

**ITEM 6A.2**

**Solid Waste & Recycling Technical Working Group  
Meeting Minutes  
April 11, 2016**



The audio file for this committee can be found at: <http://www.cvag.org/minutes.htm>

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting of the AB 939 Solid Waste & Recycling Technical Working Group (TWG) was called to order by Vice Chair Sara Toyoda on April 11, 2016.

**2. ROLL CALL**

The following members were present.

**Member Jurisdictions Present**

Berlinda Blackburn  
Sara Toyoda  
Frankie Riddle  
Randy Viegas  
Janet Moreland

**Agency**

City of Coachella  
City of Indio  
City of Palm Desert  
City of Rancho Mirage  
Riverside County Waste Mgmt. District

**Members Absent**

Armando Baldizzone  
Deanna Pressgrove  
Daniel Porras  
Ken A. Seumalo  
Ted Shove  
Michele Mician

City of Blythe  
City of Cathedral City  
City of Desert Hot Springs  
City of Indian Wells  
City of La Quinta  
City of Palm Springs

**Others Present**

Javier Aceves  
Andrew Smyth  
April Hilario  
Haley Kunert  
Kenn Stevens  
Mike Veto  
George Podolsky

Cabazon Band of Mission Indians  
CalRecycle  
HF&H Consultants  
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Burrtec  
Burrtec  
Riverside County Waste Mgmt. District

**CVAG Staff**

Benjamin Druyon  
Linda Rogers

**3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Berlinda Blackburn led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**4. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**5. COMMITTEE MEMBER/DIRECTOR COMMENTS**

**A. Roundtable Discussion**

- a. Rancho Mirage – holding a shredding and e-waste collection event on May 7 at the city library.
- b. Palm Desert – this weekend the city will be holding an annual neighborhood cleanup and tire amnesty event. On May 7 & 8 there will be a shredding event.
- c. Coachella – On March 26 there was a clean-up event at Rancho Las Flores Park. On April 23 there will be an HHW and shred event. The next clean-up event will be on May 14.
- d. Indio – May 14 shred event and May 20 & 21 HHW. And applied for an HHW Grant again.
- e. CVAG has been coordinating with the cities in connection with the ongoing tire recycling events. Staff asked for the committee’s feedback as to whether there was an interest in combining the Desert Cities Energy Partnership Working Group meetings with the Solid Waste “TWG” meetings. The committee provided comments.
- f. County of Riverside – Janet Moreland brought out binders for the California Used Oil Recycling Program and added the information will help jurisdictions with the Used Oil Program in working with local certified collection centers such as Kragen. Auto Zones, and smaller businesses.

**6. CONSENT CALENDAR**

**A. Approval of the February 9, 2015 Solid Waste & Recycling Technical Working Group (TWG) Minutes**

The Consent Calendar was deferred for approval until the next meeting.

**7. DISCUSSION / ACTION**

**A. Presentation on Riverside County’s Backyard Composting Program**

Janet Moreland, Riverside County Waste Resources Recycling Specialist, presented information on Riverside County’s Waste Resource Backyard Composting Program. George Podolsky was introduced and works as a volunteer service coordinator assisting in the composting training program. Janet Moreland discussed the need for help to promote workshops, classes and volunteer training in the Coachella Valley. For more information about backyard composting and a schedule of workshops the following link was provided: <http://www.rcwaste.org/opencms/recycling/composting.html>.

**B. Used Oil Program Resolution**

April Hilario and Haley Kunert provided an update on four used oil events. There are three more events scheduled on May 14 (Blythe), May 21 (Palm Springs), and May 22 (Coachella). There is a five-year Resolution that expires on June 26 and we would like CVAG to approve it in order to apply for the new Used Oil Program application.

**C. Single-use Bottles and Cups Ordinance Discussion**

Michele Mician asked that this item be placed on the agenda for discussion. The City of San Francisco has passed an ordinance actually banning single-use bottles and cups in their municipal facilities with the exception of running events. A discussion ensued and members provided input. Frankie Riddle suggested that this topic be brought back to a future meeting for discussion.

**D. Waste No Food App (wastenofood.org)**

Benjamin Druyon discussed the waste no food app submitted by Michele Mician. Cities can sign up for the app (wastenofood.org) to donate extra food that can then be picked up and distributed to the needy. CalRecycle staff, Andrew Smyth, was present to address organic material in the waste stream and mandatory recycling of food waste and sending food to a foodbank before it gets composted (*reuse before diversion*). Hunger is a serious issue and this is a good way to help meet those needs. He also discussed AB 876 and AB 901. Frankie Riddle requested staff to contact the organization of wastenofood.org to find out if it is operating here. Staff was also requested to contact organizations like Hidden Harvest, or others, to find out what specific foods they are geared to pick up.

**8. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**

**9. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The next meeting of the Solid Waste & Recycling Technical Working Group will be July 11, 2016.

The meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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