

**Hazardous Waste Management Facility Allocation Committee
Approved Summary Minutes — May 23, 2008
10:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.**

Attendance:

Members

Mark Luce, Supervisor, Napa County, *Chair*
Mark Green, Mayor, City of Union City
Tim Smith, Councilmember, City of Rohnert Park
Jean Quan, City of Oakland

Alternates

Robin Bedell-Waite, Contra Costa County
Rob D'Arcy, Santa Clara County
Sara Gallegos, City of Napa
Narcisa Untal (by phone), Solano County
Rory Bakke, Stopwaste.org (Alameda County)
Edwin Chan, San Mateo County
Alex Soulard, Marin County
James Stettler, Sonoma County

Staff

Jennifer Krebs
Ceil Scandone

Special Speaker

Claudia Polsky, Deputy Director, Department of Toxic Substances Control

Call to Order/Introductions: The meeting was called to order at 10:15 by Chair Mark Luce. Members introduced themselves.

Approval of Minutes of October 19, 2007 Meeting: Smith moved to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by D'Arcy. The minutes were approved unanimously.

California Green Chemistry Initiative: Claudia Polsky, Deputy Director of the California EPA Department of Toxic Substances Control Office of Pollution Prevention and Green Technology, provided the committee with a special briefing on DTSC's Green Chemistry Initiative. The slides for Ms. Polsky's presentation are attached to the minutes. After the presentation, committee members expressed interest in continuing a discussion with DTSC about Green Chemistry. Some comments made by members included:

- DTSC should consider training legislators (new and old) about the initiative and possible legislative approaches for Green Chemistry.
- The Green Business Program helps the small businesses preselect Green Chemistry-type approaches.
- Getting businesses and the general public to ask questions about the composition of products is fundamental to increasing interest in Green Chemistry.

Ms. Polsky concluded by asking how DTSC can support the work of the committee and participating local governments. Staff suggested that DTSC staff and the committee TAC could discuss this at a future meeting.

Environmentally Preferable Purchasing: Krebs alerted the committee that this October the Western Pollution Prevention Roundtable will have two sessions on Environmentally Preferable Purchasing and asked for committee concurrence for staff to attend the meeting. The goal would be to look for partnerships and strategies to promote Environmentally Preferable Purchasing in the Bay Area in the upcoming year. Green motioned, and Smith seconded, for staff to attend the Roundtable. The motion passed unanimously. Quan also noted that ABAG should host local purchasing agents to listen to what San Francisco is doing in their various EPP programs.

Extended Producer Responsibility: Scandone alerted members to the letter in the agenda package from Dave Cortese, past president of ABAG, to cities encouraging them to adopt EPR policies and support EPR legislation. The package also had a response by Rohnert Park. Krebs noted that the package contained an overview of recent meetings held by the California Integrated Waste Management Board in Sacramento (and follow up meetings organized by Del Norte County but funded by the CIWMB) to provide local governments with background useful to designing/implementing EPR Programs. Committee members attending the meeting included Rob D'Arcy, who then was asked to participate in a TV story on the recycling of Fluorescent Lights. The committee was able to watch the TV story. Tim Smith noted that he had attended a CIWMB meeting in January and that he was the only elected official attending. He told the CIWMB that Sonoma decided not to site a new Household Hazardous Waste Facility because the county could not afford to succeed.

Legislative Update: Krebs referred members to the list of pending bills the legislature is considering on Extended Producer Responsibility and E-Waste. The website will have links to these bills.

Green Business Program: Scandone reported on status of the Green Business Program. She noted that the package contained three new industry checklists. Historically, newly developed checklists are approved by the Committee for use in the Program. The checklists in the package need minor edits. Smith motioned, Green seconded the motion and the committee voted unanimously to adopt the checklists – for Auto Body Shops, Dental Offices, and Garment Cleaners – pending minor edits. The committee also discussed the continuing financial challenges of running the programs on both the local and regional level. Scandone reported that staff would be exploring opportunities for additional funding, including the potential for introducing a modest administrative fee.

Budget and Work Plan: Scandone presented the FY 2008/2009 committee budget and work plan. Quan moved, Green seconded the motion and the Committee voted unanimously to approve the budget and work plan.

Next Meeting: The suggested date for the next meeting is the 4th Friday in September.

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