



Antelope Valley Illegal Dumping Task Force (AVIDTF)
Meeting Summary of June 6, 2018
Fire Station No. 129, Training Center
42210 6th Street West
Lancaster, CA 93534

Attendees:

County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors

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

County of Los Angeles Departments

Adriana Ornelas, Department of Public Works
Bonitto Housen, Department of Public Works
Tiffany Caldwell, Department of Regional Planning
Oscar Gomez, Department of Regional Planning
Edgar de la Torre, Department of Regional Planning
Karen Tandler, Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office
Ariel Verayo, Department of Agricultural Commissioner Weights and Measures
Patricia Hundt, Department of Public Health
Debbie Pepe, Department of Parks and Recreation

State and other Local Municipalities

Mica Schuler, City of Palmdale
David Jones, City of Lancaster
David Morales, California Highway Patrol/Antelope Valley
Gil Hernandez, California Highway Patrol/Antelope Valley

Town Councils and other local Organizations

Bret Banks, Antelope Valley Air Quality Management District
Guy Randles, Green Valley Town Council
Tom Lapworth, Antelope Valley Board of Trade
Jeff Zimmerman, Rural Protection Services
Annamarie Dyemartin, Little Rock Town Council
Shirley Harriman, Lake Los Angeles News
Eiila Schwerdt, Lake Los Angeles Resident

Pledge of Allegiance

Self-Introductions

Introductions of committee members and attendees

Account Balance – Guy Randles

Guy Randles, Treasurer for the AVIDTF, reported the account balance in the checking account. The account balance is \$77,753.54.

Illegal Dumping Quarterly Summary – Adriana Ornelas

Adriana Ornelas from Public Works provided the summary of the current Illegal Dumping Incident Report for the Antelope Valley areas. Included in that report were the total number of 206 mattresses collected during the Spring, 2018 events in Antelope Valley. The amount has decreased since the first mattress recycling collection events in October 2015. Concerns were made by attendees that so few mattresses were collected but there were many illegally dumped mattresses. Adriana made attendees aware of cases of illegal dumping that are not tracked accurately due to various agencies, including other County Departments, that do not utilize the Illegal Dumping Hotline for reporting incidents of illegal dumping. Calls are being made directly to the Department of Public Works Maintenance Road Yards. Those calls are not tracked. Adriana encouraged those reporting illegal dumping should use the toll-free phone number 1-888-Clean LA. She also informed us of the various methods of reporting illegal dumping; phone in the incident, report it through the Department of Public Works, The Works app <http://dpw.lacounty.gov/theworks/> or email the incident to dumping@dpw.lacounty.gov. Methods of reporting incidents of illegal dumping can be found on the various outreach material provided at every task force meeting. As for the number of decreased mattresses during the bi-annual Mattress Recycling Collection events, it is possible the City of Lancaster that is part of the Mattress Recycling Council and is a permanent drop off center for mattresses may be receiving mattresses from unincorporated LA County residents.

Election of Committee Secretary – Deputy Termeer

Deputy Termeer, Fifth District Senior Deputy moved to nominate Adriana Ornelas from the Department of Public Works as Committee Secretary. Ms. Tandler of the District Attorney's Office seconded the motion. Motion passed. Congratulations Ms. Adriana Ornelas.

Discussion on Fiscal Year 2018 AVIDTF Spending Plan – Deputy Termeer

Deputy Termeer, Fifth District Senior Deputy opened a motion to approve the 2018 AVIDTF Spending Plan. Bonitto Housen from the Department of Public Works seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Discussion on coordinating with Mental Health's Hoarding Task Force – Tiffany Caldwell

Tiffany Caldwell from the Department of Regional Planning discussed the hoarding issue in an area she oversees and is working to abate the nuisance. Alleged hoarding should be reported to the following Departments; Regional Planning, Department of Public Works Building and Safety Division's Property Rehabilitation, Mental Health and Public Health. The LA County's 2-1-1 phone line was provided as some Department contact phone numbers were not available. If someone is calling from outside Los Angeles County or cannot directly dial 2-1-1, dial (800) 339-6993.

Creation of Antelope Valley Illegal Dumping Task Force Bylaws – Donna Termeer

Tiffany Caldwell from the Department of Regional Planning is currently planning to draft the Antelope Valley Illegal Dumping Task Force bylaws. Tiffany will obtain advise from County Counsel and Ms. Tandler from the District Attorney's Office. A draft will be provided to the Committee members for review.

