



**MEMO TO:** Board of Directors

**FROM:** Solid Waste Supervisor, Naomi Lue

**SUBJECT:** December 5, 2012 Solid Waste Committee Meeting Minutes

**DATE:** December 14, 2012

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On Wednesday, December 5, 2012, CVSan Directors Dave Sadoff and Ralph Johnson met as the Solid Waste Committee. CVSan General Manager Roland Williams and Solid Waste Supervisor (SWSup) Naomi Lue were also in attendance.

1. ***[Call to Order]***

The meeting was called to order by Chair Sadoff at 4:35 p.m.

2. ***[Items from the Public]***

There were no items from the public.

3. ***[Cart Recall Update]***

SWSup Lue stated that the Board had received an update on the number of carts that were swapped last night at the regular Board meeting. She provided an update on rain preparations, safety, calls from residents, the Rowell Ranch site, and plans for the final week.

Member Johnson suggested that CVSan host an appreciation lunch or dinner as a thank you to the Rehrig Pacific Company workers and staff for a job well done, and Chair Sadoff agreed. SWSup Lue agreed to coordinate a casual event with Rehrig and Waste Management of Alameda County, Inc. (WMAC)'s schedules.

Chair Sadoff inquired as to how WMAC and Rehrig will ensure that this will not happen again, and Manager Williams responded that the vendor has done extensive materials testing, and has integrated batch testing into the manufacturing process. He stated that because Rehrig had record of the batches by serial number, they were able to narrow down which carts were affected by the contaminants. Chair Sadoff suggested that Manager Williams author a letter thanking Rehrig for how they handled the difficult situation.

4. ***[WMAC Quality Control Audit Report]***

The Committee reviewed the November 19, 2012 audit report, and Chair Sadoff noted a cart that was completely upside down and a 183 second wait time (3 minutes and 5 seconds) at the Call Center. SWSup Lue stated that it is possible for a cart to tip upside down, but that it is more likely that the cart was touched by someone other than the driver after collection services were provided. SWSup Lue confirmed that the wait time in the agreement is 2 minutes, and that WMAC would look into what caused the longer wait time that day. Chair Sadoff asked

how much staff time is spent on the audit and report, and SWSup Lue stated approximately 10 hours. The Committee agreed that the time spent was well worth it with the quality of data received, and noted that they wouldn't mind joining staff on an audit in the future for a couple of hours.

**5. *[Spring Collection Event Items]***

SWSup Lue stated that the topic had been discussed as a miscellaneous previously, but that staff was seeking the Committee's direction based on the Community Advisory Committee's recommendation. After discussion, the Committee approved the following items for collection at the April 2013 event: mattresses, tires, shredding, and a compost give-away.

The Committee also approved collecting pharmaceuticals only at the August 2013 event due to CVSsan's sponsorship of a drop box at Eden Medical Center. Manager Williams inquired about the location of the drop box due to the move of the hospital, and SWSup Lue stated that Solid Waste Specialist (SWS) Figueiredo would follow up and take a new photo for the website.

**6. *[Reusable Bag Ordinance Outreach Update]***

The Committee was presented with a sample of the reusable bag that CVSsan will be distributing in January 2013, and SWSup Lue reported that the bags were made from preconsumer scrap fabric from the retailer Crate & Barrel, made locally in San Francisco, CA, and were about \$4/each. She confirmed that CVSsan purchased about 1,000, and that the District has distributed over 5,000 reusable bags of other styles the last few years. She noted that the Board would receive instructions and talking points for the give-away at the January Board meeting.

Manager Williams discussed the possible sale of the bags, and the Committee noted that a business license would likely need to be sought. It was also noted that other public agencies who sell products have a non-profit foundation who manages the sales.

SWSup Lue noted that staff has considered a Bag Bring Back/Swap in the future, and that the issue of concern was regarding bag sanitation. The Committee stated that participants could sign a waiver, and SWSup Lue thanked the Committee for their feedback.

**7. *[School Boundaries Update]***

Manager Williams provided an update on this item from the October and November Committee meetings, and reported on his conversation with legal counsel. The Committee agreed that no action would be taken, and recommended that CVSsan's basemap be flagged noting that CVSsan does not provide solid waste or wastewater services to the property.

8. ***[Request to Amend to WMA Joint Powers Agreement]***  
The Committee reviewed the request from Alameda County Waste Management Authority (StopWaste.Org) to amend the joint powers agreement, and for the item to be added to the January 2013 Board meeting agenda. The Committee agreed that the request appeared to be straightforward and recommended that the item be added to the January Board meeting agenda.

9. ***Summary of November 9, 2012 TAC Meeting]***  
SWSup Lue provided an update from an ad-hoc Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) meeting that was organized by SWS Figueiredo as TAC Chair and other members of TAC (staff of other Alameda County jurisdictions). She reported on some of the comments and concerns that were raised by TAC members regarding communication and process. She reported that SWS Figueiredo was planning to meet with the StopWaste.Org Executive Director to communicate the issues.

Manager Williams stated that one of the purposes of TAC was for staff members to receive information on items that their Board representatives would be voting on. The Committee requested that staff keep them updated.

10. ***[ACWMA Board Meeting agenda review]***  
Chair Sadoff reported that the agenda was not out yet.

11. ***[Miscellaneous items from Committee members and staff]***  
***a. Ready Set Recycle Contest Phase II***  
The Committee asked if there is an opt-out provision for residents who wish to not have their garbage reviewed by StopWaste.Org as part of the contest, as Board Member McGowan raised the question at the Board meeting. SWSup Lue stated that she believed that to still be an option for Alameda County residents.

***b. Davis Street Transfer Station (DSTS) Tour***  
The Committee reported that Board Member McGowan attended a tour with his daughter's class at DSTS and was disturbed when the tour facilitator instructed attendees that aluminum foil and plastic bags (bag-a-bag) were not accepted in the program. SWSup Lue stated that she would follow up on the incorrect education.

***c. DSTS Fuel Surcharge***  
Member Johnson stated that during a recent self-haul trip to DSTS in November, he was charged a 20% fuel surcharge totaling about \$6.00. SWSup Lue stated that she would research the charge and follow up with Member Johnson. He also noted that the traffic director was working behind k-rails, which was different than from before the tragedy at DSTS.

**d. Regional FOG Collection**

Manager Williams stated that at a recent Manager's Roundtable, there was discussion regarding regional collection of fats, oils & grease (FOG). The Committee discussed the availability of FOG and heavy grease, and the involvement of StopWaste.Org in coordinating efforts.

**12. [Adjournment of Meeting]**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 p.m. by Chair Sadoff.