

**AGENDA****REGULAR MEETING**

**SANTA FE SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT AGENCY  
SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE (SWAC)  
MEETING #17**

October 21, 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**
- IV. Approval of Minutes for Meeting #16 – July 15, 2015**
- V. Matters from the Public**
- VI. Matters from the Agency**
- VII. Matters from the City**
- VIII. Matters from the County**
- IX. SWAC Subcommittee Reports**
  - a. Public Education & Outreach Subcommittee**
  - b. Composting and Food Waste Subcommittee**
  - c. Commercial Recycling Subcommittee**
- X. Matters from the SWAC Membership**
- XI. Next Meeting Date**  
**January 20, 2015**
- XII. Adjournment**

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**SUMMARY OF ACTION  
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<b>MATTERS FROM THE PUBLIC</b>	<b>NONE</b>	<b>2</b>
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<b>COMMERCIAL RECYCLING</b>	<b>NONE</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>MATTERS FROM THE SWAC MEMBERSHIP</b>	<b>NONE</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>NEXT MEETING DATE</b>	<b>JANUARY 20, 2015</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>ADJOURNMENT</b>	<b>ADJOURNED</b>	<b>10</b>

**SANTA FE SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT AGENCY  
SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE (SWAC)  
Nancy Rodriguez Community Center, Santa Fe, New Mexico  
October 21, 2015, 1:30 pm**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

A regular meeting of the Solid Waste Advisory Committee was called to order by Chair John Lopez on October 21, 2015, at 1:30 pm, at the Nancy Rodriguez Community Center, 1 Prairie Dog Loop, Santa Fe, New Mexico.

**2. ROLL CALL**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

John Lopez, Chair  
Olivar Bareia, Santa Fe County  
Robert Martínez, Santa Fe County  
Barbara Witt, Capital Scrap Metals  
Louise Pape  
Karen Sweeney  
Neal Denton, NMED  
Lisa Randall, Santa Fe Public Schools  
Randall Kippenbrock, SWMA

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Nick Schiavo, City of Santa Fe  
Lawrence Garcia, City of Santa Fe  
Mary Jane Park  
Larry Dennis, St. Vincents Hospital  
Simon Brackley, Santa Fe Chamber  
Kim Shanahan, Santa Fe Builders  
Ted Swisher, Habitat for Humanity

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Adam Schlachter, SWMA  
Susan Daniel, Eldorado 285 Recycles  
Joe Eigner, Eldorado 285 Recycles  
Dora Rael, Eldorado 285 Recycles  
David Funk  
Craig Steinhoff, St. Vincents Hospital  
Craig O'Hare, City of Santa Fe Public Works  
Elizabeth Martin, Stenographer

**3. AGENDA**

**MOTION** A motion was made by Ms. Randall, seconded by Ms. Pape to approve the agenda as presented.

**VOTE** The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

**4. MINUTES JULY 15, 2015**

Ms. Pape said on page 4, it should say juice cartons.

**MOTION** A motion was made by Mr. Martínez, seconded by Ms. Pape, to approve the minutes as amended.

**VOTE** The motion passed unanimously by voice vote

**5. MATTERS FROM THE PUBLIC**

There were no matters from the public.

**6. MATTERS FROM AGENCY**

Mr. Schlachter said Mr. Kippenbrock is not here yet so I will give brief comments of what I am aware of. Yesterday we did a material analysis at Friedman. We delivered 240 tons of material to Friedman's facility. They ran through just Santa Fe so that we could figure out what was the make up of the waste stream. Randall was there all day yesterday and has the data.

Ms. Witt asked what period of time was this.

Mr. Schlachter answered it was over a week and a half. Everything is going well. In August we had a 55% increase. We have gotten great response to our marketing. We are working with the City to have a recycling notice put in the utility bills of City customers. Our local waste management representative is no longer with the company so we are working on how to get the word to private haulers. We have finished grinding. There is beautiful mulch available at BuRRT, free of charge if you load it yourself, \$3.00 a cubic yard for us to load it.

