



## Antelope Valley Illegal Dumping Task Force (AVIDTF)

### Meeting Summary of January 14, 2015

Fire Station No. 129, Training Center  
42110 6<sup>th</sup> Street West  
Lancaster, CA 93534

#### Attendees:

Christine Borzaga, Supervisor Antonovich's Office  
Frank Chin, Department of Public Works  
Rodney Clara, Mattress Recycling Council  
Annamarie Dyemartin, Littlerock Town Council  
Jeff Harkins, Department of Public Works  
Steve Harvey, Harvey's Haulaway  
Vincent Jauregui, Department of Weights and Measures  
Richard Johnson, Lake Los Angeles Town Council  
Tom Lapworth, AVBOT  
Eve T. Lopez, Department of Public Works  
Ben Lucha, City of Palmdale  
John Mann, Waste Management  
Mike O'Donnell, Mattress Recycling Council  
David Pang, Department of Public Works  
Doug Parham, Resident  
Mark Patti, Mattress Recycling Council  
Debbie Pepe, Department of Parks and Recreations  
Guy Randles, Green Valley Town Council  
Kerstin Schlegel, Department of Regional Planning  
Scott Short, Los Angeles County Sherriff Department  
Donald Watkins, City of Lancaster Public Works  
John White, Los Angeles County Sherriff Department

#### Item

Landfill Vouchers  
Community Clean-Up  
Illegal Dumping Education  
and Prevention Grant program

#### Action

Distribution in progress  
AVIDTF to host and provide resources  
Benjamin Lucha to update Guidelines  
and Application

#### **Self-Introductions**

- Self-introductions of all attendees.

### **Checking Account – Donald Watkins**

- Donald Watkins provided the balance in the checking account. The current balance is \$31,776.66. Donald Watkins was acting Co-Chair due to Doug Burgis' vacation.

### **Illegal Dumping Report – Eve T. Lopez**

- Eve Lopez provided statistics on the illegal dumping cases for the Antelope Valley.

### **Illegal Dumping Subcommittee Report – Eve T. Lopez**

- Eve Lopez provided summary of AVIDTF subcommittee. The following items were discussed in the subcommittee:
  - The Curiosity Quest Video is available for distribution. If anyone would like a copy, please contact Christine Borzaga.
  - The subcommittee decided to conduct more Community Clean-Ups.
  - The subcommittee discussed the budget for 2015.
  - David Pang from the Department of Public Works was interviewed by AV Press on the vouchers back on November 2014.

### **School Contest – Christine Borzaga**

- The AVIDTF will allocate \$6,000 for the 2015 Illegal Dumping Education and Prevention Grant program. The committee to review the applications will be Christine Borzaga, Benjamin Lucha, Julianne Haness, and Josh Mann.

### **Mattress Recycling Council – Mark Patti**

- Mark Patti introduced the Mattress Recycling Council (MRC) program coordinators (himself, Rodney Clara, and Mike O'Donnell). The Mattress Recycling Council is a non-profit organization created by the International Sleep Product Association. The MRC implements laws and recycling programs for mattresses. MRC's goals are to help increase mattress recycling, decrease illegal dumping and provide cost effective programs to minimize recycling costs to consumers and government agencies. CalRecycle authorized MRC to develop a plan for the goals to be submitted by July 1, 2015. Program implementation in California is expected to be in 2016 or upon approval received from CalRecycle. Upon implementation of the program, retailers will provide consumers a receipt or invoice which shows a separate item for the recycling fee applied during the point-of-purchase. Retailers will remit collected recycling fees to MRC. MRC will use the funds collected to pay transporters and recyclers to collect and process mattresses for recycling. The program requires retailers in the mattress industry to register with MRC.

### **Open Discussion/Public Comment**

- Steve Harvey from Harvey's Haulaway Service Inc. addressed a concern on handling contaminated mattresses. MRC responded that they would not accept contaminated mattresses for recycling.
- Steve Harvey from Harvey's Haulaway Service Inc. would like an exemption for business owners on delivering household hazardous wastes (HHW) to round-up events. Donald Watkins from the City of Lancaster Public Works responded that the HHW event is not for the purpose of assisting licensed business owners. The HHW event is to provide local residents for disposing their HHW free of charge.
- Annamarie Dyemartin from the Littlerock Town Council inquired for any redemption value in recycling mattresses. Currently, MRC does not have a redemption program in place for recycling mattresses. They will look into such a similar program as recycling beverage bottles in providing consumers incentives to recycle their mattresses.
- Annamarie Dyemartin from the Littlerock Town Council informed everyone about a repeated illegal dumping incident at 10<sup>th</sup> Street East between Avenue S and Avenue T. Christine Borzaga discussed briefly that the Community Clean-Up approach may address this kind of illegal dumping situation. Annamarie was also advised to inform the Sheriff Department to patrol the area.
- Doug Parham thanked Public Works for translating the illegal dumping vouchers to Spanish language.
- Donald Watkins from the City of Lancaster Public Works made an announcement that their 24-hour Recycling Center is now accepting Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) which includes waste oil, paint, and electronic wastes. In addition, the City also offers the curbside pick-up of HHW for City of Lancaster residents.
- Donald Watkins from the City of Lancaster Public Works informed everyone that the city will have a service to remove mattresses at residents' home. The city will have a truck that provides door-to-door service to remove mattresses from homes. Residents who want to get their mattress picked-up would set up an appointment with the City of Lancaster.

**Next Meeting: February 11, 2015**