

**GLENN COUNTY  
WASTE MANAGEMENT REGIONAL AGENCY  
A JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY**

MINUTES  
FEBRUARY 17, 2010

The Glenn County Waste Management Regional Agency Meeting convened at 5:41 p.m. on the above date, at Glenn County Public Works Conference Room with the following members present:

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Michael Murray, County of Glenn      Paul Barr, City of Orland  
Gary Hansen, City of Willows      Vince Holvik, City of Willows

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Steve Soeth, County of Glenn      Tracey Quarne, County of Glenn  
Bruce Roundy, City of Orland

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Clayton Coles

**STAFF PRESENT:** John Linhart      Randy Murphy  
Mandy Kleykamp      Jennifer Cannizzaro

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1. **WELCOME**

Mr. Murphy welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. **ROLL CALL**

Introductions

3. **ACTION ITEMS:**

3.1 Approve the Minutes of November 18, 2009

On a motion of Member Murray, seconded by Member Holvik, it was unanimously voted to accept the minutes of November 18, 2009.

3.2 Election of Chairman and Vice-Chairman

On a motion of Member Murray, seconded by Member Holvik, it was unanimously voted to elect Member Soeth as Chairman and Member Hansen as Vice-Chairman.

4. **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

4.1 Status of Solid Waste Activities

Members reviewed the following:

**Grants Status**

**Department of Conservation Beverage Container Recycling Grant**

It appears that there will be no Beverage Container Recycling Grant funds from Department of Conservation in 2010. For Glenn County, there will be a loss of \$10,000. For Orland and Willows, the loss will be \$5000 each, assuming that no grants are given.

As difficult as the loss of grant funds might be, the loss of places to bring recyclable beverage containers back for refund may be harder to take. As of October neither of Glenn County's larger recycling centers had

plans to lay off employees, cut hours of service or staff, or close altogether. The likelihood that Glenn County residents will have difficulty reclaiming the redemption value charged on these containers remains quite high, however. Pressure from elected officials in support of restoration of bottle bill funds may help keep these centers open and their sometimes difficult to place employees working.

### **Used Oil Block Grant**

We have received both the final payment for 12<sup>th</sup> cycle funds and the Notice to Proceed for 14<sup>th</sup> cycle funds. On August 15<sup>th</sup> we submitted the annual grant report. We have applied for 15<sup>th</sup> cycle funds.

### **Household Hazardous Waste**

On Wednesday, February 4, PSC collected 5 drums of latex, and 6 drums of “paint related materials”, 1 drum pesticides or other toxics, and a total of 53 gallons of assorted caustic bases or acids. The landfill crew had pre-sorted most of the materials, and the contractor was here about 3 hours altogether finish-sorting, packing, and loading. This load represents load checking wastes collected since August 15, 2009 when the facility was emptied out under HD17, the ESJPA grant.

Staff has been working on the operations plan, and conducting short, targeted training sessions with the crew.

### **Non-Grant Business**

#### **Landfill Gas**

In December Haling & Associates contractor installed 17 new gas monitoring wells. These wells will become the legal perimeter monitoring points when the permit revision is approved and the deed to the property is recorded. Meanwhile, we are still reporting gas levels as sampled in the currently permitted wells. Gas was very high throughout the facility in February (sampled by Haling & Associates), partly due to wet, anaerobic conditions within the waste, and partly to low pressure in the area the day sampling occurred. In view of the high gas levels always present at Gas Probe 6, the technician went to the new well closest to Probe 6 and sampled all probes. The levels were “Zero”. This bodes very well for the eventual lifting of the N & O for landfill gas.

#### **Notice and Order (N&O)**

Because we had two months without a tonnage violation, the N & O for tonnage is in abeyance. With the approval of our gas plan, all that remains is to install the new monitoring points and re-permit the facility. See progress of the permit below.

#### **Solid Waste Long Term Strategic Plan**

An interview panel met on January 25 and determined that four of the seven submitting firms would be interviewed. At the end of the discussion the panel determined to interview all firms submitting proposals with cost estimates under \$1 million. On February 1 the panel interviewed the short listed firms. Although a final selection has not been announced at the time this report is being prepared, there are two finalists who will be asked to present “apples to apples” cost estimates based on a hypothetical, structured scenario developed by the County. Although it is anticipated that the lower cost estimate will win the contract, the panelist unanimously agree that either of the two finalists will do a fine job and that the work performed will be of the highest caliber available.

