

APPROVED MINUTES

**CITY OF MILPITAS  
RECYCLING AND SOURCE REDUCTION ADVISORY COMMISSION**

Minutes: Regular meeting of Recycling and Source Reduction Advisory Commission  
Meeting Date: October 25, 2011  
Meeting Time: 6:00 p.m.  
Meeting Place: Senior Center, Rooms 140-141

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- I. ROLL** Chair Blake called to order the Milpitas Recycling and Source Reduction Advisory Commission at 6:00 p.m. Commissioners Arthur, Blake, Gill, Salian and Council liaison Mayor Esteves were present, as were Staff Kathleen Phalen and Elizabeth Koo.
- II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** All
- III. SEATING OF ALTERNATES** Commissioner Gill, Alternate #1, was seated as the 4<sup>th</sup> member of the quorum.
- IV. MINUTES** Motion to approve minutes of the July 26, 2011 meeting.  
M/S: Gill/Arthur Ayes: All
- V. PUBLIC FORUM** A question was asked regarding which City commission could address the issue of Climate Action Plan.
- VI. ANNOUNCEMENTS** None
- VII. COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT** Mayor Esteves announced that the plastic bag issue is on hold due to pending legislation against Los Angeles County. Other issues include a cell phone tower, public hearing regarding a mobile home park rent increase, a campaign finance reform measure, on-going PG&E pipeline testing, upcoming housing developments and a general warning that the number of home burglaries have risen.
- VIII. AGENDA** Motion to approve the agenda as submitted  
M/S: Gill/Salian Ayes: All
- IX. NEW BUSINESS**
- 1. Legislation Update*  
Staff Koo briefly reviewed a list of pending legislation that regulate some aspect of solid waste. Of particular interest is AB341 which will make commercial recycling a mandatory requirement for businesses, institutions and apartment buildings. The bill will also set a new *statewide* diversion goal of 75%. The final regulation is still in the process of being adopted.
- 2. Informational Report on the Newby Island Expansion*  
Staff Phalen provided an informational report on the landfill located within and enforced by the City of San Jose. The proposed expansion is intended to allow Allied to fulfill existing contract hauling obligations which end in 2025. As part of the expansion process, a draft environmental impact report (EIR) was issued in December 2007 with a subsequent public comment period during which time the City of Milpitas submitted a letter citing odor concerns. The final EIR has not yet been finalized due to issues which are awaiting resolution.

Allied staff Gill Cheso fielded questions from the Mayor and commissioners regarding odor impacts from the proposed expansion. Mayor Esteves requested that staff include an informational report on the EIR at a future Council meeting. Based upon the commission's interest, Staff Phalen offered to include an informational update on a regional odor effort at a future RSRAC meeting.

**X. OLD BUSINESS**

*1. Commission Scope and Mission*

Commissioners discussed Chair Blake's recommended changes to Section 1 of RSRAC's bylaws. With the addition of the word "household" in front of "hazardous", the commission voted to accept the newly revised section 1.

Motion to approve section 1 as discussed.

M/S: Gill/Arthur

Ayes: All

*2. Allied Densifier Video Tour*

Commissioners viewed a video of an operating densifier located inside Allied's Recyclery facility and handled samples of the finished block products.

**XI. STATUS OF DIVISION PROGRAM ACTIVITIES**

Commission reviewed a list of diversion activities included in the agenda packet. Staff highlighted a site visit by CalRecycle (the State's regulatory agency) and the Rancho Middle School Beautification event.

**XII. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

1. Landfill expansion EIR (continuation)
2. 2012 Election of Officers (not stated but note for next meeting).

**XIII. SCHEDULING OF NEXT MEETING AND ADJOURNMENT**

The next meeting is scheduled for January 24, 2011 at 6pm.

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:02pm.

M/S: Arthur/Gill

Ayes: All