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SANTA FE SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT AGENCY SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE (SWAC) MEETING #13

> NOVEMBER 19, 2014 1:30 P.M. CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS SANTA FE CITY HALL 200 LINCOLN AVENUE SANTA FE, NM

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING #13 OF THE

SANTA FE SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT AGENCY City Council Chambers November 19, 2014

I. CALL TO ORDER

A meeting of the Solid Waste Advisory Committee of the Santa Fe Solid Waste Management Agency, for the Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Plan, was called to order by Chair John Lopez, on Thursday, November 19, 2014, at approximately 1:30 p.m., in the City Council Chambers, 200 Lincoln Avenue, City Hall Santa Fe, New Mexico.

II. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Chair John Lopez, County At-Large Resident

Vice-Chair Tim Gray, Bureau Chief, NMED/Solid Waste Bureau, State of New Mexico

Randall Kippenbrock, Executive Director, SFSWMA

Olivar Barela, Solid Waste Division Manager, Santa Fe County

Tejinder Ciano, Executive Director, ReUnity Resources

Lawrence Garcia, Acting Director, Environmental Services Division, City of Santa Fe

Eric Lucero, Operations Manager, Environmental Services Division, City of Santa Fe

Louise Pape, Sustainable Santa Fe Commission

Mary Jane Park, City At-Large Resident

Lisa Randall, Santa Fe Public Schools - Schools

Kim Shanahan, Executive Officer, SF Area Homebuilders Ass'n, Business Groups

Karen Sweeney, County At-Large Resident

Barbara Witt, Capital Scrap Metals

[Vacancy] Private Recyclers

[Vacancy] City At-Large Resident

[Vacancy] City At-Large Resident

MEMBERS EXCUSED:

English Bird, Executive Director, NM Recycling Coalition, Recycling Advocacy Organization [resigned]

Simon Brackley, President, Santa Fe Chamber of Commerce, Business Groups

Larry Dennis, Facilities Manager, St. Vincent Hospital, Institutions

Andrew Leyba, County Resident, Caja del Rio/Las Campanas Area

Robert Martinez, Operations & Maintenance Division Director, Santa Fe County

Selina Robinson, Waste Management of Central New Mexico

Ted Swisher, Habitat for Humanity

STAFF PRESENT:

Randall Kippenbrock, Executive Director – SWMA Adam Schlachter, Education & Outreach Coordinator, SWMA Melessia Helberg, Stenographer

OTHERS ATTENDING:

Joe Eigner, Eldorado/285 Recycles Craig O'Hare, Santa Fe County Louie Romero, Santa Fe County

There was a quorum of the membership for conducting official business. .

III. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Mr. Schlachter said the caption of Item #IV, should be amended to show it is for the approval of the minutes of the meeting of September 18, 2014.

Karen Sweeney would like to add a report on the changes recommended for the Solid Waste policies that are now before the City and County, and our possible involvement in those hearings.

Mr. Kippenbrock said she can ask for that report under Matters from the Committee, without having to amend the agenda.

MOTION: Louise Pape moved, seconded by Lisa Randall, to approve the agenda, as amended.

VOTE: The motion was approved unanimously on a voice vote.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR MEETING #13 SEPTEMBER 47 18, 2014

MOTION: Olivar Barela moved, seconded by Tim Gray, to approve the minutes of the meeting of September 18, 2014, as presented.

VOTE: The motion was approved unanimously on a voice vote.

V. MATTERS FROM THE PUBLIC

There were no matters from the public.

VI. NOMINATIONS AND ELECTION FOR CHAIRPERSON/VICE CHAIRPERSON (RANDALL KIPPENBROCK)

A. JOHN LOPEZ, CHAIRPERSON

Randall Kippenbrock, Executive Director, presented information regarding this matter from his Memorandum dated November 17, 2014, to the Solid Waste Advisory Committee, regarding Nominations/ Elections Procedure as per SWAC By-Laws which is incorporated herewith to these minutes as Exhibit "1." Please see Exhibit "1," for specifics of this presentation.

Chair Lopez asked Mr. Kippenbrock to preside during the election of the Chair.

Mr. Kippenbrock said John Lopez has agreed to serve as Chair again for the ensuing year, noting no one else expressed interest in serving as Chair.

Chair Lopez said when he first ran for Chair there were questions in terms of his qualifications. He said he was concerned about the lack of a good recycling program in the City and County. He said he has an interest in this area, noting he is a retired federal employee and spent a lot of time managing meetings which is important.

Mr. Shanahan said he is concerned about the venue today, and the way we're doing this meeting, although he understands if we were unable to get our regular meeting place. He hopes this won't be precedence because the setup is not conducive to good dialogue. He asked for an explanation for the change of place.

Mr. Kippenbrock said the reservations were made immediately after the after the last meeting and when we followed up, we found that our meeting was in conflict with another group. He said they were able to get the Council Chambers with less than one day's notice. He said rather than going back to the Chavez Center, we have two locations in mind. One is the Nancy Rodriguez Center on Lopez Lane across from the Agua Fria Fire Station, which is free for use, has ample parking, and is conducive for the kinds of meetings we hold. The second isn't great in terms of parking is the meeting room at Market Station on the Railyard, which is not confirmed. He said staff will leave it to the members of the Committee to choose the location.

Chair Lopez said he spoke with Mr. Schlachter about the facility at County Public Works.

Mr. Kippenbrock said it is a possibility, but he doesn't feel it will hold the twenty-some people on the Committee, and it would be very tight to get everyone around that table.

Mr. Schlachter said staff tried to get space at other venues, such as the library. However, because Thanksgiving is next week, meetings scheduled for the fourth week of the month were moved back to the third week, so there was very limited space available. He said he agrees with Mr. Shanahan, commenting that this is the last time he wants to hold this meeting here.

Mr. Kippenbrock asked if there are other nominations for Chair, and there were none.

MOTION: Lisa Randall moved, seconded by Kim Shanahan, that nominations cease and John Lopez be elected by acclamation to serve as the Chair of the Solid Waste Advisory Committee of SWMA for the ensuing year.

VOTE: The motion was approved unanimously on a voice vote.

B. VICE-CHAIRPERSON

Mr. Kippenbrock said he will leave it to the SWAC members to make the nomination.

Mr. Gray said he doesn't want to serve another term as Vice-Chair.

Chair Lopez asked if anyone has an interest in serving.

Mr. Shanahan said, "A nominee has to be a SWAC member from Sectors D through P, so the question was remind us please, what those sectors are."

Mr. Schlachter said, "That is everyone that is in the City or County and not a City or County employee, and the only two that would be exempt are Olivar, and Louie and the City employees, everyone other than that."

