

**Hazardous Waste Management Facility Allocation Committee
Summary Minutes — October 19, 2007
10:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.**

Attendance:

Members

Mark Luce, Supervisor, Napa County, *Chair*
Mark Green, Mayor, City of Union City
Andy Parsons, Assistant Chief, Hazardous Materials Program, Sonoma County
Sue Rainey, Mayor, City of Walnut Creek
Tim Smith, Councilmember, City of Rohnert Park
Gayle Uilkema, Supervisor, Contra Costa County

Alternates

Staff

Robin Bedell-Waite, Contra Costa County
Rob D'Arcy, Santa Clara County
Sara Gallegos, City of Napa
Colby LaPlace, Solano County
Steven Lederer, Napa County
Karen Smith, StopWaste.Org/Alameda County

Jennifer Krebs
Ceil Scandone

Call to Order/Introductions: The meeting was called to order at 10:20 by Chair Mark Luce. Members introduced themselves.

Approval of Minutes of March 23, 2007 Meeting: Green moved to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Smith. The minutes were approved with one abstention.

Vice Chair: Luce nominated Green to serve as Vice Chair. The motion was seconded by Uilkema. The motion was approved unanimously.

Budget and Work Plan: Scandone presented the revised budget and work plan, which was updated to reflect the increased revenues of \$300 per county approved at the March 23, 2007 meeting, and a contribution of \$10,000 from the Bay Area Air Quality Management District towards outreach expenses for the Green Business Program. The Air District funding is double what they contributed in 2006-07. Likely use for the extra funds will be to improve the Green Business listings on the program website by implementing a searchable database. A discuss followed regarding the benefits of the green business program and evidence/data to track success. Development of metrics to quantify environmental benefits is underway, and the coordinators throughout the state are seeking funding to establish a measurement system. Smith moved to approve the Revised Budget and Work Plan. The motion was seconded by Green, and unanimously approved.

Extended Producer Responsibility: Kathy Frevert and Cynthia Dunn, staff of the California Integrated Waste Management Board (CIWMB) joined the meeting by conference call. They described the Board's involvement in Producer Responsibility since adopting its February 13, 2007 Strategic Directives. The Board staff have recommended developing a framework/general approach for Producer Responsibility,

which means that the CIWMB/CA will develop regulations waste type by waste type, as appropriate. Each waste type will be addressed according to relevant producers, product importers, or producers' associations as legislators and/or regulators deem demand for take-backs from the sector is needed (or politically ripe). British Columbia and Dane County, Wisconsin are among jurisdictions that have a similar approach.

The status of current take back legislation was discussed at the likelihood of such legislation in 2008. CIWMB staff and committee members believe it is not impossible for legislation to be brought up in 2008.

Tim Smith mentioned that a Safe Medicine Disposal conference will be held at the Spreckel's Theatre in Rohnert Park. ABAG staff said they'd send notice on the symposium to committee members.

Staff reported that Carol Misseldine of the California Product Stewardship Council (CPSC) made a presentation to ABAG's Executive Board in September. At the suggestion of Chair Luce, the Board directed Committee staff to draft a letter to Bay Area cities, towns and counties encouraging them to adopt EPR policies and support EPR legislation. Committee members recommended enhancements to the draft letter and suggested that the mailing include a copy of the CPSC Fact Sheet. Rainey made a motion to send the edited letter to ABAG members. The motion was seconded by Smith and unanimously approved.

Committee Website: Jennifer Krebs demonstrated the committee website. Smith asked to have Committee members' names and affiliations to the site.

Hazardous Waste Data Update: Krebs relayed to the Committee that she has been in contact with DTSC to download the 2006 hazardous waste manifest data. The data is now available at http://www.dtsc.ca.gov/HazardousWaste/HW_Summary/index.cfm.

She reported that the TAC suggested that she analyze the 2006 data when the 2007 data is available, probably next fall, & prepare a report on the two years worth of information at that time. Krebs also reported that Romic, a large hazardous waste management facility in San Mateo County will be closing. Members asked that staff investigate the implications for the Bay Area of this closure.

Green moved to approve the 2006/2007 combined analysis schedule recommended by the TAC. The motion was seconded by Smith and unanimously approved.

Green Business Program: Scandone reported that the Green Business Program is 10 years old and as of July 1, 2007 all nine counties are participating. The program has certified more than 1,000 businesses and. She reported that the Department of Toxic Substances Control has granted \$90,000 towards the development of a measurement system that will enable the program to track and report results.

Scandone noted that the recent resumption of the Program in Napa County prompted a comprehensive revision of the checklist for Wineries to reflect new technologies and best management practices. The Program is seeking Committee approval to adopt the revised checklist.

With the increased interest in green practices, more and different business types are requesting certification. This has generated discussion among County Coordinators about which new industries to serve. Recently, very large construction and general contractor firms have sought certification.

After due consideration, a majority of coordinators determined that due to the complexity, size and geographic scope of their operations, the number of regulatory compliance issues involved and the number subcontractors they manage, the Program is not scaled to work with that industry. Accordingly, the Coordinators have submitted for Committee review and approval Appendix C to the Program Policy Guidelines, *Statement on Large Construction Companies/General Contractors*, which states that the Program standards and checklist are not suitable for large construction operations and directs such businesses to programs more suited to their industry, such as LEED, Green Point Rated, and US EPA Performance Track.

A discussion ensued about the primary audience for the program - small and medium businesses that do not typically have staff devoted to environmental issues. Smith moved to approve the revised Winery Checklist and Appendix C to the Policy Guidelines. The motion was seconded by Green and unanimously approved.

Next Meeting: The suggested date for the next meeting is 2/29.

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