
Trash Work Group Meeting
March 23, 2011 – 10:00 to 11:30 am
Belmont Sports Complex
 550 Island Parkway – Belmont

AGENDA

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| 1. | Introductions, Announcements & Approve December Meeting Summary and Agenda
<i>Outcome: Agree on agenda and meeting summary and hear any announcements.</i> | 10 min. | <i>Kiley Kinnon, City of Burlingame, Chair</i> |
| 2. | Update on BASMAA's Marketing Campaign to Address Littering Behavior
<i>OUTCOME: Obtain information about this new campaign.</i> | 10 min. | <i>Ana Clayton/ Everyone</i> |
| 3. | Information about the Plastics Pollution Prevention Summit and Determine Level of Interest in Doing Plastic Reduction Ordinances' CEQA Compliance Countywide
<i>OUTCOME: Agree on whether to have SMCWPPP assist cities with CEQA compliance countywide.</i> | 10 min. | <i>Matt Fabry/ Everyone</i> |
| 4. | BASMAA's Progress Report Trash Baseline Loads and Loads Reduction Tracking
<i>OUTCOME: Obtain information from the attached progress report and about the 13 locations with connector pipe screens selected for assessment locally.</i> | 15 min. | <i>Fred Jarvis/ Everyone</i> |
| 5. | Reminder to Keep Records of Municipalities' Expenses to Implement the MRP's Trash Requirements
<i>OUTCOME: Review spreadsheet and information previously distributed to encourage adequate recordkeeping now to support future reimbursement claim.</i> | 10 min. | <i>Fred/Matt/ Everyone</i> |
| 6. | Determine Level of Interest and Types of Assistance Agencies Would Like in Developing Their Short-Term Trash Loading Reduction Plans
<i>OUTCOME: Review MRP requirements and agree on assistance Countywide Program should provide to its member agencies.</i> | 10 min. | <i>Matt Fabry/Fred Everyone</i> |
| 7. | Status of Agencies' Installing Trash Full-Capture Devices As Part of ABAG's Demonstration Project
<i>OUTCOME: Review progress of each agency participating in the project to install and maintain capture trash devices.</i> | 15 min. | <i>Kiley/Everyone</i> |
| 8. | Agree on Next Meeting Date of June 22
<i>OUTCOME: Agree on next meeting date and topics.</i> | 10 min. | <i>Everyone</i> |

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Meeting Date: December 15, 2010

Subcommittee Action:

1. Agreed that the September meeting summary was acceptable.
2. Agreed that the Countywide Program will provide a spreadsheet with more information about the types of trash related expenditures that municipalities should be tracking in case the unfunded mandate test claims are successful.
3. Agreed that the TAC should try to retain within the county any full trash capture grant funds that may become available by municipalities that do not participate in San Francisco Estuary Project's grant project.

Requested Technical Advisory Committee Action or Feedback/Guidance (if any): None.

Other Information/Announcements:

- **Coordination with Save the Bay.** Marilyn Harang reported on Save the Bay's first-ever "Adopt a Site" trash hot spot contest and the selection of Redwood Creek as the contest winner. Save the Bay staff contacted her prior to the contest about including this trash hot spot in the competition. The Redwood City hot spot will be cleaned up four times in 2011. Redwood City's Pride and Beautification Committee considers it spring and fall clean ups as contributing to two of the planned cleanups. The Pride and Beautification Committee has been getting about 200 volunteers to participate in its clean up events. Two community groups will take the lead on other cleanups. Save the Bay will take the lead in recruiting volunteers for all four clean up events. This will include publicizing the event on TV and radio, providing some supplies, and doing public education.
- **Taking Out the Trash – Colma Creek Watershed Pilot Project with Clean Water Action.** Julie Casagrande noted that the county is working with the city of South San Francisco and Clean Water Action on a small grant funded study of trash sources. Other cities participating include Oakland, Richmond, and San Jose. County staff participate on the advisory board for the study. The study includes conducting trash audits at two sites to identify any brand names on trash collected. The sites are along sidewalks and streets near schools. Clean Water Action gets the data collected and focuses on working with businesses on trash reduction measures.
- **Record Keeping for Trash Activities.** All of the cities except East Palo Alto have filed unfunded mandate claims with the Commission on State Mandates. It is important for cities to keep adequate records of their expenditures so that they would have a basis of making future claims. If the unfunded claims are successful, the Commission on State Mandates will need to work out with the involved parties the details about what parameters and guidelines are needed for reimbursement. It was pointed out that some cities lack a maintenance management system that would allow detailed tracking of time and equipment expenses.
- **Measure M Funding and Potential Opportunities for Use in Trash Control.** Matt reviewed the Measure M ballot initiative that was adopted in November. This measure allows C/CAG to impose a \$10 per vehicle fee on vehicles for congestion management and stormwater for a 25 year period. Vehicle license fee expenditures must have a nexus with vehicles. C/CAG will have to develop an expenditure plan for the 50% portion of the funds that will be used by the cities. Street sweeping and storm drain inlet cleaning would be reimbursable to the cities up to each cities allotment. The other 50% portion of the funds would be used for congestion management

