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**MINUTES OF SWANA CALIFORNIA LEGISLATIVE
TASK FORCE MEETING IN SACRAMENTO**

October 3, 2013

By: Mark Urquhart

The Legislative Task Force (LTF) meeting started at about 11:00 AM (one hour later than typical as a shorter meeting). A quorum was present as there were 11 voting members present (including one alternate), and at least one voting member from each chapter. The agenda is Attachment A. A list of the attendees is Attachment B. Items from the agenda below were not all discussed in the order listed.

I. BUSINESS ITEMS AND LTF ACTIVITIES

Approval of Minutes from September 2013 LTF Meeting

Lisa Wood asked if there were any comments on the minutes. Mike Mohajer proposed correction of typo on item II.d.; changing SP-4 to SB-4.

Motion: A motion was made by Mike Mohajer and seconded by John Gullede to approve the minutes as amended by the comments, above. The motion carried, as all were in favor.

Approval of September Treasurer's Report

Mark Bowers circulated the September 2013 treasurer's report (Attachment C). John Gullede asked for an email copy of donation request sent to LASAN. It was noted that revenues from the Sierra Chapter Western Regional were \$15,000, yet to be deposited. Lisa Wood asked if there were any comments on the report. There were none.

Motion: A motion was made by Mike Mohajer and seconded by Curtis Larkin to approve the August 2013 treasurer's report. The motion carried, as all were in favor.

Annual Workshop

It was discussed that as previously planned the annual workshop on November 8 and 9 will be in Monterey at the Monterey Beach Hotel. Deadline for hotel sign-up of the block of rooms is December 8. A total of 18 room nights are needed to get the reduced meeting room rate. It was discussed that given the expected attendance it is expected that 18 room nights should be reached.

Lisa Wood discussed that she had circulated the workplan with combined legislation and regulatory content. After some discussion it was noted that Lisa Wood had not received some emails that were sent on the workplan (examples Glenn Acosta reformat and Sharon Green comments). Some comments will be resent to Lisa Wood.

Lisa Wood discussed the recommended slate of officers will be discussed at the workshop. She expects to nominate Nancy Ewert, Mark Bowers, Glenn Acosta, and Mark Urquhart for discussion by the LTF.

It was noted that the Monterey RWMD start time for the tour of the anaerobic digestion facility will be 3PM. The RWMD will email out directions to the facility.

II. LEGISLATIVE ITEMS

Jason Schmelzer led discussions on the agenda legislative bills as follows. Two year bills are a partial list of what may be continued for next year.

Governor's Desk

- a. [AB 1126 \(Gordon\)](#) – Conversion NO POSITION

The bill was signed by Governor Brown. Jason Schmelzer noted that LTF removed opposition and indicated that the LTF wants to work with CR on the implementation regulations. Mike Mohajer made statement that he things this law put a nail in coffin of conversion technology (CT) in California and a step backward. It was noted that CT needs to be an important issue to be discussed at the annual workshop.

- b. [SB 254 \(Hancock\)](#) – Mattress EPR - SUPPORT – Signature Requested

The bill was signed and governor, with him noting that some cleanup legislation would likely be needed.

- c. [SB 804 \(Lara\)](#) – Conversion, Anaerobic Digestion - SUPPORT – Signature Requested

This bill is awaiting signature, which is unusual given governor usually packages similar bills. Jason Schmelzer said he will keep LTF posted on status of this.

Two Year Bills

- a. [AB 5 \(Ammiano\)](#) – Homelessness
NO POSITION

Jason Schmelzer guesses that the author may scale back the bill as a two year bill next year.

- b. [SB 158 \(Levine\)](#) – Single Use Carryout Bags
SUPPORT IF AMENDED

This like the other bag bill seems to be a debate between retailers and other industry parties. Jason Schmelzer thinks that the bag wills will keep coming back. The LTF needs to monitor to try to keep local preemption out of future bills, similar to the LTF stance this year.

- c. [AB 403 \(Stone\)](#) – Sharps EPR (Extended Producer Responsibility)
SUPPORT

Jason Schmelzer thinks that this bill, if it moves, would not sponsored be by Product Stewardship Council.

- d. [AB 488 \(Williams\)](#) – Household Battery EPR
SUPPORT

There will be some interest by manufacturers to get some level of bill passed next year.

- e. [AB 521 \(Stone\)](#) – Recycling: Marine Plastic Pollution
WATCH

Jason Schmelzer said this bill is still under discussion, which may take a few years, and evolve to containing some EPR concepts.

