



**MONO COUNTY
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Mono County Solid Waste Task Force

**Meeting of November 7, 2013
1:00-3:00 p.m.
Board of Supervisors Meeting Room
Sierra Center Mall, Mammoth Lakes**

DRAFT MINUTES

1. Call to order.

Meeting Called to order at 1:05

In attendance:

*Jill Kearney
Karl Schnadt
Brian Robinette
Lisa Isaacs
Rick Vahl
Tony Dublino
Kevin Brown
Byng Hunt
Jim Leddy
Peter Bernasconi*

2. Public Comment on items not on the agenda.

Introduction of Rick Vahl, new District manager for Waste Connections, Mammoth Disposal and Bishop Waste. Replacing Pat Fenton. Pat will be around from time to time during transition.

Question about membership issue—do the bylaws need to be changed with staff turnover or are the bylaws written to accommodate this?

Comments about how ideas at the solid waste task force get up into the elected officials, discussion of whether elected officials should participate.

3. Approval of Minutes from September 5, 2013 meeting.

Minutes approved unanimously

4. Continuing discussion of DRAFT update to Countywide Integrated Waste Management Plan—Non-Disposal Facility Element.

The importance of the Non-Disposal Facility Element (NDFE), and the role it plays in determining and siting waste infrastructure was discussed. A Town/County NDFE appears to be the way this was developed in the past, questions about whether that approach is appropriate moving forward or if the Town should develop their own. The Town's lack of representation in the meeting was noted, and it was suggested to make sure Town staff continues to be aware of the meetings.

Comments on the document focused primarily around preserving options and providing recognition of sludge management needs of MCWD, as well as transformation technologies such as compost, thermal biomass, etc.

Discussion about potential siting options relating to non-disposal facilities including the Sierra Business Park, a land trade with USFS for land near Hwy 395/203 intersection or expansion of MCWD parcel, or use of their 'back 40', as well as land within the Mammoth Industrial Park (MRF Parcel). Also discussed was the potential of recycling services continuing at Benton Crossing Landfill beyond the landfill closure date of 2023.

It was explained that the Draft NDFE puts all options on the table but does not commit to one specific option at this time.

5. Aggregate diversion at Benton Crossing—report on recent effort and future ideas.

Group was updated on pilot aggregate diversion program at BCLF

6. Presentation and discussion of Mono County MCR Plan.

Group was provided copies of Mono County MCR Plan, and updated on the County's outreach and monitoring efforts relating to the plan.

7. Discussion of existing grant opportunities and applications.

Various CalRecycle Grants—awarded, applied for and approaching deadlines—were discussed, including the City/County Payment program for beverage container recycling, future competitive beverage container grants, the farm/ranch cleanup grant, and other potential options for the region.

8. Adjourned to February 6, 2014 meeting

Meeting adjourned at 2:20