



**SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COMMISSION
MAY 12, 2010, 6:30 P.M.
CITY HALL, COUNCIL CHAMBERS
301 WEST 2ND STREET
AUSTIN, TEXAS 78701**

CURRENT BOARD MEMBERS:

Gerry Acuna, Chair
Bob Schafer

Rick Cofer, Co-Chair
Maydelle Fason

Fayez Kazi

Brent Perdue

AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER

1. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

The first four (4) speakers signed up prior to the meeting being called to order will each be allowed a three-minute allotment to address their concerns regarding items not posted on the agenda.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

3. OLD BUSINESS

- a. **Hauler License Fee Subcommittee Update**
- b. **Set Date for a Special Meeting to Discuss the Recycling Ordinance Subcommittee Recommendations**

4. STAFF BRIEFINGS

- Discussion – Director’s Report**
- **Performance Measures**
 - **Department Update**

5. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

ADJOURNMENT

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For more information on the Solid Waste Advisory Commission, please contact Annette Moreno at (512) 974-1987.



To: Solid Waste Advisory Commission

From: Bob Gedert, Director, Solid Waste Services Department

Subject: Performance Measures

Date: May 12, 2010

Diversion Chart

| FY | Residential Household | Garbage (TONS) | Disposed Bulky (TONS) | Single-Stream Residual (Tons) | Recycling (TONS) | Mixed Paper (tons) | Recycling Other Sources (OCC/glass) | Yard Trimming (TONS) | Recycled Bulky (TONS) | Brush (TONS) | Total Tons | Diversion Rate |
|----------------------------|-----------------------|----------------|-----------------------|-------------------------------|------------------|--------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|--------------|------------|----------------|
| 98-99 | 134,643 | 108,228 | 4,638 | | 26,104 | 700 | 0 | 15,593 | 1,450 | 1,823 | 158,536 | 28.81% |
| % | | 68.27% | 2.93% | | 16.47% | 0.44% | 0.00% | 9.84% | 0.91% | 1.15% | 100.00% | |
| 99-00 | 136,200 | 109,242 | 4,472 | | 26,797 | 783 | 0 | 16,686 | 935 | 2,081 | 160,996 | 29.37% |
| % | | 67.85% | 2.78% | | 16.64% | 0.49% | 0.00% | 10.36% | 0.58% | 1.29% | 100.00% | |
| 00-01 | 141,015 | 115,268 | 6,564 | | 28,594 | 598 | 0 | 16,747 | 1,330 | 3,175 | 172,276 | 29.28% |
| % | | 66.91% | 3.81% | | 16.60% | 0.35% | 0.00% | 9.72% | 0.77% | 1.84% | 100.00% | |
| 01-02 | 142,651 | 116,492 | 7,404 | | 28,446 | 618 | 32 | 18,636 | 1,149 | 3,495 | 176,272 | 29.71% |
| % | | 66.09% | 4.20% | | 16.14% | 0.35% | 0.02% | 10.57% | 0.65% | 1.98% | 100.00% | |
| 02-03 | 144,414 | 118,580 | 7,334 | | 30,348 | 546 | 74 | 18,356 | 754 | 3,560 | 179,552 | 29.87% |
| % | | 66.04% | 4.08% | | 16.90% | 0.30% | 0.04% | 10.22% | 0.42% | 1.98% | 100.00% | |
| 03-04 | 152,869 | 122,469 | 7,112 | | 30,553 | 545 | 139 | 18,232 | 389 | 5,050 | 184,489 | 29.76% |
| % | | 66.38% | 3.85% | | 16.56% | 0.30% | 0.08% | 9.88% | 0.21% | 2.74% | 100.00% | |
| 04-05 | 155,830 | 123,225 | 7,241 | | 28,776 | 538 | 197 | 19,237 | 293 | 4,797 | 184,303 | 29.21% |
| % | | 66.86% | 3.93% | | 15.61% | 0.29% | 0.11% | 10.44% | 0.16% | 2.60% | 100.00% | |
| 05-06 | 160,179 | 129,204 | 7,706 | | 29,047 | 454 | 227 | 20,697 | 211 | 4,464 | 192,010 | 28.70% |
| % | | 67.29% | 4.01% | | 15.13% | 0.24% | 0.12% | 10.78% | 0.11% | 2.32% | 100.00% | |
| 06-07 | 164,617 | 135,363 | 7,199 | | 30,504 | 477 | 290 | 20,315 | 207 | 6,614 | 200,969 | 29.06% |
| % | | 67.36% | 3.58% | | 15.18% | 0.24% | 0.14% | 10.11% | 0.10% | 3.29% | 100.00% | |
| 07-08 | 173,067 | 140,380 | 7,530 | | 32,789 | 516 | 350 | 24,027 | 203 | 7,401 | 213,196 | 30.62% |
| % | | 65.85% | 3.53% | | 15.38% | 0.24% | 0.16% | 11.27% | 0.10% | 3.47% | 100.00% | |
| 08-09 | 174,089 | 127,468 | 8,053 | 0 | 51,760 | 0 | 552 | 19,497 | 187 | 7,683 | 215,200 | 37.03% |
| % | | 59.23% | 3.74% | 0.00% | 24.05% | 0.00% | 0.26% | 9.06% | 0.09% | 3.57% | 100.00% | |
| 09-10 | 183,534 | 64,718 | 3,560 | 2,195 | 25,632 | | 778 | 10,917 | 97 | 3,244 | 111,142 | 36.59% |
| % | | 58.23% | 3.20% | 1.97% | 23.06% | 0.00% | 0.70% | 9.82% | 0.09% | 2.92% | 100.00% | |
| (FY 09-10 thru March 2010) | | | | | | | | | | | | |