MOTION: Chair Lopez moved, seconded by Kim Shanahan, that nominations cease, and Lisa Randall be elected by acclamation to serve as the Vice-Chair of the Solid Waste Advisory Committee of SWMA for the ensuing year.

VOTE: The motion was approved unanimously on a voice vote.

VII. MATTERS FROM THE AGENCY

Adam Schlachter, Education & Outreach Coordinator, SWMA, presented information regarding this matter from his Memorandum dated November 17, 2014, to the Solid Waste Advisory Committee, regarding Update on Amnesty Day Participation, which is incorporated herewith to these minutes as Exhibit "2." Please see Exhibit "2," for specifics of this presentation.

An unidentified member asked if the staff has to wear hazmat suits.

Mr. Schlachter said yes, because of safety reasons.

An unidentified person asked if staff has a Geiger counter to check loads that may have come from Los Alamos.

Mr. Schlachter said no, but there have been no issues with radioactive material.

A. CITY-AT-LARGE MEMBER VACANCY (ADAM SCHLACHTER)

B. STANDING/AD HOC COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS (ADAM SCHLACHTER)

Mr. Schlachter said the Committee can create standing and *ad hoc* committees. He has listed 4 committees which he thinks are important for the short term in terms of moving forward with things from the assessments – City, County and the Agency – as well as general things within the committee which need to be addressed. He said a member of SWAC has to chair each of these committees which will work with him to get the meetings set up, taking minutes and doing whatever is necessary related to the meeting and that chair will report to SWAC monthly.

Chair Lopez asked if Commercial Recycling Operations is different than residential recycling.

Mr. Schlachter said it is different from residential, noting part of this came up based on Mr. Shanahan's comments about his industry and the challenges they face. Also, part of the City's assessment looked at commercial recycling, most specifically cardboard. He said he would like those to be together although at some point they might separate. However, for now, he thinks it should focus on the business sector in general and the challenges of commercial recycling in Santa Fe.

Chair Lopez said he thinks residential recycling is more important, noting only 10% of the community is recycling. He would like to have some attention paid to the residential recycling piece.

Mr. Schlachter said he agrees, and the Public Education and Outreach Committee will focus on the residential recycling piece. He said until the City makes a decision about going to automated, we don't know what that needs to look like. If Council decides not to move forward with automated recycling, it will be a different campaign.

Lawrence Garcia arrived at the meeting

1. FOOD WASTE/COMPOSTING

Mr. Kippenbrock asked Mr. Schlachter to explain what he has in mind for this committee.

Mr. Schlachter said we know there currently are vendors in the community that are doing food collection/composting. One of the recommendations from Leidos was to reactivate the compost site at Caja del Rio, making sure we're providing what we need to from all facets of what is happening in the community for food waste diversion and composting, separate yet equal.

Mr. Kippenbrock asked for examples.

- Mr. Schlachter said how to make the compost facility work, marketing aspects as what we can do as SWAC to support getting material diverted to a compost facility or a food waste program, noting there are various challenges. He said this would be the focus of this Committee.
- Mr. Kippenbrock asked if this Committee sees a need for the subcommittee, and if they have anybody in mind from SWAC to lead the committee, noting everyone is pointing to Mr. Ciano.
 - Mr. Ciano said he will serve on it, but doesn't know if he wants to lead it.
 - Mr. Kippenbrock asked the number of people which should serve on a committee.
- Mr. Schlachter said he would like a minimum of 3, but anyone can serve on each committee to be sure we're well represented and hitting issues.
- Mr. Gray asked if there are any rules that everyone has to serve on at least one committee, and Ms. Schlachter said no, that isn't in the by-laws, but the by-laws can be changed.
- Mr. Gray said he believes that should be done, commenting if we are serving on SWAC we need to participate by serving on at least one.
 - Mr. Ciano asked the time investment if we want to be on 3 or 4 committees.
- Mr. Schlachter said the committees would meet in the off month and report at the next SWAC meeting, noting he would estimate 1-2 hours per month per committee.

Lawrence Garcia said based on the Committee if the desire is to continue processing at SWMA that once a month is good ongoing, but once we start the process it may take a little more effort than just once a month, and we may have to meet more than once a month to keep things rolling.

- Mr. Schlachter it is up to the Committee to make that decision and staff will assist as needed.
- Mr. Shanahan said Mr. Schlachter said the committees would meet every other month.
- Mr. Schlachter said yes, but committees can meet more often if they want to, but they are required to meet once in the off month.

Lisa Randall said the Mayor has subcommittees for the Climate Task Force and one on waste, and asked if we are going to be coordinating with those task forces.

- Mr. Schlachter said he has reached out to John Alejandro on a number of occasions, and has not received a response from him.
 - Ms. Randall said she and Mr. Ciano will co-chair this committee.

Mr. Kippenbrock said staff will be at your disposal as much as possible.

Mr. Garcia said they have posted the Solid Waste Division Director position, and he is speaking as the Interim Director. He said the new Director may assign someone else to this committee. However, until that time he wants to be involved. He doesn't want to chair a committee, but he definitely wants to provide his input.

The following individuals agreed to serve on and/or chair the Food Waste/Composting Committee:

Lisa Randali, Co-Chair Tejinder Ciano, Co-Chair Tim Gray Lawrence Garcia

2. PUBLIC EDUCATION/OUTREACH

Mr. Schlachter said this is a major thing we need to be doing, commenting that he hopes Mr. Barela, Mr. Garcia and Mr. Romero are on this committee. He said we definitely want everyone who is interested to serve on it, because in this scenario, all feedback is going to be necessary.

Chair Lopez said, with regard to residential recycling, this outreach is part of that. He said because of our dismal recycling rate in the community, he thinks it needs attention. He thinks it will get buried when the title says "Outreach." He also is concerned about the recommendations from the consultants on the "high falluting" system on recycling, commenting he thinks it will never happen, because it's so expensive and there is so much controversy about it. He said a lot of communities that are doing 30-40% recycling. He wants to know what they are doing that makes them more successful. He wants to look at what we do within the existing resources to motivate our community to do recycling. He said the County hasn't done much as the result of the Committee he served on, and the City is in really bad shape as well. He would be interested in a subcommittee that really focuses on recycling.

Ms. Randall a lot of us have been working with the education component for years, and that feels like the missing link. She said if we just recycled what could be, our rate could be 40%. So a lot of it is lethargy, lack of interest, lack of consistent message, so this is the educational component of how we reach people, let them know this is possible, which she thinks is the work of the committee, commenting what the Chair brought up is the very work of the committee. So perhaps if we change the title to make it more clear, that might satisfy his concern.

