

DEL NORTE SOLID WASTE TASK FORCE

Minutes

Thursday, October 10, 2013, 5:30 - 7:00 PM
Ocean View Inn
270 Hwy 101 South
Crescent City, CA

Present: Wes Nunn, Chair
Richard Miles
Mary Wilson
Ray Martell
Karen Sanders
Pat Black
Ralph Dickey

Absent: Joel Wallen
Dave Mason
Andy Larson
Brad Cass

Also Present: Tedd Ward, M.S. – Authority Program Manager / Acting Director

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

1. Chair Nunn called the meeting to order at 5:31 P.M.
2. Discussion and possible action regarding approval of minutes of the September 12, 2013 Del Norte Task Force Meeting. Due to a lack of people who attended that meeting being present, this item was tabled to the next regular meeting.
3. Public comment. Any member of the public is welcome to discuss any subject relating to solid waste issues in Del Norte County. Public comment is limited to three (3) minutes.
4. Discussion and possible action regarding a presentation from Mary Wilson regarding her summary of City, County and Authority Ordinances related to recommendations to be made by the Solid Waste Task Force to the DNSWMA. Mary Wilson discussed this item, and recommendations she said were presented on 24 July 2012. A similar document was presented on 25 September 2012 to the County Board of Supervisors. She highlighted the ordinance comparison and evaluation process that a subcommittee of the DNSWTF had done. She also said that the Ordinances establish a monopoly on trash collections services to the Franchisee, Recology DN, and that they also assure flow control for collected materials to be disposed at the Del Norte County Transfer Station, and these functions would have to continue should these ordinances be replaced at some time in the future.

Ralph Dickey joined the meeting at 5.38 PM.

Discussion followed. Ms. Wilson said provisions of the Authority ordinances pertaining to 'lack of service,' 'inadequate service,' and 'theft of service' should be incorporated into City and County codes.

Chair Nunn moved that he prepare a brief of the previous recommendations regarding Authority, City and County Ordinances, including history and recommendations, for review at a subsequent Del Norte Solid Waste Task Force meeting, intended for presentation to the Authority, City and County at some point in the future to improve consistency and reduce duplication among these ordinances related to solid waste, illegal dumping, blight, and recycling. Mary Wilson seconded the motion. Discussion followed. The motion passed unanimously.

5. Discussion and possible action regarding sending a letter to Stoneybrook Farms regarding their 'compostable' yogurt containers. Ralph Dickey moved that this letter be provided to the Authority for them to send. The motion died for lack of a second.

Ray Martell suggested that this letter be revised and then provided for the Authority to send this letter. Ralph Dickey seconded the motion. Discussion followed. The motion passed unanimously.

6. Discussion and possible action regarding possibly changing the regular meeting time of the Del Norte Solid Waste Task Force to be the fourth Thursday of each month. Director Ward will send out an e-mail to see what could work as a regular meeting date for this body, to be discussed at the next meeting.
7. Discussion regarding any subject or concern by any member of the Solid Waste Task Force. Richard Miles said he felt that the Del Norte Solid Waste Task Force should make a recommendation regarding the issue of 'privatization.' Discussion followed.

Responding to a question that "if the Authority were dissolved, then wouldn't the Del Norte Solid Waste Task Force also go away?" Director Ward said that should the Authority be dissolved at some point, the legal responsibilities currently addressed by the Authority would fall separately to the City and County. The work load of the Del Norte Solid Waste Task Force would likely increase at that point as it would be the role of this body to help coordinate the City and County's separate recycling, composting, reuse, and household hazardous waste, and integrated management programs to reduce duplication and inefficiency.

Chair Nunn said this would be agendaized for the meeting after next. Mr. Miles also suggested that the DNSWTF invite the leader of Zero Waste Humboldt to come to a Del Norte Solid Waste Task Force Meeting.

8. Chair Nunn adjourned the meeting at 6:54 PM. The next meeting of the Del Norte Solid Waste Task Force is scheduled for October 24, 2013. Director Ward will send out an e-mail to see what could work as a regular meeting date for this body, to be discussed at the next meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Tedd Ward
Acting Director / Program Manager, Del Norte Solid Waste Management Authority
Acting Clerk, Del Norte Solid Waste Task Force