



Antelope Valley Illegal Dumping Task Force (AVIDTF)
Meeting Summary of March 7, 2018
Fire Station No. 129, Training Center
42210 6th Street West
Lancaster, CA 93534

Attendees:

County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors
Daniel DiVita, Supervisor Kathryn Barger's Office

County of Los Angeles Departments
Adriana Ornelas, Department of Public Works
Hossein Torabzadeh, Department of Public Works
Jackson Piper, Department of Regional Planning
Karen Tandler, Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office
Ariel Verayo, Department of Agricultural Commissioner Weights and Measures

State and other Local Municipalities
Mica Schuler, City of Palmdale
Benjamin Lucha, City of Palmdale

Town Councils and other local Organizations
Guy Randles, Green Valley Town Council
Loretta Smalls, Lake Los Angeles Rural Town Council
Annamarie Dyemartin, Little Rock Town Council
Josh Mann, Waste Management of Lancaster
Shirley Harriman, Lake Los Angeles News
Bob Curry, Resident

Pledge of Allegiance

Donna Termeer's Absence Announcement – Guy Randles

Guy Randles, Treasurer for the AVIDTF, announced Ms. Donna Termeer had a family emergency and was unable to attend the meeting. Mr. Randles motioned the Task Force Subcommittee to table the account balance and discussions on the Task Force Bylaws, Cameras for AT&T cell tower, Anti-dumping billboards, and the roll-off bin for the Neenach Township. The Subcommittee concurred with the motion and tabled the agenda items for the June 2018 meeting.

Approval of September 6, 2017, and December 6, 2017, minutes – Guy Randles

Guy Randles motioned to approve the minutes from September 6, 2017, and December 6, 2017. Karen Tandler from the District Attorney's Office seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Illegal Dumping Quarterly Summary – Adriana Ornelas

Adriana Ornelas from Public Works provided the summary of the current Illegal Dumping Incident Report for the Antelope Valley areas. Annamarie Dyemartin, from the Littlerock Town Council, inquired why Unincorporated areas of Los Angeles County total monthly illegal dumping incident reports (51) were significantly less than the City of Lancaster (320) and the City of Palmdale (107). Ms. Dyemartin suggested that residents may not be aware of the County's Illegal Dumping Hotline number.

Adriana Ornelas explained that the total incident reports are compiled from data entered in the Illegal Dumping Tracking System. The public also report illegal dumping incidents directly to Public Works Road Maintenance Field Yards. Adriana Ornelas will verify this information with Public Works Road Maintenance.

Ariel Verayo from the Agricultural Commissioner/Weights and Measures, Weed Abatement Division requested a count for the number of illegally dumped vehicles removed from private property. Karen Tandler from the District Attorney's office shared that the Sheriff's Department would have to report these vehicles before or after they are towed.

Mattress Recycling Collection Summary – Adriana Ornelas

Adriana Ornelas motioned to continue the incentive program for the Spring 2018 mattress collection events where residents receive a \$5 target gift card for each mattress or box spring they drop-off up to a maximum of \$30. Karen Tandler seconded the motion. Hossein Torabzadeh from Public Works stated the Subcommittee did not have quorum to pass the motion. Motioned was tabled for the June 2018 Task Force meeting. Annamarie Dyemartin asked if the incentive program had any impact on the number of mattresses dropped off. The data wasn't available at the time but Adriana Ornelas would research and answer Annamarie's question.

Discussion on AVIDTF Subcommittee responsibilities, procedures, and bylaws development and adoption – Karen Tandler

Karen Tandler from the District Attorney's Office reported that Tiffany Caldwell from the Department of Regional Planning was working on creating the Task Force bylaws.

Request for "No Dumping" signs between Palmdale Boulevard and East Avenue T – Hossein Torabzadeh

Hossein Torabzadeh responded to Ms. Annamarie Dyemartin's request for "No Dumping" signs on East 170th street between Palmdale Boulevard and East Avenue T. Public Works' Road Maintenance Division investigated the need for "No Dumping" signs

on East 170th Street. The investigation revealed that “No Dumping” signs on East 170th Street are not warranted; therefore, the request was denied.

Weekend Trash Collection Service with Waste Management (WM)– Josh Mann

Annamarie Dyemartin asked why WM roll-off bins cannot be used for weekend community cleanup events. Josh Mann from WM of Lancaster explained that the company truck drivers have a union agreement that has restrictions on weekend work. In addition, the Lancaster Landfill closes at 12 noon on Saturdays and is closed on Sundays. Therefore, bins cannot be collected over the weekend. However, roll-off bins can be provided if they are stored in a secure area over the weekend. The roll-off bins will be collected during the week immediately following the event. Another option would be to schedule the community events to end before 12 noon on Saturdays in order for WM truck drivers to pick-up the bins.

Open Discussion/Public Comment

Inquiry on Task Force Meeting Start Time – Karen Tandler

Karen Tandler from the District Attorney’s Office motioned to start the task force meeting at 2 p.m. instead of 3 p.m. The Subcommittee tabled voting on this request for the June 2018 meeting.