

**Hazardous Waste Management Facility Allocation Committee
Draft Summary Minutes — November 17, 2006
12:15 p.m. to 2:15 p.m.**

Attendance:

Members

Mark Green, Mayor, Union City

Mark Luce, Supervisor, Napa County, *Chair*

Andy Parsons, Assistant Chief, Hazardous Materials Program, Sonoma County

Alternates

Rory Bakke

Robin Bedell-Waite

Rob D'Arcy

Michael Frost

Steven Lederer

Narcisa Untal

Technical Advisory Committee

Colby LaPlace, Solano County

James Stettler, Cal EPA DTSC

Staff

Gillian Adams

Jennifer Krebs

Ceil Scandone

Call to Order. The meeting was called to order at 12:30 p.m. by Chair Mark Luce.

Approval of Minutes of April 28, 2006 Meeting. Untal moved to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by D'Arcy. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Hazardous Waste Data Analysis. ABAG staff Krebs presented the analysis of hazardous waste generation and treatment trends for 2004 and 2005. This analysis resulted in the same groupings of counties based on treatment capacity as occurred in the past.

In response to the report, Green asked why in Figure 1, there seemed to be such a drop in wastes. Krebs said she would check on these data in the next hazardous waste data analysis cycle. Green also asked if it is possible to focus on "potent chemicals" that caused greater harm for the environment. Krebs and Stettler (DTSC) replied that it is difficult to determine "potency" from the manifest data. Stettler also noted that there are lots of uncontrolled consumer wastes that are also hazardous, such as pharmaceuticals.

The committee discussed the staff recommendation for creation of a fact sheet for local government elected officials and staff about green chemistry. Bakke noted the confusion about terms such as green chemistry, zero waste, and design for the environment and asked about the intended purpose and audience for the fact sheet. Bedell-Waite proposed that it would help keep the committee up-to-date on the issue. Frost said the fact sheet

should highlight legislative initiatives and suggest ways the committee can endorse green chemistry initiatives at the state level. D'Arcy suggested that the committee and participating cities and counties could write letters on behalf of legislation. He recounted that a letter sent by Santa Clara County in support of Mike Wilson's research was well received by Wilson and that the support letter helped Wilson maintain program funding.

Staff requested that the committee approve the analysis and recommendations in the report and refer to the ABAG Executive Board for approval. Green moved to approve the findings and recommendations. The motion was seconded by Frost and approved unanimously. The Committee directed staff to begin work on the Green Chemistry fact sheet.

California Product Stewardship Council. D'Arcy presented a PowerPoint presentation that discussed the goals and objectives of the California Product Stewardship Council (CPSC). Currently, local governments are responsible for the costs and challenges of managing hazardous wastes. The goals of the CPSC include shifting some of the burden for product disposal to producers and encouraging better product design that helps avoid large, costly waste streams. D'Arcy mentioned that support for extended producer responsibility, and cited Honeywell's take-back program for thermostats as an example.

Regarding the status of the CPSC, D'Arcy indicated that several local jurisdictions had received a grant from the California Integrated Waste Management Board to launch the program. Bakke asked if businesses groups were participating in the Council. D'Arcy said they were involved and not in a fashion that would de-rail the process.

Green asked that D'Arcy be scheduled to make a presentation to ABAG's Executive Board to alert them to this issue. Scandone will request that ABAG's Legislation and Governmental Organizations Committee staff track relevant legislation.

The Committee was asked to provide a letter endorsing the mission of the CPSC and supporting staff participation in the effort. Frost moved to approve sending a letter to the CPSC. The motion was seconded by Untal and approved unanimously.

Green Business Program Update. Scandone provided an update on Program activity. She highlighted her recent presentation to the Solano County Board of Supervisors about introducing the Program in the county. The Board directed staff to certify the government center as a green agency and to report on the funding and staff resources needed to run the Program.

Parsons noted that the Sonoma County Economic Development Board would take over responsibility for the Green Business Program starting January 1, 2007.

Scandone and Lederer also noted that John Garn was assisting to update the wineries checklist as part of an initiative begun by industry groups in Napa County.

The Committee was asked to adopt the newly-developed checklist for Remodelers. Green made a motion for approval, which was seconded by Lederer. The motion passed unanimously.

Next Meeting Date

Members proposed to have the next Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) meeting in January and the next Committee meeting in March.

Meeting Adjourned

The meeting was adjourned at 2:15 p.m.