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MEMORANDUM

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SUBJECT: Heart of Florida Meeting Minutes from 1/16/09

1. Introductions

2. Information from 12/2/08 75 Percent Recycling Goal Stakeholders' Meeting

- Memorandum from John Locklear was distributed and discussed.
- The meeting was mostly a repeat of the meeting held in Orlando.
- No more public meetings are planned; views should be sent to website. Draft Rule should be available in 2-3 months.
- DEP recognized this is an unfunded mandate; goal is statewide, not county by county.
- Likely not to include any penalties.

3. Presentation by Hinkley Center – Inventory Study

- Presentation by Shani Kruljac.
 - Nine counties are exporting waste.
 - Seven operate/own landfills: 5 Class I, 2 Class III. New River makes 6 Class I landfills within HOF area.
 - By 2016, three more counties to close Class I landfills (Lake County later said their landfill would not be closing by 2016).
 - Ten counties have HHWs.
 - Eleven counties process yard waste.
 - Nine have MRFs (loose definition, includes balers).
 - Based on 2006 DEP reports, approximately 75 percent of waste generated within the counties is managed by the counties.
 - Suwannee County has a new SW Director.
 - Waste generation rates in comprehensive plans (numbers from 1980s) ranged between:
 - 0.76 lbs/capita/day**
 - 6.67 lbs/capita/day
- **Could have been tons per year



- Lake County plans to have capacity in the Class I landfill to last until 2025. The current new cell completion will last to 2016 with 53 acres available for expansion to last until approximately 2025-2030.
- Debate over definitions of “processed,” “within region,” “within county,” “dispensation,” “diverted,” and “end use”. It was decided that a definition and acronym section is needed in the report.
- Many small counties indicated a desire for WTE.
- Looking for benchmarks for money spent for solid waste management: dollars per capita, dollars per household, etc. Would like to be able to compare to county budget overall.
- **FDEP would like comments by February 3.**

4. Committee Report – Next Steps for Study/Action

- Karen Deeter, Alachua County, made presentation for the Planning Committee.
- Composting may have become a high priority due to the proposed new Rules. Quality and marketing are the key issues for composting.
- Pre-consumer food waste
 - Important to do waste composition studies; there was considerable discussion on how to conduct waste composition studies.
- Discussion on need to organize the group with some sort of structure – need focus on priorities.
- Energy efficiency and conservation block grants (EECBG) were discussed.
- The need to define what the group wants to become was discussed.
 - The concept of associate members was discussed to include consultants.
 - Could become a non-profit organization
 - Could use superfund model
 - Regionalization of “programs” as well as “facilities” should be considered.

5. Set Up Action Committees

- Start with some lower risk, easy projects before attempting a major regional facility.
- Discussed potential list of sub-committees.
 - One potential sub-committee will be Disposal-WTE-LFG2E-Other technologies.
- Selection vote on priorities for sub-committees
 - Group organizational issues will proceed in parallel to tech priorities.
 - Voting results and committee volunteers:
 - 16 Composting: Chair - Emilio Bruna; Susie Metcalfe, Karen Deeter, John Banks

- 12 Recycling: Chair – Jimmy Wise; Steve Joplin, Carmen Bruno, Ed Lontz.
- 10 Disposal/WTE/LFGZE: Chair - Daryl Smith; Gary Debo, Steve Nataline, Ken Whitehead.
- Need to develop objectives and goals by next HOF meeting (every 6 weeks)
 - Problem statement, objectives, and goals

6. Local News

- Lake County will be hosting a conference - Professionals Turning Green, June 11/12, Lakeside Inn, Mt. Dora, FL. Registration is \$100.
 - Will include construction, lodging, transportation, and energy enterprises.
- Lake County reports that fiber prices have stabilized at \$20-25/ton. Single-stream recycling may lower prices due to contaminants.
- Lake County also reports they are looking at mining/recycling 17 acres of Class I landfill area. They are also interested in mining of above grade C&D landfill. They made do the C&D area first to gain experience in the process.
- Lake County is looking for more waste for WTE contract.
- Lake County is also looking to set up a reuse location for people dropping off something of potential use to others. Several other counties offered their experience in this area.

Next Meeting is Scheduled for Feb. 27, Citrus County to host.