



San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments

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Energy, Environment, and Natural Resources Committee Solid Waste Working Group Minutes

Sam Pedroza, Chair

Date: October 26, 2009

Time: 10:00 am

Location: West Covina City Hall

1.0 Preliminary Business

1.1 Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 10:05 AM

1.2 Self-Introductions

Members Present:

Claremont	S. Pedroza
Covina	L. McClur
IWM Task Force	M. Mohajer
LACDPW	C. Agu
LACDPW	R. Gamino
LACSD	N. Morell
Monrovia	H. Maloney
Pomona	H. Morris
West Covina	C. Vasquez

SGVCOG Staff:

M. Creter
O. Pena

Guests:

S. Perlstein, West Hollywood
W. Wilson, Ecco-Solutions
S. Turney, West Hollywood
R. Furginson, Ecco-Solutions

1.3 Informational Items

2.0 Discussion Items

2.1 West Hollywood Food Scraps Program

Susannah Turney and Sharon Perlstein presented on West Hollywood's Food & Waste Recycling Program. West Hollywood contracts with Athens Services to collect food waste from restaurants and similar food service business (grocery stores, cafes, etc.). Currently, there are 120 participants, and there is an 80% diversion rate achieved through this program. Approximately 5,200 tons of food waste is collected in one year.

Committee members asked questions regarding this program.

2.2 eCorect Waste Food and Reduction and Conversion Technology

Woody Wilson and Ryan Furginson from Ecco-Solutions gave a presentation on this technology, which converts organic waste into high density organic particles.

2.3 Green Waste Policy Paper

Committee members requested that staff include additional green waste data for LARA member cities and for unincorporated San Gabriel Valley. Additionally, M. Mohajer indicated that he would like time to have this paper agendaized and reviewed by the Los Angeles Integrated Waste Management Task Force. Staff will work with LA County DPW staff to secure additional information.

2.4 CIWMB Household Hazardous Waste Grant

Staff indicated that this grant has been funded and work is set to begin on this project in November 2009.

3.0 Items for Future Meetings

Discussion items for future meetings include:

- Green Waste Policy Paper
- Valley Vista
- City of LA: Food Scraps

4.0 Set next meeting date

Next meeting will take place December 7, 2009. Location: TBD

5.0 Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 11:25 a.m.