

AGENDA

REGULAR MEETING

**SANTA FE SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT AGENCY
SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE (SWAC)
MEETING #15**

MARCH 18, 2015

1:30 P.M.

**NANCY RODRIGUEZ COMMUNITY CENTER
1 PRAIRIE DOG LOOP
SANTA FE, NM 87507**

- I. Call to Order**
- II. Roll Call**
- III. Approval of Agenda**
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 - a. John Alejandro, Public Utilities-Discussion of Mayor's Climate Task Force Solid Waste Working Group.**
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 - a. Public Education & Outreach Subcommittee**
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OF THE
SANTA FE SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT AGENCY
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**MINUTES OF THE MEETING
SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING #14
OF THE
SANTA FE SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT AGENCY
Nancy Rodriguez Community Center
March 18, 2015**

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 Wednesday, March 18, 2015, at approximately 1:30 p.m., at the Nancy Rodriguez Community Center, 1 Prairie Dog Loop, Santa Fe, New Mexico.

II. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Chair John Lopez, County At-Large Resident
Vice-Chair Lisa Randall, Santa Fe Public Schools – Schools
Randall Kippenbrock, Executive Director, SFSWMA
Olivar Barela, Solid Waste Division Manager, Santa Fe County
Tejinder Ciano, Executive Director, ReUnity Resources
Larry Dennis, Facilities Manager, St. Vincent Hospital, Institutions
Cindy Padilla, Environmental Services Division Director
Tim Gray, Outreach & Administrative Section Manager, NMED/Solid Waste Bureau, State of NM
Eric Lucero, Operations Manager, Environmental Services Division, City of Santa Fe
Robert Martinez, Operations & Maintenance Division Director, Santa
Louise Pape, Sustainable Santa Fe Commission
Karen Sweeney, County At-Large Resident
Barbara Witt, Capital Scrap Metal
(Vacancy) City At-Large
(Vacancy) Recycling Advocacy Organization
(Vacancy), Caja del Rio/Las Campanas Area

MEMBERS EXCUSED:

Mary Jane Park, City
Simon Brackley, Chamber of Commerce
Kim Shanahan, Santa Fe Area Home Builders Assoc.
Ted Swisher, Habitat for Humanity
Selina Robinson, Waste Management of Central NM

STAFF PRESENT:

Adam Schlachter, Education & Outreach Coordinator, SWMA
Elizabeth Martin for Melessia Helberg, Stenographer

AUDIENCE:

Sharon Guerro, Sierra Club
Lawrence Garcia, Project Administrator, City
Councilor Peter Ives,
Sue Daniel, Eldorado 285 Recycles
Joseph Stodgel, Director, Upcycle Santa Fe
Jeff Clark, Landscape Specialist St. Johns College
Joe Eiger, Eldorado 285 Recycles
Suzanne Michaels, PR Consultant
John Alejandro, Planner, City of Santa Fe
Denita Bettner, SFSWMA

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

Chair Lopez asked the members of the audience to introduce themselves.

Lawrence Garcia said, Cindy Padilla, Director, Environmental Services division, will now be the City representative on the committee.

III. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

MOTION: Tim Grey moved, seconded by Lisa Randall , to approve the agenda, as presented. .

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

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR MEETING #14 JANUARY 21, 2015

MOTION: Karen Sweeney moved, seconded by Tim Gray, to approve the minutes of the meeting of January 21, 2015, as presented.

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

V. MATTERS FROM THE PUBLIC

Mr. Joseph Stodgel said he represents an organization in Santa Fe called Recycle Up, and are concerned mostly with education surrounding recycling at your home. He said they are holding an event that the Solid Waste Authority generously is sponsoring. He distributed a flyer on the event and invited everyone to attend the event.

Sharon Guerro invited everyone to a Meet and Greet on April 24, 2015, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., at the Commons, 2600 Alameda Street. She said she will send emails with details to the Committee, noting she is the Co-Chair for the Zero Waste Committee.

VI. MATTERS FROM THE AGENCY

Mr. Kippenbrock provided an update on the activities over the last 45 days. The Board approved the key recommendations from the Assessment. One of which was to contract our green waste operation. He said the contract has been awarded to a firm from Austin, Texas. The purpose of that is to avoid the costs of capitol outlay for the machine. He said they possibly they can do a more cost effective job of taking care of the green waste than the Agency can. He said tomorrow at the SWMA Board meeting they will be awarding the contract for the composting operation at the Landfill to Payne's Nursery. He said four applications were received, and Payne's Nursery was selected. He said we will continue with the food waste composting, and charge them a royalty fee on the back end. We said they have issued an RFP for third party processing of recyclables. He said the Assessment indicates we can do a better job by not doing it ourselves and utilizing a larger facility. The RFP also will ask for ideas of what can be recycled that we are not already recycling. The RFP is due on April 10, 2015. The selection committee will then look at the proposals and evaluate them. We said he is looking for final approval at the May or June SWMA Board meeting.