#### **Permitting**

Staff met with the Local Enforcement Agency on February 2 for a conference call with CalRecycle (formerly CIWMB) staff. We had learned at the end of January that our permit application was slated to be denied for regulatory reasons, particularly omissions and format issues with the Report of Disposal Information (RDSI), and because the Preliminary Closure/Post-Closure Maintenance Plan (PCPCMP) needed to be updated. Upon discussion the details of the deficiencies were reviewed, and a decision was made to authorize CalRecycle staff to waive the timeline for the permit review, allowing us time to re-write the RDSI and update the cost calculations in the PCPCMP.

The official letter authorizing staff to waive the timeline was delivered to the LEA on Thursday, February 4. CalRecycle noted that Glenn County has waived the timeline in the permit workshop held on February 8. We can extend the time by submitting another letter, but the timeline is now waived through May 4, 2010 unless we complete our redactions prior to that date.

Staff is still working on the 5 year Programs Review. This is taking much longer than anticipated due to difficulties in editing and a flurry of permitting, grant reports, and agenda items that have occupied time. The Waste Board has been advised on the progress regularly. This report may in fact be submitted by the time this agenda packet reaches Regional Agency members.

### **Waste Discharge Requirements**

There is nothing new to report, other than the heavy rains have produced significant leachate throughout the facility. The Regional Water Quality Control Board has been notified of this, samples have been collected from the one seep that is leaving the permitted facility and flowing into the area south of the landfill. This information will be reported in detail in the First Quarter Groundwater Monitoring Report.

### **Landfill Acquisition**

The County completed the purchase of the Fumasi property, a small section on the northwest corner of the facility. Hearing of the case relating to the Foley property was postponed due to the unavailability of Mr. Foley.

The Glenn County Agriculture Department biologists were present during the first day of gas well installation, but declined to delineate (either on a map or on the ground) any areas they believe to potentially have threatened or endangered species. They should be completing their survey in the next few weeks, while the ground remains moist and vegetation is actively growing. Due to the presence of cattle on the property, it may be difficult to locate any such species, but early spring is the right time to look. Upon their demonstration that nothing is present, or upon their demonstration of where they want us to avoid disturbing whatever they might potentially find, we will be able to demonstrate that we complied with our CEQA mitigations and can proceed with the other improvements necessary.

### **Illegal Dumping**

Deputy Director Chavez has designated a Code Enforcement Officer to investigate illegal dumpsites and litter complaints. Together with Solid Waste staff, Ms. Chavez is also working on a draft illegal dumping ordinance for the county that will more thoroughly define the crime, standards of evidence for conviction, penalties, and other details that will make enforcement more likely to result in conviction and cost recovery.

### **Landfill Fees**

### **Equipment and Personnel**

The PPWA has promoted Doug Immoos to the Landfill Foreman position. Dade Smith has been promoted to PWMW 4, and Darren Schroer has been promoted to fill Dade's PWMW 3 position. Darren has been substituting at the landfill for at least a year as needed. His training period should proceed rapidly once he becomes a full time Solid Waste operator.

There is a need for more targeted Solid Waste training at the Management level for Mr. Immoos, and Solid Waste management is very interested in supporting efforts to cross train operators and clerical staff to serve as backup at the landfill, or vice-versa as needed.

### **Public Relations**

The Glenn County Fair is accepting booth rentals, and the Solid Waste Department has again sponsored a booth. We plan to devote some, although less than usual, funding from our Used Oil Block Grant for premiums to hand out. Although this funding source is only available to promote used oil activities, the Fair is the best outreach opportunity of the year, and information about the landfill's progress might be very much appreciated by residents.

## **Closures**

Since October 1, the landfill has closed on 30 times for tonnage and 9 times for wind (as of February 8). This is the breakout:

October: 3 closures for wind, 9 for tonnage. No days over 100 tons.

November: 2 closures for wind, 12 for tonnage. One day over 100 tons.

December: 1 closure for wind, 3 for tonnage. No days over 100 tons.

January: 3 closures for wind, 6 for tonnage. One day over 100 tons.

### 4.2 Permit Application Update

Ms. Kleykamp reported that the Five Year Program Review is ready for the Committee to review so that it can be submitted to Cal Recycle (formerly CIWMB). Discussion ensued on the process of submitting the five year review. Members agreed to hold a special meeting on March 3, 2010 to review the matter.

### 4.3 Emergency Solid Waste Disposal Plan

Mr. Murphy explained that due to flooding on County Road 33 during the recent storms the Waste Management trucks were not able to reach the Landfill. Waste Management's policy is requires them the empty their trucks daily so they were forced to use another landfill, losing revenue for our landfill. Mr. Murphy suggested having a plan or process in place. Mr. Linhart suggested a policy of notifying the hauler that the roads are closed.

## 5. **UNSCHEDULED ITEMS**

None presented.

## 6. **ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA**

None presented.

## 7. **NEXT MEETING**

May 19, 2010 at 5:30 p.m.

Glenn County Public Works Conference Room

Meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m.