



Minutes SWANA Legislative Task Force Meeting

Thursday, July 12, 2018

1. Administrative Items

- a. Roll Call, Introductions – *Quorum present; see attached roster. Guests: Kaiah Desarro City of San Diego, Avneet Mahil.*
- b. Approval of June Minutes – *Motion made, seconded, and passed to approve the June minutes.*
- c. Approval of June Treasurer’s Report – *Doug Kobold presented the report, stating that to date, the LTF has received 54% of budgeted revenue, not including Western Regional revenues. Agency contributions are coming in and he expects more now that it is the new fiscal year. To date, expenses are at 38% of budgeted. Motion made, seconded, and passed to accept the Treasurer’s Report.*
- d. *Annual Planning Meeting (added) – Lisa is coordinating annual meeting to be held in San Diego this year November 1 and 2, 2018 and reported that the hotel for the LTF Annual Planning Meeting is confirmed at Humphrey’s on Shelter Island. The meeting is expected to occur all day Thursday November 1 and half day Friday November 2, with the SWANA LTF dinner on Thursday, November 1 (Lisa will make reservations). Members are to let Lisa know independently if interested in a tour of underground AD facility. Chris offered to prepare a draft agenda for travel requests.*

2. Budget Update

- a. GGRF Expenditure Plan - signed by Governor.
 - i. \$25 million to CalRecycle for Waste Diversion
 - ii. *Lower than what was requested via SWANA LTF comments, Senator Eggman proposal, etc. Governor’s focus on other sectors.*
 - iii. *Chuck shared about a recent GHG Scoping Plan report that makes reference that CalRecycle and ARB will be looking at collection efficiency (which is current assumed to be 75% -- but my be much higher) moving forward. May also be looking at other methods of reducing methane from landfills such as direct control of LF methane emission.*
 - iv. *Mike shared that state already has met the 2020 emission reduction goals.*
 - v. *Chris and Melissa expressed that this is opportunity to meet with new Governor and educate him about our priority issues and need for more funding. Glen recommended that when the LTF plans for its Capitol visits in March, need to strategize how to make traction on our priority issues.*

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- 3. Legislative Update – Legislature on summer recess until August 6. All bills on this list are now in opposite houses; most waiting for Appropriations committee hearings in August and then to house floors.**
- a. Sharps / Pharma: SB 212 (Jackson)
 - i. Support
 - ii. *Establishes statewide take-back program managed by manufacturers - result of CPSC negotiations with Pharma. Passed Assembly ESTM Committee. Pharma not supporting, but not opposing – this is good. Melissa expects there will be some amendments but what is in the bill now should be the general framework. Next: Appropriations in August. Now is a good time to get support letters in.*
 - b. Lithium Ion Batteries
 - i. Asm. Bloom letters to state agencies *regarding issues with the batteries and asking questions about current handling processes.*
 - ii. CalEPA reached out to us *and indicated will get us feedback in writing. Melissa will share that when received.*
 - iii. AB 2832 (Dahle & Ting) Recycling: lithium-ion vehicle batteries: advisory group.
 - c. AB 1884 (Calderon) Food facilities: single-use plastic straws
 - i. Watch
 - d. AB 1933 (Maienschein) Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund: appropriations: recycling infrastructure projects
 - i. Support
 - e. AB 1981 (Limón) Organic waste: composting
 - i. Support
 - f. AB 2097 (Acosta) Carpet recycling: annual reports.
 - i. Watch
 - g. AB 2115 (Santiago) Vehicles: passing and overtaking: waste service vehicles.
 - i. Support
 - h. AB 2411 (McCarty) Solid waste: use of compost: planning.
 - i. Support
 - i. AB 2447 (Reyes) California Environmental Quality Act: land use: environmental justice.
 - i. Watch
 - ii. *Working with CSAC and RCRC on remaining issues with the bill. Need clarity whether the issues will be addressed and, if not, get involved in opposition efforts.*
 - j. AB 3036 (Cooley) Solid waste: definition.
 - i. Watch
 - k. AB 3178 (Rubio) Integrated waste management plans: source reduction and recycling element: diversion requirements.
 - i. Support in Concept → Support
 - ii. *Consideration of impact on China’s policy and jurisdiction “good faith effort”. Melissa will be updating letter to full support position.*
 - l. AB 3187 (Grayson) Biomethane: solid waste facility permits: gas corporations: rates: interconnection.
 - i. Support
 - m. SB 71 (Wiener) Solid Waste Disposal
 - i. Watch



