measure for the solid waste vehicles became effective. Beginning December 31<sup>st</sup>, solid waste collection vehicles will have to start the retrofit requirements with a 10% requirement for 1988-2002 vehicles. Included in the board packet are fact sheets and questions and answers regarding this implementation.

Alan Abbs was able to attend the workshop in Redding on the implementation of the Air Toxic Control Measure. Alan Abbs gave an overview on the workshop and recommended reviewing the handouts included in the board packet. The deciding factors are the size of the fleet, where it is located, and how fast one wants to perform the retrofit. There is a timeline included in the handouts to follow depending on the age of the vehicles and the fleet size. Discussion followed.

- D. Mary gave an update on SB 20. An urgency statute, AB 901 was passed and will delay the collection of the electronic waste recycling fee from July 1<sup>st</sup> to November 1, 2004. In the existing regulations, jurisdictions were able to start qualifying for eligibility to collect the fee on October 1, 2004. However, this statute will delay eligibility to February 1, 2005. Anything you collect prior to February 1, 2005 is not eligible for fee collection. Mary also encouraged people to file their DTSC form. This form is necessary in order to qualify as a handler of e-waste. The DTSC form must be filled out prior to filling out the CIWMB form. The CIWMB form allows you to collect the fee. The DTSC form may be submitted online; however, a resolution from your board will be needed to be able to submit it to the CIWMB. Discussion followed

## **Legislative Update**

The legislative update will be covered in the TAG meeting.

## **ESJPA Program Updates**

- A. Camille Chorley briefly reviewed upcoming deadlines for grant applications. The 2004/2005 Tire Amnesty Day Grant is due October 12, 2004. Because of the limited funds and new requirements for matching funds, at this time it is recommended that the ESJPA not submit a regional application. ESJPA will assist counties in submitting their individual applications if needed. Just in case ESJPA decides to submit a regional application based on member county need, Alan Abbs called for a motion to approve the submittal of a regional application for the 2004/2005 Tire Amnesty Grant. The motion to submit a regional application for the 2004/2005 Tire Amnesty Grant was made by Steve Engfer. Mark Rappaport seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Also mentioned was the Reuse Assistance Grant due October 29, 2004. Technically, the ESJPA does not qualify to apply; however, individual member counties do qualify. Contact Camille if you are planning to submit a grant application and need assistance or letters of support.

- B. Bliss Hipp gave an update on the HD12 Regional e-waste collection program. The ESJPA sent out an RFP for e-waste services in April 2004. ESJPA entered into a contract with CEAR for events in Amador, Colusa and Tehama. These events were very successful. For example, 500 vehicles participated at the Tehama County e-waste collection event in Red Bluff. The events have also been very costly. Based on the success of events held thus far and the remaining events scheduled in 2004, it is unlikely ESJPA will have funding to hold additional events next year. However, this will not be determined until the end of the year. Jim Hemminger stressed that this is an opportunity to use grant funding to pay for those items that are not eligible for the SB 20 funding. At this point, staff is not sure how much funding will be available to purchase the containers. After all of the collection events take place, staff will have a better idea of the budget status and Bliss will follow up with the participating jurisdictions. Discussion followed.
- C. Jim discussed the completion of all of the four day rural county MOLO training courses. The training was very successful. ESJPA is still planning to implement follow up, one-day intensive, on-site visits in Imperial, Glenn and Inyo counties. The regulations are still in a state of limbo as to whether or not everyone will be required to have MOLO certification. However, Jim will keep you informed if the regulations do move forward.

## **Agenda Suggestions for the Next ESJPA Meeting Scheduled for October 21, 2004**

Camille asked for volunteers for the individual county presentations at the next two ESJPA Board meetings. Mark Rappaport volunteered for the December 16, 2004 meeting. John Mitchell, with Madera County, was recruited to do a presentation at the October 21, 2004 meeting.

**Member County Concerns/Comments**

Mark Rappaport announced that Janice Oldemeyer is resigning from MSE.

**Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 12:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Camille Chorley