



MEMORANDUM TO: Community Advisory Committee
FROM: Staff
SUBJECT: May 11, 2005 Community Advisory Committee (CAC) Meeting Minutes
DATE: May 16, 2005

Present: General Manager Roland Williams and Solid Waste Program Coordinator Noelle Hartshorn of the Castro Valley Sanitary District; CAC members Aileen Chong-Jeung, Peter Fong, Anthony Graves, Mary Hayashi, Gail Waiters, and Gary Wolff.

Absent: George Bae, Robert Craig, Wanda Davis, Lucille Lorge.

1. The CAC meeting was called to order at 6:15 p.m. No members of the public were in attendance.
2. First discussed was the nomination of Chair and Vice-chair. As it might be difficult to wait until a full Committee be present for elections, it was decided to elect officers from those present. Elected were Gary Wolff as Chair and Anthony Graves as Co-Chair. The two positions will be held for a period of one year each.
3. Next discussed was the District's food scrap recycling program. The Committee discussed the issues surrounding the program as they saw them, and it was mentioned that the District might not want to put a lot of effort into a program that won't yield big results. The reasons for implementing such a program were explained—mainly, that discarded food is very heavy and can add to our disposal rates and that it creates gasses when it decays at the landfill. It was then suggested that an interesting experiment for a high school class project might be to study the ways food scraps break down at a composting facility vs. a landfill. It was also stated that even though it may seem difficult to change the disposal habits of adults, it is possible that starting such programs at the schools would initiate them at an impressionable age. Staff noted that one school has implemented a food scrap recycling program, and that more schools will be brought on board as they show interest. Staff stated that advertisements will be coming out in the upcoming refuse bill inserts and local newspapers regarding the jurisdictions currently recycling food scraps, and staff will bring examples of the various ways to contain and transport food scraps from kitchen to greenwaste cart to the next CAC meeting. The Committee would also like to see information written about the success of the food scrap recycling program in San Francisco.
4. Next on the agenda was a discussion of the District's Construction and Demolition (C&D) Ordinance. Staff distributed copies of what is currently distributed by Alameda County Building Department staff to those requesting a permit for building within the Castro Valley Sanitary District. There have currently been no

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final waste diversion reports given to the District. It was suggested by the Committee that infractions be weighted on a scale—the bigger the infraction, the higher the amount of the fine. The numbers for the Davis Street Transfer Station C&D were discussed by staff, and as the tonnage amount diverted is growing, it is possible that builders are diverting materials but not doing the final paperwork. Due to meeting time constraints the topic of C&D diversion will be carried over until the next meeting.

5. The Lateral Replacement Grant Program (LRGP) was discussed at a prior meeting, so the powerpoint presentation was skipped. The discussion of inspection of sewer laterals upon sale was next. The current LRGP program replaces leaky laterals but can catch only a finite amount of them per funding cycle. Currently, homeowner warranties and insurance stop at the foundation of the home. An inspection of a lateral upon sale of a home would mean both the televising of the line and an air test to see if the line is in good enough shape for the home to be sold without repair. The question of whether or not it would be just disclosure of information or the requirement of repair was discussed. If the lateral fails one of the tests, might that cause the buyer to purchase the home “as is”? Both the cities of Alameda and Albany have this program in place and are having success with it. If the program is decided upon for CVSD it will be in the form of an ordinance. Items for future discussion were that of the need for backflow prevention information; and lateral line insurance will be discussed in the Fall, parallel with the current designing of the District’s Master Plan. General Manager Williams will conduct a Sewer Lateral Strategy Review in the future, with the CAC joining in a Board meeting.
6. Last for discussion was the upcoming planned field trip to the Davis Street Transfer Station. It was decided that there shall be two dates offered for the field trip; one shall be during the day (4 p.m.-6 p.m.) of the upcoming July CAC meeting (July 13th) and another shall be during a morning of the same week for those who cannot attend the tour on the 13th. Staff will arrange these times. Staff also passed out binders for use by those who might need one for their many CAC handouts, and distributed “goody bags” containing items made of recycled product, as had been requested at the prior meeting.
7. Miscellaneous Comments:
 - Manager Williams reported that Lucille Lorge will return on the Committee even though she must miss three meetings.
 - Gary Wolff wants adoption of meeting minutes on the agenda as a standing item.
 - Gail Waiters wants the Community Grant funding item on the agenda until a recommendation is made to the Board.
8. Meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

cc: Public Relations Committee