

**Hazardous Waste Management Facility Allocation Committee**  
**Summary Minutes — March 23, 2007**  
**10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon**

**Attendance:**

**Members**

Mark Luce, Supervisor, Napa County, *Chair*  
Michael Frost, Public Works Program Manager, Marin County  
Steve Glickman, Councilmember, Town of Los Gatos  
Mark Green, Mayor, City of Union City  
Kevin Miller, Material Diversion Administrator, City of Napa  
Andy Parsons, Assistant Chief, Hazardous Materials Program, Sonoma County  
Jean Quan, Vice Mayor, City of Oakland  
Tim Smith, Councilmember, City of Rohnert Park  
Gayle Uilkema, Supervisor, Contra Costa County

**Alternates**

Rory Bakke  
Robin Bedell-Waite  
Rob D'Arcy  
Narcisa Untal

**Staff**

Jennifer Krebs  
Ceil Scandone

**Call to Order.** The meeting was called to order at 10:10 a.m. by Chair Mark Luce.

**Introductions/Overview:** Members introduced themselves. Scandone provided an overview of the Committee's purpose and history for benefit of new members.

**Vice Chair:** Scandone noted that a replacement was needed for former Vice Chair Laura Abrams and was directed to agendaize election of a new Vice Chair for the next meeting.

**Approval of Minutes of November 17, 2006 Meeting.** Green moved to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Frost. The minutes were approved unanimously.

**Green Chemistry Fact Sheet:**

Krebs presented the draft Green Chemistry Fact Sheet, which was developed to inform local elected officials and staff about Green Chemistry and encourage them to take action. Green Chemistry champions the design and use of chemicals that are safe to produce, safe to use in industrial, commercial and home settings and benign as wastes. The Department of Toxic Substance Control views it as a key pollution prevention/source reduction opportunity, and has initiated a Green Chemistry initiative.

Actions local governments can take include offering recognition or other incentives to local businesses, adopting Environmentally Preferable Purchasing policies (EPP), and supporting Green Chemistry legislation.

In response to the recommended actions, Glickman asked for sample legislation and a list of communities that have adopted such policies. Bakke responded that StopWaste.org has model ordinance and fact sheets on their website. Untal noted that Solano County is developing an EPP program and finding it will shift their whole approach to purchasing.

Quan requested information on the practical implications of EPP. Miller asked about budget impacts. Bakke suggested that a StopWaste.org staff member and a local purchasing agent from a community with an EPP policy attend a future meeting. If funding available a peer program could be established to link purchasing programs that have done it with those that are interested.

Bedell-Waite would like to see more attention to EPP – this would complement other work underway to address climate change. Uilkemma indicated she would direct the County Purchasing Agent to meet with Bedell-Waite to discuss what it would take, how EPP would fit in with existing purchasing. Smith noted that mandating EPP encourages green chemistry.

Regarding awards, Uilkema noted there are many awards programs available and suggested tying in Green Chemistry with other programs. Green suggested that if money were available, a scholarship program be initiated to educate green chemists, and high school chemistry classes could be encouraged to host presentations on Green Chemistry.

Bedell-Waite submitted written edits to the Fact Sheet. Green suggested that “The 12 principles of Green Chemistry” be added to the fact sheet and that a link be provided to the DTSC website on Green Chemistry symposia.

Committee directed the Technical Advisory Committee to consider recommended edits to the Fact Sheet, including revised recommendations, and bring new version back at next meeting.

### **Hazardous Waste Data Update**

Krebs briefed the committee on the status of 2006 data. The new federal manifest form introduced in September 2006 has different waste classification and waste handling codes and does not have a page to submit directly to California. The new codes will require a review of our analysis procedures to ensure the resulting information remains relevant to the Committee and ABAG members.

A discussion ensued of various ways of eliciting information from the State and federal agencies about what to expect in the future reporting, and how to reconcile old and new data sets.

Luce asked whether complete data could be available on a federal database. Glickman asked that staff consider how to map previous trend lines to new data. Bedell-Waite noted that DTSC is working on this with the federal agencies and suggested we communicate our questions/interests to DTSC to support their efforts.

Smith recommended communicating with DTSC to ensure we get data from generators and can evaluate the data against historical records. Frost seconded the motion which was unanimously approved.

### **Budget and Work Plan**

Scandone recapped fiscal year 2006/2007 accomplishments and presented a work plan for fiscal year 2007/08. Key activities would include working with DTSC and the TAC to resolve issues related to hazardous waste data analysis and reporting, developing and implementing a project related to U/E waste or Green Chemistry , ongoing coordination and expansion of the Green Business Program. Staff proposed that the county fees established by the Committee for 2005/06 be continued.

Regarding the Green Business Program, Scandone clarified that Solano and San Mateo counties expected to launch their pilot programs in July. In response to a question about Green Business incentives, Parsons noted that Sonoma gives businesses a 10% CUPA fee reduction.

On potential projects, Uilkema suggested a demonstration project centered around collection of HHW in senior communities; Quan suggested outreach on a particular hazardous waste and how to best manage it. Kevin Miller recommended a focus on fluorescent tubes and bulbs. It was also suggested that we organize a workshop on EPP for purchasing directors. Quan additionally recommended that we establish a webpage to provide links to relevant legislation. The Committee directed staff and TAC to confer and develop a refined list of source reduction activities.

With regard to the annual fee, Green suggested an annual cost of living adjustment (COLA) be established beginning with current budget, to be calculated using the same index used to calculate the annual per capita rate increase for ABAG membership dues.

Smith moved that annual fee be increased by COLA with the resulting fee not to exceed \$10,000 per county. The motion was seconded by Frost. The motion passed on a 9 to 2 vote, with Untal and Glickman voting no.

### **Universal/Electronic Waste Update/Legislation**

Rob D'Arcy, Santa Clara County Hazardous Materials Program Manager and Committee Alternate, distributed information developed by the California Product Stewardship Council (CPSC) on the growing financial crisis for local governments caused by the universal waste disposal ban. The CPSC is a coalition of local government staff from around the state formed to promote producer responsibility for fluorescent lamps,

batteries and other common products that can no longer be disposed of in the trash and must be handled as toxic waste.

CPSC is promoting Extended Producer Responsibility. D'Arcy reported that the following bills have been introduced this session, and recommended that members follow the bills and lend support.

SB 966	Pharmaceutical Wastes
AB 501	Sharps
AB 722	Incandescent Lighting ban
AB 1109	Fluorescent Lighting Collection
AB 546	Ewaste advanced disposal fee – CPU towers
AB 1535	CPU towers advanced disposal with lower fee
AB 48	Computers that can't be sold in Europe can't be sold here
AB1109	Energy Efficient Lighting - study whether alkaline batteries are hazardous waste (industry driven)
SB 291	Green Chemistry – Pthalates in baby bottles

Quan recommended that staff set up a webpage and post information, including links to bills on legislature site for all the bills CPSC is following.

#### **Next Meeting Date**

Members directed staff to schedule the next meeting for late June or July.

#### **Meeting Adjourned**

The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 noon.