



Antelope Valley Illegal Dumping Task Force Meeting Summary of October 3, 2018

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, Public Works
Bonitto Housen, Public Works
Tiffany Caldwell, 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
Debbie Pepe, Department of Parks and Recreation

State and other Local Municipalities

Mica Schuler, City of Palmdale
David Jones, City of Lancaster

Town Councils and other local Organizations

Guy Randles, Green Valley Town Council
Tom Lapworth, Antelope Valley Board of Trade
Jeff Zimmerman, Rural Protection Services
Shirley Harriman, Lake Los Angeles News
Annamarie Dyemartin, Littlerock resident
Winnie Murphy, Antelope Valley Town Council
Erika Schwerdt, iHeart Lake LA
Paul Henreid, Neenach/OSO Town Council
Lisa Hemenway, Waste Management
Josh Mann, Waste Management
Karyl Newman, Hinterculture
Robyn Young, Eastside High School
Marcia Sanenez, SBCC Thrive LA

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call – Donna Termeer (Committee Chair)

Approval of August 1, 2018, Meeting Minutes – Donna Termeer

Donna Termeer, Fifth District Supervisor's Office motioned to approve the minutes from August 1, 2018. Bonitto Housen, Public Works approved the minutes and Karen Tandler, District Attorney's Office seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Report on Budget and CY – 2019 Spending Plan – Guy Randles/Donna Termeer

Guy Randles, AVIDTF Treasurer reported the account balance is \$105,830.56.

Donna Termeer, Fifth District Supervisor's Office announced the AVIDTF Spending Plan for CY – 2019 then requested each department representative submit recommendations for the illegal dumping prevention projects/programs for consideration, implementation, and funding during Calendar Year 2019.

Illegal Dumping Quarterly Summary – Adriana Ornelas

Adriana Ornelas, Public Works provided the summary of the current Illegal Dumping Incident Report for the Antelope Valley areas. David Jones, City of Lancaster shared their department's database enhancements will include a drop-down menu with more information for reporting purposes.

There was a discussion about The Works app. Some areas of Antelope Valley encounter no cell phone service and dropping a pin malfunctioned which disrupts accurate reporting nuisances of illegal dumping. Bonitto Housen, Public Works advised that he follow up with the department's Information Technology Division. Karen Tandler, District Attorney's Office encouraged to continue using The Works app as the parcel location, is included which assists the enforcement agencies with accurate tracking of nuisances of illegal dumping.

Report on Lake LA Community Clean Up Event – Erika Schwerdt

Erika Schwerdt, organized by the i♥Lake L.A., a community campaign educating residents about cleanup efforts with the Lake Los Angeles community and a future cleanup plan reported on the Community Cleanup event that began July 15, 2018, through September 29, 2018, at the following locations, 180th Street East and Lake Los Angeles Avenue (site A) and at 172nd Street East and Avenue N, heading East towards 174th Street East (site B). Handouts were provided with a breakdown of each cleanup through referenced dates. Of the many items found during the cleanup, collected

mattresses and tires will be disposed of properly by utilizing the free outreach events, Mattress Collection event scheduled on October 6, 2018 and Tire Recycling event scheduled on October 27, 2018. Volunteers were made aware of the seriousness of illegal dumping and the need to be involved through outreach at the Lake Los Angeles School Wellness Festival at Stephen Sorensen Park and were handed community outreach material of events free of charge for residents of unincorporated areas of Los Angeles County. In conclusion, more enforcement for those illegally dumping, develop two transfer stations East of Antelope Valley and more enforceable trash ordinance.

Waste Management donated a roll off bin for the community cleanup event.

Report on Clean Up for Mike Rowell – Tiffany Caldwell

Tiffany Caldwell, Department of Regional Planning shared the Department of Mental Health's resident with a 10-year hoarding due to mental health issues, is ongoing and will be provided with two AVIDTF funded roll off bins to clean the property.

Request Mattress Collection Events – Bonitto Housen

Bonitto Housen, Public Works reported on the ongoing Mattress Recycling Collection Events in Littlerock, Quartz Hill, and Lancaster. Bonitto mentioned no mattress is turned away. Mattresses collected by Public Works Road Maintenance Yard crews through reports of nuisances of illegally dumping, will be transported with the event collected mattresses.

Report on Antelope Acres Community Clean Up Event – Paul Henreid

Paul Henreid reported on the community cleanup event in Antelope Acres. The event took place between August 30, 2018, through September 4, 2018. The roll off bin was placed at 100th Street and E8. Report noted not enough volunteers assisted. A small number of items were placed in the roll off bin. The event was posted on Facebook. Although the event noted the Antelope Valley Illegal Dumping Task Force (AVIDTF) partnered with Antelope Acres for this community event, AVIDTF was not partnered for this event. AVIDTF Chairperson, Senior Deputy Termeer reminded departments, Town Councils and community groups place requests for an AVIDTF funded roll off bin for upcoming community cleanup on the agenda to be heard.

Waste Management donated the bin for the community cleanup event.

Inquiry on Illegal Dumping Billboard Campaign Funding – Adriana Ornelas

Adriana Ornelas, Public Works reported the AVIDTF Spending Plan CY – 2018 included the Illegal Dumping Billboard Campaign and would like to motion to use the funds to post

billboards throughout Antelope Valley promoting awareness of illegal dumping and how to report it. There was discussion about reporting on number of calls received after campaign is launched and the plan afterwards. Adriana will report back after campaign is launched with the plan to encourage town councils and community groups to become involved with the residents such as the i♥Lake LA community group. Adriana moved to vote on funding the Illegal Dumping Billboard Campaign up to \$7,000. Karen Tandler, District Attorney's Office approved the vote and Tiffany Caldwell, Department of Regional Planning seconded the vote. Motion unanimously passed.

