MINUTES

ENERGY AND RESOURCE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

OCTOBER 15, 2008

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman McNelly called the meeting to order at 7:30 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Committee Members Adamson, Avera, Bassett, Buck, Lucero,

McCormack, McNelly, Roberts, Twineham

MEMBERS ABSENT: Mitchell

PUBLIC PRESENT: Brenda McGuire, Mark McGee, David Ault, MG Disposal

STAFF PRESENT: Administrative Services Director Steinbrink, City

Treasurer/Revenue & Utility Services Manager Garrova,

Senior Planner Allen, and Clerical Support Norton

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes of September 17, 1008 were approved as amended,

2nd page, 3rd paragraph replace Water District with the Orange County Sanitation District, 4th page to change Twineham's comment to is there a way to obtain more green tags for yard

waste.

INTRODUCTIONS/ROLL CALL:

Representatives from MG Disposal

ACTION ITEMS

a) None

DISCUSSION ITEMS

b) Receive Presentation on Final Elements of Solid Waste contract

Mark McGee and Dave Ault with MG Disposal presented slides on the new trash pick-up system. The Council will view the presentation on October 21, 2008.

Dave Ault - said that MG implemented many of the Committee's suggestions in the new agreement.

The new program is designed to replace the current recycling program where all trash is dumped in the same receptacle. There will be three bins black/garbage, brown/recyclables and green/yard waste. The bins will be available in two sizes – 64 gallon and 96 gallon containers. A third smaller container has been identified and will be

presented to the Council for consideration. This would be available upon customer request. Rates for the new program will be similar to the existing charges. Multi-family dwellings will continue to use bins, and that trash will continue to be separated and processed at the Anaheim facility. The elderly and disabled may opt to have the drivers take their full bins to the street while others would be responsible for doing it themselves.

Three separate fuel-efficient trucks will come by each residence; each truck dedicated to pick up one container. The trucks also help protect worker safety. MG will continue to have a bulky item pick up and will add e-waste.

Education and public awareness provisions have been added to include workshops. Residents will receive instructional packets in the mail. The bins would begin to be distributed in February and continue through May 2009. Public education also includes annual noticing, corrective action noticing, and a website page.

Mark McGee – said that the California Air Resources Board (CARB) costs would be eliminated and the savings passed on to the residents resulting in a 50 cent credit.

Roberts – what are the new diversion standards and how much of the program covers diversion issues versus new legal requirements. What percent of the diversion rate will go up by keeping contaminates out of the landfill.

Ault - SP1016 streamlines the reporting required, but has not changed the diversion requirements. The change in the way the diversion rate will now be calculated will likely push the diversion rate down 2-3 percent. Proposed legislation to increase diversion rates to 75% was not passed, but it is expected to return.

McNelly – asked if going automated was part of the fleet changes and if can people still bundle their yard waste?

Mark McGee – The fleet change was an added bonus. Yes, you can still bundle or use a compostable bag.

Buck – asked how reliable the sorting by the home owners is.

Ault – green waste is very easy and the program is user friendly.

Roberts – asked what can be done about overflowing containers.

McGee - you can call for a bulky item pick up.

Twineham – is there a cost if a person wishes to downsize to a smaller container or upgrade to a larger container.

McGee – there is no cost to downsize or for replacement bins, unless the replacement is excessive. Additional bins of either size may also be requested. There is no change for recycling and green waste bins. There is a charge, however, for solid waste bins.

Garrova – stated the program allows for and encourages recycling by providing additional

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additional recycling and green waste bins at no charge. There will be an increase in the franchise fee. Residents do not pay for the franchise fee. Since this section may not be clear in the staff report, it will be rewritten to clarify that the resident would not be charged for this increase.

Avera – asked whether the agreement could be translated into Korean and what happens to those who do not follow the rules?

Garrova – translation into Korean has not yet been considered.

Ault – based on MG's experience in rolling out a similar program in Garden Grove, because of the multiple dialects, translation into Korean is complex. Often direct education within the community works best.

McGee - MG will send a courtesy notice to anyone who does not follow the rules and would target a problem area and follow up with more education. The agreement allows for corrective and legal notices. For commercial users, MG has a special route to pick up cardboard.

Roberts – state-wide source reduction – is it reduced.

Ault – what is going to the landfill has been going down.

Twineham – asked about the change in the ordinance relating to construction and demolition.

Allen – the C&D ordinance reviewed by the ERMC is moving forward with the contract and related ordinance amendments.

Garrova - the residential trash rate of \$17.80 will remain the same through June 30, 2009. The annual rate adjustment based upon the March CPI will continue in the new contract. The next rate adjustment will become effective July 1, 2009 to include the 50 cent residential credit.

c) Review of Recent Legislation and Supporting Programs including SB1016, SB375, AB32 Scoping Plan

SB 1016 was discussed in Item b. The committee voted to table the remaining discussion to November.

COMMITTEE/STAFF COMMENTS:

None

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ADJOURNMENT:
With no further business the meeting was ADJOURNED AT: 8:30 a.m.
Beverly Norton, Clerical Support