

**APPROVED MINUTES**  
*CITY OF MILPITAS*

Minutes: Regular meeting of Recycling and Source Reduction Advisory Commission  
Meeting Date: July 22, 2008  
Meeting Time: 7:00 p.m.  
Meeting Place: Committee Meeting Room

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**I. ROLL** Chair Blake called to order the Milpitas Recycling and Source Reduction Advisory Commission at 7:02 p.m. Commissioner Chen, Arthur, Cimino, Ybarra and Tran were present. Commissioners Yung and Ablaza arrived later. Allied staff Gil Cheso and Jeanne Mader were also in attendance. City staff Kathleen Phalen and Elizabeth Koo were present.

New Commissioner Echo Arthur introduced herself. She comes to RSRAC with 12 years experience serving on the Sister Cities Commission. A copy of the updated Commission directory was distributed.

**II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** All

**III. SEATING OF ALTERNATES** Commissioner Echo Arthur was seated as Alternate #1.

**IV. MINUTES** The minutes from the meeting of January 22, 2008.

Motion to approve  
M/S: Cimino/Ybarra Ayes: All

**V. PUBLIC FORUM** None

**VI. ANNOUNCEMENTS** None

**VII. AGENDA** The agenda for this meeting was approved.

Motion to approve the agenda as submitted.  
M/S: Cimino/Ybarra Ayes: All

**VIII. OLD BUSINESS**

*Solid Waste Negotiations* – Staff Koo reported that in May, City Council approved amendments to the Solid Waste Ordinance 48.20 and Noise Ordinance 196.9. The changes were relatively minor and meant to adjust contract requirements to match changing market and technology conditions. One of the more significant revisions is the 6am residential collection time which will start in September. Both the Solid Waste and Yard Trimmings Agreements have been updated to incorporate the changes.

**IX. NEW BUSINESS**

1. *Water Conservation* – Chair Blake led discussion on the need to control the unrequested service of water at restaurants. Staff Phelan answered that the MMC does prohibit this practice, but the City has limited resources for enforcement. City Council can prioritize staff resources to increase restaurant compliance. Chair Blake suggested a motion that he discuss

this issue with RSRAC Council liaison Gomez that the Council consider this issue. M/S: Blake/Yung.

2. *2006 Diversion Report* – Staff Koo reported that the staff received notification from the California Integrated Waste Management Board (CIWMB) in June that the tentative 2006 diversion rate for Milpitas is 60%. This is the highest diversion rate that Milpitas has achieved to date. Allied believed that the diversion increase can be attributed to the single-stream recycling program. The CIWMB will review the submittal and notify the City of the final diversion rate later this year.

**X. STAFF ACTIVITIES**

Allied staff Mader gave brief update on the 2008 compost giveaway events.

**XI. ROUNDTABLE**

Commissioner Tran announced that this is her last meeting as she will be transferring to the Sister Cities Commission. She said she appreciated working with RSRAC and thanked the Commissioners for their work.

Commissioner Arthur inquired about tours of the Recyclery. She learned about paper recycling during a tour with the Sister Cities Commission. Allied staff Mader stated that they have redesigned the facility and can no longer take the public on tours due to liability concerns. Allied's Fremont and San Mateo facilities can accommodate tours. She also offered the option of taking the commissioners to a viewing landing at the Recyclery.

Commissioner Cimino stated that he appreciated the RSRAC's proactive approach to water conservation.

Commissioner Yung stated his frustration with residential containers left in public view. He inquired about possible assistance from the City. City staff reported that the Housing and Neighborhood Preservation (HNP) group handles these types of issues. Staff Koo will provide the HNP hotline phone number to the Commissioners.

Commissioner Ablaza inquired about the process of replacing a damage container. Staff Koo gave Allied's residential hotline phone number and added that the equipment would be replaced by the next service date.

Commissioner Chen suggested that the Commissioners should be proactive in coming to each meeting with a recycling initiative for discussion. He suggested Smart Growth, Pedestrian Friendly Downtown, and a ban on plastic bags and Styrofoam containers as possible initiatives. Upon further discussion, the Commissioners decided that they would like more information about the plastic bag bans implemented by other Cities. Staff agreed to look into this and provide the Commissioners information from other city studies such as from San Francisco and Berkeley.

**XII. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Water conservation  
Plastic bag ban

**XIII. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 p.m.  
M/S: Ablaza/Ybarra

Ayes: All