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MINUTES OF SWANA CALIFORNIA LEGISLATIVE TASK FORCE TELEPHONE MEETING

April 12, 2007

By: Mark Urquhart, Secretary

The Legislative Task Force (LTF) meeting started at about 11:35 AM. A quorum was present as there were eleven voting members present, including alternate voting members, and at least one voting member from each chapter. Grace Chan chaired the meeting as Scott Johnston was not in attendance. A list of people that participated is in Attachment A. The agenda is Attachment B.

I. BUSINESS ITEMS AND LTF ACTIVITIES

Minutes from March 22, 2007 Meeting

At the beginning of the meeting Grace Chan asked if there were any comments from the draft minutes from the March meeting held in Sacramento. There were none.

Motion:

Mike Mohajer made a motion to approve the minutes from the March 22, 2007 meeting in Sacramento. John Gullledge seconded the motion. The motion carried, as all were in favor.

Western Regional Symposium (WRS)

Paul Yoder said he and Mark Leary, CIWMB Executive Director, discussed having a CIWMB staff person as a speaker in the LTF session at the WRS to discuss AB 32 and other topics looking ahead. It was decided by the LTF that this was a good idea that Paul Yoder should pursue it.

II. LEGISLATION

Paul Yoder selectively discussed the following bills from the agenda:

SB 1016 (Wiggins) – It was discussed that there were large amendments since the last version of the bill. The bill now would apply alternative compliance provisions only for jurisdictions that have attained 50 percent diversion. The LTF discussed sending a letter with a position of support if amended to include that “good faith efforts”, in addition to attainment of the 50 percent goal, should be a situation allowing alternative compliance methods. This would be similar to Regional Council of Rural Counties (RCRC) position letters that Larry Sweetser discussed. Larry Sweetser said he would have the RCRC letters circulated to the LTF.

SB 1020 (Padilla) – Would increase the landfill diversion rate to 75 percent by 2012. Paul Yoder discussed that there will be concerns voiced at committee hearings from most local government groups. It was discussed that individual jurisdictions weighing in with their specific concerns is very important. Paul Yoder encouraged all Counties and cities to send letters to their legislators. It was discussed that the LTF newsletter, soon to go out, will recommend that jurisdictions send letters to their legislators with their concerns relative to specific local conditions. Paul will also include a recommendation encouraging SWANA members to get local elected officials also contact the legislature.

SB 697 (Wiggins) – This bill regarding compost and mulch was amended to lay out a schedule for CALTRANS far into the future to work on using compost materials. Paul Yoder said he will check with the author’s office to confirm that this will not become an anti-ADC bill. The LTF will take a support position on this bill because it encourages markets for compost material.

Other bills discussions form the agenda are included in the Table, below.

Bill ID	Author	Topic: Discussion
AB 800	Lieu, Ted (D)	<i>Discharge of hazardous substance, sewage, or other waste: notification.</i> Bill was amended to take out the 2-hour provisions on notification but it is not clear on new wording regarding “immediately”. Penalties have been increased. Other concerns discussed by LTF included what is significant enough to require reporting and the concern that the bill would open individuals up to for lawsuits.
AB 1237	Hancock, Loni (D)	<i>Solid waste: solid waste facilities.</i> Paul Yoder said this bill is poorly drafted and will be modified.
AB 1610	Nunez, Fabian (D)	<i>Solid waste fees.</i> The LTF is drafting a letter of concern. Some technical issues have been identified and LTF needs to work identifying the policy aspects of any fee increase. It was decided that rather than an oppose position, strategically, the LTF should send a letter of concern indicating opposition unless more specific justification is made for fees in the bill. Paul Yoder will also check what the League and others are doing and send a draft letter to LTF for review.
SB 826	Padilla, Alex (D)	<i>Solid waste: environmental justice:</i> This bill is set for hearing. Paul Yoder said that the positions from various groups will vary. Even though there is concern by the LTF, this bill will only be watched by the LTF for now.

III REGULATORY ISSUES

The following regulatory issues were discussed (did not involve discussion on all agenda items).

Landfill Gas Monitoring Regulations – Paul Yoder discussed with Mark Leary the concerns by the LTF that its and other stakeholder concerns were overlooked. He said that Mark Leary seemed shocked to hear this and asked for copies of letters sent during the comment periods. Paul Yoder told Mark Leary that he would email copies of those comment documents to him by end of day. Paul Yoder said that Mark Leary might hold the item one month if the situation was compelling. Mark Leary told Paul Yoder that he would review the comments personally. Nancy Ewert indicated she had a copy of the all of the letters that were submitted to the CIWMB which she could scan and send to Paul Yoder. Mike Mohajer noted that LA County was in support of the draft regulations because the County already has stricter regulations.

Alternative Management Standards for Treated Wood Waste – Larry Sweetser said this regulation will become final in another month.

Permit Implementation (AB 1497) – Larry Sweetser said these regulation were approved by OAL and will become final in a few days.

Post Closure Report - Paul Yoder said the selection of the consultant was put on hold over concern of the qualification of the consultant.

IV OTHER BUSINESS

None.

V ADJOURN

It was discussed that no phone meeting was needed before the next LTF meeting at the WRS. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 12:35 PM.