Pounds per household per week of trash, recycling, and yard waste for March 2008, March 2009, March 2010

| | Garbage | Recycling | Yard Trimmings |
|------------|------------|------------|----------------|
| March 2010 | 30.52 lbs. | 10.81 lbs. | 20.06 lbs. |
| March 2009 | 28.60 lbs. | 11.53 lbs. | 7.81 lbs. |
| March 2008 | 33.00 lbs. | 7.40 lbs. | 9.00 lbs. |

Tons of litter cleaned up by our crews in calendar year 2009

Litter Control collected 344 tons of litter in calendar year 2009

Total number of education and outreach presentations made in calendar year 2009

Community Meetings/Presentation: 44

Classroom Presentation: 249

Total number of contacts through presentations given and events attended in 2009.

Number of Contacts: 1,766 (community meetings, presentations, workshops)

Number of Students Educated: 4,955 (classroom presentations)

Department Update

ISWM Master Plan;

A kick-off meeting was held on April 6th with the HDR Team. We are proceeding on schedule, with staff providing base data to HDR Team as needed. We anticipate a public meeting with HDR in late August.

Zero Waste Marketing:

Solid Waste Services PIO & Marketing team just received notice that we have won four 2010 Bronze Quill Awards from the Austin chapter of the International Association of Business Communicators (IABC/Austin)!

Bronze Quills are judged by communications professionals around the world and if chosen as winners, they are recognized as meeting the highest standards in marketing and communications work. The projects winning awards were the Recycle Right ad campaign, the Christmas Tree Recycling marketing and ad campaign, the Trash Project special event communication and the Flower Seed bookmark for graphic design.

Employee Recognition:

Solid Waste Services employees Jaime Moreno, Jimmy Miller, and Sam Gilbert are May 2010 graduates of the City of Austin Supervisor Academy. Ray Armstrong and Claude Moore graduated from the City of Austin Supervisor Academy last year

Employee Development:

Director is working with staff to build an organizational culture of trust and transparency. Developing Director's Expectations for Best Managed City practices in Solid Waste Services. Reevaluating our traditional performance measures in terms of benchmarking to industry high professional standards

**CITY OF AUSTIN
SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COMMISSION**

**WASTE MANAGEMENT, INC. LANDFILL EXPANSION APPEAL PROCESS
RESOLUTION**

APRIL 14, 2010
VOTE: 6-0-0

Motion made by: JD Porter

Seconded by: Brent Perdue

Commissioners Consenting: Maydelle Fason, Bob Schafer, Rick Cofer and Gerry Acuna