and Countywide Program stormwater projects. Projects would include senior transit

and creating safe routes to schools. The current understanding is that \$2 per vehicle would be available for Countywide Program stormwater projects. A spreadsheet that showed estimated revenues and projects for possible expenditure was distributed. It was recommended that funds for countywide public education about vehicle related trash be included. Also, there is a need to develop countywide trash control plans and a long-term plan on how the Countywide Program portion of the funds could be expended. It was pointed out that the proposed approach was diluting down a sizable amount of money.

- **Coordination with Caltrans.** John Michels shared the Chico bags that Caltrans created to encourage people to avoid using single-use plastic bags.
- **Participation in SFEP's Full Trash Capture Demonstration Project.** The status of cities commitment to participate in the project was reviewed. It was agreed that if any cities choose not to participate, the Countywide Program should try to retain the grant funds for use by other municipalities within the county.

Subcommittee Work That Affects Other Subcommittees: Working on solving trash problems involves multiple subcommittees.

Next Steps: Continue to encourage participation in SFEP's trash demonstration project.

Next Meeting Date: The next meeting will be held on March 23, 2011 in Belmont

Trash Work Group Meeting Attendance – FY 2010/11

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San Mateo County city leaders explore regional approach to plastic bag restrictions

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Leaders from a handful of San Mateo County cities are exploring a regional approach to restricting the use of plastic carryout bags to help the environment.

Instead of pursuing efforts individually, they said, the cities could share costs for a countywide study on the environmental effects of a plastic-bag restriction. Doing a study would help avoid legal challenges.

A countywide collaboration could also lead to a common ordinance for the cities to adopt to limit plastic bags and encourage the use of paper or reusable bags within the cities, leaders said.

"We can have fiscal responsibility, avoid lawsuits and have consistency across the cities in terms of an ordinance," Millbrae Councilwoman Gina Papan said.

At Papan's request, the City/County Association of Governments is checking whether a countywide strategy is possible. "It merits for us to take a look at it," said Richard Napier, executive director of the association, which is involved in quality-of-life,

transportation, solid-waste and other concerns affecting the county and its cities.

If deemed feasible, Napier said, a proposal for a countywide environmental impact report and ordinance related to plastic bags could go before the association board for consideration.

Daly City Councilman David Canepa applauded a regional tactic, saying a countywide EIR could be funded through the association or a contribution from each individual city. An EIR could cost a city up

to \$190,000, he said.

On Monday, Canepa plans to introduce a proposed ordinance to ban single-use plastic bags at grocery stores, clothing shops and retailers that measure more than 10,000 square feet in Daly City.

At the Serramonte mall in Daly City, Target shopper Janet Macks supported a ban. "We consumers use too much plastic," said Macks, 53, of San Francisco, who was carrying out clothes and other items in plastic bags. "It fills up the landfill. (A ban would) raise people's consciousness, and it would be a better place."

But another shopper liked using plastic bags for certain products, especially those that could spill. "If you buy (something that can get) wet, how can you use a paper bag?" asked Hung Chan, 48, of San Francisco.

The San Francisco-based Save the Plastic Bag Coalition has sued city and county governments for adopting an ordinance without an environmental impact report.

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on environmental hype," said Stephen Joseph, counsel for the coalition, "and that they do a proper analysis before moving forward. The only way they can do that is by doing an EIR."

Joseph argued that paper bags are actually worse than plastic bags. Paper bags involve cutting down trees, emissions in making them, transportation and disposal concerns, he said.

Other plastic-bag advocates contend that fostering recycling programs to reduce litter works better than bans or similar measures.

"We are against bans. They erode consumer choice and threaten well-paying manufacturing jobs," said Tim Shestek, senior director for state affairs for the American Chemistry Council, which represents the plastic industry. "Plastic-bag makers believe that there are better and more consumer-friendly ways to reduce litter and waste like rapidly growing programs that make it easy for shoppers to recycle this useful material at stores near them."

But government leaders and environmentalists maintain that plastic bags often end up clogging landfills or polluting riparian habitat.

In December, San Jose became the largest U.S. city to ban plastic bags. San Francisco, Palo Alto and Oakland already have similar measures.

Leaders in South San Francisco, Belmont and San Carlos are also interested in limiting plastic bags and are open to joining a regional effort.

Currently, South San Francisco is working on a program that encourages stores to voluntarily give up plastic bags.

"We're opting for a voluntary program to start, with the idea of moving toward an outright ban "... if our

voluntary efforts are not successful," South San Francisco Mayor Kevin Mullin said. "We're always willing to partner with other cities in cost-sharing in environmental reports and such things."

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