- f. [AB 997 \(Chesbro\)](#) – Solid Waste: Enforcement Agencies
NO POSITION

It was noted that this bill may contain bottle bill or other significant legislation which will need to be tracked.

- g. [AB 1001 \(Gordon\)](#) – Hazardous Materials: Packaging: Exemptions
NO POSITION

Jason Schmelzer said he is surprised that something was not done with this bill regarding the bottle bill program funding. However, the bottle bill is still on the radar of legislature. It was discussed that recent regulatory action regarding redemption of commingled CRV and non-CRV materials needs to be monitored.

- h. [SB 405 \(Padilla\)](#) – Single Use Carryout Bags
SUPPORT IF AMENDED

See above (SB 158).

- i. [SB 727 \(Jackson\)](#) – Pharmaceutical EPR
SUPPORT

There will be a meeting coming up on this issue that Jason Schmelzer will attend. It seems that a bill is being considered given there may be a lot of local entities addressing this after the Alameda ordinance was enacted and upheld.

It was also discussed that commercial organic recycling may be a legislative issue next year.

III. REGULATORY ITEMS

- a. CalRecycle AB 341 Report to The Legislature

Jason Schmelzer discussed that there will be a second comment period coming up in a couple weeks. In a related issue, comments on CARB AB 32 scoping plan will be needed. A number of sections relate to solid waste. Mike Mohajer noted that LTF comments that were previously submitted were not addressed.

It was discussed that a subcommittee needs to work on this prior to the November 2013 LTF workshop. Lisa Wood said that she will review prior comments and circulate an initial draft. The subcommittee set up will include Lisa Wood, Mike Mohajer, Sharon Green, Larry Sweetser, and Curtis Larkin. Jason Schmelzer will set up a call. It was discussed that the draft developed by the subcommittee will be circulated to the LTF for review and approval. Given the short timeframe to submit comments the time for review by the LTF may be as short as a couple of days. In this case limited comments can be taken and if LTF members do not voice disapproval

of the comment letter it will be taken as a vote for approval to send (letter will be sent unless majority of LTF members disapprove.)

IV. RUMORS AND GOSSIP

No specific items were discussed.

V. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned about 11:55 AM.

SWANA Legislative Task Force Meeting Agenda

Thursday, October 3, 2013 // 11:00am – 12:00pm

Conference Line – 800-867-2581 // Passcode – 1006105

I. Business Items

- a. Approval of September Meeting Minutes
- b. Approval of September Treasurer's Report
- c. Annual Workshop

II. Legislative Items – Governor's Desk

- a. [AB 1126 \(Gordon\)](#) – Conversion
NO POSITION
- b. [SB 254 \(Hancock\)](#) – Mattress EPR
SUPPORT – Signature Requested
- c. [SB 804 \(Lara\)](#) – Conversion, Anaerobic Digestion
SUPPORT – Signature Requested

III. Legislative Items – Two Year Bills

- a. [AB 5 \(Ammiano\)](#) – Homelessness
NO POSITION
- b. [SB 158 \(Levine\)](#) – Single Use Carryout Bags
SUPPORT IF AMENDED
- c. [AB 403 \(Stone\)](#) – Sharps EPR
SUPPORT
- d. [AB 488 \(Williams\)](#) – Household Battery EPR
SUPPORT
- e. [AB 521 \(Stone\)](#) – Recycling: Marine Plastic Pollution
WATCH
- f. [AB 997 \(Chesbro\)](#) – Solid Waste: Enforcement Agencies
NO POSITION
- g. [AB 1001 \(Gordon\)](#) – Hazardous Materials: Packaging: Exemptions
NO POSITION
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SUPPORT IF AMENDED