Mr. Kippenbrock said over the next 18 months, the City will be looking at possible curbside service recycling service, noting they also are looking at purchasing a new glass crusher.

Mr. Schlachter said reminded everyone that at the end of April we will be holding an Amnesty Day for garbage at BuRRT, and during the entire month of May they will be accepting green waste at BuRRT.

Chair Lopez asked if they are going to haul equipment up here to do the mulching.

Mr. Kippenbrock said yes, noting they are looking doing this twice a year. He said the additional material will go to composting. He said the City of Santa Fe is the biggest buyer and will be the first to receive the mulch.

Mr. Ciano asked if there still will be some available to the public.

Mr. Kippenbrock said yes there should be.

VII. MATTERS FROM THE CITY

A. JOHN ALEJANDRO, PUBLIC UTILITIES – DISCUSSION OF MAYOR'S CLIMATE TASK FORCE SOLID WASTE WORKING GROUP.

Mr. Alejandro said he would like to hand this off to Councilor Ives to start the discussion today.

Councilor Ives said he is the Co-Chair of the Mayor's Task Force on Climate Change, along with former Mayor Coss. There are several working groups, one of which one is focusing on solid waste, noting that is the Waste and Recycling Working Group. He said they have been relatively slow in getting this group started, noting he Chairs the working group. He said they are working together with the County on this effort, noting Commission Holian is the Chair of the Land, Water and Food Group. In working through this, this group seems to be a focal point for these types of activities across the City and County landscape. He said in a sense the Task Force is, in a sense, the catalyst for the good work that is being done.

Councilor Ives continued, saying we have a Sustainable Santa Fe Plan that was done several years ago, that focused how we could be more sustainable, but things were not being translated into policy. He said Mayor Gonzales is interested in moving the recommendations into action. He said his idea is to bring together people with expertise on these issues that have been working on these issues to move these issues and recommendations forward. He said this working group does that, and wants to focus on what we can do in the future. He commented that the working groups are focusing on short term goals now, and will be making recommendations to the Governing Body.

Councilor Ives continued, saying the Mayor introduced a measure, which he co-sponsored, to make Santa Fe a Green Community. We are working on reacting to the changes in our world and on making Santa Fe and Santa Fe County more resilient, self sustaining and reducing the carbon footprint to zero by 2040. He said waste and recycling issues are significant in this effort. He said he is here today to make a pitch to you and encourage any of you who are interested to think about joining the working group. He said are standing on the verge of new technologies in this area, noting that Santa Fe is small enough to be a microcosm to study new technologies. He said there is still a lot of "flesh that needs to be put on the bones." He said all of this plays back into urban gardens and indoor victory gardens.

Mr. Alejandro said they would like to coordinate the work of the task force with the work of this group, so as not to duplicate or reinvent the wheel, commenting any coordination we can do will be valuable.

Mr. Schlachter said we had talked a bit about this, and the SWAC needs to decide if they want a member on your Committee, or participate on a subcommittee with your members and our members. He asked what they have done with other overlapping groups in the community.

Councilor Ives said the Renewable Energy Committee and Sustainable Santa Fe are coordinating. Similarly, the Food Policy Council has come forward with a Food Policy Plan with significant issues and recommendations, and their sub group is coordinating with them. He said he is trying to find a mechanism to highlight work that you have done which will act as a catalyst to put that into action. He said the waste handling goals can and will be achieved by the facility we have.

Mr. Schlachter suggested that this should be put to a vote.

Chair Lopez said he would like to have more discussion first. He said he has a couple of concerns. He said he has been on this Committee for two years now and there has been a lot of down time, studying and planning and discussing. He said he didn't hear anything in Councilor Ives comments to convince him that we are not going to get into redundancy. He said, "This committee has been working pretty darn hard and our ideas have not gone anywhere. It is atrocious that we live in Santa Fe, which is supposed to be an environmentally conscious community, and we do not have a better recycling rate. I am not convinced that we won't be stepping on each others toes."

