



## **TECHNICAL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

### **Solid Waste Operations Conference Room**

**Minutes of the Meeting - May 28, 2008**

The meeting of the Solid Waste Technical Management Committee (TMC) was held at the Department of Solid Waste Operations Conference Room at 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 28, 2008. Members and Alternates present were, Bob Brumback, Shari Rheuble, Ben Shirley, Mike Connors, Bennie Boyd, Diana Hugg, Don Ross, James Walker, Jeremy Hockenbury, Bob Cyr, Don Sopak, Calvin Warren and Mike Sweet. Assisting with conduct of the meeting was Bob Hauser, SWO Director and Judy Lund, Administrative Coordinator and Recording Secretary.

**Call to Order:** Chairman Bob Brumback called the meeting to order at 2:06 pm. Bob welcomed everyone to the TMC and thanked them for their participation. The Chairman noted that TMC Rate Reserve Subcommittee meeting was very interesting and would share that information shortly.

**Minutes:** Bob asked if everyone had an opportunity to read the minutes and asked if there were any additions or deletions.

*A motion was made by Mike Sweet and seconded by James Walker to accept the TMC Minutes as written. The vote was unanimous.*

**Opening Remarks:** Bob Hauser reported that on Saturday, May 17, 2008, through a sequence of events, a "back feed" of electrical power occurred resulting in severe damage to Generator #1. It has been determined that the damage to the generator is irreparable. At this time, we are seeking a compatible generator to our system that can be installed; the worse case scenario would be to have to purchase a new generator – which would be approximately 60 weeks downtime. We are presently evaluating all the ramifications and alternatives; we are insured for this incident. We will be making a decision in the next few weeks on how to proceed. The good news is we are continuing to process garbage at the WTE facility.

### **Operations Report - Joe Going**

- Joe presented the Operations Report and responded to questions.
- The County and Veolia, Inc. are currently negotiating the Landfill Services contract. It is the County's desire to have a final contract to the BCC by July, 2008.
- The County received six proposals for its Landfill Consulting & Engineering Services contract. A selection committee met on May 12, 2008 to evaluate and score the proposals.

- SWO staff met with representatives from the Planning Department to discuss the Pinellas Trail and more specifically, alternative routes around the outside of the site.
- In April we had 1,656 HEC<sub>3</sub> participants.
- There were three mobiles in April; Pinellas Park Home Depot had 592 participants, Tarpon Springs High School had 906 participants and Palm Harbor High School had 846 participants.
- We are finalizing our landscaping plans for the western perimeter of our site to improve buffering between us and our residential neighbors.
- We are moving forward with development of the implementation plans for Beach Recycling, Litter Recycling, SQG (Small Quantity Generators), and reinstated Reef Construction programs.
- April was a landmark month, with the highest one day electric sales and the highest recorded monthly electrical generation since the plant began operations.
- On May 7, Veolia hosted a BBQ luncheon in honor of their first year of service and the WTE plant's 25<sup>th</sup> year of operation.
- In April, 552 citizens attended tours and/or presentations, including 416 students and 146 adults.
- A business waste assessment was performed at Cox Radio, home of six bay area FM radio stations, located in St. Petersburg.
- Upcoming Events:  
The Recycling Roadies will be at Van's Warped Tour at St. Petersburg's Vinoy Park on June 11<sup>th</sup>.

### **Budget Report - Lisa Ledoux**

- Lisa reviewed the CIP budget and expenditures through April 30th. Lisa reported that \$28.4 million dollars was expended as of yesterday.
- Lisa stated that at the last meeting she said the Annual Financial Statement was ready and would be distributed, but we don't have the final bound copies for 2006/2007. Lisa reported that they were emailed to all the TMC members and they are also available on the TMC website.
- The Municipal Recycling Grants second quarter reimbursements have been made. In the first two quarters, \$359,000.00 was distributed. The following cities have not submitted their paperwork for reimbursement; Belleair Beach, Belleair Shores, Indian Shores, Kenneth City, Largo, Madeira Beach, North Redington Beach, Redington Beach, Oldsmar, Pinellas Park, and Treasure Island. The next quarter ends on June 30<sup>th</sup> and reimbursement requests must be received by July 16<sup>th</sup>.

### **TMC Rate Review Subcommittee Report - Don Ross**

Don Ross reported that the subcommittee convened previously to this meeting, and after the discussion the TMC Rate Review Subcommittee is recommending to the TMC for rate stability – for Fiscal Year 2008-2009, leaving the tipping fee unchanged at \$37.50/per ton.

***Don Ross made a motion to keep the tipping fee at \$37.50 per ton. James Walker seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous. The Chairman requested that the secretary formalize the TMC recommendation to the County Administrator.***

**Additional Items for Discussion:**

- Bob Hauser reported that the Curbside Recycling Study final report will be ready in June. The TMC will be reviewing that study, and then it will go the BCC for their consideration. Implementation is planned for October, 2009.
- Mike Connors asked if the County has ever considered franchising solid waste collection. Bob Hauser stated that the BCC's position, which is part of their strategic plan, is to pursue solid waste collection in areas of special need that approach the Board and ask for curbside collection. Bob stated that Lealman is the perfect example of citizens requesting that their area be considered for franchise collection.
- Bob Brumback announced that the June TMC meeting will be his last meeting – he is retiring. We will have an election for TMC Chairman – so be thinking about who you want to elect.

**Adjournment - Chair Bob Brumback** The meeting was adjourned at 2:44 pm.

**[The next TMC Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 25th, 2008 @ 2:00 pm.](#)**

*Respectfully submitted, Judy Lund, TMC Secretary*

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