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**MINUTES OF SWANA CALIFORNIA LEGISLATIVE  
TASK FORCE TELEPHONE MEETING**

**June 4, 2009**

**By: Mark Urquhart, Secretary**

The Legislative Task Force (LTF) telephone meeting started at about 10:35 AM. A quorum was present as there were 10 voting members present, including one alternate voting member, and at least one voting member from each chapter. A list of people that participated is in Attachment A. The agenda is Attachment B. The items from the agenda below were not all discussed in the order listed.

**I. BUSINESS ITEMS AND LTF ACTIVITIES**

**Approval of Minutes for May 7 2009 LTF Meeting:**

Grace Chan asked for comments on these minutes. There were none.

*Motion:*

Nancy Ewert made a motion to approve the minutes from the May 7, 2009 meeting. Jim Babcock seconded the motion. The motion carried, as all were in favor.

**Approval of Treasurer's Report**

Nancy Ewert discussed the LTF treasurer's report for May 2009 (Attachment C). She said the balance as of April report is approximately \$53,937, which is on track with the budget. The MOLO proceeds were down a bit but some other donations offset that. Nancy Ewert will be sending out solicitation/invoices soon. She said she would send a receipt to CH2M Hill for its donation to the LTF.

*Motion:*

Constance Hornig made a motion to approve the treasurer's reports from May 2009. Grace Chan seconded the motion. The motion carried, as all were in favor.

**Next Meeting Date**

Grace Chan said that the next meeting would be a telephone meeting on July 2, 2009 from 10:30AM to noon.

**Other**

Tressa Wallace said that she forwarded Grace Chan's white paper regarding solid waste management cost issues to legislative parties and CIWMB.

**II. REVIEW OF 2009 PRIORITY LEGISLATION**

The table below presents a summary of the discussions of the priority legislation discussed. (A matrix of legislative summaries of all bills of potential interest to the LTF as of June 2, 2009 was distributed by email with the meeting packet).

<b>Bill ID (Author)</b>	<b>Bill Content</b>	<b>Discussion/Position</b>
<b>AB 64 (Krekorian)</b>	Renewable energy resources, with provisions that affect conversion technologies (CT).	Tressa Wallace said the bill was amended on May 6 with substantial changes. It has passed the assembly and moved into the senate. The LTF needs to review the bill to see if the current oppose needs to be modified.  Position: Oppose (Need to review latest version to confirm position).
<b>AB222 (Adams)</b>	This biofuels bill also has provisions regarding diversion credit for CT.	Tressa Wallace said the latest amendments look better. It has passed out of the Assembly. There will be opposition in Senate. The current provisions would only allow diversion credit after the 50% diversion level. Larry Sweetser said that because of the diversion limitation below 50% alone RCRC may not support.  Position: Review and take a position and send letter.
<b>Plastic bills</b>		Tressa Wallace noted that the various plastic bag bills are now 2-year bills
<b>AB274</b>	Financial Assurances for Sale of Closed Landfills	It was noted that this bill is tied up in CIWMB actions on Financial Assurances.
<b>AB283 (Chesbro)</b>	Extended Producer Responsibility	Tressa Wallace said that this bill was held on suspense and has now become a two-year bill. She said it faced a lot of opposition.  Position: Support if Amended (to Watch as two-year bill)
<b>AB 479 (Chesbro)</b>	Solid Waste Diversion	This bill passed by 41 to 28. Tressa Wallace suggested that LTF members get letters in to members. Assemblyman Chesbro is considering removing the 60% diversion requirement but would still include mandatory commercial recycling and 75% statewide goal. Some groups may remove opposition but it is not clear if they will support. Larry Sweetser mentioned RCRC will oppose any new mandates in consideration of the budget crisis.  Position: Watch to take position later after future amendments are reviewed .
<b>SB 25 (Padilla)</b>	Solid Waste Diversion	Tressa Wallace discussed that the bill got off of Senate floor closely (21-18). She suggested that LTF and SWANA agencies get letters in to committee with positions and opposition points.  Position: Oppose.
<b>SB 390 (Kehoe)</b>	Solid waste: recycling market development	Tressa Wallace said this bill was held on suspense file. 1681 may start moving
<b>SB 730 (Wiggins)</b>	Waste export fees and grant and load eligibility.	Tressa Wallace said this bill passed the Senate easily. It is waiting for Committee in Assembly.  Position: Watch

### **III. REGULATORY MATTERS**

#### ***CIWMB Closure/Postclosure***

CIWMB report to the legislature is coming back for consideration on the 16<sup>th</sup>. It will ask for regulatory authority from the legislature. It was discussed that there is concern about broad issues being brought up regarding corrective action such as replacement of final cover on regular basis.