Councilor Ives said the first statement the Chair made, that you have worked hard and nothing has happened, is the issue he wants to work on with the Task Force and this subcommittee. He said the Mayor brought us together to look at the recommendations and plans and bring them to fruition sooner rather than later. He said he is here today to understand what this group has done and what they have recommended and help to bring that to action. He said their effort is intended to be more open to various possibilities and gather to other people in the community with experience and knowledge to focus on how we can work together to cause change to happen.

Mr. Eiger said we are on the brink of major changes due to what an outside consultant's study shows and what their recommendations were, and we are making advances. He said great things are happening because of this committee, and the Agency is well on its way to implementing the recommendations and so is the County.

Mr. Gray said we are just an advisory committee, and we were never tasked with more than to come up with ideas and make recommendations. He said he highly recommends that we have someone from this Committee on the Task Force and not start another subcommittee.

Ms. Sweeney said it may be helpful if we tell you what our subcommittees are doing. She thinks they are on the verge of moving forward.

Councilor Ives said his plans are to stay and listen to what this Committee has to say.

Mr. Ciano said from what he is hearing, the Climate Action Task Force could be a wonderful ally to push policy change. He said we are the nitty gritty, and thinks it would be interesting to see who would want to be on your task force. He said we can work on recommendations and the Task Force can work on policy.

Ms. Randall said she thinks it would be good if two people from the Task Force would be willing to participate in SWAC and vice versa to keep each group current on one another's activities.

Mr. Alejandro said he think that arrangement works. He said they want to continue to have a going dialogue with this Committee, as they have had with the Food Policy Task Force. He said we can then take what you have done and make policy to put into place. There also are new ideas, and they want to think outside of the box.

Ms. Randall thinks there is so much to know about what exists, what policies are in place, all the details, and just the amount of time to acquire that amount of knowledge. The last thing she wants to do is to sit on a committee with people just coming in and giving ideas. She said she doesn't want to start over, because this Committee has done a tremendous amount of educating ourselves. She said she wants to work with people who are ready to act.

Chair Lopez said, "It bothers me Tim, to hear your perception of this committee. I came here with a lot of good ideas. I have frustration that nothing is happening. I won't invest that amount of time and energy for nothing to happen."

Mr. Gray said I did not mean that the group is not doing anything, but we are advisory to the Agency.

Chair Lopez said it had a different meaning to him.

Mr. Schlachter said part of the issue historically is that the subcommittee work never happened. He said our subcommittee work and follow up has been missing, but now that we have that structure, it will be better.

Chair Lopez said it still is different from what he signed up for, and it still concerns him that we will have redundancy and that will inhibit us going forward.

Mr. Stodgel said it concerns him that the ideas generated by this group have not been catalogued in some way. He asked about an on-line forum where information could be available.

Chair Lopez said it is all in the minutes

Mr. Schlachter said yes, noting all of the minutes are available on the City Clerk's website.

Mr. Stodgel asked if they have been categorized at all.

Chair Lopez said we had an effort at one time to do that but it was not completed. One of the members was going to go through the minutes, but it never happened.

Ms. Sweeney said she thinks, with the subcommittees we have now, we are moving in a direction you would like.

Ms. Padilla said what we have had over last several years are three entities working on the same issues, but not in a coordinated manner nor have we had a strategy. She said the study was clear about that. We do need to come together, and it work as a unified entity. She said we need to make a plan, noting we own all the pieces of the puzzle here. We need to be more clear as to who has what responsibilities and we need to make a plan. She said we need to make sure to articulate what the City is going to do, and she needs to be more clear about articulating what we are doing. She said it is great that it is on the Mayor's radar screen. It is important to develop a strategy and share the information, and when innovation and good ideas come forward we need to act.

Mr. Kippenbrock said it sounds like it is important to the members of SWAC to deal with what is happening now. He said Councilor Ives is looking at what is or can happen in the future and what big changes we can make.

Councilor Ives said that will be a focus. He said he commits to pulling all those minutes and pulling ideas and come back and talk to this Committee about those. He said the Mayor has said "I am interested in this and I want to be a change agent in this." He said the Mayor has reached out to the community to talk about this. The intent is not to duplicate, but to act as a catalyst to capture those ideas and bring them forward through another mechanism. He said SWMA has a clear mandate to do certain things. He said they are looking at broader issues and solutions that involve things other than SWMA. He said, "I don't want to tell anyone that the great work they have done is not relative. I will pull all the minutes and come back to you."

Mr. Schlachter said he recommends that we amend our bylaws to add a member of Councilor Ives' Committee to serve on our Committee, a non staff member.

