



MEMO TO: Board of Directors

FROM: Solid Waste Specialist, Michelle Wu

SUBJECT: July 24, 2013 Solid Waste Committee Meeting Minutes

DATE: July 29, 2013

On Wednesday, July 24, 2013, CVSan Directors Dave Sadoff and Melody Appleton met as the Solid Waste Committee. CVSan General Manager Roland Williams and Solid Waste Specialist (SWS) Michelle Wu were in attendance.

1. [Call to Order]

The meeting was called to order by Chair Sadoff at 5:58 p.m.

2. [Items from the Public]

There were no items from the public.

The Committee moved to Item #8 for discussion at this time.

8. [ACWMA Board Meeting agenda review]

Chair Sadoff provided the Committee with a brief update of the ACWMA Board meeting that took place immediately prior to the CVSan Solid Waste Committee meeting. Chair Sadoff stated the ACWMA Board was discussing the feasibility of maintaining HHW facilities on weekdays compared to weekends. The ACWMA Board was also considering a mobile collection unit. Chair Sadoff explained that he exited the ACWMA Board meeting prior to the conclusion of the HHW discussion.

Chair Sadoff reported the City of Dublin voted 3-2 against the Benchmark Fee Resolution at the July Dublin City Council meeting. Chair Sadoff stated the City of Dublin's ACWMA representative shared the City Council's concerns with the Benchmark Fee, including the value of the benchmark report, the fairness of the opt-out provisions, and the possibility of future fees.

3. [Green Ribbon Schools Program Report]

SWS Wu presented the 2012/13 Green Ribbon Schools Program report to the Committee. SWS Wu highlighted that 13 schools were certified in the program this past year and the average diversion rate for a Green Ribbon school was 75%. Member Appleton noted one school did not submit their application on time and recommended the deadline for the Green Ribbon application submittal be moved to midnight on the due date. The Committee agreed. Manager Williams also suggested that if there is a more memorable due date in the spring, staff should consider that as well. SWS Wu thanked the Committee for their suggestions.

Manager Williams exited the meeting.

4. [Schools Waste Audit Report]

SWS Wu presented the 2012/13 Schools Waste Audit report to the Committee, completed by the former Solid Waste Program Intern. Chair Sadoff stated he was pleased to see the elementary schools progress in food scrap recycling in Chart B. He hopes to see this trend continue at the middle school and high school levels in the next few years. Both Chair Sadoff and Member Appleton noted a few schools in Table 2 found a high percentage of actual garbage in the garbage during the waste audit. They recommended staff reward the top school with a framed certificate for finding the most garbage in the garbage. SWS Wu thanked the Committee for their suggestion.

5. [Schools 4R Field Trip Report]

SWS Wu presented the 2012/13 Schools 4R Field Trip report, completed by the former Solid Waste Program Intern. Member Appleton commented that the report was well done. Chair Sadoff agreed. Chair Sadoff agreed with the report recommendation to have the students hand-sort the fake trash as opposed to using the online sorting game. He noted this hands-on activity would be valuable to learning and also would allow the students to get out of their seats for an activity. The Committee agreed.

6. [Review of Draft June Solid Waste Department Report]

The Committee reviewed the Draft June Solid Waste Department report. Chair Sadoff asked about the multi-family program vision plan. SWS Wu replied that this vision plan would be similar to the plan completed for the commercial business program, containing a 3-year framework with specific short-term and long-term goals to increase diversion in the multi-family sector.

Chair Sadoff asked if CVSan is on track to receive comparable franchise fees for 2013 as in 2012, and if downsizing garbage carts has any effect on franchise fees. SWS Wu responded she would look into his request.

7. [Review of July 12, 2013 TAC Meeting Summary Memo]

The Committee reviewed the July TAC Meeting Summary Memo. Chair Sadoff provided the Committee with a brief overview of StopWaste.Org's 5-year audit report. Chair Sadoff noted the report found in high-performing cities, 30% of "good stuff" in the garbage was a high point.

9. [Miscellaneous items from Committee members and staff]

There were no miscellaneous items.

10. [Miscellaneous of Meeting]

The meeting was adjourned at 6:44 p.m. by Chair Sadoff.