

HEART OF FLORIDA SOLID WASTE GROUP
MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 27, 2009

ATTENDEES: List attached

HINKLEY CENTER REPORT

Final report e-mailed 2/26. Please check over and report any factual problems to Rhonda. Report will be posted on website 3/6.

Consider what topics are important for Phase 2 and how urgent it is

Review all photos on the website, request removal of any you don't want included, suggest captions.

CITIES PARTICIPATION

Information received from Ocala, Gainesville, Crystal River and Inverness. Each County share report with their cities, invite participation.

CONTAINER TO CONTAINER TRANSFER

HDR had someone attend 2/27 rule workshop. They will prepare a summary.

Probably impacts C&D, Class III and YW most; might impact remote collection areas.

COMMITTEES

RECYCLING - (Ed Lontz)

Discussed feasibility of central processing facility/facilities; probably need to process close to source, or bale to ship for second level processing. Marketing together is a must; may have material variability. May be able to continue marketing if contracts have a floor price, otherwise may not be able to get rid of material with down market.

Single stream in Florida - Orange County (300-400 tpd, 3 yrs old) and Miami area (600 tpd new) Dan McGinnis has more info.

Oregon and EPA Region 10 - Bottle bills keep glass out. Single stream 40-50% of waste collected for recycling. Contamination problems. Also focus on local markets. Food waste to composting. Different state of mind on waste.

What can we do as a group?

Suggest specific materials and processes to "count",

Provide examples from other working programs

Suggest mechanisms for schools, other institutions to become involved

Suggest methods for businesses to become involved

Provide feedback to governor's office (copy DEP - Solid Waste)

Share info on our website

DISPOSAL - (Daryl Smith)

Discussed benefits of regional facilities. Need to develop a fact sheet on types of facilities, including WTE, high-tech emerging technologies. Need to develop a fact sheet on benefits of regional facilities, including economies of scale, contracting strength, host fees, life cycle costs. Keep up with implementation status for alternate technologies.

COMPOSTING - (Susie Metcalfe)

Most urgent issue, be sure our managers/supervisors know the problem. Request legislature enacts a delay to plan by 2010 and implement by 2012.

Need a definition of what is included (organic material that would otherwise be landfilled = food waste, soiled paper, de minimus yard waste).

What is the method to determine this for each county; most recent waste composition, FDEP calculator, other? Karen provided handout on San Francisco program.

Define market needs!! Suggest ways to "create a market". Revise FDOT specs, mandate use in public building projects. Write rules for 100% organic fertilizer/soil amendments.

Determine if backyard composting is better way to close the loop. Educate

Write a letter for all to sign, send to our legislators - before March 25 FAC day.

ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE

All Counties present feel it is time to become more formalized. Opportunities include joint purchasing and marketing (equipment, supplies, services, recycled materials); shared emergency services; united voice with FDEP; grant funding (may need to have a subsidiary non-profit too). Assets and facilities are not included.

Three statutory possibilities; can also be a non-profit organization (501c3) (See handout for description, opportunities and limits.) Interlocal agreement seems most feasible. Review New River SW Association agreement.

Work on informing and soliciting participation from Counties not represented at today's meeting: Marion, Clay, Levy, Gilchrist and New River. OK to suggest up each organization's chain - or wait for more info.

COUNTY NEWS

CITRUS - Approved a non-ad valorem assessment for capital projects on both improved and unimproved properties.

Phase 3 landfill design, reclosure project, gas capture project, and transfer station/CSA and scalehouse projects all in design and permitting.

8% waste shortfall this year, revising budget and proposing more cuts for next year.

HERNANDO

Running out of airspace and fighting FDEP on permit.

Hauler contracts expire 2010, want to expand mandatory collection area.

Dropping MRF operation to cut costs (\$2 million) will bid out

Inspection-related fines issue in southwest district

LAKE

C & D permit renewal

Phase 3 landfill complete, working on construction certification.

10-15% revenue shortfall, working to cut costs

Looking for waste, currently breaking C & D to send to WTE,

Considering mining old Class I (future)

ALACHUA

12% drop in material to landfill

Solar panel array opening ceremony 3/3, 3 p.m., will produce 25 KW. Gainesville Regional Utilities (GRU) is first municipal utility in nation to implement a Feed In Tariff program, which begins March 1, 2009. , lots of interest from other small producers, better than net metering, much better than old contracts. Solar will produce equivalent of 15% of total energy use at TS.

RENEWABLE ENERGY CREDITS

Joe Treshler will e-mail information

SUMTER

New scales installed; everything works

LTC permit modified with no RAIs

Waste Processing Facility permit modification, big RAI

C & D permit, big RAI

No real drop in waste, but working on cutting costs

PUTNAM

Running out of LF space, expansion permitting has had 4 RAIs on a promised "push it through project".

NEXT MEETING

Friday April 24 at Alachua County Transfer Station - WMI will provide lunch

EVERYBODY'S TO-DO'S

John, HDR - summary of 2/27 FDEP Rule-making workshop on container-to-container transfer

Karen - send info from other (CA) programs to post on website

Terri -prepare a draft letter on 75% goal for all to review, when final all sign, and send to Governor

Dan, WMI - send information on single stream processing facilities

Composting Committee - prepare a letter for all to sign and send to legislative delegations on composting requirement deadlines, examples of \$ to do backyard and centralized composting.

Carmen - contact Levy County. Terri contact Clay County about organizing.

Joe, Wheelabrator - send information on renewable energy items.

ALL - review final report and send any corrections to Rhonda at Hinkley Center by 3/6

ALL - review photos on website, provide captions and request removal of any "bad photos"

ALL - report to managers on composting timetable problems

ALL - Please send suggestions for 4/24 agenda