Mr. Barela said the Chair is right. The purpose of this committee is to make sure the message going out to the community is consistent and everyone is getting out the same message. He said right now, everyone is doing an individual effort and different messages are going out to the community. He said there is no unified message that is going out to public. He said even his transfer stations aren't consistent in terms of signage and such. He is working on that within their organization. He said if we can get the whole community together and get one unified message to the public regarding recycling it would

be worthwhile and would increase our recycling rate.

Chair Lopez asked if he is suggesting to change the title of the committee.

Mr. Barela said no, he was commenting on the purpose of the committee.

Mr. Garcia said the consultant mentioned education and outreach in the system-wide portion of the study. He said the consultant said the best way would be to utilize one source for the education and outreach. However, he pointed out that, based on some of the constraints that we could agree to disagree. He said in the presentation he heard Mr. Yanke say he doesn't believe the City, County and the Agency could work together to get that done.

Mr. Garcia continued saying he doesn't think we should change the title to recycling, because we need to raise the participation rates as well as the diversion rates. He said there are additional pieces of education and outreach to diversion from the landfill, and if we just call it recycling and not education and outreach it throws off some of those area. For example, waste composting isn't considered to be recycling, it is diversion. If the City and County went to a construction and demolition project, that wouldn't be considered recycling in all aspects, it would be considered diversion. It we change the title to make it that broad, he doesn't know that is the best approach.

Mr. Garcia continued, saying staff presented an update at the last City Council meeting, and they are planning to come forward in February to look at doing a complete, single-stream automated collection program, noting that would have to be approved by City committees. He said they also want to look at a pay-as-you-throw system, where people pay for the actual amount of garbage, which creates a big incentive to recycle. He said they think that will help our diversion numbers. He said they want to increase the types of materials which are acceptable curbside.

Mr. Garcia continued saying he agrees all of us should be sending the same message. He said he believes our recycling program should mimic Albuquerque's. He said Albuquerque does a lot of education and outreach, and a lot of Santa Fe hears that education outreach on Albuquerque television stations. He thinks we could utilize their education and outreach, and perhaps team with them so there is one message from our media outlet and we benefit from their advertising, and they benefit as well. He saw diversion rates go down when we went to every other week collections, and recycling went down when we started trying to educate the public on what was and wasn't acceptable. A lot of people got upset and decided not to recycle because it is too hard. He said we have to send the same message and make the information user friendly.

Mr. Garcia commented on the lack of tracking on what is recycled in the community [inaudible here because of noise in the sound system].

Mr. Shanahan said this Committee has been meeting for 5 years and we really haven't changed anything in 5 years. He said the report earlier this year indicated where policy and law needs to be passed. He said we need to be moving toward ordinance and policy change, or we will be wasting our time for another 5 years. He said the report says we need flow control. We've been talking about flow

control since the first meeting he attended. We've been talking about creating ordinances for separation and diversion of construction and demolition waste, and now it's lumped with commercial recycling opportunities. He said these are two completely different things. He said if these subcommittees aren't working toward policy directives rather than new ways to try to get the message out, he doesn't know he wants to be part of it any more, reiterating we haven't accomplished anything in the past 5 years.

Mr. Shanahan continued, "So I will volunteer to be on one of the committee, but I'm going to be the same pain in the neck I've been for the last 5 years on that committee which is let's come up with some ordinances and let's get them passed, including getting the money that we need for those trucks that can do single stream recycling. And if it's not going to be at BuRRT and we have to take it to Albuquerque, so be it. It's still going to do the same ultimately in terms of where waste should go. Just because we're not sorting it in our community doesn't mean it isn't doing what it should, which is being recycled or diverted."

Mr. Schlachter said he would have loved to add this committee, but he got no response from the members prior to this meeting. He said this is supposed to be interactive and they want feedback from the Committee members to get items/changes on the agenda.

Mr. Shanahan said he will volunteer to serve on Committee #3 Commercial Recycling Opportunities.

Chair Lopez said he agrees with Mr. Garcia in some of his premises about diversion. However, he would argue that residential is different than taking cars to Capital Scrap. He said it is important to broaden the residential aspect. He said, "Some of the efforts were very good, but there is something in this community that prevents us from getting the little fire built up to get people to throw stuff in different bins. It's not that damned complicated. I've been doing it for most of my adult life." He said this is the reason he complained to the County. He said Albuquerque's program is great, but they don't pick up glass which is huge as far as he is concerned, and he would voice a concern about that.

Chair Lopez said he still wants a separate committee on Residential Recycling, in terms of education and outreach. He said we pat ourselves on the back for being a green community, but the recycling rate is dismal. He said, "My argument again, is that we focus a committee based on residential recycling."

Mr. Schlachter suggested we focus on the 4 committees we currently have, and asked the members of SWAC to communicate to him any committees they really want to create and they will move forward with that for the next meeting.

Ms. Pape said she tries to teach 80 people recycling. She is concerned about getting people revved up of "only ones and twos and only this and only that, and then 6 months from now, or whatever it's going to be, then we say oh, we've changed the whole system and now we're going to do single-stream, and no we won't do glass. She think it's really important to have consistency, and she would love to see

us go 1 through 7, and she would love to see bins with very clear instructions on them as mentioned in the

last meeting. She said there are ways to do that. However, she hesitates to get too much into outreach and spending money for pamphlets which will be outdated in 6 months.

Ms. Sweeney said she believes it will take 6 months to get going, so she doesn't think that's a problem, and we can work toward making the message consistent. She said people have touched on several things which are in the hopper right now. The County is working on an ordinance that will change how the County does things. She thinks our interest in creating a consistent message is in the pipeline.

Mr. Garcia said he needs to be on all 4 Committees, or he will appoint somebody, but a representative from the City has to be on each of the committees and that will happen.

Mr. Schlachter said, "I just want to clarify the way the committees work is that we have to have one SWAC member as the Chair, but anybody can sit on them. So if there's someone else in your office that you think would be better for this, because you have a million things to do, they can sit on the committee, they just can't chair the committee. So just a point of clarification."

Mr. Garcia said auto salvage should not be tied to residential recycling, although it another way to increase the diversion, and thinks it's just a matter of tracking. He doesn't think that detracts from the residential diversion rate, but it is another piece of the picture. He said in terms of education and outreach, we really have to try new things. As you said, we've been doing recycling in the City for a long time, and it hasn't worked. We have to change people's outlook, and their thought processes. He said sometimes the only way to do that is "through a dollar," such as pay as you throw. He said containers with instructions on them mean dollars, and this is an City enterprise. He said it will take start up and ongoing funds to make it work. He doesn't see this as being a break-even venture for a long time.

