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

September 6, 2007

By: Mark Urquhart, Secretary

The Legislative Task Force (LTF) meeting started at about 11:03 AM. A quorum was not present at the start of the meeting but was shortly into the meeting. During the course of the call there were 8 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

Next Meeting Date

This was not discussed.

II. LEGISLATION

SB 1020 (Padilla) – Paul Yoder discussed that Kip Lipper is main person working on the bill. The governor’s office has expressed that local government must be agreeable with the bill, which is a good situation if the bill sent to the governor is presents major concerns for the LTF. A sixty percent diversion goal as a new requirement is likely a reality. Senator Padilla’s office would like to see the year 2012 for attaining the 60 percent goal. Paul Yoder discussed that the vision now may be that in order to institute a 60 percent goal there may need to be new tools to get there, for example commercial recycling requirements would be added. The language regarding consumer responsibility is still weak.

A 75 percent statewide goal later, possibly after study, is also likely to go in the bill. It was discussed that 75 percent provisions should include future study and stakeholder input before being implemented. After considerable discussion Paul Yoder stated that the approach in lobbying the author’s office and later the governor should be simple, focusing on the 60 percent by a certain year (between 2012 and 2015) and study of the feasibility of a higher goal, for example 75 percent, later. He asked that the LTF look at both the California State Association of Counties (CSAC) and League of California Cities (League) letters and provide feedback to him because the bill may be decided within the next 1-1/2 days. There was additional discussion on many issues related to the bill, notably as follows. There was discussion that allowing disposal or diversion accounting methods for compliance should be allowed since the goal is to landfill less. However, there is concern that growth factors need to be included diversion or disposal reporting. Paul Yoder said he has discussed removal of fines for not reaching goals set above 50 percent but he has not had good reception with that idea. Mike Mohajer discussed that he thinks that additional study of conversion technologies is not needed because the legislature already has a previous report on the issue and the bill should instead include consideration of granting diversion credit to conversion technologies.

Larry Sweetser emailed the League and CSAC letters to the LTF during the call. Paul Yoder reiterated that he wanted LTF feedback on both letters as guidance for his lobbying, by the end of the day. He said that he will need that to lobby the bill in the next two days.

AB 712 (Deleon/AB 118 (Nunez)) – Paul Yoder said that he has heard a rumor that haulers working on the bill may move toward a two-year bill. However, it would move into AB 118, which would be much broader and include more fees for a host of air quality issues. AB 118 may be carried by the speaker of the assembly. Paul Yoder said that this is a typical ploy at the end of the legislative session to refer bills to the rules committee, which can quickly put a bill on the floor for consideration with amendments that are not yet in print for stakeholders. In this situation bills may move quickly and “under cover”. AB 118 is this situation with the rules committee and would be more viable because it is being carried by the speaker of the house. He said under these conditions he would try his best to track it for the LTF.

III REGULATORY MATTERS

Solid Waste Industry Group on Climate Solutions/Greenhouse Gas Regulations – These regulations are a result of AB 32 passed in 2006. Grace Chan started to explain that the group meets often and is trying to make sure that landfills are dealt appropriately with in the regulatory process. However, when Paul Yoder left the call as the call leader the conference call line was ended.

V ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:50 AM.

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SEPTEMBER 6, 2007**

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**SWANA LTF TELECONFERENCE AGENDA
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER, 11:00 A.M. - NOON**

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I. Business Items

Introductions
Next Meeting Date
Other

II. Legislative Matters

SB 1020 (Padilla)
AB 712 (DeLeon) / AB 118 (Nunez)

III. Regulatory Matters

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