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SWANA LEGISLATIVE TASK FORCE PHONE MEETING
APRIL 12, 2007**

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Access Dial in number 1.800.867.2581
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I. Business Items

- Introductions
- Approval of Meeting Meetings - ATTACHMENT
- Western Regional Symposium
- Other

II. Legislative Matters

SB 1016 (Wiggins) – Please note the April 10 amendments, which are significant
 SB 697 (Wiggins) – Re compost and mulch, please review the 4/9 amends

Legislation:

Bill ID	Author	Topic
AB 6	Houston, Guy (R)	Greenhouse gases: market-based compliance mechanisms.
AB 15	Houston, Guy (R)	California Environmental Quality Act.
AB 35	Ruskin, Ira (D)	Environment: state buildings: sustainable building standards.
AB 48	Saldana, Lori (D)	Hazardous waste: electronic devices.
AB 258	Krekorian, Paul (D)	Environment: marine debris: plastic discharges.
AB 546	Brownley, Julia (D)	Electronic waste: computers.
AB 548	Levine, Lloyd (D)	Solid waste: multifamily dwellings.
AB 640	De La Torre, Hector (D)	Waste discharge requirements: waiver.
AB 656	Plescia, George (R)	Hazardous waste: alkaline batteries.
AB 722	Levine, Lloyd (D)	Energy: general service incandescent lamp.
AB 729	Mullin, Gene (D)	Recycling: e-waste.
AB 769	Aghazarian, Greg (R)	Sales and use taxes: exemptions: fuel to transport biomass.
AB 800	Lieu, Ted (D)	Discharge of hazardous substance, sewage, or other waste: notification.
AB 820	Karnette, Betty (D)	Recycling polystyrene: state facilities.
AB 844	Berryhill, Tom (R)	Recycling businesses.
AB 904	Feuer, Mike (D)	Recycling: food containers.
AB 1018	Emmerson, William (R)	Porter-Cologne Water Quality Control Act: waste cleanup.
AB 1023	DeSaulnier, Mark (D)	Recycling: compostable and biodegradable plastic trash bags.
AB 1075	Cook, Paul (R)	Solid waste diversion: biomass conversion.
AB 1109	Huffman, Jared (D)	Energy resources: lighting efficiency: hazardous waste.
AB 1150	Lieu, Ted (D)	Solid waste: transformation.
AB 1183	Hancock, Loni (D)	Hazardous materials: Cortese list.
AB 1193	Ruskin, Ira (D)	Mercury-added thermostats: collection program.
AB 1195	Torrigo, Alberto (D)	Recycling: used oil: payment.
AB 1207	Smyth, Cameron (R)	Solid waste: biosolids.
AB 1237	Hancock, Loni (D)	Solid waste: solid waste facilities.
AB 1371	Ruskin, Ira (D)	Hazardous waste: civil penalty.
AB 1391	Brownley, Julia (D)	Discharge of hazardous substance or sewage: notification.
AB 1447	Calderon, Charles (D)	Hazardous waste: major appliances.
AB 1473	Feuer, Mike (D)	Solid waste facility: permits: enforcement.
AB 1535	Huffman, Jared (D)	Electronic waste: personal computers.
AB 1610	Nunez, Fabian (D)	Solid waste: fees.

Bill ID	Author	Topic
SB 140	Kehoe, Christine (D)	Vehicular air pollution: renewable diesel fuel.
SB 410	Simitian, Joe (D)	Energy: renewable energy resources.
SB 411	Simitian, Joe (D)	Energy: renewable energy resources.
SB 456	Simitian, Joe (D)	Diacetyl.
SB 529	Migden, Carole (D)	Rigid plastic packaging.
SB 616	Margett, Bob (R)	Waste discharge requirements: horse racing facilities.
SB 697	Wiggins, Patricia (D)	Compost.
SB 774	Ridley-Thomas, Mark (D)	Hazardous packaging.
SB 817	Ducheny, Denise (D)	Hazardous waste: treatment: silver.
SB 826	Padilla, Alex (D)	Solid waste: environmental justice.
SB 842	Scott, Jack (D)	Integrated waste management: definitions: gasification.
SB 896	Negrete McLeod, Gloria (D)	Solid waste: beverage container recycling: expenditure of funds.
SB 898	Simitian, Joe (D)	Solid waste: cleanup.
SB 899	Simitian, Joe (D)	Toxic substances: perfluorinated compounds.
SB 932	Ashburn, Roy (R)	Hazardous waste: listings.
SB 958	Margett, Bob (R)	Hazardous Waste Control Law.
SB 966	Simitian, Joe (D)	Pharmaceutical drug disposal.
SB 1001	Perata, Don (D)	California regional water quality control boards: membership.
SB 1016	Wiggins, Patricia (D)	Diversion: alternative compliance system.
SB 1020	Padilla, Alex (D)	Solid waste: diversion.
SB 1021	Padilla, Alex (D)	Beverage containers: grants.

III. Regulatory Issues

- Treated Wood Waste Regulations & Disposal Reporting
- [Active Disposal Site Gas Monitoring and Control](#)
- [Mammalian Tissue Composting](#)
- [Permit Implementation \(AB 1497\)](#)
- ARB regs
- Post Post Closure update

IV. Other Business

VI. Adjourn