

HEART OF FLORIDA SOLID WASTE GROUP
MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 24, 2009
ALACHUA COUNTY

Attendees list – attached

Discussion on letter to legislators on composting requirement – letter copy attached (\$250K is too low for a centralized facility). Follow up after the session with local offices of legislators. Copy R. Tedder in Tallahassee. Solid Waste district staff in SW, Central and NE district offices. Terri L will be sure FAC, League of Cities get info too.

Backyard composting – Be sure FDEP has this option allowed/ encouraged. Karen D has lots of information from California and other places.

75% recycling goal – Letter to governor, copy attached.

Single stream recycling approach – Orange County and southeast Florida MRFs operated by WM for Counties. Questions on contamination of product, marketability. Plan visit to Orange Co. next.

Pending retirements – Susie M. early Nov/end Oct. advertising for replacement for some overlap. Karen D in Feb 2010. Need a volunteer to lead this organization soon.

Direct cooperation talks: Citrus and Lake County including BOCC members and staff; Citrus and Hernando Counties including staff only. Lake and Marion County, Lake and Hernando County, Lake and Putnam County staff only. Ocala and Marion County.

Formalize group with an interlocal agreement: Mark H, Shani K, Karen D and Susie M meet as committee and develop language for next meeting discussion. Pattern after NRSWA and other interlocal agreements. No facilities at this time. Suggest we look at recyclables marketing, HHW contracts as activity for regional group early on.

Local news:

Marion Co: doing RFP for disposal options, particularly gasification. Proposals due in June.

(SM notes do not indicate who brought up the following items)

Looking at flexible solar landfill cover or rigid panels on top of closure

Possible LFG project funding in ARRA (large counties only?)

Jack Bratton request to present to group, suggest a SWANA meeting instead in WTE group session

SWANA summer meeting will have scalehouse group meeting/presentations Deb B from Pinellas, Scott H from Hernando, Gary D from Lake

Hernando Co. – Permit to construct next cell received, self excavating, liner will be 3-layer with extra layer for strength due to “sinkhole potential”. Plasma Waste Recycling is lobbying them to set up a facility. Interested in Orange County gasification project and Marion County’s RFP. Assessment rate increase of 60% proposed.

New River – working on landfill cell construction, bids for soil vs. self construction. Working on LFG carbon credit sale for up to \$1M revenue, also looking at gas to energy.

Alachua – Collection RFP with Gainesville, evaluating submittals. Looking at biochar as soil amendment and carbon sequestration. Solar project in operation, will install on HHW building next.

Sumter – Tipping fee will go up 10/1 for reclosure of old asphalt capped cell. Revenue, waste stream down, saw small increase in March

Putnam – Cell construction permit on 4th RAI cycle, closure certification going through RAI, splitting excavation from lining on cell construction contract, LFG project in process, will do RFP for carbon credits soon, meeting with FPL on gas to energy too.

Lake – Green Symposium in June, WTE in outage so diverting to landfill, looking at mining old cells, obtained recyclables sorting equipment free from J.C. Penney, but can’t hire personnel to operate.

Next meeting: Orange County Recycling Facility – June 19. WM will arrange visit.