



**MONO COUNTY
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Mono County Solid Waste Task Force

**Meeting of May 8, 2014
1:00-3:00 p.m.
CAO Conference Room
Sierra Center Mall, Mammoth Lakes**

AGENDA

1. Call to order.

Meeting Called to order at 1:10

In Attendance:

Peter Bernasconi; Town of Mammoth Lakes

Lisa Isaacs; Public at Large

Jill Kearney; LEA

Rick Vahl; Mammoth Disposal

Kevin Brown; D&S Waste

Tony Dublino; Mono County

Brian Robinette; Sierra Conservation Project

2. Public Comment on items not on the agenda.

TOML Cleanup on May 17th from 8-2.

3. Approval of Minutes from February 6, 2014 meeting.

Motion Vahl

Second Robinette

Unanimous, 5-0, one abstention Bernasconi

4. SWTF Bylaws—discuss draft version of SWTF bylaws as discussed at February 6, 2014 meeting.

Discussion of proposed changes, specifically terms of office and quorum requirements. Need to correct one internal inconsistency.(8-11 terms)

Motion to recommend bylaws for approval by Town of Mammoth Lakes Town Council and Mono County Board of Supervisors (as amended)

*Motion Robinette
Second Vahl
Unanimous 6-0*

5. Discussion of potential siting and operations criteria for Non-Disposal Facility Element

General comments about the need for a joint document and regional approach, to include Inyo County. Regional approach should be part of criteria.

Siting:

- Proximity to waste generating sources

Proximity to power (generator), water, sewer.

Depending on size and type of structure, may not need power.

A well designed facility may not need all utilities.

Could turn transfer stations into places where you could dump trucks—

Different communities need different things—base proximity on normal commute time for a given community.

- Minimum separation from incompatible land uses

Look to existing zoning code. Rule of law—shouldn't existing law determine?

'Character' of areas should be considered

Compliance with regulations easier when there is distance from sensitive receptors.

Rely on public process--public hearings, etc

- Utilizing pre-disturbed lands

Yes-consensus on pre-disturbed lands

Related comment on ownership of lands--public/private ownership not necessarily the main issue--long-term use and availability is the main issue.

Facility/Operations:

- Cost-effectiveness

Project should be driven by the established need.

Land restrictions makes competitive bidding difficult

Cost effectiveness should be tied to services provided

Facilities should not require flow agreement from outside haulers

- Competitive bidding

Town has exclusive franchise, not going to infringe on this.

Could be competitive bidding of construction of a facility?

Competitive bidding is critical to saving the taxpayers money.

Cost effectiveness and policy do not always line up. The most cost effective and competitive bid may not achieve other policy goals.

Sometimes bidding is not competitive—one company has an advantage over another.

Competitive bidding should allow some flexibility to bidders to respond in a way that is in accordance with their particular business practices and methods—should not be put into a box by a detailed RFB.

RFP needs to meet regional objectives.

- Nuisance controls

Can be dealt with through CEQA, not necessarily contract requirement

Can be addressed iteratively-as problems and issues develop.

Enforcement? Illegal dumping?

Engineered, designed controls are generally more effective than post-built controls.

- Diversion/Transformation minimums

Need to be by material, and not by total tonnage—can do just concrete

Prefer a basic %, not material by material

Need to be able to respond to oversight and direction by CalRecycle—may insist on increased effort on a given waste stream, and need to be able to react to that direction

Need room for increased revenue if there are additional mandates.

- Minimum diversion to local markets/products

Should regulate itself—if the market is available, it will be supplied.

Effort should focus on developing the market and industry, not on requiring that of a facility.

Should be able to accommodate future developments in technology.

- Ability to store materials

Mammoth requires paper and recycling materials to be shipped

Should be left up to the operator to respond

- Ability to pack and ship materials

6. Adjourn to August 7, 2014 Meeting.

Adjourned at 2:55