Mr. Garcia said, "I just want to point out that everything is tied to the mighty dollar. I'm not sure if any one of you have sat-in on me trying to get a rate increase from the Council. It's like pulling teeth. You can do all the studies you want to. You can show them we're not recovering what we should be recovering. At some point we've got to look in the mirror and see if we are doing it right. Is there something we could change to save money. Last year we were very strategic on trying to reduce our budget so we could... we're trying to spend public money very frugally. And that has to be a piece through all of this. Education and outreach has not been effective in the City, and I think it's because we are not experts in that. And we have really relied on committees and on people to come up with ideas and try those ideas. I think we need to expand that. I was looking at a computer base this morning that has some really good ideas."

Mr. Garcia continued, "Albuquerque did a spot right before the football games on recycling, and when I asked how much they paid for it, it wasn't that expensive. But I think we need to expand our education and outreach so we can really hit the targeted audience. Because, as you said, print a flyer. A flyer is great. A magnet is great, you put it on the refrigerator. But it's not reaching the people who don't to get a magnet. And really there's a lot of people that just do not want to recycle. And what they see is that they're going to pay more money on their bill so that the people who like to recycle, can recycle. And I really think that is the thought process. And we've got to break that thought process. And the only way to do that is to create some type of incentive for them to do that.... we have to broaden our horizons and

really step it up. I'm almost thinking we should third party some of that out to professionals that create this stuff that actually know how target the right people and make those changes and make people's thought process change to give them stats on recycling. If you recycle 20 times, it's going to save you this much kilowatts of energy. We need to try a totally different approach than what we've been doing."

Ms. Randall asked if Mr. Schlachter will make sure the committees' dates, times and meeting places are publicized to the entire group, so if we aren't on the committee, we can still attend.

Mr. Schlachter said he just got instructions on how to modify the website and he will be creating a SWAC subsection of the Santa Fe Recycling network so that way, everything will be posted there.

A member asked if it is necessary to publish formally the date/time/place of the committee meetings.

Ms. Helberg clarified it isn't necessary unless there will be a quorum of the SWAC committee, which is 11 members, in attendance at any one committee meeting.

Mr. Kippenbrock said these subcommittees are more advisory in nature.

A member asked if the public is invited to the subcommittee meetings, and Mr. Schlachter said yes.

The following individuals agreed to serve on and/or chair the Committee:

Olivar Barela, Chair Tejinder Ciano John Lopez Louie Romero Karen Sweeney

3. COMMERCIAL RECYCLING OPPORTUNITIES

Mr. Shanahan said he believes people should be assigned to this Committee as well as to volunteer to serve. He said he can represent the building community, but not the interests of, for example, Walmart in terms of commercial recycling. He said he will volunteer to serve, and suggested we may have to go without a chair for the time being.

Mr. Schlachter said we can ask people to volunteer, but we can't assign people. And that goes back to the issue of amending the by-laws to require people to serve.

Mr. Kippenbrock said Mr. Schlachter will reach out to people that aren't in attendance today to serve on this Committee.

Mr. Schlachter said English Bird has resigned, noting the New Mexico Recycling Coalition has made a change in its governance, noting this was the only local organization on which it served. So she has stepped back, per the direction of the Board. She recommended we reach out to the League of Conservation Voters and the Sierra Club as two other environmental organizations we can lean on us. He is happy to receive other suggestions from the committee, because we want to ensure we have someone from this segment on the SWMA Board.

Ms. Pape said she will reach out to the Sierra Club, as well as the League of Conservation Voters.

The following individuals agreed to serve on the Committee:

Simon Brackley Tejinder Ciano Larry Dennis Lawrence Garcia Lisa Randall Selina Robinson Kim Shanahan Barbara Witt

4. EVENTS CALENDAR COORDINATION COMMITTEE

Mr. Shanahan said, "You would ask the Chair to convene their committee and establish a time. And we haven't actually mentioned as to how we were going to go forward with scheduling meetings. Given that Committee #3 does not yet have a chair, Adam if you could convene a time and invite those people strongly to participate, because it does affect them directly and the industries they represent and such. And I don't know about the first two committees, whether Tejinder and Lisa want to wrangle that one down, but I'm sure they're going to appreciate your help convening these committees."

Mr. Schlachter said his plan is to reach out to all the Chairs after we have established the committees to set up what the protocol will be, "so, I'll absolutely do that."

Mr. Shanahan's remarks here are inaudible.

In response to Mr. Shanahan, Mr. Schlachter said staff will make sure those who aren't in attendance at this meeting are at the top of the list for Committee #3.

Chair Lopez asked what he has in mind for this Committee.

Mr. Schlachter said, "I wanted to make sure that if anyone has any ideas about how to better coordinate calendars around the committee for what is going on, because that was really why these were established. Yes, I get some of the stuff sent to me. I don't get everything. For instance, I've not gotten

anything sent to me directly from the Climate Action Summit. That has all come to me via other people. I don't know if something already exists and I'm not tapped into it. What I would like to start to do is to figure out a better way for SWAC, since we represent all of these different groups and industries, when the is something going on, like Amnesty Day or Capital Scrap does something special they want to get to the broader community, of the Homebuilders or whomever, that we have a way of coordinating all of that so we're not sending 800 emails about the same thing, but making sure everyone is having access or getting this information."

Unidentified volunteered to contact the Climate Task Force and see that you are included in the loop.

Mr. Eigner said Eldorado/285 website has a calendar which is pretty good and you are welcome to use that.

Mr. Garcia said he isn't going to volunteer to serve on this Committee.

Mr. Schlachter said, "My thought is that this would be a Gilda thing or a Catherine thing from your staff."

There were no volunteers to serve on this committee.

VIII. MATTERS FROM THE CITY

Mr. Kippenbrock said, "I don't like this mike any more than you guys do, okay. I share your frustration. I also share your patience."

Mr. Kippenbrock said when we did the RFP more than two years, Leidos was selected to do the Solid Waste Study, and they said it would take a year, which would have been last April. He said the final report should come out next week. He said, "They broke it up. They started on the County first, because they had an on-going Solid Waste Task Force. They got that out, and the County is implementing a lot of those recommendations. And the work for the City was completed in August, and the work on the Agency is final, but there has been no final report. Because of that SWAC was somewhat in limbo for a year or a year and half, because one, I'm sure the recommendation comes out first, because we push forward or move forward with some of the ideas. The beauty about the report, is we'll be able to use that to move forward to push with the elected officials."

Mr. Kippenbrock continued, "I believe Karen [Sweeney] wanted me to elaborate on some of them. And although it isn't finalized, one of the recommendations from the system-wide or the Agency side is again flow control. Flow control can primarily be done by changing the City ordinance relating to Solid Waste. That's the best way of doing it. It would not necessarily come from the Agency or the County which has very little commercial activities. Keep in mind that flow control is already established. The City

does all the residential and most of the commercial waste. The only thing that is free flowing is the C & D portion that you normally see from the private sector. We would like them to bring it to our facility in supporting the diversion program that we have."

