

**Hazardous Waste Management Facility Allocation Committee  
Summary Minutes — January 30, 2009  
10:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.**

**Attendance:**

**Members**

Mark Green, Mayor, City of Union City  
Kevin Miller, Material Diversion Administrator, City of Napa  
Barbara Kondylis, Supervisor, Solano County  
Jean Quan, City of Oakland  
Sue Rainey, Councilmember, City of Walnut Creek  
Pete Sanchez, Mayor, City of Suisun City

**Alternates**

Robin Bedell-Waite, Contra Costa County  
Rob D'Arcy, Santa Clara County  
Colby LaPlace, Solano County  
Steven Lederer, Napa County

**Technical Advisory Committee**

Matt McCarron, DTSC  
Kempen Robbins, Marin County  
Gary Wolff, StopWaste.Org

**Staff**

Jennifer Krebs  
Ceil Scandone

**Call to Order/Introductions:** The meeting was called to order at 10:10 a.m. by Steven Lederer, alternate to Committee Chair, Supervisor Mark Luce. Participants introduced themselves and welcomed new Committee and TAC members..

**Approval of Minutes of May 23, 2008 Meeting:** Bedell-Waite moved to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by D'Arcy and members voted approval.

**Hazardous Waste Data Analysis:** Krebs presented the analysis of the 2006-07 hazardous waste generation and treatment data prefaced by an overview of the Committee history and mission (PowerPoint slides attached). An extensive discussion followed centering on the costs of hazardous waste shipment and treatment and what role the committee should take to ensure the Bay Area:

- 1) has enough hazardous waste capacity
- 2) is using the capacity it has (and not expanding our carbon footprint by shipping wastes unnecessarily)
- 3) uses available green technologies to minimize waste production

Jean Quan asked about the "discharge to sewer" category. Krebs noted that they are National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES)-permitted discharges. Gary Wolff noted that residuals must be treated enough to not cause harm to human health or the environment.

Mark Green noted that the Bay Area is sending more wastes out of the region for treatment. He wondered what the barriers are to having more wastes treated locally &

what could be done to ensure that more wastes are treated in the Bay Area. He asked if there were specific segments of the waste stream that could not be treated locally.

Gary Wolff suggested that the committee move forward in a practical fashion promoting green chemistry and cradle to cradle technologies. He requested more information on the costs of managing household hazardous wastes. D'Arcy noted that CIWMB looks at volume, and referred to a voluntary survey on costs.

Quan asked whether we know where wastes go when shipped outside the region and requested that information about types of waste, the industries generating the wastes, and the states to which they are shipped be included in next year's report. She noted that we should be thinking about opportunities to process more wastes locally to provide jobs, and avoid shipping outside the region.

McCarron spoke about the siting/permitting challenges and high costs of locating and operating facilities in the Bay Area. Krebs noted that historically the Committee's focus has been on reducing the generation of hazardous wastes. Scandone suggested that the TAC meet and discuss possible strategies for the committee to consider to narrow the gap.

Bedell Waite asked to strike the recommendation that the Committee direct staff to write a letter to the Department of Toxic Substances Control requesting an update on rulemaking for AB 241 (Cunneen).

The committee declined to vote on the report until the TAC discusses ways to supplement information on narrowing the gap between wastes generated and treated locally, & ways of identifying the costs of treating the Bay Area's hazardous wastes.

Sue Rainey suggested that the committee meet more frequently as it had many tasks at hand.

**Department of Toxic Substances Control Update:** Matt McCarron recently re-joined DTSC as the Statewide Green Business Program coordinator. McCarron noted that he participated in the early development of the Green Business Program, then worked for several years for the CIWMB, with a focus on electronic wastes. At DTSC, he will support expansion of the Green Business Program to new counties, and also be involved in the Green Chemistry Initiative.

**Environmentally Preferable Purchasing Conference:** Scandone updated the Committee on the Environmentally Preferable Purchasing Conference scheduled for March 18, 2009. She noted that the goals of the conference were to demystify EPP and provide local governments with enough information to initiate or expand their programs..

Quan noted that agencies need to be pro-active, look at life-cycle costs, and quickly undertake as many green policies as possible. Some include: Bay-Friendly Landscaping, green janitorial products, and eliminating styrofoam in the food services industry. Such actions will tip the scales to greener policies on a state and national level.

Barbara Kondylis asked if we could initiate a website like Environmental Working Groups' cosmetics website, to provide information on the environmental footprint of

products. She noted concerns about triclosan and phthalates in consumer products, proper disposal of compact fluorescent bulbs.

McCarron added that 20% of all electronics are purchased by government agencies & that government agencies need to tell manufacturers what we want.

Wolff suggested that at the conference, cities should be tasked with doing 3 things to green their cities and that cities should investigate purchasing collectively.

**Green Business Program:** Scandone noted that counties are operating at capacity and that some would like to charge fees to help cover costs and increase their capacity to serve more businesses. She asked the Committee to direct staff to agendaize for the next meeting consideration of amended policies that would permit counties to charge fees. Green made a motion, seconded by Quan and members voted approval.

**Legislation:** D'Arcy stated that in 2009 we should expect to see legislation on producer responsibility, green chemistry, and solid waste diversion. Staff will post relevant bills on the Committee website at <http://www.abag.ca.gov/hazwaste/legislationtofollow.html>.

**Next Meeting:** Members suggested that the Committee meet more frequently and requested that the meetings be scheduled for a longer interval. The next meeting was set for May 29<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 to 1:00.

**Meeting Adjourned:** The meeting was adjourned at 12:15 p.m.