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

June 11, 2007

By: Mark Urquhart, Secretary

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The Legislative Task Force (LTF) meeting started at about 10:00 AM. A quorum was present as there were ten 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 June 1, 2007 Telephone Meeting

Scott Johnston asked if there were any comments regarding the draft minutes from the June 1, 2007 telephone meeting. There were none.

Motion:

William Merry made a motion to approve the minutes from the June 1, 2007 telephone meeting. Nancy Ewert seconded the motion. The motion carried, as all were in favor.

II LEGISLATION

SB 1016 (Wiggins) – Paul Yoder said that the author continues to work with CIWMB staff, however, the working group has been dropped by CIWMB staff and LTF was not provided a copy of the current language. Paul Yoder said he was going to try to have a meeting with the author’s office as he did not like the CIWMB response. He thinks that this bill may not make it to governor but instead the Padilla bill will be the main bill on this and other solid waste diversion issues.

SB 1020 (Padilla) – Paul Yoder noted that there was no mention of diversion credit for conversion technologies in the current version, as outlined in the agenda. The LTF will work with others government groups, such as the League and CSAC, in contacting the author’s office. It was discussed that the governor wants to sign this type of bill. Paul Yoder said he needs position paper from the LTF on this bill. Larry Sweetser said he would work on compiling comments from the LTF. It was discussed that this bill is very broad and could dictate waste management practices for the next ten years. One of the major problems with any form of diversion mandate increase will be that it is difficult to count diversion and disposal. It was decided that Larry Sweetser will send out an outline for input from LTF. The outline in the agenda will be a good starting point. Paul Yoder said he needs the a draft document in a week or two, which could be used for the senate committee and refined later for working with the bill author.

Paul Yoder noted that the other bills are on the list that the LTF is tracking were circulated and that any LTF members can contact him with concerns and input. He said the LTF should review AB 704.

III REGULATORY ISSUES

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

California Air Resources Board Landfill Gas Survey of Landfills – Larry Sweetser mentioned that there was a landfill survey for green house gases circulated by the CARB. Paul Yoder said he would circulate a copy to the LTF.

CIWMB AB 2296 Working Group (Post Closure Financial Assurance) –Paul Yoder asked for a volunteer to sit on that group or if he should represent the LTF on the group. Grace Chan said she would participate on behalf of the Los Angeles County Sanitation Districts, but suggested more representation is better. Paul Yoder said he would sit on the working group as conduit for the LTF.

IV OTHER BUSINESS

It was discussed that the next meeting would be a conference call on Thursday July 12, 2007; from 11:00 to noon. (This is a revision to the normal first Thursday which would have been July 5).

V ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 10:50 AM.

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SWANA LEGISLATIVE TASK FORCE PHONE MEETING
JUNE 11, 2007**

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**SWANA LTF TELECONFERENCE AGENDA
MONDAY, JUNE 11, 10:00 A.M.**

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- I. Business Items
 - Introductions
 - Approval of June 1, 2007 Meeting Minutes – ATTACHMENT, PAGE 3
 - Other

- II. Legislative Matters – UPDATED MATRIX – ATTACHMENT, PAGE 7
 - AB 712 (DeLeon)
 - SB 1016 (Wiggins) – ATTACHMENT, PAGE 22
 - SB 1020 (Padilla) – ATTACHMENT, PAGE 24

The current bill in print increases diversion requirements from 50% by 2000 to 75% by 2012 and makes other technical amendments. We are hearing that there will be proposed amendments to the existing bill to do the following:

Legislative Intent

- Add findings to the law on climate, EJ.

State “Doing Its Part” on Waste Reduction

- In furtherance of the 75% diversion requirements, require the CIWMB to do the following:
 - Establish waste reduction and recycling requirements for commercial/industrial operation (commercial waste stream);
 - Establish “producer responsibility” requirements to encourage manufacturer and producers of products to reduce waste up front; and,
 - Establish multi-family recycling requirements to increase recycling at those facilities.

Increase Funding for Waste Reduction/Recycling

Provide Funding for the following:

- Grant/loan programs for businesses or local jurisdiction projects that divert materials from landfills in order to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, including but not limited to organic materials diversion and landfill gas-to-energy.
- Grant or loan programs to assist diversion facilities (e.g., composting, MRFs, etc.) in implementing upgrades required in response to regulatory initiatives by air districts and regional water boards.
- Grant programs for business or local jurisdiction projects that increase commercial and multi-family recycling.

- Increase authorization for HHW Grant Program for Universal waste collection infrastructure.
- Grant program for local jurisdiction or regional projects that prevent, clean up, and enhance enforcement against illegal dumping.
- Increase authorization for LEA Grant program, to provide up to an additional \$1.5 million per year.

***Funding source for the above grant programs is not yet determined, but some funds would likely come from Sen. Padilla's companion bill SB 1021 that provides \$15 million to cities and counties from the Beverage Container Recycling Program.*

CIWMB Reform

- Revise board membership

Permit/Inspection Reform

- Require affirmative vote of four board members to concur in solid waste facilities permit for landfills.
- Extend timeline for board to review permits for larger landfills and other facilities.
- Increase oversight of LEA's to ensure strong and consistent enforcement of law.
- Increase authority of waste board to impose administrative civil penalties for violations of solid waste law.

IWMP Reform

- Streamline planning requirements and frequency of board review of local plans.

III. Regulatory Matters

CIWMB AB 2296 working group (Post Post Closure Financial assurance)

SWANA needs to appoint a representative – ATTACHMENT, PAGE 36

ARB Landfill Gas survey of landfills

DTSC – “Fixes” to the universal waste rule

DTSC - treated wood waste alternative management regulations