Mr. Kippenbrock continued, "On the subject of out-of-county waste, I feel we need to amend our Joint Powers Agreement to allow out-of-county waste, such as North Central Solid Waste Authority or Espanola, or maybe from Las Vegas, anytime they have inclement weather, bad weather days, high wind days, so on. We don't think they will be using our facility on a regular basis, because they can get better pricing elsewhere. But, we have faced a lot of times, [inaudible] for them wanting to use our facility. So there is an opportunity to see some revenues in there. And again, we value the Caja del Rio Landfill more of an asset, than as revenue source, but we need to generate enough revenues to support these programs we want to implement."

Mr. Kippenbrock continued, "The Agency fully supports the recommendation in the City section for single stream recycling. That includes 1-7, all the fibers you can think of. That portion is moving forward through the City side and eventually in January when we reconvene with the Joint Powers Board, our Agency Board, we're going to support that recommendation. In order to support that recommendation, we need to do something to our MURF operation. Currently, it can accept only #1 and #2 plastic, and can't accept #3-7 at this time, without expanding it or adding more manpower, etc. we asked the consultant, Leidos, to look at it to make that determination can that be done. And their report says no. As a matter of fact, what they have said, is the best way is to do it through third party processing, i.e., like Friedman in Albuquerque. Or another vendor that may compete with Friedman. Again, we're looking at that through an RFP process."

Mr. Kippenbrock continued, "In the meantime, we're going to be looking at a hybrid situation where we can continue to do fibers, but send out all the containers to another facility to be processed. Again, the whole purpose of single stream automated recycling is to make it convenient for the user, and simply our message right away. I agree with Lawrence on adopting Albuquerque's system, so there is a consistent message being sent out to the public."

Mr. Kippenbrock continued, "The commercial recycling is one of the pieces they mention on the City side – once you get the automated recycling for residential, then focus on the commercial side. And last, but not least, on the food waste composting, we know there is a program in place right now, being done by this gentleman [Mr. Ciano]. He does the collection part along with the City. They collect from Whole Foods and take it to Payne's Nursery."

Mr. Kippenbrock continued, "We do see an opportunity per the Solid Waste assessment, to revitalize our composting operation through an RFP process, where we would like to see the operator take over that business and make it more viable. Another one is green waste. One of the ways to reduce our costs from the operations standpoint. I feel we have a great waste collection program and mulching program, but it's very costly. They asked us to look at a third party to help us, to come in and grind the green waste to keep our costs down."

Mr. Kippenbrock continued, "Glass is not going away, but it may be done in a different way as opposed to the residential side, being at the curbside. My understanding is it may be at various drop-off locations. They asked us to replace our current glass crushing machine with a newer, larger one. And the County actually is doing a lot of the implementations right now. My understanding is next Tuesday they will need your support on the second reading/hearing of the Ordinance which involves the punch cards — they're revising that. They will need your support on that. They also are moving forward closer and closer for a new site for the Jacona Transfer Station in Northern Santa Fe County."

Mr. Kippenbrock continued, "That's basically about it. Once the report comes out next week, hopefully you'll start seeing a lot of recommendations. I've seen some changes that ultimately will increase our recycling and diversion rates."

The Committee commented and asked questions as follows:

- Mr. Shanahan said when John Alejandro reported at the Climate Action Task Force, he dropped a little bit of a bomb, relative to the notion of the City having a municipal owned utility. He suggested that base load electrical generation could be done from solid waste. So when the sun isn't shining and the wind isn't blowing, you can still create electricity through anything that has carbon in it, which is plastic, cardboard, green waste, construction & demolition waste, which is the ultimate in diversion. And I'm wondering whether John Alejandro has, in any conversation with anybody in the solid waste community SWMA, Randall, Adam or was it just a pie in the sky notion for public consumption."
- Mr. Kippenbrock said he has never heard from Mr. Alejandro. He said, "I will tell you what he is referring to. I'm going to going to use the general term loosely, waste to energy plants, whether the technology is burning it or through plasma, or gasification or whatever it is. The bottom line is cost. Right now, we're charging \$40 per ton, and all the technologies you mentioned are \$60 to \$80 or even more per ton.
- Mr. Garcia said that takes a lot of tonnage, and he doesn't believe we have the tonnage to support that.
- Mr. Kippenbrock said typically, these firms come in and they need the backing of a municipality to support this program.
- [Mr. Shanahan's remarks here are inaudible]

Mr. Schlachter said they have been approached by two companies saying they want all of our plastic, but their pyrolysis unit was really focused on creating energy for the Rail Runner and the bus system. He reiterated that Mr. Alejandro has never approached him, or Mr. Kippenbrock, so they haven't talked to him about this. He asked Mr. Garcia if he has spoken with Mr. Alejandro.

- Mr. Garcia said he hasn't spoken with Mr. Alejandro, noting a group came to town looking for a home for its process, and looking for all of our waste, as well as housing at SWMA and at Nambe and other areas. They were trying to capture all the waste throughout the region to make its process worthwhile.
- Mr. Shanahan said a regional electrical base load is not out of the realm of science. And in talking about cost, there also is an income side which is buying and selling electricity.
- Mr. Garcia said his understanding is that all materials can't turned into electricity, and there are still aspects which would have to be sent to the landfill. He said you can put a program together for asphalt and concrete and potash. He said we would have to maintain the landfill to discard the materials that they generate. He said it isn't impossible, by any means, but it would really hurt our local facility here. He said taking any tonnage out of the landfill "definitely would impact all of us relatively hard."
- Ms. Randall asked Mr. Kippenbrock if he agrees.
- Mr. Kippenbrock said yes, there will be negative impact, but he believes we can adjust. He thinks it comes back to the amount of material, capital, air quality, as well as where to site it. He thinks it is worse than a landfill. He said the current NMED Regulations are prohibitive, and you have to be way "out in the boon docks," which is very difficult.
- Mr. Shanahan said, "I bring this up because someone has been hired by the City to be the City Energy Guru who is working for Nick Schiavo, who is making a public pronouncement about something where people are cheering the notion. However, the fact that he hasn't spoken to anybody is to me a little disconcerting." He said everything you say is true, and maybe sooner rather than later, someone needs to talk with these folks who are out there dangling solutions to the public that may not be as easy as one might think.