**7. MATTERS FROM CITY**

Mr. Schlachter said the City put out an RFP to look at waste alternatives. It is to see if there are better ways to manage waste. This is being driven by a company that doesn't really have any working technology. It is all theoretical.

We are somewhat skeptical. They did come to the agency. They had no proven technology or financial information. It is my understanding that they will take the entire waste stream. Recyclables with trash. We will be at the table for the entire process.

Mr. Kippenbrock arrived at the meeting.

Mr. Kippenbrock said thank goodness we will be at the table.

Mr. O'Hare said the RFP says it has to be a proven process.

Mr. Martínez said the RFP title says alternative solid waste disposal methods. That implies that possibly they would be sending waste and recyclables to another facility. The County and the City worked together to create SWMA. In the joint powers agreement it is implied that waste has to go to Caja. He was surprised that the City would go down this path knowing they are a major contributor to waste at the landfill. Without them we would have to increase fees to everyone.

Mr. Eigner asked is the RFP on the City website.

Mr. Schlachter said yes.

Mr. Martínez said the County was not brought into the discussion.

Mr. Schlachter said one Commissioner did come up to me with questions.

Mr. Kippenbrock said part of the driver is the Mayors Task Force.

Mr. Schlachter said the discussion happened a year ago when the City looked at having their own electric company. 50,000 tons is not enough for a traditional waste energy plan. Most waste energy plants are in the several million range in cost of production. They are looking at building it on the Pojoaque Pueblo.

Mr. O'Hare asked does the City have any policies that emphasize making the best use of materials recovered.

Mr. Schlachter said there is nothing in the current Ordinance.

Mr. O'Hare said proposals are due at the end of November.

Mr. Kippenbrock said he glanced at the RFP and it will be tough to meet. It says if they have an idea that is cheaper than \$40.00 per ton. Everything does not have to go to feed into that plant. He does not know if there is enough material for that.

Mr. Ciano asked what are the benefits.

Mr. Schlachter answered recycle power. Reduction of land use.

Mr. Ciano said reduced tonnage and renewable energy.

Mr. Schlachter said and power generation.

Ms. Pape asked is this group going to have input.

Mr. Schlachter said he encourages each of the committee members to read the PRF and provide feedback to him. He will email the RFP to all of the members.

Mr. Eiger asked what is status of automated single stream.

Mr. Kippenbrock said the City passed at the Public Utilities Committee, the potential to go to that with a .68 increase. Two Councilors asked for them to come back with a plan to recover the rest. It has to go through Finance Committee then Council which will probably be in late November or December. That is just approval to go forward. Then they have to come back and do the process to get a loan from the Finance Authority. We are still looking at nine months.

Mr. Eiger asked are they going to lose the grant.

Mr. Schlachter said if it is approved to go forward before December 31<sup>st</sup>, no. The City has to commit.

Mr. O'Hare asked are they still deliberating glass.

Mr. Schlachter said the proposal Nick Schiavo put out is that they will send a truck to the same spot every week in five locations around the City for glass disposal. It will be a manned site. Hopefully that will cut down on the potential for litter. A combination of all the things is what the staff was recommending.

Ms. Randall said it is a first step.

Mr. O'Hare asked did PUC approve it.

Mr. Schlachter said yes.

Mr. Kippenbrock said they will phase out curbside glass pick up.

Mr. Ciano asked where does glass end up if it is not in the truck.

Mr. Schlachter said in the landfill.

Mr. Martínez said it is going there now. There is not a recycling opportunity for glass now.

Mr. Schlachter said the truck has to come to BuRRT to empty. The operating hours will allow them to maximize filling the truck and still have time to dump.

Mr. O'Hare said it is problematic if it is not open outside of regular work hours.

Mr. Eiger said he spent a day traveling in Albuquerque with their trucks. They have 24/7 drop offs. The City has chosen not to go that route.

Mr. Schlachter said BuRRT is open seven days a week and is convenient.

