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# SACRAMENTO ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

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A JOINT COMMISSION APPOINTED BY:  
County of Sacramento  
City of Sacramento  
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## **MEETING MINUTES**

**MONDAY, JANUARY 27, 2014, 6P.M.  
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO**

**ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT  
10590 ARMSTRONG AVENUE MATHER, CALIFORNIA 95655**

### **ITEM**

1. Call to Order – Chair Namba

*The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm.*

2. Roll Call – Staff Secretary

*Commission Members Present: Margie Namba, Mark White, Robert Bailey, Dana Curran, George "Buzz" Link, Dr. Anthony DeRiggi, Secret Charles-Ford, Mark Barry*

*Staff Members Present: Val Siebal, Jill Koehn*

3. Introduction of Commissioners – Chair Namba

*The Commission Members each took a turn introducing themselves.*

4. Public Comment – Chair Namba

*There was no public comment.*

5. **CONSENT ITEMS** – Approval of September 2013 and October 2013 Meeting Minutes

*A motion was made by Robert Bailey and seconded by Dr. Anthony DeRiggi, to approve the minutes of the September 2013 meeting, with the caveat that there wasn't a quorum of members voting at the January 2014 meeting that had also attended the September 2013 meeting.*

*Ayes: Margie Namba, Robert Bailey, Dana Curran, George " Buzz" Link, Dr. Anthony DeRiggi, , Secret Charles-Ford, Mark Barry*

*Noes: None*

*Abstentions: Mark White*

*A motion was made by George "Buzz" Link and seconded by Dana Curran to approve the minutes of the October 2013 meeting with the caveat that there wasn't a quorum of members voting at the January 2014 meeting that had also attended the October 2013 meeting.*

*Ayes: Margie Namba, Dana Curran, George " Buzz Link, Secret Charles-Ford, Mark Barry*

*Noes: None*

*Abstentions: Mark White, Bob Bailey, Anthony DeRiggi*

6. Presentation on E-waste recycling in Sacramento County, by Lindy Sperry and Patrick Brown, of California Electronic Waste Recovery.

*CEAR is a dual entity collector/recycler of electronic waste with locations in California and Texas. They recycled, or dismantled and processed, over 22 million pounds of e-waste in 2013. CEAR's Mather facility has two specialized machines that use chains to produce centrifugal force that separates the electronic waste materials, which are later hand sorted or auto sorted. This process is cleaner and more efficient than the traditional knife shredding process which mixes the product materials that are being recycled and uses more energy. Dismantled parts that are hazardous are packaged accordingly and sent to Hazardous Material certified vendors for packaging and disposal due to the fact that CEAR's is not Hazardous Waste certified.*

*Examples of electronic materials that CEAR's accepts for recycling are computers, circuit boards, power units, speakers, keyboards, televisions, telephones, cables, calculators, vacuums and small appliances. Hard drives are shredded and the consumer has the choice to witness the shred if they choose.*

*All downstream vendors that receive the pieces of recycled products are audited by the Cear's owner annually.*

*The funding stream for CEARS's e-waste recycling comes from CalRecycle and State Funding. The primary materials that produce the largest income from the recycling of e-waste are aluminum and copper. Many of the dismantled parts go to China or Mexico for recycling.*

*IT Renew is currently CEAR's largest customer, with Sacramento County coming in second.*

*There is a downward trend in the weight of the recycling material annually, most likely due to the decreasing size of electronic products.*

7. Recycling Update by Steve Harriman, Integrated Waste Manager for the City of Sacramento

*Measure T was on the City of Sacramento ballot in November 2012, and passed with 51.4%. This measure mandates the collection of green waste using cans, versus putting the waste on the curb and calling for pickup. Everyone in the City of Sacramento now has the same waste/recycling program and the same pickup schedule. This program started July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2013.*

*Recycling has switched from weekly to every other week. This has been a very controversial issue. The reduction in cost with bi-weekly recycling pickup is very significant, approximately 1 million dollars per year.*

*The pick up tonnage has decreased by 10-12 % since the July reduction to every other week pick up but, proportionally, garbage tonnage has also been decreasing every year.*