Councilor Ives said he would be happy to try to put that into place without you having to amend your by laws, noting they can make that an agenda item.

Mr. Schlachter said he just went to the City Clerk's website and the minutes available on the website go back only so far.

MOTION: Adam Schlachter moved, seconded by Cindy Padilla, to put member from the Task Force on our Committee.

FRIENDLY AMENDMENT: Ms. Padilla asked to amend the motion to do both – put someone from this Committee on their Task Force, and someone from the Task Force on SWAC. She said we would be covering all of our bases, noting we are all in this together and can be mindful of watching out for duplication. **THE AMENDMENT WAS FRIENDLY TO THE MAKER AND THERE WERE NO OBJECTIONS BY THE OTHER MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE.**

DISCUSSION ON THE MOTION AS AMENDED: Chair Lopez asked Councilor Ives, in terms of their process is it okay if we recommend someone.

Councilor Ives said, "Yes, of course. That is not a problem."

Mr. Garcia said he appreciate the innovativeness of this Task Force. He said we have not talked about how to make ideas feasible, and perhaps the Task Force can focus on those kind of issues.

CLARIFICATION OF THE MOTION, AS AMENDED, BY THE CHAIR: Chair Lopez said the motion is to appoint a member from SWAC to participate in meetings of the Task Force subcommittee and to put a member from the Task Force on SWAC.

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

Chair Lopez asked who would like to serve.

Mr. Schlachter said he will send out an email for volunteers to see who would like to serve, and then he will circulate the names.

Mr. Kippenbrock asked how often the Task Force meets.

Councilor Ives said the Task Force meets once a month, on the second Thursday of the month. He said the working groups meet once a month and report. He said he has just asked the City Clerk to pull all the SWAC minutes from the beginning for me.

Ms. Padilla said also we need to make sure to instruct our staff to pass on information from our meetings to the Task Force so everyone is aware.

Councilor Ives saidm "Yes, and vice versa."

Mr. Stodgel asked if the Waste Management working group has met yet.

Councilor Ives said no. He said he is looking for great membership, and came here first.

Chair Lopez said this Committee is regional committee, and asked Councilor Ives if he is looking only for City residents, or could County residents serve as well.

Councilor Ives said both City and County residents can serve.

Mr. Alejandro thanked the members of the Committee and said he will be attending future meetings of the Committee.

Mr. Padilla noted upcoming events. She said May 9, 2015 is Community Day and Clean-up Day, and they need volunteers if anyone is interested.

Mr. Schlachter said on April 18, 2015, they will be celebrating Earth Day at the GCCC.

VIII. MATTERS FROM THE COUNTY

Mr. Barela said the County pretty much has implemented all the recommendations from the Study. One recommendation was to look at curb side collection, and they have engaged a consultant to do that work for us. We are working on an ordinance for that purpose. He said they also are working on an RFP for a contractor to do that, and will be wrapping up the consulting work in 30 to 60 days. He said this is the final step in implementing the recommendations from the Assessment Study.

Mr. Martinez said the curbside collection system will require an ordinance and a resolution creating districts. There will be an opportunity for the community to comment.

Mr. Kippenbrock asked the timeframe.

Mr. Martinez said they plan to go to the Commission to amend the ordinance in July, and then go out to RFP for three collection districts. He said to give the contractors start-up time, he would estimate it will take one year from now to implement the curb side collection.

Mr. Ciano said we are talking about three districts.

Mr. Martinez said we want to manage where it already is being done. He said they will try to mandate recycling. They want to provide a seven year contract to the haulers and lower costs.

Mr. Garcia asked if the County anticipates expanding the service to other rural areas.

Mr. Martinez said yes in the future, but they want to start with these communities and then look at expanding the service.

IX. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

A. PUBLIC EDUCATION & OUTREACH SUBCOMMITTEE.

Mr. Barela said they have come up with a plan to bring forward to engage kids, educate the community and encourage recycling. He said Suzanne Michaels can get into more detail on what we discussed this morning and what we want to bring to the Committee.

Suzanne Michaels passed out her plan from this morning. Ms. Michaels reviewed the handout which is in the Committee packet. Please see this document for specifics of this presentation.

Ms. Lopez said she might want to explain the newspapers that being passed around..

Ms. Michaels said these newspapers contain articles about her work for Recycling Connections.

Mr. Gray asked if she is just here to give ideas, asking if she is potentially hired.