- i. [SB 727 \(Jackson\)](#) – Pharmaceutical EPR
SUPPORT

IV. Regulatory Items

- a. CalRecycle AB 341 Report to The Legislature

V. Rumors and Gossip

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SWANA LEGISLATIVE TASK FORCE MEETING OCTOBER 3, 2013

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SWANA LEGISLATIVE TASK FORCE - 2013 BUDGET			
September 2013 Treasurer's Report			
BEGINNING ACCOUNT BALANCE - 1/1/2013	\$43,862.43		
Release from Reserves	\$ 15,936.00		
Projected Cash Balance January 1, 2014	\$ 27,926.43		
REVENUES			
	Annual	Monthly	YTD
DUES SURCHARGE (\$30 / MEMBER)	\$ 21,000.00		
Jan Dues		\$1,170.00	
Feb Dues		\$1,800.00	
Mar Dues		\$3,660.00	
Apr Dues		\$1,650.00	
May Dues		\$1,950.00	
June Dues		\$1,080.00	
July Dues		\$1,350.00	
Aug Dues		\$2,430.00	
Sept Dues		\$1,110.00	
Oct Dues			
Nov Dues			
Dec Dues			\$16,200.00
WESTERN REGIONAL SYMPOSIUM	\$ 7,500.00		
			\$0.00
MOLO COURSE REVENUES	\$ -		
			\$0.00
AGENCY CONTRIBUTIONS	\$ 15,000.00		
City of Clovis		\$750.00	
Kern County		\$1,500.00	
Sacramento County		\$1,500.00	
San Joaquin County		\$1,000.00	
City of Folsom		\$750.00	
City of Manteca		\$750.00	
Merced County (\$1000 check for 2012 cashed by SV in error, refunded in Jan 2013)		\$1,000.00	
LA County San Districts			
City of Sunnyvale		\$750.00	
City of San Diego		\$2,500.00	
Monterey RWMD		\$1,000.00	
Nortech Waste, LLC		\$1,000.00	
Western Placer WMA/Placer County		\$2,000.00	
City of Tulare			
Glenn County		\$500.00	
Merced County Regional Waste Mgmt Auth.		\$1,000.00	
Salinas Valley Solid Waste Authority		\$1,000.00	\$17,000.00
INTEREST	\$ 4.00		
Jan-12		\$0.37	
Feb-12		\$0.34	
Mar-12		\$0.35	
Apr-12		\$0.35	
May-12		\$0.32	
Jun-12		\$0.30	
Jul-12		\$0.36	
Aug-12		\$0.34	
Sep-12		\$0.35	
Oct-12			
Nov-12			
Dec-12			\$3.08
RELEASE FROM RESERVES	\$15,936.00		
			\$0.00
TOTAL BUDGETED REVENUES	\$ 59,440.00		\$33,203.08

EXPENSES			
	Annual	Monthly	YTD
REGULATORY REVIEW	\$ 12,000.00		
Jan-12		\$1,000.00	
Feb-12		\$1,000.00	
Mar-12		\$1,000.00	
Apr-12		\$1,000.00	
May-12		\$1,000.00	
Jun-12		\$1,000.00	
Jul-12		\$1,000.00	
Aug-12		\$1,000.00	
Sep-12			
Oct-12			
Nov-12			
Dec-12			\$8,000.00
SHAW / YODER, INC. CONTRACT	\$ 38,940.00		
	<i>Date cashed</i>		
Jan-12	2/13/2013	\$3,245.00	
Feb-12	3/21/2013	\$3,245.00	
Mar-12	4/11/2013	\$3,245.00	
Apr-12	5/13/2013	\$3,245.00	
May-12	6/13/2013	\$3,245.00	
Jun-12	7/12/2013	\$3,245.00	
Jul-12	8/16/2013	\$3,245.00	
Aug-12	9/12/2013	\$3,245.00	
Sep-12			
Oct-12			
Nov-12			
Dec-12			\$25,960.00
SHAW / YODER, INC. ADMIN. EXPENSES	\$ 1,500.00		
Jan-12		\$868.70	
Feb-12		\$45.00	
Mar-12		\$45.00	
Apr-12		\$45.00	
May-12		\$45.00	
Jun-12		\$45.00	
Jul-12		\$45.00	
Aug-12		\$45.00	
Sep-12			
Oct-12			
Nov-12			
Dec-12			\$1,183.70
WEBSITE DEV/MAINTENANCE & ROSTER	\$ 500.00		
Jan-12		\$112.00	
Feb-12		\$0.00	
Mar-12		\$0.00	
Apr-12		\$0.00	
May-12		\$40.00	
Jun-12		\$102.00	
Jul-12		\$40.00	
Aug-12		\$0.00	
Sep-12			
Oct-12			
Nov-12			
Dec-12			\$294.00
MTGS/TELECONFERENCE/WORKSHOP	\$ 4,500.00		
Jan-12		\$72.00	
Feb-12		\$151.81	
Mar-12		\$0.00	
Apr-12		\$255.85	
May-12		\$0.00	
Jun-12		\$128.92	
Jul-12		\$0.00	
Aug-12		\$120.20	
Sep-12			
Oct-12			
Nov-12			
Dec-12			\$728.78
CONTINGENCIES / SPECIAL PROJECTS	\$ 2,000.00		
			\$0.00
TOTAL BUDGETED EXPENSES	\$ 59,440.00		\$36,166.48
September 30 Account Balance			\$40,899.03
PROJECTED CARRY OVER TO 2014	\$ 27,926.43		