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**MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING ON THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2021,  
BEGINNING AT 10:00 A.M. IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE PUBLIC WORKS  
BUILDING, 1834 EAST MAIN STREET, QUINCY, CA 95971**

1. John Sciborski called the meeting to order at 10:00 am and roll call was taken by Sean Graham. Present: John Sciborski, John Forno, Marsha Roby (teleconference), Faith Strailey (teleconference).
2. The following Staff were in attendance: John Mannle, Public Works Director; Rob Thorman, Public Works Assistant Director; Sean Graham, Plumas County Solid Waste Program Manager. John Kolb, Interim Solid Waste Program Manager.
3. Also in attendance were Franchise Contractor representatives: Barry Healan, FRD Operations Manager; Joe Cadelago, Public Sector Services Manager; Ryan West, Interim Operations Manager; Richard Ross, IMD.
4. There was no comments from the public.
5. Sean Graham opened the meeting for consideration of draft minutes for the SWTF meeting of August 31, 2021. Because only Sciborski and Forno were present at the August meeting, it was decided that both the August and November draft minutes would be approved at the next meeting of the SWTF.

6. Staff opened discussion of Dixie fire impacts to services as well discussion of the disposal of Disaster Waste. JK notes that the Dixie Fire was disruptive to solid waste services and notes that monitoring wells at the Chester Landfill were damaged and that the green waste pile was ignited by the fire. JK goes on to note that there has been many complaints from members of the public regarding instances of delay and absence of solid waste services. Ryan West indicated that Waste Management has had ongoing staffing issues but noted that a local employee is being trained to acquire their Commercial Drivers License. Additionally, Ryan West noted that a former Waste Management employee was rejoining and that the hiring process is ongoing. JM inquired as to what units are scheduled for the Chester to Greenville and Quincy to Greenville routes. JM noted that these routes face delays due to tree removal efforts along SR 89 and that knowledge of Waste Management's intended route schedule would be useful for coordinating with Cal-Trans to ensure that traffic control delays are minimized. Finally, JM noted that, while he recognizes the staffing and traffic control issues, that there are still ongoing delays in service in the American Valley area. Ryan West notes that drivers now have an assistant every day of the week and that this will help increase the number of homes reached every day. Barry Healan noted that Waste Management now has side loading units in the Chester area and that the American Valley area should get one by the end of the year. Ryan West explained that the side loading units can service roughly 50 homes per hour whilst back loading units can service around 35 homes per hour. JM asked for weekly updates on progress. Rob Thorman asked where the new employees will be stationed and Barry Healan informed him that Chester and Quincy will each get one of the new employees. JM indicates that there is an urgent need to get an agreement between IMD and FRD regarding ash disposal. JK indicates that SW staff has reviewed an agreement sent by Waste Management and that comments from SW have been integrated and sent to Plumas County Counsel for review. Richard Ross indicated that one member of the public has come to the Delleker Transfer Station with a disposal voucher from Environmental Health. Richard Ross noted that the Waste Management agreement was good but one sided. JK acknowledges Richard Ross's comment and reiterated that those concerns have been integrated and sent to County counsel for review. In a change of topic, Faith Strailey expressed displeasure with the fact that recycling was being disposed of with the general waste stream. JM noted that this was because recycling bins were full and closures on SR 70 prevented them from being emptied. Barry Healan corroborated this. Ryan West indicated that they will communicate with SW and their customers so that they will know when recycling is available. Additionally, he posited that an overflow bin would help to ease pressure.
7. Staff opened discussion of Waste Management staff changes. Ryan West formally introduced himself and reiterated the two new employees who will be joining. Ryan explained that Barry Healan will be leaving his position as the local Operations Manager and that he will be taking his place for the time being until a more permanent replacement can be found. Ryan explained that he is from Plumas County and has experience with the region. There was no comment from the Task Force.
8. Staff opened discussion of IMD and FRD rate increases. Kolb explained that the Transfer Station rate increases have already gone into effect. Similarly, he explained that Prop 218 notices have been mailed out. Sean Graham noted that as of the meeting, 52 notices were returned and that this is 1.8% of the total 2744 that went out. John Kolb acknowledges that past rate increases instituted by Bob Perrault in 2017 were not in line with the terms of the contract. JK expressed that SW staff wishes to rectify overpayment on part of the contractors. John Kolb expressed that there is

still a need for further discussions between Solid Waste staff and IMD. Richard Ross explains that billing is done quarterly and says that this may complicate billing on their end. JK acknowledges this comment and agrees.

9. Staff opened the discussion to the possibility of using air curtain burners to help the county manage green waste. Richard Ross indicated that, through conversations with members of the air quality board, he believes that it should not be a problem getting this equipment permitted. He goes on to say that pine needles pose somewhat of an issue as they need to be separated from woody green waste. Finally, Richard Ross explained that they have asked customers to source separate their green waste and that this has been largely successful. John Sciborski asks if the burners are pulled by truck and Richard Ross gave Sciborski a packet including specifications for the device. Richard Ross explained that the burners are portable and that they could be taken to different locales in the County. Sciborski asked what would become of the ash waste from the burners. Richard Ross indicated that the ash would likely be landfilled. Sciborski asks who would own and operate the devices, Richard Ross expressed that the County could purchase and operate the burner in both franchise districts. JK indicated that he believes that Cal-Fire may be a possible funding source. JK went on to express that he believes a straightforward pitch is necessary and would likely be well received by Sacramento.
10. Staff opened the discussion to customer complaints. John Mannle asked if Waste Management and IMD have been able to apply credits to folks who have lost service. John Forno indicated that they were given credits after calling Waste Management and explaining their situation. John Mannle acknowledged this but said that there is inconsistency as many customers have informed SW staff that they were unable to receive credits. Richard Ross indicated that IMD does log complaints as per the franchise contract. Ryan West indicated that FRD would respond on logged complaints.
11. Staff opened the discussion to SWTF bylaws. John Sciborski inquired as to why this step was necessary. John Kolb explained that it is part of a standardized methodology that helps hold the task force accountable and that the bylaws need approval. The present task force members resolved to review the bylaws more thoroughly and place them on the agenda for the next task force meeting.
12. Staff opened the discussion on a resolution regarding green waste and co-generation. John Kolb explained that he drafted a resolution for the Board of Supervisors to consider a resolution to use green waste for co-generation power production. John Kolb expressed that this could be a viable solution for the County to address both green waste excess as well as power shortages. Finally, he indicated that he believes there would likely need to be a coalition of rural counties to agitate for this. The attending task force members then resolved to wait until the next meeting to take further action.
13. Staff opened discussion of IMD CFO salary. John Kolb expressed that this is more of a contract issue as opposed to a task force issue and that a contract amendment would be the appropriate way to resolve the issue. Richard Ross indicated that this had been discussed previously with SW staff and kicked back to the SWTF. JK explained that there needs to be a vote from the SWTF to allow SW staff to begin negotiations with IMD. Sciborski expressed that this may not be

appropriate for the SWTF to vote on at the moment and requested specific information be brought to the next meeting.

14. The SWTF confirmed that the next meeting would be Tuesday, January 25<sup>th</sup> 2022. John Forno said that he hasn't been receiving emails from SW staff. Sean Graham indicated that there have been email troubles but that his address was not one of the ones that was bounced back. Sciborski expressed that he understands that there were technical difficulties but that in the future, materials need to be sent out earlier. Sean Graham acknowledged this need and indicated that materials will be sent earlier for future meetings.
15. The SWTF motioned to adjourn the meeting.