Mr. Ciano said we have seen an increase in recycling. What is the contamination rate.

Mr. Kippenbrock said he was sorry he was late. He is going to give his report now including contamination rates.

Mr. Kippenbrock gave a overview of the Friedman contract. His report on Friedman from the audit yesterday followed. The audit was done to determine the overall pricing per ton. We delivered 150 tons. The labor force they have is designed to remove contamination. The make up of the waste was 85% fiber, newspaper, mixed paper and cardboard. The rest is in small percentages. Number 1 plastic bottles were 3%, color plastic bottles were less than 1%, milk jugs 2%, tin cans 2.3 %, and trash 8%.

Ms. Sweeney asked are these percentages based on the weight of the recyclable.

Mr. Kippenbrock said yes.

Ms. Sweeney asked is 8% good.

Mr. Kippenbrock said very good.

Mr. Schlachter said the industry percentage is 15%.

Mr. Kippenbrock said the City of Albuquerque has 20% trash.

Ms. Witt said they have single stream containers.

Mr. Kippenbrock said we will see it go up to around 20% and contaminants will go up to maybe 10 to 15%.

Ms. Daniel asked is there a plan to give the City and County a pat on the back for this.

Mr. Schlachter said that is a good point.

Mr. Kippenbrock said that is a public outreach conversation. We are planning to make efforts for positive PR on this. I just got this report this morning at 10:00 am.

Mr. Ciano asked what is the overall goal for recyclables.

Mr. Schlachter said if you are talking about matching states goals then 25%.

Chair Lopez said isn't the nationwide number 33%.

Mr. Schlachter said yee.

Mr. Kippenbrock said we saw very few plastic bags. There were a lot of large food cans and plastic water bottles.

Mr. Ciano asked is there any way to equate that to what is being recycled more.

Ms. Pape said before we did not do paperboard. That added to the totals.

Mr. Schlachter said it was the marketing. He does not think one material over another.

Ms. Randall said in the schools we are seeing twice a week pick up of our single stream dumpster. We have an overflow. The recycling of milk cartons is the main driver now. She hopes their contamination is not too bad. She feels like we are comparing apples to oranges in percentages. It would be interesting to see volume increase rather than weight increase.

Ms. Witt asked are they going to shut down the plant often to do these audits.

Mr. Kippenbrock said they will do them twice a year. It is very intensive. The City of Albuquerque does an audit once a year.

Ms. Randall said weekly she gets a call from schools that their recycling dumpster is full. The increase is positively effecting us.

Mr. Schlachter asked have you been able to cut any trash service because of this.

Ms. Randall said she has not done an audit yet to see.



Chair Lopez asked when they do the audit how long does it take.

Mr. Kippenbrock said it took from 6:00 am to 6:30 pm.

Ms. Sweeney asked what about composting.

Mr. Kippenbrock said we are in the final stage of getting our permit renewed for the landfill. We expect to get a new permit in the next thirty to forty five days. We are able to allow Payne Nursery to go in and manage material but we need the permit to allow food waste to come to the landfill. We are almost there.

Ms. Sweeney asked will waste be deposited there only by commercial entities.

Mr. Kippenbrock said yes. It is not the intention for residents to bring food waste out there.

Mr. Schlachter said we did discuss focusing on backyard composting for now for residents.

Ms. Sweeney said you may see in the next day or two an article about composting in El Dorado.

Mr. Ciano asked why did it end up going into permit renewal and not meet the deadline.

Mr. Kippenbrock said a deadline was missed and that delayed the process.

Mr. Ciano asked how the increased recycling will impact the landfill.

Mr. Kippenbrock said he expected a 3,000 ton net loss of material at the landfill. We will be evaluating that impact to the budget a year from now when we have been able to collect enough data.

Mr. Denton said he would like to report on some Legislative initiatives the state is undertaking.

Chair Lopez said he would add that report after the county report.

## **8. MATTERS FROM THE COUNTY**

Mr. Martínez reported that the County, earlier this year, started moving forward with the three collection districts and franchising waste collection.

