



Antelope Valley Illegal Dumping Task Force (AVIDTF)

Meeting Summary of December 6, 2017

Fire Station No. 129, Training Center
42210 6th Street West
Lancaster, CA 93534

Attendees:

County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors

Donna Termeer, Supervisor Kathryn Barger's Office

County of Los Angeles Departments

Adriana Ornelas, Department of Public Works

Bonitto Housen, Department of Public Works

Hossein Torabzadeh, Department of Public Works

Tiffany Caldwell, Department of Regional Planning

Karen Tandler, Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office

Ariel Verayo, Department of Agricultural Commissioner/Weights and Measures

State and other Local Municipalities

David Jones, City of Lancaster

Vickie Rausch, Antelope Valley Air Quality Management District

Town Councils and other local Organizations

Guy Randles, Green Valley Town Council

Jeanine Pon, Green Valley Town Council

Tom Lapworth, Antelope Valley Board of Trade

Shirley Harriman, Lake Los Angeles Town Council

Josh Murphy, Antelope Valley Town Council

Winnie Murphy, Antelope Valley Town Council

Loretta Smalls, Lake Los Angeles Rural Town Council

Jeff Rheaume, Lakes Town Council

Annamarie Dyemartin, Little Rock Town Council

David Orso, Little Rock Town Council

Elizabeth Andrew, Lake Los Angeles Rural Town Council

Self-Introductions

Introductions of committee members and attendees

AVIDTF Subcommittee and Bylaws– Donna Termeer

Donna Termeer, Antelope Valley Field Deputy, from Supervisor Kathryn Barger's Office announced the Antelope Valley Illegal Dumping Task Force (AVIDTF) subcommittee can no longer meet in a closed session. The Subcommittee meetings are subjected to the Brown Act's requirements which will require changes to the Subcommittee's meeting procedures. Deputy Termeer also, distributed the April 9, 1996, Board Letter on the Illegal Waste Disposal Remediation Program, and the Illegal Dumping Committee Addendum that contains relevant information on the Task Force committee, which potentially could be used as a baseline to develop the Task Force's bylaws. Donna tasked the County Departments in attendance to review the documents and to determine the intent and its relevance to the Task Force and committee. The Brown Act requirements, committee meeting procedures, and Task Force Bylaws will be discussed in more detail at the March 7, 2018 quarterly meeting.

Comment Cards – Donna Termeer

Donna Termeer recommended that the Task Force provide comment cards to the public at the beginning of each meeting in order to document and to better address public inquiries and requests during Task Force meetings. The comments cards may include the requester's name and contact information.

Hossein Torabzadeh, from the Department of Public Works reported that residents can also visit the Task Force Website at <http://dpw.lacounty.gov/epd/illdump/tf.cfm> to report illegal dumping activities.

Account Balance – Guy Randles

Guy Randles, Treasurer for the AVIDTF, reported the account balance in the checking account. The account balance is \$77,790.19.

Illegal Dumping Quarterly Summary – Adriana Ornelas

Adriana Ornelas from Public Works provided the summary of the current Illegal Dumping Incident Report.

David Jones, from the City of Lancaster recommended that Public Works include data on the number of illegal dumping incidents from the City of Lancaster and the City of Palmdale in the monthly report to the Task Force. The Task Force concurred with the

recommendation and requested that Public Works also revise the monthly reports to include a legend in order to make the reports easier to understand.

Winnie Murphy, from the Antelope Valley Town Council, requested a map that shows the jurisdictional boundaries of the County, the City of Lancaster, and the City of Palmdale.

Tiffany Caldwell of Department of Regional Planning (DRP) provided instructions on how to access the County maps on the DRP website Z-NET "Find your Zoning" at <http://planning.lacounty.gov/znet>

Mattress Recycling Collection Summary – Adriana Ornelas

Adriana Ornelas from Public Works provided the summary for the Fall mattress recycling collection events.

Approval of September 6, 2017 minutes – Karen Tandler

Karen Tandler, from the County of Los Angeles District Attorney's Office, motioned to move the approval of the September 6, 2017 minutes to the next quarterly meeting on March 7, 2018. Ms. Tandler reported that she did not receive a copy of the minutes ahead of time in order to do a thorough review. She recommended the Task Force be given sufficient time to review the minutes before it is approved. The motion to table the September 6, 2017, meeting minutes was approved.

Open Discussion/Public Comment

Access to Task Force Notifications – Jeff Reyelle

Adriana Ornelas, from Public Works, recommended that the attendees who are currently not on the Task Force distribution list should provide an email address so they can be added to e-Notify to receive electronic notifications from the Task Force. Attendees can receive electronic notifications by signing up through the eNotify E-mail Notification System under the Highlights Section on the www.cleanla.com web page. Once you are on the Clean LA website click on the log in with PW eNotify, and click new account. You must provide a valid e-mail address and select Antelope Valley Illegal Dumping Task Force to create your account and receive a confirmation code.

