



MORROW COUNTY
SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE (SWAC) Minutes
04/18/2023, Public Works Lexington Conference Room
12:00 pm

Introductions/informal discussion – Introductions around the room,
Attending: Brandon Dahl, Eric Imes, Jeff Wenholz, Sandi Pointer, Chris Rauch,
Ryan Miller and Jeremy Fink. Via ZOOM, Lourie Gordon, John Murray.

Solid Waste Advisory Committee Review – We will need to get a few alternates in the committee, Discussion continued on soliciting additional to fill alternates, and asking committee members about helping to fill these open positions.

Review and Approve minutes from 01/24/2023. Ryan Miller motions to approve the minutes and Jeff Wenholz seconds the motion, The minutes stand unanimously.

Report by Waste Connection, Finely Buttes, Jeremy Fink mentions that some of the tonnage is down for this time of year. Yet things are running smoothly, Additional cell, is up and running as expected. Overall currently running as expected and no additional issues.

Report with Sanitary Disposal, Inc. Waste Connections, Brandon Dahl, opens with reporting that significant repairs on the cardboard bailer and should have this up and running shortly. Tipping floor has been full due to transfer truck equipment being down. So with all the repairs the machine should be up and running strong soon. Received an order of residential carts and should be seeing those transferred into the system. Added customer service staff changes and currently looking for a maintenance manager. City and County cleanups starting this weekend so that increases the work load. Incident free for up to 90 days and this is a great goal to have been able to reach. Having training bringing in Calif. Hwy patrol and talk to drivers about safety on the patrols side and this is been well received by the current staff on this.

Ryan Miller with Miller and Sons Diposal reports, Has some significant changes in staffing and longtime driver has taken another position in another agency so down a driver. Several responded with the request for a replacement, needing a CDL, Brought the search down to one individual. Miller and Sons Disposal had hired the driver with the CDL. Struggling with some issues and the adjustments, but should work. Some equipment is needing repaired and

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hopfully backups will keep working till the primary are working.

Lourie Gordan from DEQ gives brief overview of the Recycling Modernization Act. She had reported that all agencies in her territorial area, had submitted their surveys, The draft document of the Recycling Modernization Act after the survey will be avail. soon. Questions on what improvement can the Act help with recycling. Discussion continued on the cost and where this money will come from, either consumer pays for product, supplier raises cost to cover cost. Options and programs will be implemented and may help with cost for all involved. All relitively new and in the discussion.

Sandi reports of a request she is taking to the budget hearings at the end of May, Requesting for a Household Hazardous waste event to hold in the late fall. Lourie Gordan mentions that there is an application for the event. Discussion continued on the timeline for this. Sandi informed all of the mini excavator purchased for the Transfer Stations and should be a good asset for the facilities.

- The next Solid Waste Advisory meeting third Tuesday quarterly. July 18, 2023, Don Adams room, Irrigon, OR

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