Inquiry on Anti-dumping billboards – Donna Termeer

Deputy Termeer from Fifth District Supervisor's Office inquired about anti-dumping billboards and success rate. Adriana Ornelas from the Department of Public Works mentioned the cost of billboards per month range between \$4000 to \$5000. The Department of Public Works Environmental Program Division's Garbage Disposal Districts' billboard campaign was successful. Mr. Charles Bostwick from the Fifth District Supervisor's Office is developing a marketing campaign for a successful outreach. Mr. Bostwick will contact other counties to inquire about what campaigns were successful and the most effective methods used for public awareness.

Inquiry on Cameras on AT&T cell towers – Donna Termeer

Deputy Termeer from Fifth District Supervisor's Office inquired about cameras on the AT&T cell towers. Annamarie Dyemartin requested cameras get installed on AT&T cell towers to film violators of illegal dumping. Ms. Tandler from the District Attorney's Office and Deputy Morales from the California Highway Patrol shared cameras used previously were costly, easily vandalized and were not successful filming violators of illegal dumping. Funding for cameras was not approved.

Inquiry on Neenach roll off bins – Donna Termeer

Deputy Termeer from the Fifth District Supervisor's Office inquired on the Neenach roll off bins. Mr. Jeff Zimmerman, Rural Protection Services requested AVIDTF fund roll off bins for a community clean up in Neenach. Past volunteer cleanup event included two roll off bins for a location in Neenach with large amounts of illegal dumping. The volunteer

cleanup event in Neenach is scheduled for July 14, 2018. The Task Force requests a proposal with the details and a prevention action plan to fund the roll off bins. Deputy Termeer moved to approve a roll off bin for the Neenach community clean up event. Ms. Tandler from District Attorney's Office seconded the motion. Motion passed. Adriana Ornelas from the Department of Public Works will contact Waste Management to coordinate roll off bin drop off and pick up after receipt of proposal.

Inquiry on Powell and Blayney roll-off bins – Jackson Piper

Jackson Piper from the Department of Regional Planning was not in attendance. Tiffany Caldwell from the Department of Regional Planning moved to table the agenda item. Ms. Tandler from the District Attorney's Office seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Inquiry on changing Task Force meeting frequency and start time – Karen Tandler

Ms. Tandler from the District Attorney's Office moved to change the Task Force meeting start time. Deputy Termeer from the Fifth District Supervisor's Office moved to change the meeting frequency to address agenda items requiring a committee vote. Tiffany Caldwell from the Department of Regional Planning seconded the motion. Motion passed. The meeting frequency changed from quarterly to every other month beginning at 2 pm. The new meeting date begins Wednesday, August 1, 2018 thereafter on the first Wednesday of every other month at the same location, County of Los Angeles Fire Department, Fire Station No. 129, 42110 6th Street West, Lancaster, California.

Illegal Dumping Cleanup Request "Operation Avenue X" – Bonitto Housen

Bonitto Housen from the Department of Public Works mentioned a video was created by Mr. Scott Brown with the Hi-Desert Keepers about large amounts of illegal dumping located in an area between Highway 138, 263rd St East, the aqueduct and one mile from the San Bernardino/Los Angeles County line. This video was sent to the Fifth District Supervisor as support for equipment assistance for volunteers to clean up. 187 parcels were identified by the Department of Regional Planning as illegal dump site locations. Currently, Departments of Public Health, Regional Planning and Agricultural Commissioner Weights and Measures have investigated and are issuing Notices of Violation (NOVs) and are in contact with some property owners. Cleanup will take time and will require some method to avoid future incidents of illegal dumping. Hi-Desert Keepers will be notified of the status.

Inquiry on including abandoned/inoperable Vehicles as Illegal Dumping – Jackson Piper

Jackson Piper from the Department of Regional Planning was not in attendance. Tiffany Caldwell from the Department of Regional Planning moved to table the agenda item. Ms. Tandler from the District Attorney's Office seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Inquiry on how Waste Management advertises landfill business hours – Adriana Ornelas

Waste Management representative was not in attendance. Therefore, Adriana Ornelas from the Department of Public Works moved to table the agenda item. Bonitto Housen seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Open Discussion/Public Comment