- n. SB 168 (Wieckowski) Recycling: beverage containers.
 - i. Support
- o. SB 1335 (Allen) Solid waste: disposable food service packaging: state agencies and large state facilities.
 - i. Support
- p. SB 1440 (Hueso) Energy: biomethane: Pipeline Decarbonization Program.
 - i. Watch
 - ii. *Regarding biomethane procurement and pricing. Requires the ARB, in consultation with the PUC, before January 1, 2020, to adopt a biomethane procurement requirement for certain gas utilities.*
 - iii. *Sharon shared that the bill ran into problems in the Utilities Committee and that the Assembly Nat. Resources Committee made some changes. Language still being negotiated (e.g. cost containment).*
 - iv. *Motion made, seconded, and approved to Support in Concept SB 1440.*

4. Regulatory Update

- a. [SB 1383 / SLCP Workshops](#)
 - i. Commented on draft regulatory language.
 - ii. Participated in informal workshops on May 7th / May 8th to review draft regulatory language and discuss implementation process.
 - iii. *May be another round of comments on draft language. Melissa confirmed if they make changes there should be another round of comments. Melissa will check on the status.*
 - iv. *Chris shared that Placer County is working with RCRC to develop a proposal (submitted last week) for an additional SB 1383 waiver for areas in bear country (e.g. over 4,500' elevation) that are experiencing issues with bears and food waste collection. CalRecycle was very open to the idea and their staff will now be reviewing the proposal. Cara Morgan indicated that it would not be included in the next round of the regulation, likely in a following round.*
 - v. *Chris shared that their compost operator expressed concern regarding the future ability to comply with compost regulatory standards for contamination when adding more and more food waste to the feedstock – the primary issue being glass. Mark shared a food waste collection contamination perspective: Sunnyvale conducted a survey of food waste collection routes (use split carts), most residents were using the food waste side of the cart properly, or not at all, but 18% were putting garbage in the food waste side.*
 - vi. *Mark shared that he made a presentation to the Santa Clara County Recycling and Waste Reduction Commission, which held a special study session on SB 1383 regulations. Overall, the committee was alarmed by the regulations, anticipating constituents will be very upset by it. At the staff level, Santa Clara County and Alameda held a "Joint TAC" meeting to share thoughts and comments on the regulations. Staffs from Alameda County jurisdictions are very concerned as well, especially with the enforcement chapters, and provided CalRecycle with extremely detailed comments on the dozens of enforcement requirements. They are asking their electeds to engage with Senators and Assembly members on that topic.*
- b. AB 901 Regulations
 - i. Formal rulemaking underway; comment period ended. May be one more if changes are made.
- c. SWRCB Title 27 Listening Sessions (no new information)
- d. Compost Workshops and White Paper: Air Pollution Control Officers Association, CARB, & CalRecycle

5. Miscellaneous

- a. *Chuck provided an update on the ASCE California Infrastructure Report Card, particularly the focus on expenditures required to comply with new solid waste regulations, the question of where the funding will come from, and how it will impact ratepayers. Chuck will share the draft analysis and is open to feedback from the LTF.*
- b. *Doug shared that he's received media interest about the China policy and impacts to recycling. He also brought up potential issue of many agencies not collecting/recycling #3-7 plastic and whether it has affected their ability to get the beverage container City/County payments from CalRecycle. Chuck stated this might be an opportunity to comment to CalRecycle. Glen suggested a call to Scott Smithline and that Melissa set that up with Doug. Mark commented on the public education challenges of telling people to only recycle certain types – may backfire in that they may not recycle at all.*

Respectfully:

Christina Hanson, Secretary

Attachments

- Monthly Call Agenda
- Attendance Roster
- Treasurer's Report May 2018
- Bill Matrix