Mr. Schlachter said there are 18 waste energy plants in Florida, and the construction of a waste energy plant on any level, whatever the input will be in a pyrolysis or full waste energy plant, also includes something called "put or pay." This means regardless of what gets delivered, the municipality or entity has to sign an agreement that they will pay for X amount of material. Meaning if you only have 5,000 tons and you sign an agreement for 7,000 tons, you have to pay for the 2,000 tons. In order to get financing, they need to know there is a revenue source/stream coming in. It is similar to what Friedman did with the City of Albuquerque. So right now, Albuquerque pays a processing fee, because they aren't yet providing sufficient tonnage to Friedman to offset the cost of the construction of the plant. So they modeled that here in New Mexico. But this is something which doesn't get talked about until the last possible minute, noting it is usually "oh yeah, by the way," Noting they went through this in Broward County when he was living in Florida and they were required to provide 180,000 tons a month to their waste energy plant.

- Ms. Randall said one of the drawbacks to this idea of waste energy plants is you're encouraging single use, and encourage people not to think about how much they use because we're turning it into energy. She thinks we step over this idea of what can be repurposed, what should be recycled, how much we are consuming because, "well after all, we have a great place to put it that's going to generate energy for the community." She said, "I just think that's just the wrong choice. I hope we're not going there. That's the first I've heard of it, but I'm said that was thrown out there without community discussion and forethought.
- Ms. Pape said it was actually very concerning to her in terms of the air quality, and it doesn't make a whole lot of sense.
 - Mr. Eigner said of all the dirty fuel, the waste is even dirtier."
- [Mr. Schlachter's, Mr. Garcia's and the Chair's remarks here for the most part were inaudible because of a temporary failure in the sound system.??]
- Mr. Garcia said they will be doing some Ordinance changes.

IX. MATTERS FROM THE COUNTY

Oliver Barela, Santa Fe County, said. The County is looking at changing the fee structure for the permits for the transfer stations. Important to this Committee is they're going mandate that all materials which can be recycled will be recycled. He said that will be coming down next week.

Mr. Barela said another recommendation of the study was that some of the outlying urban areas and rural communities may be going curbside, and they are looking at doing another study to see how feasible it would be in areas such as in Las Campanas, Rancho Viejo and even Eldorado. He said the County is moving forward with the recommendations from the study which was provided to the County in March, and already has an Ordinance.

Mr. Barela said another thing that is happening is the County finally has gotten a lease on the Jacona Land Grant to build a brand new transfer station in the Pojoaque Valley which is badly needed. He said that transfer station was being operated on Pojoaque Pueblo Land. The new transfer station will be state of the art, a regional operation, which may allow the County to close some of the smaller ones and provide better service up North.

Ms. Sweeney said there will be a hearing on Tuesday at 5:00 p.m., in the County Commission Hearing Room, and she would urge the members of the Committee to attend. She said we heard the County Commissioners doing a little hemming and hawing, saying they don't like raising fees. It is really important for the public to be there, because there is at least one swing Commission vote. She said if you really think this is important, please try to be there or contact their Commissioner.

Mr. Eigner noted that people that live in the City also live in the County.

Ms. Randall asked what will be the approach to enforcement with the mandated recycling.

Mr. Barela said they will start out with soft enforcement with some literature. He said Joe, Karen and their group are really helping in Eldorado where we do almost half of our recycling. So, there will be soft enforcement initially. He said it is important to know that violations will mean a criminal citation for anybody who is cited for a violation.

Mr. Ciano asked the process of unearthing the study for the curbside collection programs in the County.

Mr. Barela said that hasn't been laid out yet. He said they will be doing a scope of work with the consultant to find out exactly what that is. He said we just identified some ideas and the Commission has directed staff to look at that to see if it is feasible and pursue that. He said the County is doing an RFP with Leidos and NewGen to do a scope of work to identify those items, noting he doesn't know what those are right now.

Chair Lopez asked if there will be a private hauler, or will the County be hauling.

Mr. Barela said it will be all private sector.

Mr. Garcia understands there was talk initially that it wouldn't be mandatory for everyone that lives within the area. He said the private haulers will give you a better deal if they know they have 100% participation in the area. He lives in Pinon Hills, and it isn't as dense as Eldorado, and he would love to see the County put something together there. He said they can use any one of the haulers, noting all 3 go into his area. He said the cost for the service is a little high, and believes it would be more affordable if we put that out for an RFP also. He thinks the private haulers would be willing to bid those areas.

Mr. Barela said this is a pilot program, so we'll see how it works and what kind of feedback we get from the community. He said, however, the Commission really wants to pursue it.

Chair Lopez said he served on that Solid Waste Tax Force for the County. He said, "That was a huge issue, mandatory vs. voluntary and the Committee voted against the mandatory much to my dismay. I agree with you, the only way you're going to make it work is to make everybody participate."

Mr. Garcia said, "There are two service areas, and Las Campanas is one of the other areas. I'm not sure where Rancho Viejo falls, but the second area is Eldorado. It is a big area, and Las Campanas most likely will be picked up by the service contractor, but there is an option to serve people like you in Pinon Hills. That's my understanding, but folks who live in your area are not required to sign up if they don't want to. That's my understanding of how the RFP may line up."

Mr. Barela said the RFP may identify certain areas, but the private sector might like to enlarge it and do their own thing and include the perimeter areas.

Mr. Schlachter said, "You said the Ordinance is going to mandate certain recyclables. Has that list been generated. No. I guess my second question, because Caja del Rio is in the County, and this will mean we will fall under the Ordinance in terms of how we have to manage waste coming into the landfill if we get a load. Okay, just wanted to clarify that."

Mr. Shanahan asked if the customer will get a bill from the private hauler, or from the County. He said if it's a bill from the County and they don't pay, you can lien them. It if's from the private hauler, you don't have much way to enforce. So it's conceivable you could have a private/public partnership, where you pay the private hauler after you've collected bills from the citizens. Is that concept is on the table.

Mr. Barela said they're not that far down the road. However, they did try to look at the methodology behind the billing, and who's more capable of doing it. He said the private haulers would better at it than we would, because we don't deal. The only place we deal is out of the Treasurer's Office.

Mr. Barela said, however, if they don't collect, then they don't get paid. It's up to them to enforce non-payment. If we get in the middle of it, there's too many people who can call us and ask, like can you help this guy out or that kind of stuff. We don't want to go there.

Mr. Kippenbrock said one of the requirements of the RFP is requiring the contractor to report what they collect to the County.

Mr. Barela said that is exactly the case. He said that was part of the recommendation initially. And the Commission wants us, initially, to have all the commercial haulers to identify themselves, get a license through the County, find out who they are, who's operating, what they do and then report the collection to us – where they take the material and things like that. Some of the stuff that we talked about with regard to flow control, and trying to get a handle on who is doing what and where it's going.

