

HEART OF FLORIDA SOLID WASTE GROUP
MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 19, 2009
ORANGE COUNTY

Attendees – List attached.

Tour of Orange County single stream MRF operated by Waste Management/Recycle America. Some material comes in dual stream. 9,000 tons per month throughput at 6 to 10% residual. Mostly mechanical sort.

Emilio Bruna, Lake County has volunteered to lead the group due to pending retirements. Thanks much.

County facility information summary by Jim Becker. Landfill county-operated with 15-20+ years capacity, accepts 3,100 t/d, site potential of 50-75 years. Waste collection contracts county-wide, 2 transfer stations, looking for 1 more. Recycling curbside for 197,000 customers (38% diversion and 60-70% participation) + MRF of 70,000 sf with 3 major construction phases totaling \$11 million. HHW program contracted. Tipping fees \$32.95 residential, \$35.10 commercial.

Lengthy discussion on language for interlocal agreement. Mark H. provided version updated with those comments, see attached.

Information is attached related to purchase of BigBelly solar waste collection units with state energy program funds.

Local news: no notes taken.

Tuesday August 4, 2009, FDEP meeting on recommended implementation of 75% recycling goal. Orlando City Hall, 400 S Orange Ave. 1-5 p.m. See website by 7/21 for backup.

Next meeting: Friday August 7, 10 a.m. Marion County Landfill , lunch by Subway, order at beginning of meeting, pay when delivered, figure on \$8. Agenda ready soon.

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Qualified Energy Conservation Bonds (QECCB)

General Explanation

- Government greatly expanded the QECCB program by increasing the national bond limitation from \$800 million to \$3.2 billion under the American Recovery and Investment Act of 2009.
- The bonds are to be used for a “qualified conservation purpose”. It is not clear yet if or how BigBelly qualifies but some of those purposes for which it appears that BigBelly falls under include: “capital expenditures for the purpose of implanting green community programs”, and “expenditures with respect to research facilities and research grants to support research in technologies to reduce energy use in transportation”
- \$3.2 billion shall be allocated by Dept. of Treasury to the States in proportion to their population. (i.e. MA is allocated \$67 million)
- States then allocate to every city, with pop. greater than 100,000, their portion of State’s allocation based on relative size to total population. Cities with population less than 100,000 must apply to the State for an allocation.
- These bonds issued by the Cities are tax credit bonds whereby the bondholders get tax credits rather than interest payments on the bond.
- Bondholders receive 70% of the published IRS tax credit rate. Tax credit rate has been around 7.5% resulting in a tax credit of approx. 5.25% (Actual tax credit rate varies daily like interest rates.)
- If market conditions are such that the approved tax credit is not enough to satisfy bondholders, then the City will pay the difference in a tax credit. Estimate is that this will be close to the remaining 30% (in this case 2.5%) of the published tax credit rate.

Advantages to Cities over issuing tax exempt bonds

- Cities will be paying a much lower net interest rate. Fed. Govt providing the tax credit and cities only have to make up the market difference. In example above, that is 2.5% versus 7.5% on tax exempt municipal bond

Exhibit 1

Energy Efficiency Conservation Block Grant Program

**Energy Efficiency and Conservation Strategy Questions to be Answered
(This is just some and not all questions)**

1. Describe your government's proposed Energy Efficiency and Conservation Strategy. Provide a concise summary of your measurable goals and objectives. (More language but this is summary)
2. Describe your government's proposed implementation plan for the use of EECEBG funds to assist you in achieving the goals and objectives outlined in the strategy. This should include activities on the activity worksheet, and how each activity supports one or more of your strategy's goals/objectives.

Activity sheet asks for: proposed number of jobs created, proposed number of jobs retained, proposed CO2 emissions reduced, and a project summary.

3. Describe how you will coordinate and share information with the state to maximize energy efficiency and conservation.
4. Describe how this plan has been designed to ensure benefits beyond EECEBG funding period



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Public Meeting on Florida's New 75% Recycling Goal

Orlando City Hall, Council Chambers
400 South Orange Avenue

August 4, 2009

1:00pm – 5:00pm

The purpose of this meeting is to solicit feedback regarding DEP's draft recommendations for implementing the 75% statewide recycling goal. Those recommendations will be available for public review no later than July 21 via the web site at the bottom of this page.

- 1:00pm Welcome and Introductions
 Mary Jean Yon, Director, DEP Division of Waste Management
- 1:15pm Overview of DEP's Draft Recommendations
 Ron Henricks, DEP Recycling Program
- 1:45pm Public Comments and Open Discussion - on issues related to the above
 presentation and any other aspects of the new recycling goal statute (which is
 printed on the other side of this agenda)
- 5:00pm Adjourn meeting

(Attendees who wish to speak will be asked to fill out a speaker card showing name and affiliation.)



Check our web site for updates at www.dep.state.fl.us/waste/recyclinggoal75

State Energy Program (SEP)

Outline of Program:

- \$3.1 Billion appropriated to States from DOE based on formula: 1/3 equally among all states, 1/3 according to population and 1/3 according to energy consumption. Go to: http://apps1.eere.energy.gov/state_energy_program/recovery_act.cfm for each state's allocation.
- The SEP funding is to be used to develop renewable energy and alternative fuel projects, to upgrade the energy efficiency of state and local government buildings and for other innovative state efforts to help families save money on their energy bills.
- SEP is not a new program but the funding level increased substantially under the stimulus.
- Many projects have been standing in line for the funds for quite some time so there is no lack of "shovel ready projects".
- Program is administered by each State's energy office.
- States often combine many sources of funding for their projects, including this money from DOE and private industry.

How Does BigBelly Fit into SEP

- BigBelly meets criteria and is "shovel ready" but generally the states would be looking at more pressing needs and at larger-scale projects. In MA, their \$54 M is being allocated into 3 equal pools: 1) large scale solar PV, 2) energy efficiency in buildings and 3) "other" renewable energy conservation projects (mostly private sector).
- In MA., the Dept. of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) requested \$22 M for the installation of BigBelly in all MA. state parks through SEP program. This request is now in the third pool and will be part of a competitive bid for the \$18 M allocated to this pool. DCR is very committed to the BigBelly, has promoted the cost savings as justification, has already installed over 40 in their parks and is optimistic that they will be getting a portion of their request funded.
- As found in MA, there are many more projects than funding and to be successful one has to already have a strong commitment and good political leverage. Given the nature of projects being funded, it makes sense to try to get the BigBelly included in a large-scale project.