



Antelope Valley Illegal Dumping Task Force Meeting Summary of June 5, 2019

Attendees:

County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors

Donna Termeer, Supervisor Kathryn Barger's Office
Charles Bostwick, Supervisor Kathryn Barger's Office

County of Los Angeles Departments

Adriana Ornelas, LA County Public Works
Citlalith Perez, LA County Public Works
Tiffany Caldwell, Department of Regional Planning
Ricardo Mota, Department of Regional Planning
Karen Tandler, LA County District Attorney's Office, Code Enforcement
Ariel Verayo, Department of Agricultural Commissioner Weights and Measures
Adrian Zavala, Department of Agricultural Commissioner Weights and Measures

State and other Local Municipalities

Mica Schuler, City of Palmdale
Benjamin Lucha, City of Palmdale
David Jones, City of Lancaster
Donald Watkins, City of Lancaster

Town Councils and other local Organizations

Tom Lapworth, Antelope Valley Board of Trade
Guy Randles, Green Valley Town Council
Jeanine Pon, Green Valley Town Council
Jeff Zimmerman, Rural Protection Services
Erika Schwerdt, I Heart Lake LA
Shirley Harriman, Lake Los Angeles News
Lisa Henenway, Waste Management, Inc.
Evelyn Rivas, Antelope Valley Union High School District
Robyn Young, Eastside High School
Gil Hernandez, California Highway Patrol, Antelope Valley
Desiree Tainatongo, Tarzana Treatment Centers
Stephen Updyke, Tarzana Treatment Centers

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call – Donna Termeer (Committee Chair)

Approval of April 3, 2019, meeting minutes – Donna Termeer

Donna Termeer, Fifth District Supervisor's Office motioned to approve the minutes from April 3, 2019. Karen Tandler, Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office and Ariel Verayo, Department of Agricultural Weights and Measure seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Task Force letter to Senator Scott Wilk, 21st District – Donna Termeer

Donna Termeer, Fifth District Supervisor's Office reported on a request to draft a letter of support of Senate Bill (SB) 409 as currently written and last amended April 9, 2019. The Bill is currently with the Assembly of Public Safety Committee. The next hearing date is scheduled for June 11, 2019. Donna moved to approve drafting a letter of support of SB 409 as it is written. Tiffany Caldwell, Department of Regional Planning and Mica Schuler of City of Palmdale seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Karen Tandler, LA County Deputy District Attorney's Office abstained from voting since she authored the Bill.

Replacement of the Countersigner for the Task Force Checks – Donna Termeer

Donna Termeer, Fifth District Supervisor's Office reported the check register name for the Countersigner needs to be replaced. Donna motioned to approve a temporary replacement for Guy Randles with Tiffany Caldwell, Department of Regional Planning as a second signatory and remove Mr. Randles name from the check registry. Karen Tandler, Deputy District Attorney's Office made a motion to approve the change and Mica Schuler, City of Palmdale seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Report on Task Force Budget and Expenditures – Donna Termeer

Donna Termeer, Fifth District Supervisor's Office reported the account balance is \$91,443.95.

Donna reported an outstanding check in the amount of \$3,483.12 for Eastside High School, B.I.R.D. Project leaving a balance of \$87,960.83.

Report on Anti-Dumping Campaign Outreach Programs and Events – Adriana Ornelas

Adriana Ornelas, LA County Public Works reported on the Anti-Dumping Campaign Outreach Programs and Events. The result of the Anti-Dumping Billboard advertisement posted at 10 various locations within Antelope Valley from April 22, 2019 to May 21, 2019 did not impact the number of requests to clean nuisances of illegal dumping to the toll-free Illegal Dumping Hotline.

