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

August 7, 2008

By: Mark Urquhart, Secretary

The Legislative Task Force (LTF) telephone meeting started at about 10:30 AM. A quorum was present as there were eleven voting members present, including alternates 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

Approval of Minutes from July 3, 2008 LTF Telephone Meeting

Grace Chan asked if there were any comments on these minutes. It was discussed that the attendance list date needed correction date and the paragraph discussing "additional concern....." needed to be moved from AB 2866 to AB 2640. She asked for a motion to approve these minutes with those changes.

Motion:

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

Next Meeting Date

The next meeting will be a telephone meeting on September 4, 2008 at 10:30 AM until noon.

Treasurer's Reports for May June and July

Nancy Ewert said that there was a \$59,506 balance after all payment and deposits are current. The reports are in Appendix C. She said that LTF is \$4,500 behind on agency contributions compared to the budget but approximately \$4,700 ahead of what was budgeted for MOLO funding to LTF. Therefore LTF account and budget is healthy.

Mike Mohajer suggested rearranging the budget report spreadsheet so that the LTF approved budget shows as a constant. Other changes were discussed such as a cumulative tally and other format changes. Nancy Ewert discussed she will make those changes and others as suggested by the LTF going forward.

Motion:

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

Confirmation of Location/Date for Annual LTF Workshop

William Merry discussed that for the week of November 14 the Embassy Suites would be \$159/night for Thurs/Fri/Sat. The Monterey Beach Hotel meeting rooms were not available. The Hyatt is \$165/night. The Embassy Suites was discussed as the choice. William Merry noted that it would cost \$150 for the meeting room plus roughly about \$1,000 for meeting refreshments for the event. William Merry said

he will try to negotiate with Embassy Suites and send out an email to confirm dinner and room attendance.

II. LEGISLATIVE MATTERS

Priority Legislation

AB 2640 – Oppose - Tressa Wallace discussed that the bill was on Senate Appropriations Suspense File and she is waiting to see what happens on the bill.

AB 2866 – Oppose – Tressa Wallace said that the bill failed in appropriation but was given reconsideration by appropriation committee

SB 1020 – **Oppose** - It was discussed that the language is the same as a month ago (7/11) but if it does not pass the fiscal deadline today it might have deadline extended. It is also not clear whether it is dead as SB1020 but the author may be looking for another bill to include this language in. She said she would keep the LTF posted on migration to a new bill and any new language.

1016 – Support if Amended - It was discussed that the LTF supports the bill with the intended language that was circulated (“intent” language by legislature included). Sharon Green said she received a call from author’s office, which is waiting to get support letters from LTF and others. It was suggested that Mike Mohajer call on behalf of the Los Angeles County Task Force since the author’s office is waiting on that. The LTF and the Regional Council of Rural Counties (RCRC) are still looking for language to be included regarding base year adjustments that author’s office had verbally agreed to include. It was discussed that the LTF will indicate that the support position is contingent on that language and the LTF support of any other substantive changes that is not aware of (not in print as of this time).

AB 1972 – Oppose - The bill was amended to prohibit the sale of plastic bag marked as biodegradable unless it meets certain ASTM standards. The LTF had opposed the bill over compost contamination and litter concerns as bags are not biodegradable quickly enough and cause problems.

Tressa Wallace said that the author’s office had contacted LTF because it was concerned that SWANA’s oppose position was using some of the same composting operations reasoning that author was using as a reason the bill is needed. She said the author’s office will be sending her information regarding plastic bag degradation duration for the LTF review.

AB 2695 – Watch – Tressa Wallace said that the bill may be taken up on suspense file and if not it would be dead. Mike Mohajer said he has concerns about language that discusses the state coordinating local integrated waste management programs. Concerns over loss of local control if the state becomes involved were discussed. It was decided to support the bill if amended to include that language that would not allow CIWMB oversight to supersede local control of programs. Tressa Wallace will forward this LTF concern to the League of Cities.

Other Legislation

AB 2679 – It was brought up that the CIWMB appears to want to impose land use decisions on closed landfills. The CIWMB staff has said it is only to condition the property description but entering that arena is a concern to the LTF as it is not warranted.

