

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF STANISLAUS
ACTION AGENDA SUMMARY

DEPT: Department of Environmental Resources

BOARD AGENDA # *B-2

Urgent Routine

AGENDA DATE February 17, 2009

CEO Concurs with Recommendation YES NO
(Information Attached)

4/5 Vote Required YES NO

SUBJECT:

Approval to Amend the Composition of the Members of the Stanislaus County Local Task Force on Solid Waste Management

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

Amend the membership roster for the Stanislaus County Local Task Force on Solid Waste Management.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact associated with amending the membership roster for the Local Task Force on Solid Waste.

BOARD ACTION AS FOLLOWS:

No. 2009-116

On motion of Supervisor Grover, Seconded by Supervisor Monteith

and approved by the following vote,

Ayes: Supervisors: O'Brien, Chiesa, Grover, Monteith, and Chairman DeMartini

Noes: Supervisors: None

Excused or Absent: Supervisors: None

Abstaining: Supervisor: None

1) Approved as recommended

2) Denied

3) Approved as amended

4) Other:

MOTION:

Christine Ferraro

ATTEST: CHRISTINE FERRARO TALLMAN, Clerk

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DISCUSSION:

Assembly Bill (AB) 939, California's mandated waste diversion law, required all jurisdictions within the State to reduce the amount of material sent to landfill disposal 50% by the end of the year 2000. To meet this mandate, Stanislaus County (County) and the cities of Ceres, Hughson, Modesto, Newman, Oakdale, Patterson, Riverbank, Turlock, and Waterford developed a Countywide Integrated Waste Management Plan (CIWMP). The CIWMP consists of the following planning documents: Source Reduction and Recycling Elements, Household Hazardous Waste Elements, and Non-Disposal Facility Elements (NDFE) for each jurisdiction, plus a Siting Element and Summary Plan for the County as a whole.

AB 939 was codified into the California Public Resources Code (PRC) and required the County to form a task force to assist in the coordination and development of these required planning documents. Today, the task force is responsible for periodic reviews of the CIWMP documents to determine if updates or revisions are required to sustain the recycling and waste diversion goals, information sharing of new and innovative recycling programs, and tracking significant solid waste legislation. The PRC provided guidance as to the make-up of the task force and their recommended list of potential members includes representatives from the cities, the solid waste industry, environmental organizations, the general public, special districts, and affected governmental agencies.

On June 5, 1990, the Board of Supervisors voted to establish the Stanislaus County Local Task Force (LTF) on Solid Waste Management. The Board approved staff's recommendation for the membership of the task force as follows:

- 1 - Representative of Stanislaus County
- 9 - City representatives
- 3 - Representatives of industry
- 3 - Community-based organizations
- 1 - Representative of an education-based system
- 1 - Representative of Stanislaus County Public Works

Over the years, it has become increasingly more difficult to fill vacancies within several of the non-jurisdictional memberships. Even when there has been success at filling these slots, often participation becomes unreliable. For this reason, the Department of Environmental Resources is proposing the following changes in membership for the LTF:

- Elimination of the education-based representative, replacing it with one general public member
- A reduction in community-based organization members from three down to one

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- A change in designation, substituting a County landfill representative for the Public Works representative, given that the landfill division is now part of Environmental Resources.

These changes will reduce the current membership from 18 to 16 members. If the Board approves, the new membership would be as follows:

- 1 - Representative of Stanislaus County
- 9 - City Representatives
- 3 - Representatives of industry
- 1 - Community-based organization
- 1 - General public representative
- 1 - Representative of Stanislaus County Landfill

Historically, one of the industry representatives has been from the solid waste industry and the community-based organization representative could be from an environmental organization, a special district, or an affected governmental agency so the revised membership roster would still be consistent with the guidance found in the PRC.

POLICY ISSUE:

The Board of Supervisors should determine if amending the membership roster for the Stanislaus County Local Task Force on Solid Waste is consistent with the Board's priorities of effective partnerships and the efficient delivery of public services.

STAFFING IMPACTS:

There are no staffing impacts associated with this item.