



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

**June 1, 2007**

**By: Mark Urquhart, Secretary**

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The Legislative Task Force (LTF) meeting started at about 11:00 AM. A quorum was present as there were 12 voting members present, including alternate voting members, 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**

**Minutes from April 12, 2007 Meeting**

Scott Johnston asked if there were any comments regarding the draft minutes from the April 12, 2007 telephone meeting. Mark Urquhart noted that he would correct the date regarding approval of March 22 minutes to read 2007 and remove the “both” in the approval motion.

*Motion:*

William Merry made a motion to approve the minutes from the March 22, 2007 meeting in Sacramento. John Gullledge seconded the motion. The motion carried, as all were in favor.

**II LEGISLATION**

Paul Yoder discussed the following bills from the agenda. He stated out by saying that he and other local government groups had met with the governor’s office to discuss these bills, as discussed below.

*SB 1016 (Wiggins)* – Paul Yoder said the governor’s office was not up to speed on how quickly the bill was moving and the content. This bill has passed out of Senate with a large amount of amendments pending. The governor’s office feels that that bill may need to slow down and hold debate on some elements. It was mentioned that CIWMB has been working with stakeholders. It was discussed that the language that is currently in the bill includes CIWMB control of the SRRE’s update, with penalties available if deemed non-compliant. MM voiced a concern that the bill would effectively increase the diversion rate requirement by using the 2006 base year and not allowing for increases from population and other factors in a fashion as is currently allowed. He indicated that this would be the case even though economic and population factors are discussed in the table about the bill that was circulated by Paul Yoder with the LTF meeting materials.

Paul Yoder said he can take comments directly to the author’s office. It was discussed that a major item that needs to be looked at is the apparent lack of being able to adjust the proposed 2006 base years for population and other factors. Paul Yoder asked who would be interested in looking at the details of the bill language. Mike Mohajer, Larry Sweetser, Grace Chan, and Lisa Wood said they would look at this bill in more detail and provide comments. Paul Yoder said he would like to have LTF comments something to take to author in next week to ten days.

*SB 1020 (Padilla)* – Paul Yoder said that the governor’s office has not been approached yet by house members on this bill. The governor’s office said that they feel that local government should be in support of the actual level of diversion increase that is proposed in a bill. The bill will be heard on Senate floor, which must happen next week or miss the deadline to get to the other house in 2007. Democrats supported and republicans were against the bill in the vote. The League of California Cities has not taken position yet but wants to continue to be in line with the LTF and other local government groups. It was discussed that SB 1016 and SB 1020 need to be reconciled.

*AB 1610 (Nunez)* – This bill was regarding state fees assessed on landfill tipping fees. The bill was gutted and will now only deal with refineries. This puts focus back on AB 712.

*AB 712(Deleon)* – Paul Yoder said that this bill made it out of committee without amendments. This may be the only “tip fee” bill this session. Paul Yoder said this was discussed in the meeting with governor’s office. He said the governor’s office was receptive to LTF comments. Paul Yoder thinks that there will be increased pressure to use solid waste tip fees for air quality initiatives, for example in concert with AB 32 implementation. The League of Cites, California State Association of Counties and the Regional Council of Rural Counties (RCRC) will need to work together to increase chance of success at affecting this bill. It was decided that Paul Yoder will approach the sponsor (Waste Management Inc.), the author’s office and speaker of the house with LTF comments and concerns on this bill. It was discussed that the LTF might suggest funds go directly to local government for programs that will help air quality, such as landfill gas control and diversion programs. It was also discussed that it should be noted that an increase in landfill fees might drive up illegal dumping. Paul Yoder asked that ideas from the LTF are forwarded to him.

### **III REGULATORY ISSUES**

The following regulatory issues were discussed (there was not enough time to discuss all the regulation on the agenda).

**California Air Resources Board Landfill Gas Survey of Landfills** – LS mentioned that there will be another CARB meeting on this issue on June 15, 2007. Many on the LTF meeting call said they had not seen the letter/survey yet. Paul Yoder said he would circulate a copy to the LTF.

**CIWMB AB 2296 Working Group (Post Closure Financial Assurance)** – LS suggested that the LTF and more groups than just RCRC should try to attend the meeting.

### **IV OTHER BUSINESS**

It was discussed that the next meeting would be a conference call on Monday June 11, 2007; from 10:00 to 11:00 AM. This replaces the normal first Thursday which would have been June 7 and is an hour earlier than the typical call time.

### **V ADJOURN**

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 12:06 PM.

**ATTENDANCE LIST  
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JUNE 1, 2007**

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- I. Business Items
  - Introductions
  - 4/12/07 Meeting Minutes
  - Other
  
- II. Legislative Matters
  - SB 1016 (Wiggins) – ATTACHMENTS WERE PREVIOUSLY SENT
  - SB 1020 (Padilla)
  - AB 712 (DeLeon)
  - AB 1610 (Nunez)
  
- III. Regulatory Matters
  - ARB Landfill Gas survey of landfills
  - CIWMB AB 2296 working group (Post Post Closure Financial assurance)
  - DTSC – “Fixes” to the universal waste rule
  - DTSC - treated wood waste alternative management regulations