Mr. Martínez reported that it was to be a competitive process with exclusive

service in each district. We held public meetings in May and found very strong opposition to the plan in the northern district. At the end of June we had another meeting on the Ordinance and received strident opposition. The County Commission did not act on the Ordinance and instead instructed us to come up with an alternative plan and present it to them.

Mr. Martínez said the new proposal had an open market process where the home owners could choose their hauler. The recycle service was to be bundled into a package deal. The Commission was interested. We held a new round of public meetings and are still in the process of that now. We were hoping that the northern district would be more pleased with this and we thought it was a good compromise. The regional haulers would come to us to get permits to perform the service but we would not be in a rate oversight role like we were in the previous plan. Rates may go up \$7.00 to \$8.00 a month to include recycling. It is a benefit for them. Glass will not be included. We are still getting some opposition.

Mr. Martínez said the Commission is interested in pursuing a pilot project if the community is interested. We met with Eldorado and they are going to run an article in their newsletter. We will be meeting with them to discuss the opportunity on November 12, 2015.

Mr. Ciano asked regarding the glass issue, could you alternate weeks and pick up glass.

Mr. Martínez said if we did that it would double the fees. There would have to be separate containers. One for garbage, one for glass and one for recycling. It is possible to do but more expensive.

There followed a lengthy discussion about glass recycling and disposal. There were many people speaking at once and it was not possible to distinguish voices and individual comments.

Mr. Schlachter said the trend nationally regarding glass is to have a separate subscription service for glass collection. Salt Lake City is working on that. Boulder is looking at it. They are seeing challenges.

Mr. Denton had asked if he could give a report on state legislative initiatives. He gave an overview of initiatives regarding solid waste issues. They have been meeting with stakeholders and doing research for six months in response to a House Memorial from last year's Legislative Session that asked them to develop a recommendation to get the state to their goal of 50% diversion of waste. They have found that funding is the biggest hurdle.

Mr. Denton said they are working on a report now that will be presented.

Ms. Randall said the House Memorial was meant to obtain ideas and information for public education and then next Legislative Session they will pursue a bill.

Mr. Denton said that is correct. The report should be ready at the end of this year.

Mr. Schlachter reported that he has been working with the City on commercial recycling. There is a big push from Mr. Schiavo to identify commercial customers and increase the recycling amounts. That is the focus of the City right now.

## **9. SUBCOMMITTEES**

Ms. Pape said that she lives in a community of twenty eight homes that is considered commercial. They need a dumpster. They were told that there is a dip in their parking lot that prohibits the rear end loader from picking up and dumping the dumpster therefore, they will not be able to get one. This is a serious problem. Without a dumpster we will need at least twelve carts.

Chair Lopez informed Ms. Pape that her issue is not on the agenda and that they are on subcommittees right now.

Mr. Schlachter said that the subcommittees have not been meeting and the office has not set up meetings due to the lack of attendance. The subcommittees were set up to come up with ideas and work through them then report back to the full Committee. The SWAC Committee is then obligated to consult with and report to the SWMA Board. SWAC was created by the SWMA Board. We will not be scheduling any subcommittee meetings until after the first of the year to give us a chance to work on this process.

### **A) PUBLIC EDUCATION AND OUTREACH SUBCOMMITTEE**

Mr. Schlachter reported that the agency would be doing a fiesta for Earth Day and they would like SWAC to join them with an Environmental Fiesta. The tentative plan is to have the event on April 20, 2016, at the Convention Center. He asked the SWAC members for help in making this event successful.

### **B) COMPOSTING AND FOOD WASTE SUBCOMMITTEE**

No report

### **C) COMMERCIAL RECYCLING SUBCOMMITTEE**

No report.

**10. MATTERS FROM THE SWAC MEMBERSHIP**

None

**11. NEXT MEETING DATE**


January 20, 2016

**12. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 4:55 pm

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John Lopez, Chair



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Elizabeth Martin, Stenographer