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AGENDA TUOLUMNE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Solid Waste Committee Tuesday, August 11, 2020 1:30 p.m.

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PRESENT: Chair John Gray; Vice-Chair Ryan Campbell; Jim Garaventa, Sonora City Council

ABSENT:

STAFF: Kim MacFarlane, Public Works Director; Gretchen Olsen, Solid Waste Manager; Nathan Birtwhistle, Solid Waste Specialist; Sandra Pedroza, Office Assistant; Emma Hawks, Administrative Assistant

GUESTS: Moore Brothers Scavenger Co.

CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME/INTRODUCTIONS

Vice-Chair Ryan Campbell called the meeting of March 10, 2020 to order at 1:34 p.m.

PUBLIC FORUM

Chair Gray asked if anyone in the audience wished to address the committee during this portion of the meeting to speak on any issue not on the agenda.

Seeing no one wishing to speak, Chair Gray closed the public forum.

COMMITTEE BUSINESS

A. Consideration of the Minutes of the meeting of February 11, 2020

It was moved by Vice-Chair Campbell and seconded by Chair Gray to approve minutes of the February 11, 2020 as presented.

Vice-Chair Campbell called for the vote: Ayes 2; Noes: 0; Abstain: 0.

Motion carried 2 – 0 – 0

B. Reports from Staff

Gretchen Olsen presented staff reports beginning with a recap of the Greater Valley Conservation Corp. (GVCC) mattress and tire collection event held Saturday, March 7, 2020. This was the first of four events GVCC and Tuolumne County Solid Waste will be holding this year. Over a four-hour period, 180 mattresses and about 700 tires were collected from Tuolumne County residents. We feel this was a huge success and look forward to the June 7, 2020 collection event.

Discussion ensued.

Chair John Gray asked about a previous conversation regarding GVCC looking for employees and asked for information to pass along to the community.

Discussion ensued.

Ms. Olsen continued. Nathan Birtwhistle is currently working on our requests for proposal (RFP) for a hazardous waste contractor.

Chair Gray inquired about the current hours of the hazardous waste facility and the possibilities of extending drop off times.

Ms. Olsen replied that her financial overview (Item No. 4) will help explain why we are limited to one day a month.

Discussion ensued.

Ms. Olsen provided an update on the improvement efforts at the Groveland Transfer Station (GTS). Safety and productivity are the main concerns. We are also working on the Moore Brothers Scavenger, Co. operating contract extension for GTS.

Ms. Olsen continued with recent compliance reports; one for e-waste, hazardous waste and landfills. All reports were submitted on time thanks to staff.

Ms. Olsen reported on a recent conversation with the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) on a previously discussed sign project. The project is still moving forward. This project will allow us to post fines for illegal dumping throughout the County.

Discussion ensued.

Ms. Olsen concluded her report, staff is always working on community outreach. We continuously collect emails from the public for our News Flash. Social media has really help efforts as well.

Discussion ensued regarding ways to obtain email addresses from the community.

PRESENTATIONS

1. Tuolumne County Household Hazardous Waste Presentation

Nathan Birtwhistle presented on household hazard waste in Tuolumne County. We provide three options for Tuolumne County residents to disposed of hazardous waste. First, we hold monthly collection events at our facility in Jamestown for non-recyclable hazardous waste. This event requires an appointment. To schedule an appointment the public needs to call Tuolumne County Solid Waste. Second, twice a year we hold Saturday events at two neutral locations for non-recyclable hazardous waste. The third option is for recyclable hazardous waste; both Cal Sierra Transfer Station (CSTS) and GTS will accept recyclable hazardous waste during business hours. Eligible participants are Tuolumne County residents and

qualifying business.

Discussion ensued.

Mr. Birtwhistle reviewed the load check process which is a requirement for all landfills and transfer stations. This is the process where staff identifies and removes unacceptable hazardous waste from the municipal waste stream. Due to the low volume, we have begun to move the waste to the Jamestown household hazardous waste facility to bulk and reduce disposal costs.

Discussion ensued.

Chair Gray asked if there was any public comment, seeing none he read item number two.

2. Moore Brothers Scavenger Co. Update

Moore Brothers began updating the committee on current activities. They also gave an overview of their services. As previously discussed, we are working on our operating contract extension with GTS and Ms. Olsen. They provided an update on services and that they're continuing to work through some vacation rental issues.

Discussion ensued.

Chair Gray inquired about the number of vacation rentals in the Groveland area and if they feel they've captured most of them?

Moore Brothers replied our biggest issue right now is illegal dumping. People using Airbnb's aren't understanding that they need garbage service. We try to reach everyone but aren't always successful.

Chair Gray suggested using the TOT tax through the tax collector's office to help with outreach and contact information.

Discussion ensued.

Chair Gray asked if there was any public comment, seeing none he read item number three.

3. City/County Payment Program (CCPP) Presentation

Ms. Olsen provided a quick presentation of the City/County Payment Program (CCPP). This is the beverage container recycling grant. An entitlement grant where Tuolumne County receives \$18,000 each funding cycle. This funding cycle we are working with Standard Park on refurbishing their recycling containers. During the 19/20 funding cycle we plan on using it for outreach in elementary schools throughout the County.

Discussion ensued.

Chair Gray asked if there was any public comment, seeing none he read item number four.

4. Solid Waste Financial Overview

Ms. Olsen presented a Solid Waste financial overview. She began with background information on AB 939 the Integrated Waste Management Act (IWMA) established 1989. This act launched California's comprehensive efforts to manage solid waste effectively. She explained each county was required to write an Integrated Waste Management Waste Plan. Funding was included in this plan. Most jurisdictions placed a surcharge on landfill disposal fees to fund integrated waste programs. In 1993 Tuolumne developed an IWM fee of \$30.00 a ton which was intended to cover the costs of implementing the Integrated Waste Management Plan activities; recycling, hazardous waste, and any other state required programs. Currently the IWM Fee is about \$31.00 a ton. The tipping fee however has changed a lot. The tipping fee is what goes to the haulers. If we wanted to change our revenues, we would have to present to the Board and propose a rate increase.

Chair Gray asked who paid this fee

Ms. Olsen replied the rate payers (Tuolumne County residents).

Discussion ensued.

Ms. Olsen explained the gate fee as it was only introduced a few years ago. The State began putting restrictions on what was allowed to be thrown in the garbage. This fee helps fund the extra recyclable hazardous waste activities being held at the transfer station.

Kim MacFarlane asked for clarification on what a self-hauler would be paying at the transfer stations.

Ms. Olsen explained a self-hauler would pay \$100.00+ per ton but we only receive \$31.00 of it to help fund our activities and services.

Ms. Olsen concluded her overview explaining the amount coming in each fiscal year has remained steady and broke down each expense showing that Tuolumne County is continually hitting their mark. We do receive grants each fiscal year, but they are not used for staff time. Lastly, we work with the product stewardship groups to help fund non-recyclable products such as paint.

Discussion ensued.

Discussion continued regarding possible uses for fund balances.

Member of the public inquired about aerosol cans and how to dispose of them.

Mr. Birtwhistle explained if not punctured properly they are considered hazardous. We asked that they are brought to us.

Chair Gray asked if there was any further public comment.

ADJOURNMENT

Seeing none Chair Gray adjourned the meeting at 2:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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