

Attachment A

Bay Area Hazardous Waste Management Facility Allocation Committee Minutes of April 15, 2011 Meeting

Attendance:

Members

Ronit Bryant
Mark Green
Barbara Kondylis
Mark Luce
Kevin Miller
Tiffany Reneé
Bob Simmons
Gayle B. Uilkemma

Alternates

Robin Bedell-Waite
Rob D'Arcy
Debra Kaufman
Alex Soulard
Narcisa Untal (by phone)

Technical Advisory Committee/Staff:

Jennifer Krebs
David Rist
Ceil Scandone

Guests:

Alicia Culver, RPN
Lisa Steinman, Sonoma Co. Waste Mgmt. (by phone)

Call to Order/Introductions: The meeting was called to order at 10:05 by Chair Mark Luce

Adoption of Minutes of October 29, 2010 Meeting: Minutes of the October 29, 2010 meeting were unanimously approved.

Environmentally Preferable/Sustainable Purchasing: Alicia Culver, Executive Director of the Responsible Purchasing Network (RPN), reported on efforts to assess the needs and assist local agencies with sustainable purchasing. As a member of the Sustainable Purchasing work group and as a consultant to ABAG, Ms. Culver helped to organize the two sustainable purchasing workshops the Committee has sponsored, and is working with staff to organize the third. The agenda for the next workshop will be based on surveys and the evaluations completed at previous workshops.

RPN is a membership organization. Members are primarily public agencies. RPN has developed sustainable purchasing guidance for a variety of products, including cleaners, computers, copy paper, and lighting and hosts regular webinars for members. Many of their resources are available to non-members at no charge. In addition to operating RPN, Ms. Culver and her staff consult with agencies to develop sustainable purchasing programs.

Ms. Culver identified the drivers motivating public agencies to establish sustainable purchasing programs. These include addressing climate action and zero waste goals; meeting eligibility for CalRecycle grants; securing LEED green building credits; and preventing pollution. She discussed RPN's idea for a regional sustainable purchasing network that could save agencies time and money through information sharing and joint purchasing. If grant funds can be secured, RPN would be interested in working with ABAG and Bay Area jurisdictions as the pilot region.

In response to questions, Ms. Culver discussed the complexity of lighting decisions. Regarding concerns about toxics in LED lights, she said that they are mercury-free and some are also lead free. She noted that PG & E provides rebates for LED exit lights. Committee members suggested that Ms. Culver contact the CA State Association of Counties, the League of California Cities and the National League of Cities about joint purchasing opportunities.

Legislative Review:

D'Arcy reported on the EPR bills listed in the staff report. SB 515, Corbett's Battery Products Stewardship Act, is sponsored by StopWaste.Org. The bill would require producers of household