



Antelope Valley Illegal Dumping Task Force (AVIDTF)

Meeting Summary of May 13, 2015

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

Attendees:

Christine Borzaga, Supervisor Antonovich's Office
Doug Burgis, Quartz Hill Town Council
Dave Campbell, District Attorney's Office
Bob Curry, GAVAZ
Annamarie Dyemartin, Littlerock Town Council
Chaily Gordon, City of Palmdale
Tom Lapworth, AVBOT
Benjamin Lucha, City of Palmdale
Josh Mann, Waste Management Inc.
David Pang, Department of Public Works
Doug Parham, Resident
Debbie Pepe, Department of Parks & Recreation
Guy Randles, Green Valley Town Council
Kristina Seitz, Los Angeles County Sheriff
Scott Short, Los Angeles County Sheriff
Samantha Zelaya, Supervisor Antonovich's Office

<u>Item</u>	<u>Action</u>
Presentation by Waste Management Inc. Lisa Hemenway	Add to June 10, 2015 agenda
AVIDTF inquiry about services	David Pang will follow up with the 4 responses to clarify their needs
Mattress Recycling Flyer	To be created

Pledge of Allegiance

- Everyone stood up and said the Pledge of Allegiance.

Self-Introductions

- Self-introductions of all attendees.

Checking Account – Doug Burgis

- Doug Burgis provided the balance in the checking account. The current balance is \$68,232.86. An additional amount of \$43,000.00 AVIDTF money was transferred from the DPW Trust Fund Account.

Illegal Dumping Report – David Pang

- David Pang provided statistics for:
 - The illegal dumping cases for the Antelope Valley.
 - Free Disposal Day at Waste Management of Lancaster on April 11, 2015.
 - Waste Tire Recycling Event on April 25, 2015.

AVIDTF Quarterly Newsletter – David Pang

- Requested feedback from the Task Force members on the quarterly newsletter. Annamarie Dyemartin said the newsletter is informative and provides interesting articles on illegal dumping issues. Christine Borzaga said to continue the newsletter and include articles and events from Cities of Lancaster and Palmdale.

Illegal Dumping Subcommittee Report – David Pang

- David Pang provided summary of the AVIDTF Subcommittee meeting. The following items were discussed:
 - The Mattress/Box Spring Recycling Event was discussed. A date of Saturday, September 12, 2015 from 9:00am – 3:00pm is established for the event. Each mattress/box spring received will be given a \$3.00 gift card to a local retailer. A maximum of 10 mattresses/box springs credit or \$30.00 in gift card incentive per household was suggested. The volunteer waiver form was discussed and reviewed. A flyer for the event will be produced and advertised in the various media outlets.
 - There were 4 responses for AVIDTF inquiry about services needed from Juniper Hills Town Council, Lake Los Angeles Town Council, Pearblossom Chamber of Commerce, and Sun Village Chamber of Commerce. David Pang will contact all the Town Councils and Chambers that responded to clarify their needs.

Waste Management Inc. Services to Residents – Josh Mann

- For unincorporated County area residents, Waste Management Inc. provides 2 Free Disposal Days per year at the Lancaster Landfill where residents may drop off up to 1 ton of trash. Also, residents may drop off 1 bulky item and 4 tires per year at the Lancaster Landfill. Waste Management Inc. offers senior discount for services for age 62 and over.

- The Lancaster and Palmdale Landfills charges around \$50.00 per load for disposal.
- Doug Parham raised the question for Josh Mann about the average waiting time for disposal at the landfill. Depending on the time of day, there can be a wait time of 5 minutes during off peak hours to 40 minutes during busy hours.
- Doug Parham raised another question for Josh Mann requesting for Waste Management Inc.'s annual revenue and expenditures. Information was not available as these were landfill operations data. Lisa Hemenway from Waste Management Inc. on the operations side may have these answers to these questions. Lisa Hemenway will be on the agenda in June 2015 to make a presentation on Waste Management Inc.'s operations.
- Doug Parham indicated a time back in January 2014, in which he and Brian Brown were trying to clean-up an 80 acre parcel. Waste Management Inc. provided a roll-off bin to use for the clean-up. During their clean-up process, Doug indicated that Waste Management Inc. removed the bin without allowing them to finish the clean-up.
- Bob Curry, a resident from Quartz Hill, raised the question that if everyone was required to assess a trash fee on their property tax bill, then there wouldn't be an issue with illegal dumping. Are there studies done in the past where residential trash fees are added to property tax bill instead of waste haulers charging customers directly? Christine Borzaga requested Department of Public Works to look into the matter and provide a response in the June 10, 2015 Task Force Meeting in writing.

Educational Grant – Christine Borzaga

- There were no grant application received during the 2nd round of the Education and Prevention Grant.

Open Discussion/Public Comment

- Sheriff Deputy Kristina Seitz shared with the Task Force that a gentleman was cited for illegal dumping in the act of a mattress and other items at 116th Street East.

Next Meeting: June 10, 2015