Notice of Violation Saucedo Case – Tiffany Caldwell

Tiffany Caldwell, from the County of Los Angeles Department of Regional Planning (DRP), raised a motion to request a 3rd roll off bin for Mr. Saucedo, an Antelope Valley resident, to assist him in removing the remaining scrap metals from his property. Mr. Saucedo was cited by DRP and has been working to bring his property into compliance.

He cleared the inoperative vehicles from his property and a third roll-off bin should bring Mr. Saucedo's property into compliance.

Karen Tandler inquired about the process for awarding vouchers for free roll-off bins and stated that it was her understanding that in order to qualify the resident must have been working with Public Works (Building and Safety) and DRP and have existing trash service for their property. She also inquired about the cost of the roll-off bins and on the actions DRP is taking to ensure this problem will not reoccur. The cost is \$1,000. DRP conducts recurring inspections to discourage repeat offenders.

Mr. Ariel Verayo, from the County of Los Angeles Weed Abatement, inquired about guidelines for approving vouchers for roll-off bins.

The Task Force have guidelines for issuing vouchers. Tiffany Caldwell will prepare a template to draft the Antelope Valley Illegal Dumping Task Force guidelines for the roll-off bins. The Task Force revised the motion to reflect the cost. The motion to award vouchers to Mr. Saucedo for a third roll-off bin was passed due to the Mr. Saucedo's efforts in working with DRP to bring his property into compliance despite health and financial challenges.

Penalty, Fees, and Fines – Tiffany Caldwell

Annmarie Dyemartin, from the Little Rock Town Council, inquired about the tools available to encourage tenants to clean up their property.

Tiffany Caldwell responded that DRP assigns all applicable penalties, fees, or fines to the registered owner of the property. Building and Safety has a similar process for rehab structures where the property is inspected, tagged, a notice of violation is issued, cleaned, and fines including a lien against the property are considered.

Karen Tandler reported that if the property is tenant occupied, the DA may decide to bring in the tenant and the property owner only if the situation becomes a public nuisance. Tenants may also be cited under the Public Health code.

Anti-Dumping Legislation in the City of Los Angeles – Karen Tandler

Karen Tandler talked about anti-dumping legislation in the city of Los Angeles for construction and demolition (C&D) activities. She reported that the City of Los Angeles is divided into 11 Districts for their new exclusive commercial franchise system. The City contract only allows one waste hauler and per District. Ms. Tandler anticipates the change may create a monopoly in the City of Los Angeles waste hauling sector and could potentially increase the number of illegal dumping incidents in Antelope Valley due to higher waste collection costs. Additionally, she anticipates a loss of revenue for waste haulers and recycling facilities not currently under contract with the City.

Tiffany Caldwell from DRP reported that the City of Los Angeles' City Council voted that the City's private and commercial contracts can only utilize vendors that are currently contracted with the City. The purpose was to reduce air pollution by reducing the number of trucks on City roads. The City's action has the potential to create a monopoly. Prices have also increased because the contracted haulers do not have the capacity to handle all the demand.

Hossein Torabzadeh from DPW reported that the County of Los Angeles' C&D program recommends home owners and businesses use a variety of waste haulers and recycling facilities.

Illegal Dumping Prevention and Enforcement– Annamarie Dyemartin

Annamarie Dyemartin reported trash bags have been illegally dumped along the side of the road at East 170th Street between Palmdale Boulevard and East Avenue T. She inquired about potential penalties and requested "No Dumping Signs" for East 170th Street between Palmdale Boulevard and East Avenue T. Public Works will submit a request to its Traffic and Lighting Division to investigate the need for the signs. She also inquired if Waste Management would consider picking up the bags used for public clean-ups events. Donna Termeer will contact Waste Management to coordinate. The Task Force will request a representative from Waste Management to attend the next meeting. The Task Force will also consult with the Sheriff's Department on available enforcement options during the March 7, 2018, Task Force meeting.

Ms. Dyemartin requested hard copies of the flyers for County's illegal dumping clean-up and Household Hazardous Waste collection events. She wants to distribute the flyers to the residents in the community. Donna Termeer of SD-5 will provide the hard copies to her. Tiffany Caldwell of DRP will also distribute flyers to residents whose properties are determined to be in violation of the illegal dumping ordinance after DRP conducts an inspection.

Ms. Dyemartin asked if the County could install bill boards to educate residents about the consequences of illegal dumping. She also recommended the County place anti-dumping advertisements on buses.

Vicky Walsh, from the Antelope Valley Air Quality Management District (AVAQMD), offered to look into the feasibility of placing anti-dumping advertisements on AVAQMD vehicles.