Commissioners Dissenting: None

Commissioners Abstaining: None

Commissioners Absent: Fayez Kazi

Commissioners Recusal: None

Whereas, the recent approval by the TCEQ of Waste Management, Inc.'s request for expansion of their landfill in northeast Austin will materially impact solid waste management and land use compatibility in Austin for the foreseeable future, and

Whereas, the City has a responsibility to participate in discussions, decisions, and actions that affect its citizens and neighbors,
Be it hereby resolved, that;

SWAC requests Council to be a party in any appeal process that may be ongoing or upcoming regarding this expansion approval.

CITY OF AUSTIN
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RESOLUTION FOR THE CITY OF AUSTIN TO RECOMMEND A PRESIDENTIAL
EXECUTIVE ORDER ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL 75% RECYCLING RATE

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WHEREAS, investments in resource recovery infrastructure can help stimulate the national economy by creating tens of thousands of new family-supporting, recycling-related jobs across the country;

WHEREAS, recycling sustains 10 times more jobs per ton of materials than incineration or landfilling;

WHEREAS, working-class communities and communities of color disproportionately play host to incinerators and landfills, which have significant negative health and economic impacts on these communities;

WHEREAS, practices such as recycling and composting are some of the fastest and most cost-effective strategies for communities to protect the climate, conserve energy, reduce public health hazards and strengthen local economies;

WHEREAS, in this time of economic recession, municipalities need to prioritize investment in employment strategies that provide clean, healthy and durable pathways to prosperity and long-term stability for families;

WHEREAS, one third of municipal solid waste is recycled nationally and nearly 90% of what is currently disposed in landfills and incinerators is readily recyclable and compostable, including paper and paperboard, food scraps and yard waste, plastics, metals, glass and wood;

WHEREAS, it is in the national interest of the United States to promote and enhance recycling and composting activities to conserve energy and reduce or avoid greenhouse gas emissions across many industry sectors;

WHEREAS, studies support that up to 75 percent of people in the United States believe that recycling is an important action that can positively impact climate change; and in a recent poll 88 percent of Americans agreed that it is important to recycle;

WHEREAS, incinerators emit more CO₂ per megawatt-hour than coal-fired power plants, and landfills are leading sources of human produced methane emissions – a greenhouse gas that is 72 times more climate destructive than CO₂;

WHEREAS, the Environmental Protection Agency concludes that 42% of U.S. greenhouse gas emissions come from the materials management during production, consumption and waste disposal, and that reducing, reusing, recycling, and composting waste greatly reduce these emissions;

WHEREAS, the amount of energy currently wasted in the U.S. by not recycling aluminum and steel cans, paper, printed materials, glass, and plastic is equal to the annual output of 15 medium-sized power plants;

WHEREAS, avoiding one ton of CO₂ equivalent emissions through recycling costs 30% less than doing so through energy efficiency, and 90% less than wind power;

WHEREAS, waste incinerators are one of the leading industrial source of dioxin emissions in the U.S. and incinerators emit a host of other toxic pollutants such as furans, halogenated hydrocarbons, acid gases, particulate matter and heavy metals such as lead, arsenic and mercury;

BE IT RESOLVED by the City of Austin that:

1. Austin recommends that the office of the President issue an Executive Order announcing a national recycling rate goal of 75 percent of all municipal solid waste by 2015, and a national manufacturing reuse goal of 30 percent by 2020, in order to create a U.S. based market for recycled goods and materials.
2. Austin recommends that all national waste, climate, energy and jobs policy initiatives from Congress include provisions for increasing federal support for state and municipal resource recovery programs and infrastructure development.
3. Austin recommends that all subsidies, tax credits and other federal support for landfills and incinerators be ended to create a level playing field for the support and growth of recycling and composting markets.
4. Austin recommends that such federal provisions for resource recovery programs and infrastructure support include safeguards for all applicable labor laws and the fair treatment of employees.