#### ***Elimination of CIWMB***

There now is proposal in the senate to put Department of Toxic Substance Control (DTSC) and Department of Conservation (DOC) under the CIWMB. Tressa Wallace attended an industry stakeholder meeting on the issue. Options being discussed include that CIWMB salaries would be reduced as a part time board. The senate proponents have indicated that the DOC is broke and not good example of an agency structure. Tressa Wallace will send out an email that followed a meeting on the issue. The LTF discussed the issues is full versus part time board and there was mixed opinions. The need for qualifications for board members was discussed as important. It was discussed that the LTF does not support the activities of the CIWMB in many ways but feel it is better than no public forum assess to a board. The LTF wants to see more local government representation and qualifications.

It was decided that the LTF needs to voice what SWANA would like to see moving forward because otherwise the LTF concerns and ideas will not be included in what happens. It is very likely there will be some sort of restructuring. Tressa Wallace will email the points that were discussed to the group to build a list of the LTF positions on the issue.

#### ***CIWMB Landfill Gas Update***

Not much new since the last LTF meeting.

#### ***ARB Landfill Methane Capture***

Larry Sweetser said there was a meeting reviewing the current draft regulations but there are still overly strict things included like the 25ppm emission level. Larry Sweetser said that he expects that CARB will not budge on those items voiced by the LTF and others in industry.

#### ***Beverage Container Recycling Program***

The DOC is looking at restructuring the program where payments to recyclers would be reduced on the order of 85% for the next year. It was discussed that this may be a program restructure proposal by the department of finance to move funds to the general fund (\$125M), which would reduce the payments to local government and recyclers. The bottle redemption program has become more like a tax. MB said their agency may loose on the order of \$280,000 per year. MB would send some analysis he has to Grace Chan for circulation to the LTF.

### **IV. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned about 11:53 PM.

**ATTENDANCE LIST**  
**SWANA LEGISLATIVE TASK FORCE PHONE MEETING JUNE 4, 2009**

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**SWANA LTF AGENDA**

**Call in number 1-800-867-2581 access code 1006105**

**THURSDAY, June 4th 10:30 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.**

**I. Business Items**

- Next Meeting Date – July 2nd
- Approval of Meeting Minutes (attached)
- Approval of Treasurer's report (attached)
- Other

**II. Legislative Matters (Bill Matrix attached)**

**AB 64 (Krekorian) – Oppose – to Assembly Floor**

Energy: renewable energy resources: generation and transmission.

[http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/pub/09-10/bill/asm/ab\\_0051-0100/ab\\_64\\_bill\\_20090506\\_amended\\_asm\\_v95.pdf](http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/pub/09-10/bill/asm/ab_0051-0100/ab_64_bill_20090506_amended_asm_v95.pdf)

**AB 222 (Adams) – Support – to Assembly Floor**

Energy: biofuels

[http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/pub/09-10/bill/asm/ab\\_0201-0250/ab\\_222\\_bill\\_20090528\\_amended\\_asm\\_v96.pdf](http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/pub/09-10/bill/asm/ab_0201-0250/ab_222_bill_20090528_amended_asm_v96.pdf)

**AB 283 (Chesbro) – Support if Amended – Held on Suspense File**

Extended Producer Responsibility

[http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/pub/09-10/bill/asm/ab\\_0251-0300/ab\\_283\\_bill\\_20090423\\_amended\\_asm\\_v97.pdf](http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/pub/09-10/bill/asm/ab_0251-0300/ab_283_bill_20090423_amended_asm_v97.pdf)

**AB 479 (Chesbro) – Oppose – to Assembly Floor**

**Solid waste: Diversion**

[http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/pub/09-10/bill/asm/ab\\_0451-0500/ab\\_479\\_bill\\_20090422\\_amended\\_asm\\_v98.pdf](http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/pub/09-10/bill/asm/ab_0451-0500/ab_479_bill_20090422_amended_asm_v98.pdf)

**AB 1173 (Huffman) – to Assembly Floor**

Recycling: compact fluorescent lamps.

[http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/pub/09-10/bill/asm/ab\\_1151-1200/ab\\_1173\\_bill\\_20090505\\_amended\\_asm\\_v98.pdf](http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/pub/09-10/bill/asm/ab_1151-1200/ab_1173_bill_20090505_amended_asm_v98.pdf)

**AB 1581 (Committee on Natural Resources) – Watch**

[http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/pub/09-10/bill/asm/ab\\_1551-1600/ab\\_1581\\_bill\\_20090423\\_amended\\_asm\\_v98.pdf](http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/pub/09-10/bill/asm/ab_1551-1600/ab_1581_bill_20090423_amended_asm_v98.pdf)

**SB 25 (Padilla) – Oppose – to Senate Floor**

Solid Waste: Diversion

[http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/pub/09-10/bill/sen/sb\\_0001-0050/sb\\_25\\_bill\\_20090528\\_amended\\_sen\\_v96.pdf](http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/pub/09-10/bill/sen/sb_0001-0050/sb_25_bill_20090528_amended_sen_v96.pdf)

