



Antelope Valley Illegal Dumping Task Force (AVIDTF)

Meeting Summary of October 8, 2014

Fire Station No. 129, Training Center
42110 6th Street West
Lancaster, CA 93534

Attendees:

David Brackin, Department of Weights and Measures
Doug Burgis, Chair of the Illegal Dumping Task Force
Dave Campbell, District Attorney's Office
Frank Chin, Department of Public Works
Annamarie Dyemartin, Littlerock Town Council
Josie Gutierrez, Department of Public Works
Gil Hernandez, CHP, Antelope Valley
Norm Hickling, Supervisor Antonovich's Office
Lapworth, Quartz Hill Chamber
Larry Levin, Juniper Hills Resident
Eve T. Lopez, Department of Public Works
Ben Lucha, City of Palmdale
Chris Mastro, Department of Public Health
David Pang, Department of Public Works
Debbie Pepe, Department of Parks and Recreation
Guy Randles, Green Valley Town Council
Vickie Rausch, Antelope Valley AQMD
Kerstin Schlegel, Department of Regional Planning
Kristine Seitz, Los Angeles Sheriff Department
Scott Short, Palmdale Sheriff's Station
CL Thames, Los Angeles County Sheriff Department

Item

Action

No Dumping Sign
Landfill Vouchers

Completed
In progress

Self-Introductions

- Self-introductions of all attendees.

Checking Account – Doug Burgis

- Doug Burgis provided the balance in the checking account. The current balance is \$31,776.66.

Welcomed Mr. Norm Hickling – Doug Burgis

- Doug Burgis welcomed Norm Hickling of Antonovich's office for attending the meeting and introduced him to the Task Force.

Illegal Dumping Report – Eve T. Lopez

- Eve Lopez provided statistics on the illegal dumping cases for the Antelope Valley.
- Eve Lopez informed the audience about:
 - The Free Disposal Day event at Waste Management of Lancaster on October 11, 2014.
 - The Free Tire Recycling event on October 18, 2014.
 - The current issue of the "Local Trash Talk" newsletter is available.

Illegal Dumping Subcommittee Report – Eve T. Lopez

- There was no AVIDTF Subcommittee meeting held.

Open Discussion/Public Comment

- Annamarie Dyemartin of Littlerock Town Council inquired information on disposing tires and its associated fees. Frank Chin discussed that the State of California requires a \$1.75 disposal fees for any new tires purchased. This fee helps fund the ongoing recycling tire events. A resident shared that tires may be cut in half and placed in trash bins for collection.
- Vickie Rausch of Antelope Valley AQMD addressed her concerns about trash burning. She requested assistance in the citation process and collecting penalties on residents who repeatedly burn trash on their property. Typically, in a trash burning case, the Fire Department would arrive on the scene and put out the fire, however they would not participate as a witness for the Sheriff Department to enforce the code violation. The citation is valid if the Sheriff Department is on scene during the actual time of the trash burning. It was suggested that the Fire Department and Sheriff Department coordinate a procedure to handle trash burning cases. Another suggestion was to continue to address these concerns with other agencies in seeking assistance. The EPA was recommended to be one of the agencies to request for assistance in this matter. Ben Lucha of City of Palmdale offered radio airtime as a Public Service Announcement to educate residents of the impacts of trash burning.
- Annamarie Dyemartin brought up the Franchising in the Antelope Valley. Norm Hickling addressed the matter that there is no franchise. Also Norm Hickling indicated there is no move to franchise the trash services in the Antelope Valley. Previous study to explore franchising met with high resistance from residents. Antelope Valley is currently an open competitive market for trash.

Next Meeting: November 12, 2014