*The cost of switching back to every week recycling pick up would be approximately 1.2 million dollars, including nine new trucks and ten new employees. Sacramento City Council will be looking at that decision based on cost and perception.*

*Illegal Dumping is a huge issue in the city of Sacramento. They picked up 7,670 reported piles of illegal dumping last year. The public reports illegal dumping using the telephone number 311.*

*There is a Food Waste pilot program being launched in the Elm Hurst neighborhood where consumers use the same can for food waste and yard waste.*

*The contamination level in curbside recycling has lessened from 32% to 22%.*

*The City of Sacramento is looking at a possible rate increase for waste collection. The last increase was 2010 and if every week recycling is implemented in the near future it will affect the rate increase significantly.*

*The City of Sacramento has significantly higher rates in comparison to other jurisdictions, approximately \$33.00-\$36.00 dollars monthly.*

*The City of Sacramento no longer participates in any commercial waste removal. Commercial Waste is picked up by private waste businesses only. Even Sacramento City Hall uses a private waste collection business.*

*The City of Sacramento re-branded their Integrated Waste division to represent all aspects of materials collected and processed, and made printed material and app's very user friendly.*

*Fleet replacement vehicles being purchased are both LNG and CNG.*

*A suggestion was made to send a letter to the council members at the City of Sacramento endorsing every week recycling collection but, Mr. Harriman mentioned that it might be timelier to wait until all the cost increases had been presented to the City Council at an upcoming meeting.*

8. **Mattress Law Update- Teresa Bui, Californians Against Waste**

*The Used Mattress Recovery and Recycling Act, SB 254 was signed by Governor Brown in September 2013.*

*California is the 3<sup>d</sup> state to pass a mattress recycling bill. Manufacturers are required to develop and implement a program to collect and recycle the mattresses. This will be funded at the time of mattress purchase. The retailers are required to provide educational outreach to consumers regarding mattress recycling and implementation of the recycling plan.*

*By July 1, 2014, retailers must provide the take back of old mattresses when someone purchases a new one.*

*January 1, 2016, consumers will be able to drop off any mattress for free for recycling.*

*There is an incentive in SB 254 for collectors to pick up mattresses because a bounty will be paid. Mattresses are highly recyclable but very labor intensive to dismantle. There are nine recyclers in California, but currently only one mattress recycling facility located in Northern California, DR3 in Oakland.*

9. **Sacramento County Environmental Management Department (EMD) Director's Report – Val Siebal**

*Key item was noted: Carpet Collectors clean up*

10. **Environmental News Review – Val Siebal**

*A plastic bag recycling article was included in the agenda packet. One time use bags is the definition of bags that will be banned.*

11. **Election of New Officers**

*A motion was made by Chair Namba to nominate Buzz Link as the new Chair, seconded by Mark White.*

*Ayes: Margie Namba, Mark White, Robert Bailey, Dana Curran, George “ Buzz” Link, Dr. Anthony DeRiggi, Secret Charles-Ford, Mark Barry*

*Noes: None*

*Abstentions: None*

*A motion was made by Mark White to nominate Dana Curran as Vice Chair, seconded by Secret Charles Ford*

*Ayes: Margie Namba, Mark White, Robert Bailey, Dana Curran, George “ Buzz” Link, Dr. Anthony DeRiggs, Secret Charles-Ford, Mark Barry*

*Noes: None*

*Abstentions: None*

12. Commissioner Comments:

*Robert Bailey asked if the letter to the Capital Southeast Connector had gone out yet. Director Siebal advised that the letter had not, due to the fact that the Commission Members drafting the letter were no longer on the Commission.*

*Chair Namba asked Commission members to review the copy of the SEC draft webpage and forward comments to Jill Koehn.*

13. Adjournment – Next Meeting, February 24, 2014, 6:00 pm in the Main Conference room at the County of Sacramento’s Environmental Management Department, 10590 Armstrong Avenue, Mather, California

*This meeting is being audiotaped in its entirety and will be available at the Environmental Management Department office.*

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