Chair Lopez said that was an issue with which the Task Force dealt, in terms of the collection of the fee. And one idea that came up was that everybody in the County pays a small amount and you would be provided with that service for garbage and recycling. He said this is the way the City operates. The Commissioners had a concern on the increase in the fee, noting this is an another idea that didn't go anywhere.

Mr. Ciano said, with regard to the possibility of County curbside pickup, they have begun putting out feelers to see if residents in Tesuque would be interested in curbside recycling collection. He said the response has been slow in terms of people willing to pay for that service. He said people like to go to the transfer station because they don't generate a lot of waste and it's free. He said the fee structure going forward with waste recycling is going to be huge. He said a large density is needed to make it worthwhile for haulers. He said because of the density issues, it may never be cost-effective for haulers to do it at all, except for very small segments.

Mr. Eigner said they have a non-mandatory curbside collection system in Eldorado, noting there is a transfer station only 2 miles away. He said 2/3 of Eldorado residents are signed up for curbside program.

Mr. Garcia asked if the County has looked at franchise fees, because you're going to have to create a franchise right to do this. He said many communities charge the bidding contractors a franchise fee for customer to help support their recycling efforts.

Mr. Barela said they understand they probably are "going to have to down that road." However, the scope of work hasn't been worked out and we haven't hammered out those details, but it has been discussed.

Mr. Shanahan said although 2/3 of the residents of Eldorado have curbside service, 2/3 don't have curbside recycling, although they could.

Mr. Eigner said one-half of the 2/3 are signed up for curbside recycling.

X. MATTERS FROM THE COMMITTEE

The Committee commented and asked questions as follows:

- Ms. Sweeney said her questions have been answered.
- Mr. Shanahan asked if SWMA and the BLM have worked out who has control of the basalt and whether or not it can be marketed and sold for construction material.

Mr. Kippenbrock said in 2009 he received a call from BLM that SWMA was blasting and removing rock from the disposal area, and the potential to sell that material to help recover costs. He said in New Mexico is a splitter state where you have surface rights and mineral rights. BLM owns the mineral rights. By Spring 2010 we settled it. We return all the royalty we generated from 2001 to April 2010. Moving forward we had a contract in place where we received \$1.50 per ton from the contractor, and of that 69ϕ goes straight to BLM, noting two years ago it was increased 95ϕ . His understanding currently, that will be reduced to 70ϕ per ton. This will be beneficial to SWMA and we can keep the money internally.

Mr. Kippenbrock said, "Yes, we're allowed to sell the material. We entered into an agreement this past May, with the same company, Del Hur Industries. They in turn have a 4-year agreement with Associated Asphalt to provide them base course materials and materials for asphalt, and guarantee about 110,000 tons per year. And through miscellaneous sales, potentially another 50,000 tons, so roughly 160,000 tons per year. That's the good news. The bad news is there is 1.6 million tons underground. So technically, between 10-16 years to move that material."

Mr. Shanahan said he brings that up so all members know that there is clearly a linkage between
the piles of basalt that has been coming out of the holes at Caja del Rio, and the question about
mining at La Bajada Mesa.

Mr. Kippenbrock said, "I spoke against that, because we have the material on hand. And the reason I did that is because the Agency is governed by the County and City, and I feel they have a vested interest in that, even though they claim that's irrelevant.... my concern with this is it's a 50-acre site which eventually will grow into a 1,000 acre site because they're right next to a rail spur and ultimately materials will be transported to the panhandle or elsewhere. That's my concern. It's more than just a local market."

Mr. Garcia asked if the basalt can be sold to residents from the landfill, and what is the gate rate.

- Mr. Kippenbrock said there are different prices for different materials, and it is \$6-8 per ton. They
 have worked with small businesses that do cash transactions at the landfill. They also can do
 deliveries as well.
- Mr. Kippenbrock said he thinks they have 8-10 products, from ½ to 3/4 inch, ripwrap, base course, engineering fill, crusher fines, whatever is needed by the customer.
- Ms. Randall gave an update on Santa Fe Public Schools. She said they now have 35% of the facility's composting with ReUnity Resources, 10 of our schools. The recycling/diversion rate is up to 25%, which is made possible by single stream, the big blue dumpsters. She appreciates those who supported that effort which started as a pilot, but believes it has positive implications. She said they have a pretty clean stream because they have a point of contact, consistent messaging, and a captive audience they can reach. There is no reason we should not have a 50% diversion, noting there is a lack of cooperation from some site staff. She said the outreach and education is so important.
- Ms. Randall said the School now recycles metal in their yard, so they are accepting metal from broken furniture, stuff that's coming in from schools or the yard, things like that. It will take a 30 yard rolloff per month. She said they have a 30 yard cardboard happening at the General Services yard. She said they have a long way to go, but "We're getting there."
- Mr. Garcia said he appreciates that. He said it still is considered a pilot project. He said they met with Mike and Lisa. The concerns when we entered into this if whether it would be feasible for BuRRT to be able to sort that material. He has held back on putting out commingled containers to commercial businesses, because it is still a pilot project. He said a decision has to be made at some point is whether it will continue to be a pilot project, or if we can open it to all commercial businesses in the City.
- Mr. Kippenbrock said to his knowledge, the material received from the Public Schools is clean. He said on the commercial side, such as Waste Management, from time to time we get a dirty load. It comes back to education being a component. Mr. Kippenbrock said he wants to take off the tag of pilot program with the Schools, but he doesn't know about the expansion.

Mr. Schlachter said we can look into it on a case by case basis. He said there is a big issue with the commercial single stream, and it will tie back to how we educate at the stop. He said Lisa Randall has done a really good job in designing her dumpsters. He thinks we should look at this on a case by case basis because it makes sense because "we can sort what comes in from their program, so if we can mimic that program. The State also does the same thing in its facilities. He said City buildings might be a good place to start with the expansion.

Mr. Garcia said that is a great idea. He said he does have reservations if we start looking at case by case for commercial businesses, and we will be put in a position where they say, well if you're providing it for this commercial business, you should provide it..... He thinks we need to look at all pieces, because we want to help it get better. He asked, "So how do we get there."

Mr. Schlachter said another perfect example is Best Buy, noting its cardboard normally comes in perfectly. He said this time it came in with all the Styrofoam in it, and he doesn't know what changed. He said all it takes is one thing to contaminate the load. He said, "That goes back to well, you're providing it to everybody, but we're throwing yours out because it's not done correctly. And that's what I don't want us to get into, or want you guys to have to get into. Because we have to let you know, and you have to back and charge the customer, and it's a nightmare for everybody. That's my suggestion – phasing it in."

Mr. Schlachter noted that the waste coming from the Outlet Mall consistently is contaminated because they have a restaurant on the route. He said that food waste gets through the whole dumpster and ruins everything. He said we don't necessarily segregate our routes, that's where he sees the issue coming in.

