

# **Solid and Hazardous Waste Commission MEETING MINUTES**

**DATE/TIME: Thursday, April 11, 2019 at 1:30 p.m.**

Eric Rood Administrative Center, 950 Maidu Avenue, Nevada City, CA 95959

Meeting Location: Board of Supervisors Chambers

## **COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT:**

File No. 310.107.011 (A)

Gary Brown, Citizen at Large  
Tom Jacobs, Citizen Knowledgeable of Hazardous Waste Practices,  
Supervisor Susan Hoek  
Council Member, Valerie Moberg, City of Grass Valley,  
Council Member, Hilary Hodge, City of Nevada City

## **NEVADA COUNTY STAFF PRESENT:**

Trisha Tillotson, Director of Public Works  
Karyn Kiger, Administrative Assistant II

## **MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC:**

Joe Green – Waste Management  
Larry Picard – Waste Management  
Bonnie Beyer - Public

### **1. Call to Order**

This meeting was called to order at 1:30 p.m.

### **2. Introductions**

All attendees introduced themselves along with new members:

- Susan Hoek, 4<sup>th</sup> District Supervisor
- Valerie Moberg

### **3. Announcements:**

- David Garcia and his wife welcomed a new baby – reason for his absence
- Next month, the Commission will need to hold an election for

### **4. Approval of Meeting Minutes from the October 11, 2018, Solid and Hazardous Waste Commission Meeting – Action Item (Pages 1-4)**

- Gary and Tom approved minutes
- Susan Hoek had questions on whether or not she could approve minutes if she had not attendance the previous meeting.
  - Trisha replied with a yes, it was permitted

### **5. Review of Fiscal Year 2019/20 Solid Waste Division Budget and Recommend Approval to the Board of Supervisors – Action Item**

Trisha provided an update on the Budget approval status noting that the Solid Waste division has already had meetings with the Board to review the proposed budgets. Today's meeting is a chance for the Commission to review the budget being presented. Commission members will be asked to approve the budget for recommendations to the board or comments for revisions.

Page 1 - Three elements to the budget:  
Solid Waste Administration  
Solid Waste Western  
Solid Waste Eastern

Page 2 – Review of revenues generated by Parcel charges for each of the elements

Page 3 – Review of expenses incurred for each of the elements

Spike in expenses for Western Division – generated by the proposed upgrades for the MRTS

Page 4 – Compare revenues to expenses

Trisha requests Gary to motion to approve budget

Susan approves, all say I

## **6. Waste Management Franchise Amendment No. 3 Update – Informational Item**

- Currently working on final language, very close to final version
  - Review Goals of agreement
  - Clarifying whose responsible at MRTS for improvements
  - Organic waste issues due to government regulations
  - Ancillary fees
  - Clerical revisions
- Organic & Green Waste – what is the States definition
- Organic – food scraps
- Looking for a bear exemption
- No place to take organic waste
- Challenges – Legislation not in place. Legislation will require education for community.
  - Tom Jacobs suggested that Nevada County is not a place for implementing new technologies that have not been proven, tested or had the issues vetted prior to launching.
- Awarding design contract for MRTS to HDR
- Bids for work will post in the winter of 21/22 and construction will commence winter of 2022.
- Amendment Points
  - No change in terms
  - No change in feed
  - Weather controversy issues
  - Add emergency event language
  - Revise definitions
  - Liquidated damage fees
  - Added annual performance review
  - Added language for Personnel training
  - Advance notice required on key employee changes
- Revised Diversion – adding specific goals
- Relocate Recycle Works by Waste Management
  - Relocate to more appropriate location
  - Remove the onsite composting due to requirements for special permitting and drainage
- Amended Points – refer to presentation
  - Recycling & Organic waste contamination
  - Container issues
  - Container oversized for customer needs

- MRTS eliminating 5-6 gallon can
- Residential rates – no base charge
- Extra charges for bear carts
- Extra charge for overfilling
- Restart fees - \$15
- Restart fee with Bear cart - \$5 per occurrence (cost for WM to maintain significantly higher than what is charged back to customer. )
- Better definition of what constitutes a backyard and a driveway

**7. Tahoe Truckee Sierra Disposal (TTSD), Draft Franchise Agreement – Informational Item**

- Contract in negotiations
- No changes to base service
- Debris Bins
  - Rate increase by July
  - New rates are comparable to Waste Management
  - Public Comment – Bonnie – help keep costs low by providing, for sale, low cost debris bins to property owners.
- Looking at WM bear program as an example as well.
- Completing a route audit
- Public education by TTSD needs to increase

**8. Staff Memo, Operations Report Summaries – Informational Items**

- Waste Management Update and New Staff Introductions
  - Internally County will bring on two temporary workers for the summer
  - David Garcia has applied for Cal Recycle Grants
- Staff Comments on proposed SB 1383 Text
  - Committee Comment – Tom – what is the rental %? – Response was 44%
- Nevada County Fire Safety – Free green waste Drop-off events
  - Committee Comment – Susan Hoek provided dates for the Green Waste events which will occur every week in May at approximately 6 different sites.
  - Used Oil and Oil Filter Collection Event
  - May Tire Amnesty Event Planned
  - Mattress Recycling Update

**9. Commissioners' Comments – no comments**

**10. Public Comment**

Bonnie – Commented that on holidays and other days when MRTS is closed that is no way to get through to Waste Management for assistance, reporting that items are being thrown out on her road when WM picks up and dumps the can.

Requested that Bonnie be provided with information regarding the illegal hotline phone number.