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

**July 3, 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 eight 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 June 5, 2008 LTF Telephone Meeting***

Grace Chan asked if there were any comments on these minutes. There were none. She asked for a motion to approve these minutes.

***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 Aug 7, 2008 at 10:30 AM until noon.

***Selection of Location/Date for Annual LTF Workshop***

Monterey was discussed as the location. William Merry and Grace Chan had worked out proposal for Nov 14, with November 7<sup>th</sup> as an alternate. William Merry will check on reserving rooms.

**II. LEGISLATIVE MATTERS**

***Priority Legislation***

**AB 2640** – Tressa Wallace discussed that the LTF has been working with other groups opposing this bill and might be able to kill it in the Senate. Grace Chan brought up an additional concern that the latest language includes an additional fee tier on green waste ADC above a certain percentage, which is problematic regarding knowing when the fee would be assessed during a given year (in addition to other reasons the LTF already opposes the bill).

**AB 2866** – Similar to AB 2640, the LTF is working with groups to oppose the bill.

**SB 1020** – Paul Yoder discussed that there could be a way to approach the governor's office about SB1020 and SB1016 being signed this year and not signing other related bills next year. SB 1020 specifies a 60% diversion rate by 2014, including a penalty for non-compliance. It further would place a 75% diversion rate as a goal by 2020, and open discussion of CIWMB to report back to legislature on what measures are needed to accomplish the 75% diversion rate.

Paul Yoder said that Senator Padilla is open to language on methods to assist with accomplishing the 75% goal. In the two phase process, commercial recycling would be mandated upfront until Cities and Counties implement local ordinances for commercial recycling. The bill would not preempt local recycling ordinances. There may be some language on anaerobic digestion in the bill.

There was discussion on problems with local jurisdiction bean counting with the 60% mandate given very recent revisions to 1016. The LTF discussed that SB 1020 could make the state responsible for commercial recycling but Paul Yoder pointed out that many jurisdictions already have local ordinances. A major concern discussed was that the 75% diversion goal should be tied to a broadening of current code to allow for full diversion credit for all the forms of conversion technologies. It was discussed that this concept could come later given that it may take the legislature environmental lobby time to catch up with the idea of not opposing this concept on the basis that of reducing greenhouse gas emissions and encouraging renewable energy production. There were opinions expressed that the LTF needs to raise these issues now. After long discussion and debate, it was decided that the LTF needs to look at the latest language of the bill and determine the rationale for a position.

Paul Yoder had to leave the call after this discussion due to another commitment.

**1016** – It was discussed that the revisions on July 2, 2008 result in a major concern that language changes result in numeric compliance will be used, rather than previous language using it only as an indicator. The LTF needs to look at the bill changes and consider changing the current support position given the new language. The new language is an extreme change to put emphasis back on numeric counting for compliance rather than an indicator.

### ***Other Legislation***

AB 558 – Tressa Wallace asked that the LTF review the bill and provide input if it will be tracked.

AB 1075 – Tressa Wallace said that this bill is in the Senate Appropriations Committee. The LTF needs review the fill and voice technical issues and a request that amendments eliminate the 140F degrees limit. It was discussed that this will create problems for operating most windrow composting operations.

AB 1724 – The latest language from another bill was circulated to the LTF; as AB 1724 is not in print yet. The LTF likes the intent of the bill but with all the requirements for local agencies it may be too cumbersome. The LTF will review the bill and Tressa Wallace will check with local law enforcement to see if they support it.

AB 1972 – The bill was amended to prohibit the sale of plastic bag marked as biodegradable unless it meets certain ASTM standards. The LTF will review the bill. Opposing the bill over compost contamination and litter concerns was discussed. AH will circulate a draft to the LTF for input.

### ***III. REGULATORY MATTERS***

Due to time constraints, most regulatory agenda items were not discussed.

#### ***Financial Assurances***

JA mentioned that there would be a hearing on July 17, 2008.

***CARB Landfill Gas Issues***

Grace Chan said there are concerns voiced by the regulatory community over landfill gas probes not functioning well. This could prompt future stricter regulations.

***IV. ADJOURNMENT***

The meeting was adjourned about 12:07 PM.

**ATTENDANCE LIST**  
**SWANA LEGISLATIVE TASK FORCE PHONE MEETING**  
**JULYNE 35, 2008**

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**SWANA LTF AGENDA**

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

THURSDAY, July 3rd 10:30 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.

**I. Business Items**

- Next Meeting Date
- Approval of Meeting Minutes (attached)
- Selection of Location/Dates for annual workshop
- Other

**II. Legislative Matters** (Bill Matrix attached)

***Priority Legislation***

AB 2640 (Huffman)- **Oppose**

In Senate Appropriations

[http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/pub/07-08/bill/asm/ab\\_2601-2650/ab\\_2640\\_bill\\_20080617\\_amended\\_sen\\_v96.pdf](http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/pub/07-08/bill/asm/ab_2601-2650/ab_2640_bill_20080617_amended_sen_v96.pdf)

AB 2866 (DeLeon)- **Oppose**

In Senate Appropriations

[http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/pub/07-08/bill/asm/ab\\_2851-2900/ab\\_2866\\_bill\\_20080617\\_amended\\_sen\\_v94.pdf](http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/pub/07-08/bill/asm/ab_2851-2900/ab_2866_bill_20080617_amended_sen_v94.pdf)

SB 1020 (Padilla)- **Oppose**

In Assembly Appropriations

[http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/pub/07-08/bill/sen/sb\\_1001-1050/sb\\_1020\\_bill\\_20070626\\_amended\\_asm\\_v97.pdf](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 and Amend**

In Assembly Appropriations

[http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/pub/07-08/bill/sen/sb\\_1001-1050/sb\\_1016\\_bill\\_20080610\\_amended\\_asm\\_v97.pdf](http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/pub/07-08/bill/sen/sb_1001-1050/sb_1016_bill_20080610_amended_asm_v97.pdf)

***Other Legislation***

AB 558 (Feuer) Chemical substances: testing

[http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/pub/07-08/bill/asm/ab\\_0551-0600/ab\\_558\\_bill\\_20080612\\_amended\\_sen\\_v90.pdf](http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/pub/07-08/bill/asm/ab_0551-0600/ab_558_bill_20080612_amended_sen_v90.pdf)

AB 1075 (Cook) Solid waste diversion

[http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/pub/07-08/bill/asm/ab\\_1051-1100/ab\\_1075\\_bill\\_20080514\\_amended\\_sen\\_v96.pdf](http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/pub/07-08/bill/asm/ab_1051-1100/ab_1075_bill_20080514_amended_sen_v96.pdf)

AB 1724 (Jones) Nuisance abatement

See attachment

AB 1972 (DeSaulnier) Solid Waste: plastic bags

[http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/pub/07-08/bill/asm/ab\\_1951-2000/ab\\_1972\\_bill\\_20080619\\_amended\\_sen\\_v96.pdf](http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/pub/07-08/bill/asm/ab_1951-2000/ab_1972_bill_20080619_amended_sen_v96.pdf)

**III. Regulatory Matters**

- June 17<sup>th</sup> CIWMB meeting
- CIWMB Financial Assurance Schedule
- Financial Assurance- Closure/Post Closure
- ADC/Organics

**IV. Other**

ATTACHMENT C