

HEART OF FLORIDA SOLID WASTE GROUP  
MEETING MINUTES FROM JUNE 6, 2008

19 Attendees representing: Alachua, Citrus, Clay, Gainesville, Hernando, Lake, Palatka, Putnam, Sumter; Hinkley Center, Foth, JEA (contact information was handed out at meeting)

HB 7135 – ENERGY BILL Adopted by legislature, pending signing, effective July 1. Many solid waste program impacts, no input from FDEP, developed by Agriculture, Forestry and Waste Technical Advisory Group. Many renewable energy, power production impacts (WTE, landfill gas) impacts. FDEP will write the rule modifications for solid waste.

By 2020 reduce by 75% the recyclable material going into landfills and incinerators

By Jan. 1 2010, FDEP send plan to legislature to do this

By July 2010, every county adopt and implement a plan to divert 5%-10% of organics to composting (that would otherwise be disposed in a LF).

Prohibits local governments from implementing packaging regulations or bans before Feb 2010, when the state will adopt a policy.

ASSIGNMENTS FOR NEXT MEETING – Read the bill and report to the group on the listed aspect of the legislation, including what it says, timetables, questions, interpretation, impact.

Climate Change Conference news - Emilio

Waste to Energy – Gary

Composting – Jimmy

SWANA position – Steve (ask Sam Levin)

Packaging – Rhonda

75% diversion goal – Karen

FDEP point of view – invite Ron Hendricks and Charlie Goddard – Susie

Counting changes – Rhonda

C& D Recycling – Alan, Susie to contact local private C&Ds

LF gas/carbon credits – Mark Halleen

RFT –

Small county (<100K population) grants in budget, CBER grants in the budget,

Crist attended and introduced the energy bill, more at the climate change conference

Innovative grants awarded – top two take all the \$

Well attended, good sessions, not many vendors for processing equipment or markets

GRU power plant

Nachadoes (sp?) selected as vendor, proposal is for 100% biomass from waste wood

To be constructed by 2014, may impact the market for yard trash

STUDY SURVEY

Shani has survey form in good shape, will enter any information she already has from us in the form.

Putnam – small county and Lake – large county, will complete the survey, Shani will visit, review the responses and problems or suggestions with the form, revise the form and then send it to all for us to complete.

Tim reports that not all participants need to sign a contract. He will prepare a letter format that Counties can use to opt in. Putnam (\$2K) and Lake (\$?K) will sign up with letter format. Clay, Sumter, Marion and Hernando will check on how much they can afford and probably use the letter format. Citrus Alachua and New River has signed contracts and paid a total of \$16K already.

Including non-attending counties. Everyone, if neighboring county is not showing up, call and invite to next meeting. Share a copy of the survey when finalized.

Including our cities – share as soon as you are comfortable, we want them to participate, especially in Phase 2 of the study.

Need a 1 page summary of who we are and what we want to accomplish – need a volunteer!!!

#### MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT

Format distributed and discussed. Based on water/wastewater interlocal agreements.

Each county, send copy to County Attorney for review. Send to EOC (they are official coordinators for Public Works and ?water/wastewater agreements). Make a list of the specialized manpower and equipment you might need that is not covered in the general FEMA resource categories.

Get your own interlocal pairs set up. Hinkley Center (?) may be able to keep track of all of the executed agreements.

Goal for next hurricane season is to have this be a statewide agreement.

#### LOCAL NEWS

##### ALACHUA –

GRU power plant

Waste Management selling out their Gainesville Division to Emerald Waste Svcs.

RFP for installing solar power panels at TS site, hope to replace 15% of power

Interlocal agreement with Gilchrist will allow Alachua to load transfer trucks at

Gilchrist TS for disposal at New River.

##### SUMTER

Small county grant good news

Waiting on state to release equipment before auction of composting vessels

Tonnage down (revenue down)

##### PUTNAM

Permit application for construction of Cell 3 at 1<sup>st</sup> RAI stage with 1.5 years capacity left, fighting with FDEP on elevation of liner above water table (just above vs. 5 feet above)

##### MARION (as reported by Lake attendees)

See copies of workshop notes –

Residential assessment notices sent to raise rates to implement WTE (or true cost of transfer), workshop 6/5/08, hearing 6/17/08.

##### LAKE

Have short –term capacity available at WTE – talk to Daryl Smith for more info

Looking for long term partners for expanding WTE, spoke at Marion workshop

**CITRUS**

Designing Phase 3 of landfill, application to FDEP in July  
Designing Transfer station 30% or so, selected construction manager  
Application submitted for landfill closure/remediation

**HINKLEY CENTER**

2008-09 research projects awarded (\$500K total value)  
Iron and arsenic in groundwater  
C&D – green building requirements  
Web-based leachate management options  
Plasma –arc byproduct leachate

**NEXT MEETING – FRIDAY JULY 18 10 A.M AT ALACHUA COUNTY TRANSFER  
STATION – NE Waldo Rd (SR 24 north of the Gainesville Regional Airport)**