



**PLUMAS COUNTY
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City Member: Lauren Knox

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City Alternate: Todd Roberts

County Alternate: Marsha Roby

**MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 25, 2022,
BEGINNING AT 10:00 A.M. IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE PUBLIC WORKS
BUILDING, 1834 EAST MAIN STREET, QUINCY, CA 95971**

1. Sean Graham called the meeting to order at 10:05 am and took roll call. Present: John Sciborski, Faith Strailey, John Forno and Terry Swofford (teleconference).
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3. The following Public Works Staff were present: Sean Graham, Solid Waste Program Manager; John Kolb, Interim Solid Waste Manager; John Mannle, Director of Public Works; Rob Thorman, Assistant Director of Public Works (for second the half of the meeting).
4. The following members of the public were present: Richard Ross, InterMountain Disposal; Ryan West, Waste Management (teleconference).
5. There was no public comment.
6. The SWTF considered the draft minutes for the SWTF meetings of August 31, 2021 and November 4, 2021. Forno motioned to approve both minutes and Sciborski seconded the motion. The remaining members approved unanimously.
7. Graham opened the meeting for discussion of Franchise Contractor rate increases. Kolb explained that the rate increase for IMD is to correct an increase to the franchise fee that was not done through the proper franchise dictated process in 2019. Kolb went on to explain that this is done in two steps – first the prop 13 process for Transfer Station rates and then the prop 218 process for

Curbside collection rates. Graham explained that the SWTF must vote to approve this rate increase. Forno motioned to recommend the Board of Supervisors consider the rate increase and authorize the Chair of the SWTF to sign a letter recommending the rate increase. Kolb explained the constituent parts of the pending FRD rate increase. Forno raised issue with FRD's service during the Dixie Fire as well as recent issues in the Lake Almanor area. West acknowledged that there have been issues in the Almanor area. West went on to explain that some of the public roads were not plowed or were plowed but bins were inaccessible behind berms. Mannle acknowledged shortages in staffing that made plowing the Almanor region difficult. Forno explained that from December 20 – 22, the roads were plowed yet didn't receive service. Forno provided pictures from this period, demonstrating that the road was clear. Forno gave Graham the pictures for her to send to Ryan West.

8. Graham opened discussion on customer complaints and how they are resolved. Graham explained that she logs any customer compliant called into Public Works. Additionally, she mentioned that – per the franchise contracts – the contractors should also keep an internal log of complaints that can be made available to Public Works staff upon request. Kolb and Mannle indicated that the discussion of complaints should be a regular item on SWTF meetings. Richard Ross expressed uncertainty regarding what qualifies as a complaint. Mannle expressed that it is best to record anything that could be thought of as a possible complaint.
9. Kolb opened discussion of SWTF Bylaws and outlines their purpose. Kolb went on to explain that the SWTF needed to vote to adopt or not adopt the Bylaws. Faith motioned to adopt the Bylaws and Forno seconded the motion. The remaining SWTF members unanimously approved, and the Bylaws were adopted.
10. Graham opened discussion on green waste and co-generation. Kolb expressed his belief that unless there is top-down financial support for converting green waste to electricity through co-generation – any efforts to petition the Board of Supervisors will be unfruitful. Richard Ross agreed and mentioned that a County-owned air burner may still be viable for handling green waste. Ross explained that he is attending an air burner demonstration in the near future. He went on to say that if they are suitable for burning pine needles, he will go before the SWTF to discuss a countywide program. Strailey asked if the device is portable and Ross confirmed that it is. Kolb expressed that there is still work that needs to be done in securing sites for use. Forno expressed agreement with Kolb regarding the need for State support.
11. Graham opened discussion on IMD CFO Salary. Ross asked what the purpose was for the SWTF to review. Kolb explains that the salary exclusion adjustment could be done via a cost of living adjustment or by a Change Order to the franchise agreement. Ross indicated that the contract Change Order would be more appropriate. Kolb explains to the SWTF the concept of the franchise includes a salary exclusion from expenses and how that exclusion amount has not kept up with the increase in the cost of living index since the Agreement was put into place in 2017. Forno expressed need for the County and its contractors to move quicker to fix issues like this one.
12. Graham opened discussion on California Senate Bill 1383. She explained that SB 1383 aims to reduce organic waste in CA landfills by mandating that food generators divert edible food that would have been thrown away to food recovery organizations. She went on to explain that the County successfully acquired a rural exemption – exempting the County from requiring curbside

organic pick up until 2025. Ross expressed that he has run calculations and believes that curbside organic collection will be very expensive. Kolb indicated that in many areas, curbside organic rates have nearly doubled the overall solid waste curbside fees. Strailey recommended hosting workshops that would teach members of the public to compost.

13. Graham opened discussion on necessary repairs to the East Quincy Transfer Station. Forno broached the subject of the lack of recycling at the Transfer Stations. Kolb noted that there is a shortage of truckers for hauling off recycling in a timely fashion. Mannle reiterated that this is an ongoing issue and a common source of customer complaints. Finally, Kolb and Ross express that a material recovery facility (MRF) such as the one IMD has had approved for their site in Delleker would be very useful in meeting State Mandates such as SB 1383.
14. Kolb opened the discussion on Franchise Fee payments. Kolb explains that the Franchise Fee is a fee paid by the Solid Waste Haulers that is used to fund the Solid Waste Program. Kolb went on to explain that the Franchise Fee was improperly raised in 2019. Ross expressed confusion regarding the schedule for adjusting the Franchise Fee. Graham explained that the Prop 13 process for Transfer Station Rates is done first followed by the Prop 218 process for curbside pickup.
15. The Task Force members agreed that the next meeting of the SWTF shall be April 26, 2022.
16. Chair Sciborski motioned to adjourn the SWTF and Faith Strailey seconded the motion. The remaining members voted to adjourn the SWTF meeting of January 25, 2022.