Inquiry on roll-off bin – Annemarie Dyemartin

Annemarie Dyemartin, resident of Littlerock requested a roll off bin for a neighbor whose property is open to illegal dumping. There was a discussion about what efforts are being done to prevent illegal dumping on said property, as well as having the owner utilize the No Dumping signs for property owners and does the neighbor pay for trash service. AVIDTF members would like to see efforts made by the owner to prevent illegal dumping on said property. There have been several attempts to obtain the address of said owner and to date no information has been provided to the task force. The address is necessary to investigate the location by an assigned enforcement agency to assist the owner where needed. Since there was no information provided at the time of this request, an AVIDTF funded roll off bin is not approved at this time. The task force is requesting the owner's address to investigate the location further.

Inquiry on changing Task Force frequency – Tom Lapworth

Tom Lapworth, resident of Antelope Valley requested to change the task force meeting frequency from every other month to once a month to disseminate more efficiently. Tom mentioned different committees meet at different times. Committee representatives are encouraged to share ideas/concerns with the task force to assist where able to. Since the task force recently voted to change the meeting frequency from quarterly to every other month, a request for monthly meeting was not approved at this time.

Present Integrated School-Wide Themed Project – Robyn Young and Evelyn Rivas

Robyn Young and Evelyn Rivas, Eastside High School presented an Environmental Awareness Integrated Service Learning Project, 2018-19 for the BIRD (Beauty Innovation Respect Discovery) Project. Students will learn about the specifics of illegal dumping in their community and how it affects their environment and the habitat of local and migrating birds. They will take a field trip to a local illegal dump site where they will participate in a cleanup day as they gather items to repurpose into functional art in the form of bird houses, fountains or feeders, or as sculptures. As well as the importance of maintaining the integrity of the desert and the consequences of neglecting it, such as effects of toxic waste in water and desert habitat and how it affects birds and other wildlife. The effect on animal habitat, particularly birds, as it is altered by illegally dumped waste caused by

human negligence, the legal ramifications of illegal dumping and the recycling programs in our community. The project will bring to light the importance of our role in taking care of our environment, how negative effects can be avoided, how positive results can be achieved through education, conscience, and effort and how funding is needed for material and supplies. AVIDTF requires a cost breakdown for material and supplies which was not available at this presentation. A request to fund the project has been postponed until the next task force meeting.

Present Educational Exhibit Opportunity – Karyl Newman

Artist Karyl Newman (Co-founder of Hinterculture and Dehsart), Llano Cultural Engineer, presented 'Selections from the Waste Wunderkammer', an exhibit at the Antelope Valley Conservancy in Quartz Hill, educating residents about the types of waste found dumped in the desert with items collected around the Antelope Valley, site photographs, a map of locations of their collection, and a complimentary takeaway catalog sharing research into their production and recommendations for their disposal or reuse. Karyl provided information on the exhibit schedule, recent press, and a proposal to continue the exhibit as a public resource in an online format through a matched support request of \$1,685. A cost breakdown was not available with this presentation. A request to fund the project has been postponed until the next task force meeting.

Open Discussion/Public Comment

Antelope Acres Community Cleanup Event – Windie Murphy

Ms. Windie Murphy, resident of Antelope Valley is coordinating a community cleanup event in Antelope Acres. Discussion on the logistics of the event were conveyed, such as securing the roll off bin during non-cleanup times, promoting the event, and obtaining volunteers for the event. Waste Management will donate the roll off bin. The community cleanup event is an event not affiliated with the task force.

Free Dump Day at Lancaster Landfill Event – Lisa Hemenway

Lisa Hemenway, Waste Management mentioned the Free Dump Day at Lancaster Landfill is October 13, 2018, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Flyers were uploaded to Waste Management's website and placed at the Lancaster Landfill. Adriana Ornelas, Public Works corrected a type-o on the flyer. The event is free to residents of unincorporated Los Angeles County with proof of residency required to participate. A Waste Management bill is not proof of residency. Therefore, residents do not need to show a Waste Management bill. A Drivers License is sufficient proof of residency.

Infrared Cameras – Erika Schwerdt

Erika Schwerdt, resident of Antelope Valley suggested possible infrared cameras or night vision cameras be placed at locations in and around Lake Los Angeles area. Cameras would be monitored by residents. Karen Tandler, District Attorney's Office mentioned cameras are not legally an invasion of property. However, authorization by property owners is required. If an incident of illegal dumping is captured, report it to the Sheriff's Department and the District Attorney's Investigators Unit for follow up.

Report on Illegal Dumping Cleanup Request "Operation Avenue X" – Edgar De La Torre

Edgar De La Torre, Department of Regional Planning reported on Operation Avenue X illegal dumping project. There were 170 tires that have been collected during the cleanup efforts near 263rd Avenue and will be transported to the Tire Collection Events scheduled for October 27, 2018, at four Public Works Road Maintenance Yards. A request for task force funded roll off bins might be added to the December 5, 2018, agenda. However, authorization from the property owners are needed to enter the property and cleanup illegally dumped items. Bonitto Housen, Public Works suggested weight limit signs for weight restrictions to deter business trucks from illegally entering. Adriana Ornelas, Public Works suggested to request parcel numbers with nuisances of illegal dumping be added the Department of Agricultural Commissioner Weights and Measures Weed Abatement Unit's Declaration List.