

SOLID WASTE  
MANAGEMENT  
AGENCY



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MEMORANDUM

To: Directors, Tehama County Solid Waste Management Agency

From: Rachel Ross, Agency Manager *RR*

Subject: September 2017 Monthly Update

1. The Landfill and Agency office experienced a loss of power on September 7<sup>th</sup> from 7:00AM – 3:00PM. Scales remained operational and the Agency office remained open to the public; however, all commutations were down.
2. The Full Board approved changes in quantity for the Phase I closure in the amount of \$258,203 on September 7<sup>th</sup>.
3. The Agency held an Integrated Waste Management Task Force meeting on September 14<sup>th</sup>. The Task Force will consider the Five Year Regional Agency Integrated Waste Management Plan Review Report on October 12<sup>th</sup>.
4. Jayme Bottke and I met with Jim Curtis on September 7<sup>th</sup> to discuss the proposed EPR pharmaceutical drug and sharps take-back ordinance.
5. The Agency received \$2,600 of community benefit funds from St. Elizabeth Community Hospital to purchase home-generated medical sharps disposal containers.
6. The most recent landfill gas probe and structure readings, taken September 20, 2017, show methane concentrations in well GW-3 exceed CCR Title 27 Section 20921 compliance limit of 5% by volume. The gas migration is likely due to the landfill gas collection system being offline during Phase I closure activities. It is expected that landfill gas levels will return to within compliance limitations one to two months after the system is restarted.
7. Consistent with CCR Title 14, Division 7, Chapter 9, Section 18751.1, the Agency submitted its Form 303 data to CalRecycle and the Tehama County Department of Environmental Health on September 26<sup>th</sup>. During the 2016/2017 reporting year, the Agency collected 141,165 pounds of hazardous waste for recycling or destruction.
8. Regretfully, the Agency's application to sponsor an informational booth at the Manton Apple Festival was denied this year. The Agency will look for other opportunities to reach the Manton community and apply again next year.
9. Tehama County Weights and Measures inspected the inbound and outbound scales on September 26<sup>th</sup>. No areas of concern or violations were cited.
10. The Agency held a passenger tire collection event at the Tehama County/Red Bluff Landfill, and Mineral, Manton, Paynes Creek, Los Molinos and Rancho Tehama Transfer Station on September 30<sup>th</sup>. The total number of tires collected will be reported once known.
11. The Agency coordinated a multi-material community cleanup event on September 30<sup>th</sup> in Rancho Tehama. Bulky items, paint, mattresses, electronic waste, and tires were accepted at no charge. Total volumes, once known, will be reported to the Board.

12. Meyers Earthwork does not expect to finish closure construction activities until November. As such, the contractor will be subject to liquidated damages for each day past October 15<sup>th</sup> that work is not completed.
13. Paul is working with Evergreen Elementary School on a pilot edible food recovery and food waste diversion pilot program.
14. Paul gave a recycling presentation to Jackson Heights Elementary School students on paper recycling. The Agency donated recycling bins to the school to help kick off their paper recycling program.
15. The Agency is promoting used oil and filter recycling on Spartan Radio.
16. The Agency coordinated large venue event recycling for the Tehama Jubilee.
17. Staff will be at the Corning Olive Festival and Dairyville Orchard Festival promoting waste reduction, recycling and the correct disposal of household hazardous waste.
18. Paul will be attending the Corning Food Truck event on October 3<sup>rd</sup>, promoting waste reduction, recycling and the correct disposal of household hazardous waste.
19. The Tehama County Department of Environmental Health performed its Local Enforcement Agency (LEA) inspection citing no areas of concern or violations.
20. Agency staff contributed waste reduction, recycling and hazardous waste disposal information to the monthly Lake CA POA newsletter, Rancho Tehama newsletter as well as produced and distributed the Tehama County 4Rs eNewsBlast, Educators Waste Awareness enewsletter, and WasteWise News.
21. As a stakeholder, the Agency continues to remain involved in the Strategic Prevention Framework and Drug and Alcohol Advisory Board meetings in order to help facilitate the development of a prescription drug and sharps take-back ordinance.
22. Agency staff attended select Farmers' Markets to promote waste reduction, recycling, the correct disposal of household hazardous waste, and non-toxic cleaner alternatives.
23. The Agency is partnering with the Tehama County Library to host the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Reduce-Reuse-ReSCARE Costume Swap on October 14<sup>th</sup> from 1:00-5:00PM at the Red Bluff branch.
24. The next household hazardous waste collection events will be held from 8:00AM - 12:00PM on October 14<sup>th</sup> at the Tehama County/Red Bluff Landfill and on October 28<sup>th</sup> at Corning Disposal.
25. Successful electronic waste collection events continue to be held the last Saturday of every month from 8:00AM to 12:00PM at the Corning Park 'n Ride and the Tehama County Social Services Department in Red Bluff.

Please feel free to contact me at the office at 528-1103 should any questions arise.

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