III. REGULATORY MATTERS

CIWMB regulations update

John Abernethy said he will attend next CIWMB meeting. The biggest current issues are the long-term postclosure care period, landfill gas control and financial assurances.

Financial Assurances

Larry Sweetser said the CIWMB is still dealing with issues of trust funds and extension of the postclosure term minimum or rolling term. Corrective actions costs still need to be included. The CIWMB is proceeding at this time as if the 2866 pooled fund will be available.

CARB Landfill Gas Issues

The landfill gas probe issue was discussed. Even though regulations state site specific exemptions on probe depths (by September 20, 2008) can be considered many accepted by the LEA's are being questioned by CIWMB. It is not clear what criteria will be acceptable for probe depth variances. The CIWMB is considering standard probe design.

At a meeting Grace Chan was asked if the LTF could provide funding for CIWMB project to develop standard designs in regulations CIWMB because they claimed that that the CIWMB does not have funding. It was decided that the LTF will not provided funding to CIWMB for this, but will form a subcommittee to provide technical input to the CIWMB.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned about 12:02 PM.

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SWANA LEGISLATIVE TASK FORCE PHONE MEETING
AUGUST 7, 2008**

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Ch = Chair

VC = Vice Chair

T = Treasurer

S = Secretary

SWANA LTF AGENDA

Call in number 1-800-867-2581 access code 1006105

THURSDAY, August 7th 10:30 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.

I. Business Items

- Next Meeting Date
- Approval of Meeting Minutes (attached)
- Treasure's report for May, June and July (attached)
- Confirmation of Location/Dates for annual workshop
- Other

II. Legislative Matters (Bill Matrix attached)***Priority Legislation***AB 2640 (Huffman)- **Oppose**

On Senate Appropriations Suspense File

http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/pub/07-08/bill/asm/ab_2601-2650/ab_2640_bill_20080804_amended_sen_v94.pdf

AB 2866 (DeLeon)- **Oppose**In Senate Appropriations- Failed passage- reconsideration granted (**anticipated hearing 8/7/08**)

http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/pub/07-08/bill/asm/ab_2851-2900/ab_2866_bill_20080701_amended_sen_v93.pdf

SB 1020 (Padilla)- **Oppose (see attached amendments, sent out on 7/11/08)**

On Assembly Appropriations Suspense File

http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/pub/07-08/bill/sen/sb_1001-1050/sb_1020_bill_20070626_amended_asm_v97.pdf

SB 1016 (Wiggins)- **Support if Amended**

Assembly Floor Third Reading

http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/pub/07-08/bill/sen/sb_1001-1050/sb_1016_bill_20080702_amended_asm_v96.pdf

AB 1972 (DeSaulnier) – **Oppose**

Senate Floor Third Reading

http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/pub/07-08/bill/asm/ab_1951-2000/ab_1972_bill_20080804_amended_sen_v95.pdf

AB 2695 (Niello)- **Watch**

On Senate Appropriations Suspense File

http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/pub/07-08/bill/asm/ab_2651-2700/ab_2695_bill_20080626_amended_sen_v94.pdf

III. Regulatory Matters

- CIWMB regulations update (John)
- CIWMB Closure/Postclosure Financial Assurance Schedule
- CARB activities

IV. Other

**ATTACHMENT C (3 REPORT/PAGES)
SWANA LEGISLATIVE TASK FORCE**

2008 BUDGET

May Treasurer's Report

BEGINNING BALANCE		\$ 57,384.08	\$43,944.08
REVENUES			
DUES SURCHARGE (\$30 / MEMBER RENEWAL)		\$ 25,000.00	
WESTERN REGIONAL SYMPOSIUM		\$ 7,500.00	
MOLO COURSE REVENUES		\$ 5,000.00	
AGENCY CONTRIBUTIONS		\$ 15,000.00	\$4,000.00
INTEREST		\$ -	\$2.29
RELEASE FROM RESERVES		\$ 13,440.00	
TOTAL REVENUES	(BUDGETED)	\$ 65,940.00	\$4,002.29
EXPENSES			
REGULATORY REVIEW		\$ 12,000.00	
SHAW / YODER, INC. CONTRACT	March Invoice	\$ 38,940.00	\$5,445.45
SHAW / YODER, INC. ADMIN. EXPENSES		\$ 4,000.00	
WEBSITE DEVELOPMENT / MAINTENANCE AND MEMBERSHIP ROSTER UPDATES		\$ 2,000.00	
MEETING EXPENSES, TELECONFERENCE CHARGES AND ANNUAL WORKSHOP		\$ 5,000.00	
CONTINGENCIES / SPECIAL PROJECTS		\$ 4,000.00	
TOTAL BUDGETED EXPENSES		\$ 65,940.00	\$5,445.45
PROJECTED CARRY OVER TO 2008		\$ 43,944.08	\$ 55,940.92

