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JOINT MEETING OF THE ESSEX COUNTY SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COUNCIL and MUNICIPAL RECYCLING COORDINATORS.

Tuesday, March 26, 2024

Garibaldi Hall, Essex County Environmental Center, Roseland

Len Waterman, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 1:07pm.

The Open Public Meetings Statement was read by Mr. DeFeo.

17 Members or Municipal Representatives, one from Essex County Health Dept. one from Covanta, and two from DeFeo Associates were present. Also, two members of the public and two representing Urban Renewal, LLC were present at the meeting.

The minutes for the November meeting were approved with no changes.

Chairperson's Comments – Mr. Waterman adjusted the agenda to allow for a presentation by Mr. D'Altilio on Completing the MTG and ways to improve data collection. After the presentation there was a question and answer session.

Presentations –

- A. **Completing the MTG and ways to improve data collection** - Mr. D'Altilio made a presentation as required by the REA Grant. The presentation included a PowerPoint and a question-and-answer period.
- B. **SWMP Plan Inclusion - Urban Renewal, LLC Class B Tire Application** – Representatives for the applicant made a presentation that explained the proposed facility, the process (shredding), the footprint and size of the facility, hours of operation (6days/w – 7:00 am – 7:00 pm), capacity (150tpd) and compliance with Environmental Justice rules and other DEP Regulations, and that it will have a fire suppression system installed. They also stated that the facility will accept tires from other county municipalities at an approximate cost of \$90/t.

They responded to questions from SWAC Members and members of the public.

Mr. DeFeo read a Resolution from SWAC that finds the request of Urban Renewal, LLC Class B Tire Facility Consistent with the Essex County District Solid Waste Management Plan.

The Chairman called for a Rollcall Vote on the Resolution.

The Vote was taken and passed (15 yea – 0 nay). The Resolution will be forwarded to the Essex County Utilities Authority for further action with a copy of the Resolution to be attached to and made part of these minutes.

Committee Reports:

- A. **ECUA – DeFeo Associates** – Mr. DeFeo reported:
 - i. Bottle Bill Update – he reported on his testimony, on behalf of



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ANJR, and a history of Bottle Bills, their potential impact on New Jersey's recycling programs, the loss of Tonnage Grant funding and the flawed data used by those in favor of the proposed concept.s

- i. HHW & E-waste 2024 events – change from previous years – HHW First Saturday in May, May 4th, E-waste – Saturday, My 18th. As usual the towns my bring material the day before. On HHW Day they will be accepting oxygen, and helium cylinders, but members were asked not to include this information in their flyers or post on their social media. On E-waste Day, microwaves, small refrigerators, small A/C Units and de-humidifiers will be accepted.

B. Health Department Report

Mr. Pilas reported that the 2023 DEP Solid Waste inspections were complete, and other inspections were going smoothly .

C. Facilities Reports:

- a. **AERI** – No report - No representative in attendance.
- b. **Covanta** – Stacey Vickers reported that there will be a planned outage on April 1st that should affect the municipal deliveries.
- c. **Waste Management** – No report - No representative in attendance.

Old/Continuing Business:

- A. **Tonnage Reports** – Mr. D’Altilio reminded the MRCs that the MTG must be in by April 30th and each municipality should send him a copy of their submission. Also anyone who is not Certified must send the report for him to check, sign and submit to the DEP on their behalf.
- B. **ANJR** – Mr. D’Altilio inquired if there were any new ANJR members. There were none. He then spoke about the importance of being an ANJR Member especially now that there was discussion about a Bottle Bill. Mr. DeFeo added that the duties previously done by the Executive Director, Marie Kruzan, are now being done by a management firm. The firm has staff to monitor the Legislature and advise on Bills.
- C. **Markets Report Update** – Mr. DeFeo reported that latest reports show that the markets are stable.

New Business:

Member’s Comments: - None

Public Comments: - There were two members of the public, Vanessa Thomas & Chloe Desir, from Ironbound Community Corp. who participated in the Q&A for the Plan Inclusion

Adjournment - A motion was made and seconded and the Meeting was adjointed at 2:30 pm. Next meeting is scheduled for May 28th.