Adriana provided results of the Tire Recycling Events held on April 27, 2019 at four different LA County Public Works Road Maintenance field yards. A total of 137.68 tons of tires were collected during the event. A total of 16.59 tons of illegally dumped tires were collected by the Road Maintenance yards and transported from the event. Lake Los Angeles collected 41.33 tons, Quartz Hill collected 16.59 tons, Littlerock collected 44.67 tons. Event demographics surveyed Lake Los Angeles had a total of 63 participants, Quartz Hill 88 participants and Littlerock 61 participants. Surveyed age group participation included 55+ years old and older then 45+ years old. Outreach for the event program included internet advertising which was the most popular means of receiving event information.

There was some discussion about a City of Lancaster grant that allows up to 7,000 unit of tires per a 2-year grant cycle.

Adriana discussed the importance of the Anti-Dumping Campaign through education on the lifecycle of material such as, tires, mattresses, construction and demolition debris with long term advertising through billboards, sandwich sidewalk boards, poster boards, etc. Community outreach information provides residents resources on properly disposing unwanted household discards by participating in free of charge events. An example of a second life cycle for tires collected at the April 27, 2019 Tire Recycling Event would produce 4.91 tons of crumb rubber material used at school playgrounds. And 17.97 tons of tire material would be used for civil engineering and alternative energy applications.

Report on B.I.R.D. Project – Robyn Young & Evelyn Rivas

Robyn Young & Evelyn Rivas, Eastside High School presented an overview of the B.I.R.D. project and the different aspects of the project. The B.I.R.D. (Beauty Innovation Respect and Discovery) project revolved around illegal dumping in Antelope Valley. Students were provided information on the effects of illegal dumping through agency presentations and various field trips to the wildlife sanctuary, Devil's Punchbowl and illegal dumping hot zones. The students constructed projects such as art pieces, wrote poems and computer designs based around what they learned, found and participated in. An exhibition at the Woodland Desert Preserve highlighted the students' projects for public display which included educating creative ways to reuse illegally dumped debris.

The B.I.R.D. Project presentation will be available to view at the Illegal dumping website, www.stopillegaldumping.com

Inquiry of Banners for the Mattress Recycling Collection Events – Adriana Ornelas

Adriana Ornelas, LA County Public Works reported on the Mattress Recycling Program (MRP). During calendar year 2019, MRP collected 505 units of mattresses, 266 box springs and 24 illegally dumped mattresses for a running total of 795 recycled mattresses in the Antelope Valley area. Advertising consisted of email notification through www.peachjar.com where 20,000 registered participants received event information. Peachjar is a digital flyer management system used by U.S. school districts. The cloud-based platform makes it easy for school districts to deploy and manage digital flyer approval and delivery system, delivering flyers right to parents' smartphones.

Adriana requested funding for event banners for the purpose of advertising mattress collection events in the amount of \$179 and \$72 for a total of \$251. Donna Termeer, 5th District Supervisor's Office moved to vote on funding up to \$251 for event banners. Karen Tandler, Deputy District Attorney's Office and Tiffany Caldwell, Department of Regional Planning seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Inquiry on Household Hazardous Waste/Electronic Waste Roundup Event – Shirley Harriman

Shirley Harriman, resident of Antelope Valley presented on the Household Hazardous Waste Roundup event in Lake Los Angeles. Shirley reported the following items were dropped off at the event, electronic waste 5,150 lbs. (2.58 tons), Cathode-Ray Tube (CRT) monitors 9,125 lbs. (4.56 tons), collected oil 6,050 lbs. (724 gallons). The community assists one another during the event. An increase of disposing medication is on the rise. There was discussion about companies issued permits to handle medication and proper disposal as well as separating various types of medications. Substance controlled medications cannot be dropped off at Household Hazardous Waste Roundup events. Dispose of substance controlled medications at an LA County Sheriff's Department (LASD) Safe Drug Drop Off box available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

A LASD Safe Drug Drop Off event is scheduled later in the year and the date will be made available to the public.

