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Minutes of the Northern Virginia Waste Management Board Meeting

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NORTHERN VIRGINIA WASTE MANAGEMENT BOARD

Summary Minutes

December 5, 2008

10:00 am

Members Present:

Erik Grabowsky, Arlington County
Bo Kirk, Town of Herndon
Scott MacDonald, Prince William County
Kathy Allan, City of Falls Church
Bill Hicks, City of Falls Church
Jeff Smithberger, Fairfax County
Janet Simek, Fairfax County
Bob Boxer, Town of Herndon
Jane Tatum, Loudoun County
Holly Chu, Town of Vienna
Jennifer Sigler, Town of Vienna
Kathryn Moore, Town of Manassas Park

Staff Present:

Aimee Vosper
Marshall Popkin
Debbie Spiliotopoulos
Heather Shackley
Sue Rowland

Invited Guests:

Richard Doucette, VADEQ

CALL TO ORDER Chairman Erik Grabowsky (Arlington County) called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

INTRODUCTIONS Meeting participants introduced themselves.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES Jeff Smithberger (Fairfax County) motioned to approve the minutes from the June 2008 meeting. Jane Tatum (Loudoun County) seconded this motion; the Board unanimously voted in approval, pending the inclusion of two minor edits.

2008 DRAFT SOLID WASTE REPORT Debbie Spiliotopoulos (NVRC) requested that all comments on the 2008 Draft Solid Waste Report be submitted to NVRC by December 10, 2008. The Waste Board was asked to submit approval on the report electronically.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE Sue Rowland (NVRC) updated the Waste Board on ongoing state legislative activities. The governor's budget for FY 2010 will be approximately \$2.8-\$2.9 billion. The legislative session opens on January 14, 2009, and runs for six weeks through February 28, 2009. The television recycling bill died on December 4, 2008; 948 of 3,069 bills were approved in 2007, and 951 of 2,950 bills were approved in 2005.

Ms. Rowland also noted that most agencies are looking at cutting programs. Transportation legislation and funding are more likely to come from the Federal government than from the State. General funding related to natural resources is likely to get reduced first. Ms. Rowland suggested that the Waste Board contact their respective representatives in an effort to encourage them not to cut programs that have already seen reductions.

Richard Doucette (VADEQ) reported that Karen Sismour is no longer the director of his agency's waste program; Debbie Miller has taken over that position. Eleven positions have been lost regionally, while two were restructured. VADEQ has faced 23-24% reductions over the last year and a half, resulting in the loss of a wastewater engineer and cuts to the hazardous waste program.

Ms. Spiliotopoulos (NVRC) indicated that the Waste Reduction Efforts in Virginia study still has not been accepted by JLARC. Following a conference call with Waste Board members, NVRC drafted two letters commenting on the JLARC study recommendations. These letters are in support of recommendations for DEQ and were addressed to Secretary of Natural Resources Preston Bryant, and JLARC Chair, Delegate Kirkland Cox. Scott MacDonald (Prince William County) motioned to send the letter; Kathy Allan (City of Falls Church) seconded the motion. The Waste Board unanimously voted to send the letter as it was constituted.

KNOW TOXICS Ms. Spiliotopoulos discussed the NVRC updates to the Know Toxics webpages; the

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pages will not go live until approved by the Waste Board. Website hits have gone down because many of the pages are outdated. Heather Shackley (NVRC) discussed some of the potential capabilities of the new website, including news links, announcements, and a calendar module.

The Waste Board requested two additions to the website: e-cycling contractor certification language and information on the upcoming digital conversion for televisions.

Mr. Grabowsky motioned to 'go live' with the new Know Toxics pages. Jeff Smithberger (Fairfax County) seconded the motion and the Waste Board unanimously agreed to activate the new website.

Ms. Spiliotopoulos discussed the possibility of developing a password-protected webpage for the Waste Board, which could serve as a repository for important documents and links.

**EXPANDED
RECYCLING
SERVICES**

Representatives from three jurisdictions reported on expanded services within their respective localities: Mr. Grabowsky in Arlington County, Kathy Allan (City of Falls Church), and Holly Chu (Town of Vienna).

Mr. Grabowsky discussed Arlington County's "Saving Arlington's Valuable Resources" (SAVR) Program, which recognizes commercial properties that have exceptional recycling programs. The County encourages all local businesses, multi-family properties, institutions and property management companies that are leaders in recycling, waste reduction, and the use of recycled products are invited to submit entries for its semi-annual SAVR "Saving Arlington's Valuable Resources" Recognition Program. In addition, Mr. Grabowsky mentioned the County's expanded collection services, which includes a new drop-off location that collects an expanded range of plastics, metals, and other materials.

Ms. Allan summarized the city's expanded curbside recycling program. The City of Falls Church provides services to 3,140 households, and now offers single-stream recycling for wide-mouth plastic containers and lids, empty prescription bottles, rigid plastics, bagged plastic film, gable-top milk and juice cartons, aerosol cans, clean aluminum foil, books, and wire coat hangers. The City will continue to collect newspapers, cardboard, all mixed paper and junk mail, paperboard, telephone books, glass jars and bottles, metal food and beverage containers, and narrow-neck plastic containers #1-7.

Ms. Chu discussed the Town's expanded single-stream recycling services. The Town covers 4.4 square miles and a total of roughly 5,700 households. Single-stream recyclables in Vienna now include, but are not limited to: newspapers, junk mail, cardboard and paperboard boxes, books, aerosol cans, telephone books, office paper, brown paper bags, glass containers, ferrous and bimetal food containers, non-metal wrapping paper, aluminum, plastic containers #1-7, rigid plastics, bagged plastic film, and milk and juice cartons. Residents may use plastic bins, clean trash cans, or cardboard boxes for their recyclables, with a 40 lb limit per container. Brush materials should still be separated. The Town adopted the frog as its recycling mascot and distributed key chains to encourage local residents to take advantage of the new recycling program.

Bo Kirk (Town of Herndon) reported a 20-30% increase in tonnages of recyclables collected in October.

**MARKET
EFFECTS ON
RECYCLING
PROGRAMS**

Mr. Smithberger noted prices for paper dropped from \$110/ton to \$5/ton as a result of China overbuying in preparation for the Olympics.

Ms. Spiliotopoulos will organize a conference call in the week following the Waste Board meeting to discuss markets for recycled materials.

LOCAL UPDATES

During this segment of the meeting, no minutes are kept of information exchanged among the board members.

NEW BUSINESS

The 2009 meetings will be held on the following dates: March 6, June 5, September 4, and December 4.

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ADJOURNMENT The meeting adjourned at 12:10 p.m. The next meeting will occur on March 6.