

MINUTES

DEL NORTE SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY CITY OF CRESCENT CITY COUNTY OF DEL NORTE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Special Session, Tuesday January 28, 2014 @ 5:30 PM

PRESENT: Commissioner Ron Gastineau, City
Commissioner Roger Gitlin, County, Chair
Commissioner Rick Holley, City, Vice-Chair
Commissioner Mike Sullivan, County
Commissioner Mary Wilson, Public, Secretary/Clerk
Legal Counsel Martha Rice
Acting Director/Program Manager Tedd Ward

ABSENT: Treasurer/Controller Richard Taylor

ALSO PRESENT: Wes Nunn, Solid Waste Task Force
~~Eugene Palazzo, City Manager~~
Karen Phillips, PS Business Services
~~Jay Sarina, CAO Del Norte County~~
Tommy Sparrow, Recology Del Norte
Joel Wallen, Hambro's/WSG
Wes White, Hambro's/WSG

5:30 PM CALL MEETING TO ORDER - PLEDGE

The Chairman called the ~~m~~Meeting called to order at 5:30 p.m., and the pledge of allegiance was led by Commissioner Gastineau.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

The following person(s) addressed the Authority: none.

1. GENERAL SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY MATTERS

1.1 Public comment and input to R3 Consulting Group relating to their tasks in the Assessment of the Del Norte Solid Waste Management Authority. 130101

R3 representative Colin Wallace was present at the meeting. The following person(s) addressed the Authority regarding the tasks given to the R3 Consulting Group/group:

Janet Gilbert, County resident, noted that the current JPA is a good model of public private partnership;

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Angela Glore, city resident, stated she enjoys our transfer station, no change is needed;

Jon Partmentier, wants the authority to remain a public entity;

-Michele Driscoll, -city resident, likes the current system;

Joe Romero, county resident, was concerned about privatization of transfer station; -

Elizabeth Henry, county resident, supports keeping the current structure of the authority and supports hiring a director as soon as possible;

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Don Gillespie, county resident, supports the authority remaining a public entity; -

Robin Sutherland, city resident, read a letter by county resident Susan Calla; county resident, she, and Ms. Sutherland stated noted that based on her earlier career with the Inspector General's office at the federal level, the Authority's actions to reduce the number of experienced staff under the drive to reduce expenses is trying to go on the cheap and is ready for problems, in her opinion;

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Norma Williams, city resident and union president, noted that she was at the meeting and in support of the union workers at the Authority. She feels that the transfer station has a great service as it is;

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-Andy Larson, county resident, supports the Authority and believes that the Authority board needs to remain involved even if the services are privatized;

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Ellery West, county resident, supports the Authority staying the way it is due to indirect costs from private enterprise organizations being so high;

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Gail West, county resident, supports existing system;

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Ron Plechaty, county resident, supports privatizing or at least exploring that option; it-

Melissa McDowell, county resident, noted that she is impressed by the transfer station and; wonders why Commissioners have problems with the transfer station and public nature of the Authority;

Patricia Black, county resident, is impressed with the management of the Solid Waste Authority, and its employees, their networking with the rest of the state, and support for the reduction of waste stream;

Michael Tompkins, city resident, stated that the joint powers authority works as it is;

Ralph Johansen, resident of the county, feels that the service that we receive is great, it is expensive, and he feels the Authority should consider reducing the costs, but supports the current set up;

Lathrop Leonard, county resident, has been impressed with the community since he moved here, and he is impressed with the reduction of the waste stream, and is confused about the continued more scrutiny after two years of research, and the firing of the former director without any identified issues;

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Ruth Rhodes, resident of county, supports the present structure due to safety and history of the landfill;

Donna Thompson, county resident, she appreciates the Authority, the recycling program and other programs they provide in the community;

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Charlene VanAlstine, county resident, asked wanted to know if things are going so well, why are the rates for businesses going up. She feels if privatization is cheaper, it should be done;

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Mary Beth Sampson, read a letter she wrote to the Triplicate this summer, expressing her concern for privatization and why this is an issue;

Craig Strong, county resident, would like to see the end of this episode;

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Dale Condon, county resident, supports the current Solid Waste Authority;

Eileen Cooper, county resident, supports the current Solid Waste Authority;

Barbara Burke, county resident, supports the current Solid Waste Authority;

Paul Dillard, county resident, noted that the problems were not with the Authority and the operation, but with the previous Commission. He thinks that this work can be streamlined and work without the Commission board. He noted that Hambro and Recology are private businesses;

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Victoria Dickey, county resident, noted that she is for privatization; all the issues can be dealt with by contract;

Bill Lonsdale, city resident, noted that the problem is solved in that the Authority board does not get a stipend and he noted that he is happy with the current Solid Waste Authority;

Andrea Wadsworth, gate employee of the Solid waste authority, she wanted to know why the gate staff are picked on and put stress on them all the time;

Ralph Dickey, county resident, would like to see privatization and with the gate employees remain contract county employees so that they do not lose their benefits;

Rita Schmidt, resident of county and gate employee, noted that the staff all works as a team and they, they would like to job security;

Keith Estes, -employee, supports the current Solid Waste Authority.

Chairman Gitlin noted that written comments could be presented to Acting Director Mr. Ward and he will forward them to the consultant R3 Group. Commissioner

Commissioner Sullivan asked that the staff show the give a time-line of the consultants work and when the results would be presented. Staff presented a slide showing the dates over the next few months outlining the consultant's timeline. Commissioner Hoelley noted that there was only one question poised to the consultant regarding privatization and they will be presented with a broad list of questions to answer in their final report. The final report will be delivered on April 3, 2014 according to the timeline.

ADJOURN:

There being no further business to come before the Authority, the Chairman adjourned the meeting at 7:00 p.m. until the next regularly scheduled meeting on February 11, 2014.

Roger Gitlin, Chair
Del Norte Solid Waste Management Authority

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ATTEST:

Mary Wilson, Secretary/Clerk of the Board

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