

MINUTES

ENERGY AND RESOURCE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

JULY 19, 2006

- CALL TO ORDER:** Chairman McNelly called the meeting to order at 7:35 a.m.
- MEMBERS PRESENT:** Adamson, Avera, McCormack, Mathy, McNelly, Mitchell, Twineham
- MEMBERS ABSENT:** Roberts
- PUBLIC PRESENT:** Mark McGee and Dave Ault, MG Disposal
- STAFF PRESENT:** Phyllis Garrova, City Treasurer; Acting Senior Planner Allen; Clerical Support Norton;
- APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Minutes of June 21, 2006 were tabled to next meeting

INTRODUCTIONS/ROLL CALL

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Old Business:

- a. Update on recycling, solid waste disposal, and yard waste

Mark McGee provided a history of the school recycling program and stated that it began as a teaching tool on the environment. It has evolved, in part through the securing of grant funds to cover certain costs, to a way to provide funds back to the school. The program generates revenue on a quarterly basis. He referred to a hand out that listed all of the schools, and a few of the park locations that participate in the program along with a summary of the type and weight of the material collected. Some schools have chosen not to participate because of graffiti or vandalism issues.

Mr. McGee added that although not required to do so, the Elementary School District contracts with Mg Disposal for their waste services. This means that they participate in the City's Mixed-Waste Process supporting diversion requirements. As a District, they can exempt themselves or choose to participate.

Chairman McNelly noted that there are one or two new schools on the west side that might be interested in participating in the program and should be offered that opportunity.

Committee Members Mitchell and Twineham requested a list of the dollar amount and the percentage that the schools realize. Mark stated that he would provide the Committee with a summary report of what MG supplies, the hauling fee (which the grant subsidizes) and the

amount of a small processing fee.

Chairman McNelly mentioned that the Rolling Hills Elementary School has the highest number of participants and questions what are they doing to involve the community. Committee Member Mitchell said that the school involves the PTA and sends messages home to encourage parents to participate. Chairman McNelly wondered what else the City can do to promote the program to other schools. Phyllis Garrova suggested that a blurb could be placed on the City's website and in the water bill. Acting Senior Planner Allen said she would work with Mark to put together a joint letter from the City and MG to be mailed to the schools and PTA to encourage the parents to participate in the program. Committee Member Mitchell offered to personally talk with every school's Parent Teacher's Association (PTA). Chairman McNelly asked about theft. Mark said there is some theft, but the amount is low due to the container's design. Pick ups are scheduled for once or twice a week with a few sites on will call.

Committee Member Twineham mentioned he read in the newspaper that the Olinda Landfill is closing. Dave Ault said he did not see the article, but the land fill is not closing. The article may have been referring to the AB939 surcharge that was applied to self-haulers at the land fill in an effort to discourage self-haulers from dumping and driving diversion rates down. Even though the rates have increased, there seems to be no difference in the number of self-haulers that continue to use the land fill.

Chairman McNelly asked if self-hauling will die out. Mr. Ault said bans or disincentives may have to be imposed in order to discourage self-haulers who are willing to pay the higher price. The present diversion rate for Fullerton is 51%. In 2006 there will be some changes with a push for 60% diversion. Figures for green waste collected are as follows:

Collected 03-04	9,162 tons
04-05	8,503 tons
05-06	8,389 tons

The mixed waste processing rates are higher than green waste which means that the City is losing a lot of green waste. The green waste is there, what we need to do is to go back to using tagged green waste containers. The public needs to be re-educated. Acting Senior Planner Allen said she would work with MG Disposal to put together a plan for advertising.

Dave Ault said he will attend another meeting with an update on the following:

- Schools
- Self-haul
- Legislative action bills
- Yard waste promotional information

Chairman McNelly offered to write a story in the Observer to promote the Green Waste Program.

ACTION ITEMS:

Old Business:

- b. Consider possible recommendation to City Council on Orange County Sanitation District, Compost Use Program

Staff asked that action on this item be moved to the September 20, 2006 meeting.

- c. Consider possible recommendation regarding recycled product purchasing

Staff said she has spoken to the City Attorney about the new requirements for recycled product purchasing and is awaiting a response on how the legislation would be monitored and enforced. The City has some resistance to purchasing re-refined oil. Chairman McNelly said the oil meets all standards and the City has an obligation to comply with the State law. Staff said that Dana Point and San Clemente have used re-refined oil for their entire fleet and have documented results. Chairman McNelly stated that another source of information on the validity of the product may be found at the Chamber of Commerce.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

None

COMMITTEE/STAFF COMMENTS:

Committee Member Twineham asked to see a progress report on the Sewer Repair and Replacement Program at a future meeting.

Chairman McNelly the September 19th meeting agenda should reflect feedback from today's discussion.

There will be no meeting in August.
The next ERMC meeting is scheduled for September 20, 2006

ADJOURN:

With no further business the meeting was ADJOURNED AT: 9:00 a.m.

Beverly Norton, Clerical Support