



**PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
February 26, 2015**

ATTENDEES:

Supervisor Oneto, District 5
Jim McHargue, Waste Mgmt.
Emily Lyman, Env. Health

Supervisor Plasse, District 1
Tacy Rouen, Auditor
Paul Molinelli, ACES

Aaron Brusatori, Director
Mike Israel, LEA, Env. Health
Casey Emerson, Community

CALL TO ORDER

Brian Oneto called the meeting to order.

AGENDA:

The agenda was approved as presented.

PUBLIC MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA:

None

MINUTES:

Minutes of the November 18, 2014 were approved with Sup. Oneto abstaining and the minutes of the January 21, 2015 meeting were approved with the correction in Item 1 to "...use the most ~~current~~ lawful definition..."

ITEMS:

1. Discussion regarding the 2015 refuse rate review using the Rate Adjustment Methodology. Jim McHargue reminded the committee that according to our Rate Adjustment Methodology, every third year a detailed rate review is scheduled, while the other years require a simplified review. We have the option of postponing it one year if agreed to by both the County and ACES, at a lower cost.

Recommendation: The committee recommended going with the RAM and having our detailed review this year.

2. Discussion regarding Landfill Financial Liability Requirements. Our consultant, Curt Fujii, joined the meeting via conference call. Jim McHargue produced a flow chart to explain the regulatory changes that we must abide by that affect our financial liability requirements. In addition to post closure monitoring and maintenance, water release corrective actions now included are non-water events such as fire, earthquake, etc. The new regulation says that our financial assurance is now based on either the water release corrective action or non-water release corrective action, whichever is greater. It allows us to determine the value of non-water release corrective action funds through one of three methods. A) A Site Specific Non-Water Corrective Action Plan; B) Cost for replacement of the final cover; and C) Closure cost estimate for the entire landfill. Staff recommends option B. The cost estimate for replacing the final cover may increase in our Pledge of Revenue, but it will not require a large expenditure for both Option A or Option C.

Recommendation: The committee recommended proceeding with Option B. This item will be taken before the full Board.

3. Discussion regarding development of a County Storm Water Ordinance. Jim McHargue brought back to the committee three versions of "Waters of the U.S." that are in use in various documents. The highest lawful definition comes from the United States Constitution (33 U.S.C. §1251 et seq.). According to our stormwater permit there are 10 points that must be included. The committee would like to see a minimal ordinance containing only those items required and would like it to be kept simple. They would also like it clear that the County's authority to enter a premise comes only after having been denied access to the property. Jim will confer with County Counsel to insure we get the minimal requirements in the document.

Recommendation: The committee recommends that Public Works continue to revise the draft ordinance to make it as simple as possible.

4. Discussion regarding review of a letter to Caltrans regarding School Speed Limit near Pioneer Elementary School. The department has received a request for help in getting more advance warning when entering the Pioneer Elementary school zone to know that children are indeed present and the 25mph speed limit would be in effect, perhaps by using a flashing light. It is felt that a letter from the Board of Supervisors would have more weight at the state level.

Recommendation: The committee recommends that the letter be put on the next Consent Agenda for the Chairman's signature.

TOPICS FOR NEXT MEETING:

1. Draft Storm Water Ordinance

NEXT MEETING:

Thursday, March 25, 2015 at 9:00 a.m. in Conference Room A

ADJOURNMENT