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2008 BUDGET

June Treasurer's Report

BEGINNING BALANCE		\$ 55,940.92	\$42,500.92
REVENUES			
DUES SURCHARGE (\$30 / MEMBER RENEWAL)		\$ 25,000.00	\$1,680.00 \$840.00
WESTERN REGIONAL SYMPOSIUM		\$ 7,500.00	
MOLO COURSE REVENUES		\$ 5,000.00	\$9,871.78
AGENCY CONTRIBUTIONS		\$ 15,000.00	\$750.00
INTEREST		\$ -	\$2.45
RELEASE FROM RESERVES		\$ 13,440.00	
TOTAL REVENUES	(BUDGETED)	\$ 65,940.00	\$13,144.23
EXPENSES			
REGULATORY REVIEW		\$ 12,000.00	
SHAW / YODER, INC. CONTRACT		\$ 38,940.00	
April Invoice			\$3,393.40
SHAW / YODER, INC. ADMIN. EXPENSES		\$ 4,000.00	
WEBSITE DEVELOPMENT / MAINTENANCE AND MEMBERSHIP ROSTER UPDATES		\$ 2,000.00	
MEETING EXPENSES, TELECONFERENCE CHARGES AND ANNUAL WORKSHOP		\$ 5,000.00	
CONTINGENCIES / SPECIAL PROJECTS		\$ 4,000.00	
TOTAL BUDGETED EXPENSES		\$ 65,940.00	\$3,393.40
PROJECTED CARRY OVER TO 2008		\$ 42,500.92	\$ 65,691.75

Agency Contributions Received	
City of San Diego	\$2,500
City of Folsom	\$750
Kern County	\$1,500
Merced County	\$1,000
San Joaquin County	\$1,500
LA County	\$2,500
City of Palo Alto	\$750
Total	\$10,500

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2008 BUDGET

July Treasurer's Report

BEGINNING BALANCE		\$ 65,691.75	\$52,251.75
REVENUES			
DUES SURCHARGE (\$30 / MEMBER RENEWAL)		\$ 25,000.00	\$1,080.00
WESTERN REGIONAL SYMPOSIUM		\$ 7,500.00	
MOLO COURSE REVENUES		\$ 5,000.00	
AGENCY CONTRIBUTIONS		\$ 15,000.00	
INTEREST		\$ -	\$2.69
RELEASE FROM RESERVES		\$ 13,440.00	
TOTAL REVENUES	(BUDGETED)	\$ 65,940.00	\$1,082.69
EXPENSES			
REGULATORY REVIEW		\$ 12,000.00	
SHAW / YODER, INC. CONTRACT		\$ 38,940.00	
	May Invoice		\$3,880.81
	June Invoice		\$3,387.39
SHAW / YODER, INC. ADMIN. EXPENSES		\$ 4,000.00	
WEBSITE DEVELOPMENT / MAINTENANCE AND MEMBERSHIP ROSTER UPDATES		\$ 2,000.00	
MEETING EXPENSES, TELECONFERENCE CHARGES AND ANNUAL WORKSHOP		\$ 5,000.00	
CONTINGENCIES / SPECIAL PROJECTS		\$ 4,000.00	
TOTAL BUDGETED EXPENSES		\$ 65,940.00	\$7,268.20
PROJECTED CARRY OVER TO 2008		\$ 52,251.75	\$ 59,506.24

Agency Contributions Received	
City of San Diego	\$2,500
City of Folsom	\$750
Kern County	\$1,500
Merced County	\$1,000
San Joaquin County	\$1,500
LA County	\$2,500
City of Palo Alto	\$750
Total	\$10,500