- Mr. Kippenbrock said, "I want to let the Committee know that in the Solid Waste Assessment, the suggested education cost per resident is \$2 to \$3. So you assume 140,000 people times \$2 is \$280,000, rounded up to \$300,000. That's what our budget should be in Santa Fe, in general to get the word out for consistent messaging."
- An unidentified member asked what is spent currently.
- Mr. Kippenbrock said, "Very little. We have a line item, but we don't use it as much, it's more for promotional for our events. My understanding is the City of Santa Fe budgets only \$70,000, more or less."
- Mr. Garcia said it budgets \$40,000.
- Mr. Kippenbrock said, "What the study is saying, in order to make an effective recycling program, at least from a residential standpoint, you have to feed it \$2 to \$3 apiece. El Paso did one very similar about 10 years ago. They did a solid waste assessment, and it included education and outreach and then they got an increase in their participation rates in the amount of recycling material. Then they went through the great recession and they cut back, and the rate of recycling also came down, so it goes hand in hand. Just because you start off great with education, you've

got to continue with that. It's almost no different than the water conservation program we have in place."

 Mr. Garcia said that would mean that people would have to pay 30¢ a month for outreach and education, and that is a battle.

Chair Lopez said, "Karen [Sweeney] and I had a discussion about a week ago, and I think it focused on the value of our time here, and the things we're doing that are really making a difference. It seems that things weren't organized, or there were frustrations on our part. And I think Randall talked about that a little bit earlier. It's something Kim brought up, with his 5 years participation on this Committee. And sometimes it seems like things are getting worse rather than better. I'm a little bit more encouraged after this meeting, probably because of the subcommittees, that we can focus on some issues we can actually influence some things to change. But at the same time, I think as far as I'm concerned, that's an analysis that we need to be doing all the time. It's, you know, what are we doing here. The reports and that are good, but I would like to see our recycling numbers increase. I just want to make sure the time we're spending here actually is achieving some results."

XI. NEXT MEETING DATE

January 21, 2014

The Committee discussed the site for the next meeting, and it was the consensus among the membership to hold the next meeting and all future meetings at the Nancy Rodriguez Center.

Mr. Schlachter said he will prepare the 2015 meeting calendar and will send email it out next week. He asked members to communicate any changes/corrections/additions to the Agenda to him before the next meeting..

Chair Lopez wished everyone a safe and Happy Holiday Season.

X. ADJOURNMENT

There was no further business to come before the membership, and the meeting was adjourned at approximately $4:00\ p.m.$

John Lopez, Chair

Melessia Helberg, Stenographer

MEMORANDUM

To:

Solid Waste Advisory Committee

From:

Randall Kippenbrock, P.E., Executive Director

Date:

November 17, 2014

Subject:

Nominations/Elections Procedure as per SWAC By-Laws

BACKGROUND AND SUMMARY:

Below is the procedure, as approved on September 18, 2014, by the Joint Powers Board with regard to Nominations & Elections for SWAC. Section 6 of the SWAC By-laws puts in place the procedure to elect the officers, outlined in Section 5 of the same document, who serve as the recognized administrators of the organization.

6. NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

- Nominations may be made from the floor by SWAC members at the SWAC meeting provided the nominee is a SWAC member from sectors D through P and consents to serve. Nominees will be asked to make a statement regarding their qualifications prior to election.
- Nominee must acknowledge and value that the SWAC is an effective organization working to increase recycling and other forms of diversion from the landfill while ensuring financial stability for the solid waste management system and assuring that costs are distributed fairly and equitably.
- Nominee must lead the organization and conduct meetings in an impartial and fair manner.
- 6.4 Election of Officers: Members of the SWAC elect the officers. Each officer is voted for separately, the chair position will be voted on before the vice-chair, and each SWAC member may cast one vote for each officer. A majority of the votes is required for election. In the case of a tie vote, the vote will be decided by number drawing. The nominee drawing the lowest number will be declared as the winner.

ACTION REQUESTED:

As the terms of our current officers have expired, the SWAC needs to appoint a new Chair and Vice Chair (to serve in the absence of the Chair). These positions will commence for a two (2) year period beginning January 1, 2015.

Exhibit "1"

MEMORANDUM

To:

From:

Adam Schlachter, Education & Outreach Coordinator
Randall Kippenbrock P.F. Brown

Via:

Randall Kippenbrock, P.E., Executive Director

Date:

November 17, 2014

Subject:

Update on Amnesty Day Participation

BACKGROUND AND SUMMARY:

On August 21, 2014, the Joint Powers Board approved the Amnesty Day schedule for the Agency to allow members of the public to utilize the Buckman Road Recycling & Transfer Station (BuRRT) at no charge for a variety of acceptable materials. The new program kicked off a new program aimed at reducing illegal dumping on vacant lands and arroyos throughout Santa Fe City & County. We have included statistics since September 2014, when the new program 'kicked off' with a free day for tires.

Tire Amnesty Day Program

Below are the statistics for the Tire Amnesty program which allows residents to drop off up to eight (8) tires on the FIRST weekend (both Saturday & Sunday) of each month.

Dates	Participants	# of Tires
September 6 & 7	32	157
October 4 & 5	17	83
November 1 & 2	16	70
Totals:	65	310

Trash Amnesty Day Program

On September 27 & 28, in conjunction with Toss No Mas, the statewide litter cleanup program, sponsored locally by Keep Santa Fe Beautiful, the Agency offered two (2) days where residents could drop off their trash for free. This included items such as: rubbish, unwanted materials, bulky items, remodeling/building materials, carpet, tiles and brick/block/concrete/asphalt items. In total, we saw 507 residents over the weekend and 165 tons of material was disposed of at no charge. We saw a total of 705 vehicles over the weekend with 72% representing trash.

HHW/E-Scrap Amnesty Day

On November 15, 2014, in conjunction with National America Recycles Day, the Agency coordinated an event where household hazardous waste (HHW) and electronic scrap (E-Scrap) could be dropped off at no cost. These items typically are more difficult to handle so it was anticipated that this event would be well attended. Overall, 252 deliveries of HHW were brought to BuRRT for safe handling and proper disposal. In addition, 223 deliveries of obsolete e-scrap

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were also brought in by Santa Fe City & County residents. All of the materials were set to our disposal partners for proper management.

Copies of the Amnesty Day Calendar are available for download off of the Agency's website, www.SantaFeRecycling.org. We are in the process of revising the calendar to represent the entirety of Calendar Year 2015, and new copies will be distributed once this has been finalized.

ACTION REQUESTED:

We continue to ask members to help us support the Amnesty Day program through their networks so that we communicate with a broad audience and achieve high participation with the goal of reducing illegal dumping throughout our community.