

**CITY OF MILPITAS
RECYCLING AND SOURCE REDUCTION ADVISORY COMMISSION MEETING
OCTOBER 25, 2011, 6:00 P.M.
SENIOR CENTER, ROOMS 140-141
40 N. MILPITAS BLVD, MILPITAS CA 95035**

I. ROLL CALL

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. SEATING OF ALTERNATES

IV. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE JULY 26, 2011 MEETING

V. PUBLIC FORUM

Members of the audience are invited to address the Recycling and Source Reduction Advisory Commission on any subject not on tonight's agenda. Speakers must state their name and address for the Secretary's record, and limit their remarks to under three minutes. As an item not on the agenda, no response is required of City staff or the Commission; however, the Commission may place the item on the agenda for a future meeting.

VI. ANNOUNCEMENTS

VII. COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT

VIII. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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- 2. INFORMATIONAL REPORT ON THE NEWBY ISLAND EXPANSION EIR**

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IX. NEW BUSINESS

1. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

The Commission packet contains a list of recent and pending State of California legislation that will regulate some aspect of solid waste. Of special interest to the City of Milpitas are Assembly Bill (AB) 341 – Solid waste diversion, Senate Bill (SB) 567 – Recycling plastic products, and SB 568 – Recycling EPS food containers.

On October 6, 2011, Governor Brown signed AB 341 which mandates:

- 1) Commercial recycling program for businesses, institutions and apartment buildings;
- 2) a new statewide diversion goal of 75% by 2020; and
- 3) – 5) various jurisdictional administrative responsibilities.

Once the final regulation is adopted, CalRecycle will provide further information in the form of frequently asked questions (FAQs), workshops and consultations.

RECOMMENDATION: Note receipt and file.

2. INFORMATIONAL REPORT ON THE NEWBY ISLAND EXPANSION EIR

At the last commission meeting, there was a request to receive an informational update regarding the Newby Island landfill expansion EIR. The landfill lies one mile west of the City of Milpitas but it is located within and regulated by the City of San Jose. The current plans for expansion are intended to allow Allied to fulfill contract obligations which end in 2025. As the City of Milpitas' contract expires in 2017, the planned expansion will not affect Milpitas' capacity unless a disposal agreement extension is negotiated.

The City of San Jose issued a Notice of Preparation (NOP) of a draft environmental impact report for the landfill expansion in December 2007. The comment period for the Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) began on September 22, 2009 and ended on November 5, 2009. The City of Milpitas submitted a letter during this comment period. Following the close of the public review period, a final EIR was prepared which included responses to comments received during the public review period. A public hearing before the San Jose's Planning Commission to consider certification of the Final EIR has not yet been conducted due to odor and bird abatement issues which are awaiting resolution. Attached in the agenda packet is a copy of the NOP and Milpitas' DEIR comment letter.

RECOMMENDATION: Note receipt and file.

X. OLD BUSINESS

1. COMMISSION SCOPE AND MISSION

RSRAC's mission is to advise the Council on implementation of programs to assist the City in meeting the 50 percent solid waste recycling and diversion goal mandated by AB 939 by the year 2000. At the July 26, 2011 meeting, the Commissioners discussed expanding the commission's mission to advise the Council on a wider array of

environmental issues relating to energy, water, and land use. The Commissioner asked staff to compile their suggestions for further review at the October meeting. In preparation for these talks, commissioners agreed to prepare and provide their own revisions to staff before the next meeting. The new AB 341 legislation described in item IX.1 may also impact RSRAC's direction and should be considered for incorporation in the commission's mission statement.

RECOMMENDATION: Describe desired changes, if any, and request proposed changes be placed on a future agenda for action.

2. ALLIED DENSIFIER VIDEO TOUR

At the July meeting, the Commissioners discussed their interest in viewing a video of Allied's new expanded polystyrene foam densifier machine in lieu of scheduling a special on-site meeting. A densifier facilitates recycling polystyrene by compacting it for shipment. Allied has reported that a video will be made available for viewing.

RECOMMENDATION: Note receipt and file.

XI. STATUS OF DIVERSION PROGRAM ACTIVITIES

Highlights of August - October diversion program activities:

- a. Single Family Recycling & Waste Reduction: Submitted articles for Spring 2012 Parks & Recreation Activity Guide; completed webpage and flyer updates: E-waste, Household Dump Day, Scavenging.
- b. Multi-family Recycling & Waste Reduction: Targeted effort to Crossing at Montague (472 units) underway with property management. Continued support if Allied field promotions including updated inserts for property manager packets, targeted 16 accounts in the Selwyn/Shirley/Dempsey neighborhood.
- c. Commercial Recycling & Waste Reduction: Continued support of Allied field marketing.
- d. Resource Fair, September 17: Hosted by the Cities of Milpitas and San Jose at the Barbara Lee Senior Center, this event collected 218 lbs. of pharmaceuticals and 24 mercury thermometers; distributed 78 reusable bags and served 110 participants.
- e. Rancho Milpitas Middle School Beautification, October 22, 2011: Allied continued coordination with principal and MUSD staff.
- f. School Mini-grants: Monitor Allied application and award process.
- g. CalRecycle City / County Payment: Council appropriated \$18,962 from bottle and can revenue for use towards student intern services and recycling public outreach activities.
- h. CalRecycle Staff Visit, October 12: Staff hosted Piper Miguelgorry and Chris Bria of the State Department of Resources, Recycling & Recovery (CalRecycle) with a presentation of solid waste programs, and coordinated tours of The

Recyclery, Construction & Demolition Debris Recovery and Landfill at Newby Island, Crowne Plaza Hotel, Zanker Elementary School, Milpitas Public Library, Milpitas City Hall and the Civic Center.

- i. *The Milpitas Post* Online Advertising: Produced web page advertising promoting the Pollution Prevention Week, Sept. 19 – 25.
- j. Movie Nights at Senior Center: City and Allied staff info table before event begins on June 30, July 14 & 28, August 11 & 25.
- k. Reusable Bags: One free bag per household offered on a utility bill insert running September 5 – October 24 and in the September month of *The Milpitas Post* 2011 calendar.
- l. Street Sweeping: Allied “Move Your Car on Sweep Days” ran in *The Milpitas Post* on Sept. 2.

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