**SB 390 (Kehoe) – Support – Held on Suspense**

Solid waste: recycling market development.  
[http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/pub/09-10/bill/sen/sb\\_0351-0400/sb\\_390\\_bill\\_20090520\\_amended\\_sen\\_v95.pdf](http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/pub/09-10/bill/sen/sb_0351-0400/sb_390_bill_20090520_amended_sen_v95.pdf)

**SB 730 (Wiggins) – Watch – to Senate Floor**  
Solid waste: grants and loans: eligibility.  
[http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/pub/09-10/bill/sen/sb\\_0701-0750/sb\\_730\\_bill\\_20090506\\_amended\\_sen\\_v98.pdf](http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/pub/09-10/bill/sen/sb_0701-0750/sb_730_bill_20090506_amended_sen_v98.pdf)

### **III. Regulatory Matters**

Elimination of IWMB  
Closure/Post closure  
Landfill methane capture (please see attached minutes from CIWMB meeting)  
Beverage Container Recycling Program (see attached proposal by Department of Conservation for complete restructuring of program)

### **IV. Other**

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**SWANA LEGISLATIVE TASK FORCE - 2009 BUDGET**  
**May 2009 Treasurer's Report**

<b>BEGINNING ACCOUNT BALANCE - 1/1/2009</b>	<b>\$ 59,868.44</b>		
Release from Reserves	\$ 8,415.00		
<b>Starting Cash Balance</b>	<b>\$ 51,453.44</b>		
<b>REVENUES</b>			
	<b>Annual</b>	<b>Monthly</b>	<b>YTD</b>
<b>DUES SURCHARGE (\$30 / MEMBER)</b>	\$ 25,000.00		
Jan Dues		\$1,200.00	
Feb Dues		\$1,830.00	
Mar Dues		\$2,490.00	
Apr Dues		\$3,790.00	
May Dues		\$750.00	
June Dues			
July Dues			
Aug Dues			
Sept Dues			
Oct Dues			
Nov Dues			
Dec Dues			\$10,060.00
<b>WESTERN REGIONAL SYMPOSIUM</b>	\$ 7,500.00		
<b>MOLO COURSE REVENUES</b>	\$ 5,000.00		\$0.00
<b>AGENCY CONTRIBUTIONS</b>	\$ 15,000.00		
CH2MHill		\$1,400.00	
			\$1,400.00
<b>INTEREST</b>	\$ 25.00		
Jan-09		\$2.43	
Feb-09		\$2.21	
Mar-09		\$2.52	
Apr-09		\$2.33	
May-09		\$2.08	
Jun-09			
Jul-09			
Aug-09			
Sep-09			
Oct-09			
Nov-09			
Dec-09			\$11.57
<b>RELEASE FROM RESERVES</b>	<b>\$8,415.00</b>		
<b>TOTAL BUDGETED REVENUES</b>	<b>\$ 60,940.00</b>		<b>\$11,471.57</b>

EXPENSES			
	Annual	Monthly	YTD
REGULATORY REVIEW	\$ 7,000.00		
			\$0.00
SHAW / YODER, INC. CONTRACT	\$ 38,940.00		
Dec-08		\$3,245.00	
Jan-09		\$3,245.00	
Feb-09		\$3,245.00	
Mar-09		\$3,245.00	
Apr-09			
May-09			
Jun-09			
Jul-09			
Aug-09			
Sep-09			
Oct-09			
Nov-09			\$12,980.00
SHAW / YODER, INC. ADMIN. EXPENSES	\$ 4,000.00		
Dec-08		\$257.60	
Jan-09		\$45.00	
Feb-09		\$45.00	
Mar-09		\$45.00	
Apr-09			
May-09			
Jun-09			
Jul-09			
Aug-09			
Sep-09			
Oct-09			
Nov-09			\$392.60
WEBSITE DEV/MAINTENANCE & ROSTER	\$ 2,000.00		
Dec-08		\$0.00	
Jan-09		\$0.00	
Feb-09		\$0.00	
Mar-09		\$72.00	
Apr-09			
May-09			
Jun-09			
Jul-09			
Aug-09			
Sep-09			
Oct-09			
Nov-09			\$72.00
MTGS/TELECONFERENCE/WORKSHOP	\$ 5,000.00		
Dec-08		\$0.00	
Jan-09		\$0.00	
Feb-09		\$72.22	
Mar-09		\$320.21	
Apr-09			
May-09			
Jun-09			
Jul-09			
Aug-09			
Sep-09			
Oct-09			
Nov-09			\$392.43
CONTINGENCIES / SPECIAL PROJECTS	\$ 4,000.00		
Workshop 2008 Expenses from Shaw/Yoder		\$3,039.23	
CPSC Speaker		\$526.62	\$3,565.85
<b>TOTAL BUDGETED EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$ 60,940.00</b>		<b>\$17,402.88</b>
<b>May Account Balance</b>			<b>\$53,937.13</b>
<b>PROJECTED CARRY OVER TO 2010</b>	<b>\$ 51,453.44</b>		