Ms. Michaels said this is a chance for her to bring to ideas to this Committee that they might want to try in the area of educating the public.

Mr. Gray asked how she will address putting out a large campaign.

Ms. Michaels said we talk about other things in stories for now, and get the stories published for the public to see. She said then we go to the schools and put on educational programs for the kids..

Ms. Randall said for those of you who want to see our school's change in he area of recycling, the School Board needs to from hear her.

Mr. Martinez said the first week in April is National Public Works Week, and they will be going to the schools during that week, and Ms. Michaels said that could be a news story.

Ms. Michael said this is too much to put on the shoulders of, say Adam. She said perhaps there is a free lance reporter that could do the stories for you. She said she doesn't do this by herself. She works with other organizations in the community to get the word out. She said she will put together a three step plan for you that is in the handout, noting everyone has to be working together.

Mr. Barela said our Committee would like to take action soon and get the ball rolling.

Mr. Gray said he believes this is the first time we have had a subcommittee report.

Mr. Ciano said this comes from the action plan we worked on at a previous meeting when Randal put all the ideas on up on a chart, commenting the issue of education was on the list.

Chair Lopez said we discussed this just this morning, commenting we talked about a lot of things this morning and we are still in the process of putting it all together.

Ms. Padilla said she and Mr. Schlachter committed to get together on Friday to put a plan together get it to you. She said there were lots of great ideas that we need to look at incorporating into a plan. She said the newspaper articles are great but we need someone who will write them on a consistent basis. She said they will go through all of the ideas and bring something back to the Committee.

B. COMPOSTING AND FOOD WASTE SUBCOMMITTEE.

Mr. Ciano said subcommittee met once, and talked about food waste and composting. He said they also discussed residential composting and commercial as well, and about the composting facility at the landfill and tip fees.

Ms. Pape said their feeling is that commercial composting is most actionable to tackle before residential.

Mr. Schlachter said he and Ms. Padilla will be talking about this, as well as curbside collection.

Mr. Gray said the Committee decided to wait for a contract to be in place and will go from there.

Ms. Randall said we will be using the existing commercial composters until the large scale composting begins.

C. COMMERCIAL RECYCLING SUBCOMMITTEE.

Mr. Schlachter said this subcommittee has met once. They talked about challenges to recycling in the community. He said our biggest challenge was waiting for the contract to come back to see what it allows. However, they are continuing to look at the issues.

Mr. Garcia said we talked about making cardboard recycling mandatory.

Mr. Ciano said we are on the edge of a massive change in recycling and other waste management, commenting it is very exciting.

Mr. Garcia said the subcommittee also talked about plastic covered cardboard issues and horse manure.

Mr. Kippenbrock said we are taking this issue to the Board for special consideration of horse manure, noting there will be no charge to the Landfill.

Ms. Randall asked if there is an anticipated opening date.

Mr. Kippenbrock said potentially in April.

Ms. Padilla said she agrees we are in exciting times. She said the worst case scenario would be putting the cart before the horse. She said they need to get together and develop a timeline and make sure all the pieces are in place, commenting that education will play a key role.

Mr. Stodgel said, to go back to the possibility of portal, it might be very helpful.

Ms. Padilla said it is a good idea, and they can talk about it off-line.

Mr. Stodgel said as far as he knows, BuRRT does not send recyclables overseas.

Mr. Schlachter said no, just electronics.

Ms. Sweeney asked what a portal is, and if it is a central place for information.

Mr. Stodgel said it is a website.

Ms. Sweeney said the Waste Management Agency should be the focal point.

X. MATTERS FROM THE SWAC MEMBERSHIP

Mr. Gray said they have started a pilot program for composting bins, noting applications are available on-line.

Ms. Sweeney asked who gets these composting bins.

Mr. Gray said these are backyard composting bins.

Ms. Sweeney said, "I would like to give us a pat on the back."

Chair Lopez thanked Councilor Ives and Suzanne Michaels for their attendance and participation at today's meeting.

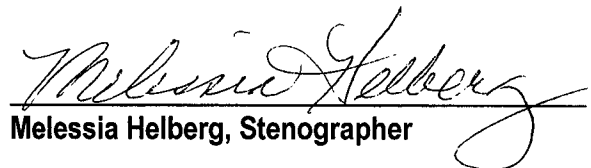
XI. NEXT MEETING DATE

May 20, 2015

X. ADJOURNMENT

There was no further business to come before the membership, and the meeting was adjourned at approximately 3:25p.m..

John Lopez, Chair


Melessia Helberg, Stenographer