

Golden Gate Pollution Prevention Committee

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TO: Golden Gate Pollution Prevention Committee Members

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DATE: Tuesday, February 1, 2005

TIME: 9:30 am to 12:00 pm

PLACE: West Coast Recycling Center, San Francisco

Minutes

I. Introductions

In attendance: Ray Wong, Stan Archacki, Susan Blachman , Rob Ludwig, Virginia St. Jean, Janet Glasgow, Marlena Dufresne, John Jurinek & Brad Drda

II. Approval of Agenda and Minutes

Approved

III. Tour of waste separation facility

John Jurinek, Plant Manager of the Recycle Central @ Pier 96 answered questions about the facility prior to leading the tour. He explained that they process 800 tons of recycling per day, about 88% of it is actually recycled (the rest must be landfilled). Sources for the material include residential curbside collection and businesses. They comingle paper, cans, glass and plastic, so there is now less theft of materials and they collect green waste, which includes yard and kitchen waste (compared to other cities, there is less yard waste). Green waste is processed at a different site. San Francisco is now at 63% diversion rate. They believe that they can reach 75% through education. Pricing also helps—to increase the amount of trash collected, users must pay more, but to increase recycling and compostable waste pick up, residents do not pay extra. This is a state-of-the-art facility; there is nothing like it in the world. They offer tours to students 3 times a week and get visitors from all over the world. The facility cost about \$40 million to build.

Virginia

Remember UN World Environment Day will be a week long (not just one day) from May 31-June 5 and will be based in San Francisco. The organizing committee is looking for related events to tie into it, so if you are doing something relating to the environment that you are hoping to attract large numbers to, you could tie it into WED and they can help with publicity. To learn more about WED, visit their website at <http://www.wed2005.org/>

Janet

She is working with Green Business Program partners developing uniform procedures to help in the certification process. They are working with printers on VOCs and preparing on factsheet for printers. The factsheet is being reviewed by the Bay Area GBP coordinators. They are also developing an auto body compliance factsheet. Once it is completed, the Air District will look into getting inspectors on board with it. Finally, the Air District is looking into becoming a certified green business.

Ray

Fresno County is interested in having a Green Business Program after listening to a presentation by Ray.

Marlene

They have a 2.5 hour Cal CUPA Forum Board training on hazardous waste management for small businesses presented by Nicky Pierce on CD. Their agency director position was eliminated as a cost-cutting measure and a deputy director position (retired) has not been filled.

Susan Blachman

EFC9 will be participating in a forum entitled "From the Red Carpet to Green Productions: A meeting of the motion picture and television industry's environmental leaders of today and tomorrow" at UCLA's Anderson School of Management. The forum is funded by the CIWMB and will be filmed by UCLA film school students. EFC9 has updated their website—www.greenstart.org/efc9. EFC9 is continuing to support the Green Business Program. Following up on the WRPPN session EFC9 organized on salons, EFC9 is part of a national effort to share information on nail and hair salon products and practices.

Brad Drda

Just about all e-waste will be excluded from landfills as of February 8, 1006. No one knows what to do with it. This will be a big deal for waste people and will require a tremendous reaction. There is no infrastructure in place to accept this waste.

Next meeting: April 19, 2005 location to be determined.

Agenda and additional information are also available electronically at www.wrppn.org