# SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE & LOCAL TASK FORCE MEETING MINUTES

December 13, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 9:02 a.m. Attendees are listed on the attached sheet(s). *Committee Members Present:* Michael Geyer, Bob Hampton, Larry Moxley, Ken Weir, Cathy Prout, and Leticia Perez. *Committee Members Not Present:* Mick Gleason, David Couch, Leslie Golich, Bob Smith, and Orchel Krier.

**Item #1: Introductions.**

**Item #2: Approval of Minutes.**

**MOTION:** *Approve Minutes for the meeting held on June 14, 2019.*

Motion made to approve minutes by Bob Hampton; seconded by Leticia Perez. Motion was unopposed.

**Item #3: Board Member Vacancy by Ms. Lynn Brooks:** Ms. Lynn Brooks, Assistant Director of Public Works, announced the resignation of former member Craig Mifflin, Recycler representative for the Committee. Any recommendations from all present were asked to be sent to Karina Mendez, meeting organizer.

**Item #4: Keep Kern Beautiful presented by Ms. Heidi Carter-Escudero:** Ms. Heidi Carter-Escudero, Marketing and Promotions Coordinator, revealed the new Keep Kern Beautiful (KKB) logo, which contains a poppy and the colors of the Kern County Public Works (KCPW) Department's logo. This helps in distinguishing the KKB logo as affiliated with the department and Keep California Beautiful. Ms. Carter-Escudero also informed the Committee of the outcome from the first KKB committee meeting held on Tuesday, December 10, 2019. Members of the public who attended were separated into three groups, creating a Community Appearance Index, Focus Area Research & Inventory, and Organizational Structure. Monthly meetings were established for the second Thursday of each month from 3 pm to 5 pm. The first steps the committee will be working on are the Organization Structure including the Mission Statement, preliminary Community Appearance Index, and Community Partner List.

**Item #5: Removing & Preventing Illegal Dumping (R.A.P.I.D.) Update presented by Ms. Lisa Shreder:** Ms. Lisa Shreder, Public Works Manager, presented the 2019 YTD statistics for the R.A.P.I.D. crew: 4,860 different sites cleaned, 769 tons of waste hauled (including 1,140 mattresses), and 113 encampments. The crew drives throughout Kern County collecting waste illegally dumped on the sides of the road, in the road right of way, from encampment locations and waste reported on work orders from the public. Chairman, Michael Geyer, asked if the KCPW department is actively tracking on a map the frequency of areas where the crews are constantly called out to. Ms. Shreder responded that the department doesn't currently have a map listing the hot spots the crews tend to, however the Mattress Recycling Council does provide a map listing the hot

spots of where Mattresses are collected from. Mr. Geyer then asked what the department does when items like motor oil are found on the side of the road. Ms. Shreder answered that the department enlists employees from the Special Waste Facility to be involved in handling these types of waste. Director of KCPW, Craig Pope mentioned that the department does have a grasp on what the County's hotspot areas are.

**Item #6: Evaluations of Statement of Interest for Waste Diversion Services presented by Mr. Chuck Magee:** Mr. Chuck Magee, Public Works Manager, gave the Committee an update on the companies who responded to the department's request for proposals on Waste Diversion Services in compliance with the SB 1383. HF&H spearheaded the process of advertising and sorting through the proposals. Evaluations and interviews have been started on a total of nine companies including Recology Synagro, CP Group, WastAway, Harvest Power, Suez, Zero-Waste Energy, Zanker, and Anaergia. The department is about halfway through the process now and are waiting to make a few proposals.

**Item #7: Title 5 & 8 Ordinances presented by Ms. Lisa Shreder:** Ms. Shreder explained that the Title 5 County Ordinance pertains to Franchise Haulers and the Title 8 County Ordinance pertains to Solid Waste. The department proposed a change ordinance to the Kern County Board of Supervisors that states any franchise hauler, non-franchise hauler, or anyone contracted with the County to haul waste cannot operate any of the County-owned waste handling facilities located within the County.

**Item #8: Land Use Fees presented by Ms. Lynn Brooks:** The Land Use Fee is currently at $82.89 and has not seen a raise since 2012. The Department is currently identifying options on what the Land Use Fee increase should look like for the upcoming Fiscal Year. Since the Gate Fees are tied together with the Land Use Fees, an increase in the Land Use Fees would cause an increase in the Gate Fees also. This increase is largely due to the upcoming State changes in the diversion and organics requirements with the SB 1383 regulations. It is an expensive process and hence, the need for the department to request the SOI's for Waste Diversion Services. A Prop 218 process will be required, but the timing is not yet finalized.

**Item #9: Bena Power Producers presented by Mr. Brandon Fontes:** Mr. Fontes, KCPW Engineering Manager, discussed the project involving the Bena landfill. The project does not appear to be viable to the County from a risk perspective. The Department will continue to work with BPP for a final resolution.

**Item #10: Kevin Barnes' Retirement, (COB):** After 25 years of being the Solid Waste Director for the City of Bakersfield, Mr. Kevin Barnes announced it is time for him to retire. He introduced James Leonard, Superintendent, and Greg Ollivier, Assistant Solid Waste Director, both from the City of Bakersfield's Solid Waste Division. Retirement dinner will be held on Monday, December 30th at 6 PM at Mauricio's Grill & Cantina on 10700 Rosedale Hwy.

**Item #11: Cities Issues –** Mr. Kevin Barnes reported on the City of Los Angeles's interest in the City of Bakersfield's composting modules. They intend to tour the facilities and

discuss with the City ideas on composting. Mr. Barnes also discussed the upcoming challenges with the regulation changes due to SB 1383

**Item #12: Public Comments** – David Villario thanked Supervisor Perez for inviting him to the meeting. He is the President/CEO of "F.I.E.L.D." or Kern Service and Conservation Corps shared information on the F.I.E.L.D. institute and introduced two members, Quincy Reed and Mary Zindler. The Corps recently was certified by CalRecycle and received $800K to go towards recycling tires, oil, and e-waste. They will begin training their members on the values of recycling. They have funding that will cover salaries and compensation, and can offer low-cost services as they are a certified conservation corps who are exempt from paying prevailing wages. The conservation corps is intended to aid those with disadvantaged backgrounds with newfound leadership skills to take with them in their future jobs. This program also allows the individuals to receive college credit for their work.

**Item #13: Committee Member Comments** - None

**MOTION:** *Adjourn meeting*.

Motion made to adjourn meeting by Bob Hampton; seconded by Ken Weir. Committee unanimously approved.

Meeting adjourned at 10:14 a.m.