




December 1, 2017

MEMORANDUM

To: Directors, Tehama County Solid Waste Management Agency

From: Rachel Ross, Agency Manager 

Subject: October-November 2017 Monthly Update

1. The Landfill gas collection system was brought back online on November 10, 2017. Subsequent field testing of landfill gas probes in well GW-3 show that the methane concentrations have decreased since the system was restarted. It is expected that the landfill gas levels will return to within compliance limitations within two months.
2. The annual methane gas flare Source Test is scheduled for December 20, 2017. The test has historically been completed in September but was delayed this year due to the system being offline to accommodate closure activities.
3. CalRecycle issued its approval of the 2016 AB 939 Annual Report. Despite the county's overall diversion rate falling to 41%, the Agency remains in compliance due to program implementation.
4. Per the Landfill and MRF Operations Agreement with Waste Connections, the Landfill was closed on November 23rd. It will also be closed on December 25th and January 1st.
5. The Agency is accepting applications for the Public Director at Large position until December 15, 2017. Qualified individuals interested in submitting an application should contact the Agency.
6. I coordinated a meeting with Waste Connections, the Community Action Agency and PATH on November 2nd to discuss the collection and distribution of gently used items recovered from the landfill. Subsequently, Landfill operations staff have resumed pulling aside gently used furnishings and household items.
7. The California Highway Patrol was onsite November 15th issuing vehicle code violation citations, including uncovered loads of waste.
8. The Tehama County Department of Environmental Health performed its Local Enforcement Agency (LEA) inspection on October 16, 2017. A violation was issued due to the concentration of methane exceeding 5% by volume in well GW-3 during the September 20, 2017 sampling event. This was expected and previously reported to the Board at its October Full Board meeting.
9. CalRecycle and the Tehama County Department of Environmental Health performed an 18 month inspection on November 8, citing no areas of concern or violations. CalRecycle did not feel it necessary to issue a second violation for landfill gas migration as long as restarting the gas collection system results in diminishing gas concentrations in well GW-3.
10. A DEA-sponsored pharmaceutical drug take-back event was held on October 28th. Agency staff promoted the event by distributing flyers and posters throughout the County.
11. The Agency coordinated a multi-material community cleanup event on September 30th in Rancho Tehama. A total of 27 mattresses and box springs, three Gaylord boxes of latex paint, and 80 cubic yards of waste was collected during the event.

12. The Mineral Transfer Station closed for the winter on November 1st. It will remain closed through April 30th, 2018. The National Park Service has agreed to host dumpsters for Mineral residential use at its Mineral Headquarters during the transfer station closure.
13. The Integrated Waste Management Task Force approved the Five Year Regional Agency Integrated Waste Management Plan Review Report on October 12th. The City of Corning approved the report at its city council meeting on November 28th. It will go before the city of Red Bluff, city of Tehama and the County in December, and the Full Board at its January meeting.
14. Paul is working with Evergreen Elementary School on a pilot edible food recovery and food waste diversion program. The school has seen significant waste reduction since implementation.
15. The Agency co-hosted the third annual "Reduce, Reuse, ReScare" Costume Swap with the Tehama County Library. The event will be expanded to the Corning branch in 2018.
16. Paul gave a recycling presentation at Woodson Elementary School on October 5th.
17. Paul rode with Waste Connections recycling route drivers on October 10th for the Vina/southeast county route and on November 8th for the Paskenta/southwest county route. During his ride-along, he provided waste reduction and proper household hazardous waste disposal information to residents. Approximately 30% of residents along these two routes are recycling.
18. Paul gave compost presentations at Evergreen Middle School and the Sacramento River Discovery Center on October 3rd and November 4th, respectively.
19. Paul attended the Corning Food Truck event on October 3rd, promoting waste reduction, recycling and the correct disposal of household hazardous waste.
20. Rich attended the Corning Olive Festival on October 7th, promoting waste reduction, recycling and the correct disposal of household hazardous waste.
21. Paul attended the Dairyville Orchard Festival on October 21st, promoting waste reduction, recycling, the correct disposal of household hazardous waste and the use of non-toxic cleaners. He also provided several backyard compost demonstrations to attendees.
22. In coordination with the Evergreen Elementary School cafeteria waste reduction pilot program, Paul is working with the Evergreen Middle School Ecology Club to create a pilot compost program. He assisted in building a compost bin on October 24th.
23. The US Forest Service has agreed to participate in the Agency's propane cylinder collection program. A total of six receptacles will be placed at campgrounds in Tehama County, including the Red Bluff Recreation Area.
24. Paul and Rich facilitated the 4R Kids Exhibit to two classes at Vina School on November 30th.
25. Agency staff contributed waste reduction, recycling and hazardous waste disposal information to the semi-annual Public Information flyer, monthly Lake CA POA newsletter, Rancho Tehama newsletter as well as produced and distributed the Tehama County 4Rs eNewsBlast, Educators Waste Awareness newsletter, and WasteWise News.
26. 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.
27. The next passenger tire collection event will be January 13, 2018 from 8:00AM – 12:00PM at the Corning Park –n – Ride, Evergreen Middle School, and the Paynes Creek, Manton and Rancho Tehama transfer stations.
28. The next household hazardous waste collection events will be held from 8:00AM - 12:00PM on December 9th at the Tehama County/Red Bluff Landfill and on December 30th at Corning Disposal.

29. 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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