

**MINUTES
CALRECYCLE
ILLEGAL DUMPING TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**Thursday, April 19, 2018
CalEPA Building, 1001 I Street, TR 5
Sacramento, CA 95814**

I. Call to Order

Chairman Larry Sweetser called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

II. Introduction of Members and Guests

Members Attending

Larry Sweetser, ESJPA
Alvin VoTran, Monterey Co IDTAC
Etienne Ozorak- Sac Co WMA
Veronica Pardo – CRRC
Harriet Hill – Public Member
Russell Joyce – City San Jose CE
Kevin Tisdell- City Richmond CE
Frank Foster – City Oakland PW
Christine Flowers – KCB (conf call)
Grant Eisen – CHMIA/Nevada Co
Rob Hutsel – SDRPF – (conf call)
Mark de Bie- CalRecycle

Others Attending

Sharon Anderson, Retired CalRecycle
Mike Lien, L & D Landfill
Barry Chamberlain, County of Sacramento
Jaimie Huynh, CalRecycle EJ
Jim Madden, CalRecycle
Melissa Kuehne, Inst. of Local Govt.
Steve Bruce- Atlas Disposal Co.

Members Absent

Matt Carr, CDAA
Nick Cronenwett – CSAC
Jason Rhine- League of CA Cities
Gary Harris – City LA Code Enf
Terri Williams- CCDEH/LA Co
Trent Manning- Cal Trans
Avneet Mahil- SWANA/Stanislaus Co
Frank Chin – CEAC/LA Co
Larry Nothesis- CCC
Dave Sikich- Waste Mgt Ind./Atlas

Others Attending

Erin Treadwell, City of Sacramento
Chris Lehon, County of Sacramento
Holly Wyer- Ocean Prot. Council
Dawn Carlson, Power Inn Auth.
Mary Kay Shafer – CalRecycle
Steve Santa Croce- CalRecycle

III. Minutes- The minutes of the October 11, 2017 meeting in Sacramento were approved as circulated.

IV. Presentations/Discussions

A. Panel Discussion- Etienne Ozorak, Program Manager, Sacramento Regional Solid Waste Authority, moderated a panel that discussed “Sacramento’s Integrated Approach to Addressing Illegal Dumping”. Panel members included Chris Lehon, Recycling

Coordinator, Sacramento County DWM&R; Barry Chamberlain, Chief, Sacramento County Code Enforcement; Steve Bruce, President & CWO, Atlas Disposal Company; Dawn Carlson, Director of Community Programs, Power Inn Alliance; Mike Lien, Owner/Operator, L&D Landfill, and Erin Treadwell, Chief of Code Enforcement, City of Sacramento. The panel members discussed the coordinated Illegal Dumping Enforcement and Abatement programs of Sacramento County and the City of Sacramento, and the development of the Sacramento Regional SWA Illegal Dumping Task Force. The Task Force membership is composed of representative of county and city Code Enforcement, County/City Recycling, Sacramento Regional SWA, County Environmental Management, privately owned hauling/disposal companies, public and privately owned/operated landfills, and regional property alliances. Sacramento Regional SWA provides funding for increasing county and city code enforcement staffing responding to illegal dumping complaints, contracts for outreach and media support, purchase of physical deterrents such as remote cameras, contractors for on-call dump site clean-up services, and expansion of street litter collection programs. The SWA also funded a contract with Euromic Research and Consulting to compile a city and county wide illegal dumping analysis. CalRecycle IDTAC members will receive a copy of the report once it is completed and approved.

Dawn Carlson, Director of Community Programs for the Power Inn Alliance, discussed the Alliances' program of daily removal of litter and waste from public properties within their defined region of the City of Sacramento. Funded by the property owners within the regional alliance, Ms. Carlson stated that there are 14 separate Alliances within the City, and they are all involved with abatement of illegal dumping. Some of the Alliances are also handling the removal of wastes from homeless encampments. Mr. Carlson provided the IDTAC with the attached data sheets on the Power Inn Alliance activities.

Erin Treadwell, Chief, City of Sacramento Code Enforcement, indicated that the City receives 12,000 reports of illegal dumping on public property on an annual basis. Of the report, 37% are not pursued to enforcement action due to the lack of evidence of ownership, while 38% are not pursued because the witnesses decline to sign the statement needed to issue a citation. Ms. Treadwell also stated that most of the people illegally dumping live or work within 2-3 blocks of the violating dumpsite.

B. CSAC/League of California Cities Homelessness Task Force Report- Melissa Kuehne, Community and Development Manager for the Institute for Local Government, discussed the newly released Homelessness Task Force Report. The CSAC/League Report is intended "to provide needed education, identify resources and develop policy that cities and counties need to prevent, assist and reduce the number of individuals and families experiencing homelessness in our communities". The power point presentation provided by Ms. Kuehne is attached, and the full report can be downloaded at www.ca-ilg.org/homelessness.

C. California Ocean Litter Protection Strategy – Holly Wyer, Director, Ocean Protection Commission (OPC), discussed the California Ocean Litter Protection Strategy document that will be subject to adoption by the OPC at their meeting in late April. Of specific interest and/or involvement for CalRecycle/IDTAC is Action Item 3.2.4. This item states: Engage with municipalities and social programs to assess how to reduce ocean litter from encampments, as one strategy to improve the health, wellbeing, and safety of homeless communities”. Ken Stuart indicated that several cities and counties were awarded grants from the CalRecycle Illegal Dumpsite Cleanup and Disposal program to abate homeless encampments, and several additional applications have been received for the current funding cycle. The potential to help fund community beach/waterway cleanup projects was discussed, and Mark de Bie indicated that the Department is open to suggestions from IDTAC members.

V. Old Business/Updates

A. Collection of Fines and Enhanced Enforcement- Russell Joyce, City of San Jose Code Enforcement, is seeking information on how jurisdictions have enhanced their illegal dumping enforcement programs to make them more effective. Three specific areas Mr. Joyce requested input on are (1) jurisdictional success on collection of fines and what can be done to increase collections; (2) do local jurisdiction have methods to enhance fines for continued violations; and (3) do any jurisdictions have the authority to impound unregistered debris collection boxes? IDTAC members agreed to respond directly to Mr. Joyce with their comments and suggestions.

B. Illegal Dumping Toolbox Modifications – Mr. Stuart indicated that he is working with the website staff to incorporate the Toolbox amendments approved by IDTAC. In addition, Mr. Stuart indicated that website users can now click on the language link and the website can provide text in Spanish and numerous other languages.

C. Solid Waste Cleanup Grants- Mr. Santa Croce, CalRecycle Supervising Engineer, stated that some 15 applications for site cleanup grants have been received and reviewed, and the awards will be announced in the immediate future.

V. New Business

A. IDTAC Work Plan – Mr. Sweetser lead a discussion on issues the IDTAC would like to address and how to prioritize these issues. The seven suggested issues included in the meeting agenda were briefly discussed. It was agreed that staff would develop a survey for the members on what they feel should be priority issues and include the results in the next IDTAC meeting.

B. Additional Items/Updates – No additional items or updates were provided.

VI. Next Meeting – The next meeting will be held on ~~Wednesday, December 5, 2018, with the City of San Jose hosting the meeting.~~ Tuesday, December 4, 2018 in conjunction with CalRecycle’s Technical Training Series in Monterey. *

*Edited by Sharon Anderson to reflect posted change of date and location

Located previously at:

Agenda - <https://www.calrecycle.ca.gov/IllegalDump/TaskForce/2018April/>

Minutes - <https://www.calrecycle.ca.gov/docs/cr/illegaldump/idthacminutes41918.pdf>