Report on Neenach Community Cleanup Event & Discussion on Transfer Station in Neenach Area – Jeff Zimmerman

Jeff Zimmerman, Neenach Town Council presented the results of the Neenach Community Cleanup event. On April 12, 2019 and April 14, 2019, four community volunteers including the Rural Protection Services participated in filling up two town council donated 40-yard roll off bin with illegally dumped items off 228 W Avenue and W Avenue D, sensitive ecological areas, and some dump sites. 200 illegally dumped tires from 288th Street, 300th Avenue through Highway 138 were dropped off at the Tire Recycling Event in Quartz Hill on April 27th. Special permits are required for hauling multiple tires. And restrictions for transporting tires such as, 40 tires per trip may become too costly for the group. Illegal dumping also continues in the affected areas after a cleanup.

Due to the amount of illegal dumping picked up per week, discussions between a non-profit group and the Neenach Town Council came up with a solution to build a solid waste transfer station. The idea is to build a solar farm on a 10-acre parcel where solar panels would be placed, and a possible transfer station would provide the Town Councils of Oso, Neenach, Fairmount, Lake Hughes, Antelope Acres and 3 points Town Councils participate in dropping off unwanted household discards and illegally dumped items. Items would create energy where the solar power would pay for the energy produced thus pay for the permanent solid waste site. An event is scheduled for July 6 to gather the communities and town councils to discuss community issues such as illegal dumping, educate on prevention of and share ongoing prevention programs. The event will be held at the Neenach Market, 228 W Avenue D, Lancaster, CA. Zoning for the parcel needs to be reviewed by the Department of Regional Planning before discussions for a solid waste transfer station continue.

A representative from the City of Lancaster suggested to give them a call to schedule a pickup of a large quantity of tires. And Adriana Ornelas, LA County Public Works encouraged community volunteer cleanup groups to contact her prior to a Tire Recycling event and provide the number of tires collected from a community cleanup to be dropped off.

Report on Free Dump Day at Lancaster Landfill – Lisa Henenway

Lisa Henenway, Waste Management, Inc. reported on the Free Dump Day at Lancaster Landfill held on April 13, 2019. There were 351 loads, 447.87 tons of solid waste, 24.30 tons of green waste, 5.40 tons of wood, 25 appliances, 44 cathode-ray tubes (CRTs), 49 tires and 121 mattresses. There was an increase of 114 attendees from 2018 and 2019. A 32 percent increase from last year. And 162 ton increase of solid waste which is a 36 percent increase since last year. The event was a success due to online advertising, word of mouth and media outreach. The next scheduled Free Dump Day at

Lancaster Landfill is Saturday, October 12, 2019, 8 am to 2 pm. Additional ongoing programs at the Lancaster Landfill are free bulky item and up to 4-tire drop off.

Report on iHeart Lake LA Cleanup Project – Erika Schwerdt

Erika Schwerdt, iHeart Lake LA presented on the iHeart group and the results of the Red Day event. The iHeart Lake LA Community Group partnered with 40 agents for a Red Day cleanup targeting illegally dumped hot zone areas behind the transportation area near Challenger Middle School in Lake Los Angeles located West of 170th Street and North between M and N Street and at the Indian Museum. Waste Management donated three dumpsters during the cleanup. The dumpsters were secured at the Indian Museum and Saddleback after contacting the State Parks Department. Tires collected were taken to the Tire Recycling Collection Event on April 27, 2019.

iHeart Lake LA Community Group is creating a Community Education Packet to present at each of the town councils and community groups for those interested in organizing a cleanup group in their community. Community members are encouraged to go to their town councils and community groups to place the iHeart Group as an agenda item. The iHeart Group will showcase the success of the existing group and how each town council could be equally successful in decreasing, educating and eradicating illegal dumping.

Erika presented a power point on how the iHeart group works to decrease illegal dumping in a community and the purpose of coming together, educating, reporting as well as encouraging community participation.

Inquiry on advertising on the Antelope Valley Transit Authority Buses – Adriana Ornelas

Adriana Ornelas, LA County Public Works inquired about funding anti-dumping advertisement on the Antelope Valley Transit Authority Buses. Request was tabled until a proposal is provided.

Public Comment

No public comments made.

Meeting adjourned.