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

**July 12, 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. Paul Yoder had to leave the call at approximately 11:35 AM. After that point, the discussion transitioned to the regulatory issues before the meeting was concluded. 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 June 11, 2007 Telephone Meeting**

Scott Johnston asked if there were any comments regarding the draft minutes from the June 11, 2007 telephone meeting. There were none.

*Motion:*

Mike Mohajer made a motion to approve the minutes. William Merry seconded the motion. The motion carried, as all were in favor.

**Approval of Treasurer's Report**

Scott Johnston discussed that John Abernethy was not available for the meeting but he had talked with John and the current LTF fund balance is approximately \$59,000. He noted that this does not reflect payments that will be needed for some currently outstanding invoices.

**II LEGISLATION**

*AB 712 (Deleon)* – It was discussed that the LTF has concerns raising the tip fee for air quality controls for off-road solid waste equipment but maybe some room to negotiate on the issue. Paul Yoder asked that Lisa Wood send him a copy of oppose letter from City of San Diego.

*SB 1020 (Padilla)* – Paul Yoder discussed that the Padilla bill meeting was focused on how to get the bill to work, not specifically the numbers. There was discussion on a range of issues including Conversion Technologies (now termed “low heat”), product stewardship, disposal reporting, commercial recycling, ect. Paul Yoder discussed there has been a group of side meetings by interested parties regarding the percentage requirement. The LTF discussed whether a 75% requirement with the CIWMB having discretion for compliance or a bill requiring raising the bar to a realistic diversion percentage by a realistic date should be advocated. There was considerable discussion of the pros and cons. Paul Yoder said he want to go back to stakeholders with a number and date with a position on some of the issues. There is concern about the CIWMB coming back and dictating programs rather than allowing local decisions. It was also brought up that environmental justice and permitting was discussed in relation to permit streamlining that may be needed to achieve AB 1020. It is not clear if the bill will address the permitting issue.

Paul Yoder said he needs direction on whether he should advocate a specific number and year or a 75 percent diversion number with CIWMB direction. The LTF consensus was that a diversion number and realistic year should be advocated. Diversion percentages of 60 or 65 percent and years of 2012 or 2015 were discussed. There was general consensus that the LTF needs to propose that additional initiatives for produce stewardship and commercial recycling also need to be included in any increased diversion mandate. It was decided that 60 percent by 2015 are the figures that Paul Yoder should discussed with stakeholders as the LTF position.

### **III REGULATORY ISSUES**

**CIWMB AB 2296 Working Group (Post Closure Financial Assurance)** – Larry Sweetser said that there is a scope of work to study the issue, which will be commenced soon. Review of potential mechanisms, costs and how the funds will be accrued will be studied by the CIWMB consultant. Larry Sweetser said he thought that the study will probably not go beyond the internal CIWMB group. There was discussion that certain mechanism such as a pledge of revenue should be maintained. The LTF continues to have significant concern over a state pool closure fund being used for non-responsible sites; because public entities cannot drop their responsibilities as private firms can declare bankruptcy and dissolve. This means that the pool would only end up being spent on non-responsibly managed private sites.

**California Air Resources Board (CARB) Landfill Gas Survey of Landfills** – Larry Sweetser said that the CARB is still collecting data. There will be a meeting next month regarding the issue.

**DTSC “Fixes” to Universal Waste Rule** – Larry said that this concerns a cleanup of the standards but he has not looked at this in detail.

**DTSC Treated Wood Waste Alternative Management Regulations** – Larry said the regulations were adopted but DTSC is still holding workshops for LEAs and others. The online reporting system is not up and running yet.

### **IV OTHER BUSINESS**

It was discussed that the next meeting would be a conference call on Thursday August 2, 2007; from 11:00 to noon.

### **V ADJOURN**

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:52 AM.

**ATTENDANCE LIST  
SWANA LEGISLATIVE TASK FORCE PHONE MEETING  
JULY 12, 2007**

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**SWANA LTF TELECONFERENCE AGENDA  
MONDAY, JULY 12, 10:00 A.M.**

**SWANA LTF TELECONFERENCE AGENDA  
THURSDAY, JULY 12, 11:00 – 11:30 A.M.**  
888-311-9051  
Entry code 99194

- I. Business Items
  - Introductions
  - Approval of June 11, 2007 Meeting Minutes – ATTACHMENT, PAGE 2
  - Approval of Treasurer’s Report
  - Other
  
- II. Legislative Matters
  - AB 712 (DeLeon) – ATTACHMENT, PAGE 7
  - SB 1020 (Padilla) – ATTACHMENT, PAGE 17
  
- III. Regulatory Matters
  - CIWMB AB 2296 working group (Post Closure Financial assurance)
  - ARB Landfill Gas survey of landfills
  - DTSC – “Fixes” to the universal waste rule
  - DTSC - treated wood waste alternative management regulations