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**MINUTES OF SWANA CALIFORNIA LEGISLATIVE  
TASK FORCE MEETING  
PALM SPRINGS AT WESTERN REGIONAL SYMPOSIUM  
April 8, 2009**

**By: Mark Urquhart, Secretary**

The Legislative Task Force (LTF) telephone meeting started at about 4:30 PM. A quorum was present as there were at least 8 voting members present, including one alternate voting member, and at least one voting member from each chapter. A list of LTF task force members that participated is in Attachment A. There were also other participants present who are not listed in Attachment A that may be mentioned in the minutes below. 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**

Grace Chan said that the business items, including approval of minutes and the treasurer's report would be postponed until the next meeting.

**Next Meeting Date**

Grace Chan confirmed that the next meeting would be a telephone call from 10:30 to noon on May 7<sup>th</sup> 2009.

**II. REVIEW OF 2009 LEGISLATION**

The table below presents a summary of the discussions of the priority legislation discussed. Attachment C contains legislative summaries of the bills, grouped according to topics. The order of discussion was initially by bill number but then transitioned to the list by topics. There was not time to discuss or take positions on all the bills in Attachment D. Toward the end of the meeting review discussion on selected bills was brief and some quick positions taken.

**AB 283 (Chesbro)**

Mike Mohajer discussed that he still has concerns about a few items in the current language including the issue of the defined "cradle to cradle" the discussion of promoting development of diversion facilities, which is not directly related to producer responsibility, the major aspect of the bill and a few other items. Heidi Sanborne (Executive Director of Product Stewardship Council) gave a brief discussion of the bill. and said that these items may have been and oversight when the bill was edited to address the LTF concerns and she does not have a problem with those concerns and bringing them up to the author. She said that having the LTF support of the bill is important. There was some discussion that the LTF is in support of the concepts of the bill and the fact that CIWMB may have problems with some of the LTF concerns.

**Motion:**

Mike Mohajer made a motion that the LTF take a position of support if amended requesting "cradle to cradle" and promoting diversion facilities be removed. Lisa Wood seconded the motion. The motion passed as all were in favor.

### **SB 25 (Padilla)**

TW discussed that there have been significant amendments and that the LTF had previously take a concern stance with the author's office. It was discussed that the proposed amendments include reducing the tip fee increase to \$2.13/ton, but it is not clear if that will happen. TW will monitor developments of the bill and discuss with the LTF at the next meeting or sooner. She noted that committee hearings are coming up and letters need to be in a week prior to the hearings.

### **SB 64 (Krekorian)**

It was that this bill would eliminate solid waste projects as renewable energy projects, and therefore they would not be eligible for significant funding available to help renewable projects. It was decided the LTF should oppose this bill and needs to take a look at it as it is a very long bill. Grace Chan said she will follow up with a draft letter to the LTF for review.

### **Plastic Bag Bills**

A matrix that NE had compiled regarding the various plastic bag bills was passed out. It was discussed that bills need to be watched because there are two bills coming up in committee on April 13 and some bills contain negative aspects as it would relate to composting and other programs.

### **Abolishment of CIWMB**

The bills regarding this topic were discussed. Chuck White, regulatory affairs liaison for Waste Management, Inc. discussed that he thought it was important for the LTF to take a position in support of CIWMB retention as the current watch position would send a negative signal in his opinion and he would be concerned about the CIWMB responsibilities be pared up in departments. The LTF discussion noted that there were pros and cons to the CIWMB.

### **Motion:**

Grace Chan made a motion that the LTF continue to take no position and watch the bills. Mike Mohajer seconded the motion. The motion passed as all were in favor.

### **III. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned about 5:40 PM.

**ATTENDANCE LIST  
SWANA LEGISLATIVE TASK FORCE MEETING APRIL 8,, 2009**

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**2009 SWANA LTF In-Person Meeting  
Palm Springs Hilton Resort  
Palm Springs, CA 92262  
Western Regional Symposium  
April 8<sup>th</sup> 4:30-5:30 pm**

- 4:30-4:45 pm** Regular Legislative Task Force Business
- Welcome and Introductions
  - Approval of Minutes (postpone until May meeting)
  - Approval of Treasurer's Report (postpone until May meeting)
  - Next Meeting Date-
    - May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2009 10:30am- 12:00 pm
  - Other
- 4:45-5:30 pm** Review of 2009 Legislation
- AB 283 (Chesbro) review amendments (attached)
  - SB 25 (Padilla) review amendments (attached)
  - Review single-use bag legislation (attached)