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

January 24, 2008

By: Mark Urquhart, Secretary

The Legislative Task Force (LTF) meeting started at about 10:30 AM. A quorum was present as there were 11 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

Introduction and Meet Tressa Wallace

Paul Yoder introduced Tressa Wallace a new employee of Shaw/Yoder and Associates. He said she is transitioning from being a legislative aide at this time and has a lot of legislative experience. Tressa will be helping Paul on the LTF work.

Approval of Minutes from November 9 and 10, 2007 LTF Workshop Meeting:

Scott Johnston asked if there were any comments on these minutes. There were none.

Motion:

John Gullede made a motion to approve the minutes from the November 9 and 10, 2007 annual workshop meeting in Sacramento. Larry Sweetser seconded the motion. The motion carried, as all were in favor.

Workplan and Budget

It was discussed that the Gold Rush Chapter and Sierra Chapters had approved the LTF workplan and budget. John Gullede will verify that the Founding Chapter had approved them.

Treasurer's Report

John Abernethy said that the signature cards for the LTF account were completed at the bank so that the treasurer duties were transitioned to NE. He said the current account balance was \$49,935.

Website

Paul Yoder said that Shaw/Yoder will complete an update of the existing LTF website within two weeks.

Letterhead

Paul Yoder said that Shaw/Yoder is in the process of getting both electronic and new hard-copy letterhead printed.

Western Regional Symposium (WRS)

It was discussed that a Tuesday afternoon session for the LTF panel is being pursued because CIWMB has meeting on Wednesday. The registration packet for WRS is now available on website. The LTF needs to inform the WRS committee who the LTF session will include for the discussion panel program.

Paul Yoder said the LTF can probably get Senator Wiggins to be on the panel but only Senator Padilla staff members. Senator Wiggins is nice enough that she may agree to this arrangement. He suggested that Elizabeth Huber from CIWMB could also discuss AB 1016. It was also suggested that the program person working on AB 32 could be invited. William Merry, John Abernethy, Paul Yoder will work as a subcommittee to decide who will be invited and coordinate with the WRS committee on timing. It was discussed that the programs are in flux and have shown an LTF session on Tuesday from 4:30 to 5:30 PM or Wednesday from 3:45PM to 5PM. Scott Johnston recommended that the panel could have a session at the end of morning technical sessions on Tuesday, from 10:20AM to noon. It would also be requested that the LTF meeting could be held on Wednesday afternoon, as already had been scheduled. John Abernethy, William Merry, Paul Yoder work as a subcommittee deciding who to invite and coordinating the time slots with the WRS committee.

II. LEGISLATIVE MATTERS

Paul Yoder discussed select bills on the bill matrix distributed with the agenda and discussed those that are moving or of most importance. The position that was decided for some is shown (others were deferred for more review).

AB 501 – Pharmaceutical waste producer responsibility bill is moving but got watered down.

Position: Support

AB 822 (Levine) – New bill to replace last year's vetoed version. This bill requires specified multi-family recycling (commercial?) but does not pre-empt local ordinances.

Position: Support letter was sent by LTF.

AB 844 – Two bills about rogue metal recyclers. The LTF will discuss on the February LTF telephone meeting.

AB 712 – This tipping fee increase bill may not move but the author will probably try to move the concept in another bill.

AB 1075 – This bill would change definitions that Anaerobic Digestion (AD) is not a transformation process. This is supported by CIWMB and would therefore provide full diversion credit for waste processed by AD as it would not be counted as disposal.

AB 1207 – This biosolids bill is sponsored by City of LA. Bill is in second policy committee. This bill is stalled and probably dead but a new bill may surface.

AB 1391 – E-waste bill would require retailers provide information on e-waste recycling. It is a modest effort. (Matrix describes and old version).

Position: Support.

AB 1535 – Would require manufacturers to pay e-waste fees for recycling of new or recycled e-waste products, in particular computers. The bill did not get out of policy committee, possibly with the intent of

the author being continuing it as a two-year bill. The initial thoughts discussed were positive but LTF needs to look at it further.

AB 1778 - San Francisco anti-scavenging bill would prohibit recyclers from paying for CRV containers without documentation (above a certain dollar limit). The LTF will discuss this more in February.

AB 642 – This is design-build legislation (limit 20 projects) for public projects. Sharon Green discussed that the bill is out of policy committee. The LTF will discuss this in February.

SB 1016 – It was discussed that John Abernethy, Scott Johnston, Mike Mohajer, Grace Chan, Sharon Greene, and Nancy Ewert were at the CIWMB workshop meeting for this bill. The CIWMB wants to use per-capita disposal for compliance with a focus on program implementation. Biannual reports would be required, and if jurisdiction was out of compliance CIWMB would intervene. Scott Johnston said he is concerned about economic factors that influence disposal not being properly considered. If per-capita disposal went up, a jurisdiction would have to justify the reason to the CIWMB. The CIWMB is talking again about jurisdictional basis rather than past discussion about a more regional approach. Scott Johnston said he felt it will be an uphill battle to change the bill from this point as the CIWMB members feel they have addressed all the problems. The CIWMB took questions and said they would get back with answers. A jurisdiction in compliance would only have to report every 4 years. AB 1020, regarding a potential higher diversion rate, was not discussed at this workshop meeting. Paul Yoder said there is not much new to report on AB 1020. There is concern that an ADC bill could also pass.

The LTF discussed and debated the advantages of a regional approach. Most LTF members that discussed this issue support the regional compliance concept. It was decided that Elizabeth Huber and a CIWMB member would be invited to the LTF meeting in Sacramento.

III. REGULATORY MATTER

Larry Sweetser discussed the following meetings:

- CIWMB - Closure/Postclosure regulations on February 1, 2008
- Climate Action Group – January 28, 2008
- California Air Resources Board – Meeting about foam disposal on February 2, 2008

IV. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned about 12:10 PM. The next meeting will be a telephone call on February 7, 2008, from 10:30 AM to noon.

**ATTENDANCE LIST
SWANA LEGISLATIVE TASK FORCE PHONE MEETING
JANUARY 24, 2008**

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**SWANA LTF TELECONFERENCE AGENDA
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I. Business Items

Introductions
Approval of Minutes
Meet Tressa Wallace!
Website Upgrade
Letterhead
Western Regional Panel Times / Ideas
Next Meeting Date
Other

II. Legislative Matters (see attached matrix)

SB 1016 (Wiggins) – update from last meeting
Movement on other bills to meet the end of January deadline

III. Regulatory Matters

Update from John Abernethy and Larry Sweetser