



Antelope Valley Illegal Dumping Task Force (AVIDTF)

Meeting Summary of October 14, 2015

Fire Station No. 129, Training Center
 42210 6th Street West
 Lancaster, CA 93534

Attendees:

Christine Borzaga, Supervisor Antonovich's Office
 Doug Burgis, Quartz Hill Town Council
 Dave Campbell, District Attorney's Office
 Jasmine Campbell, Department of Public Works
 Frank Chin, Department of Public Works
 Bob Curry, Resident
 Annamarie Dyemartin, Littlerock Town Council
 Josie Gutierrez, Department of Public Works
 Shirley Harriman, Resident
 Lisa Hemenway, Waste Management, Inc.
 Don Holland, San Bernardino County
 Vincent Jauregui, Department of Weights/Measures
 Benjamin Lucha, City of Palmdale
 Steve Milewski, Department of Public Works
 Karyl Newman, Hinterculture
 Lisa Ouellette, Supervisor Antonovich's Office
 David Pang, Department of Public Works
 Doug Parham, Resident
 Debbie Pepe, Department of Parks & Recreation
 Diane Phillips, Three Points/Liebre Mountain Town Council
 Guy Randles, Green Valley town Council
 Kerstin Schlegel, Department of Regional Planning
 Kristina Seitz, Sheriff's Department
 Scott Short, County of Los Angeles Sheriff Department
 Samantha Zelaya, Supervisor Antonovich's Office

<u>Item</u>	<u>Action</u>
Bob Curry's Letter to the Board of Supervisors	Everyone on the AVIDTF at the December 2, 2015 will vote to support or not support his letter.

Pledge of Allegiance

- Everyone stood up and said the Pledge of Allegiance.

Self-Introductions

- Self-introductions of all attendees.

Checking Account – Doug Burgis

- Doug Burgis provided the balance in the checking account. The current balance is \$59,341.42.

Illegal Dumping Report – David Pang

- David Pang provided statistics for Illegal Dumping Incident report.

Illegal Dumping Subcommittee Report – David Pang

- David Pang provided summary of the AVIDTF Subcommittee meeting. The following items were discussed:
 - The Mattress/Box Spring Recycling Event on September 12, 2015 was successful. Event collected 307 mattresses/box springs. \$500.00 will be given to the Sheriff Explorers who volunteered their time at the September 12, 2015 Mattress/Box Spring Collection Event. There may be future mattresses/box springs collection events in the Antelope Valley area.
 - There was a discussion to change the monthly meetings to quarterly meetings. Meetings are proposed to be held on the first Wednesday of the month for each quarter: March, June, September, and December. The first quarterly meeting will start December 2, 2015. There will be a vote for the change to quarterly meetings during the Task Force Meeting today.
 - David Pang will follow up with the communities that responded to the AVIDTF letter regarding the needs to address and curtail illegal dumping.
 - The quarterly Newsletter is discontinued as the subcommittee decided to do flyers for events taking place at various communities. Flyer will be community specific to advertise and highlight events taking place in the Antelope Valley community.
 - There may be future Mattress Collection Events in the Antelope Valley. Information will be provided at a later time.

Free Mattress/Box Spring Recycling Event Update – David Pang

- David Pang updated everyone that there were a total of 307 mattresses/box springs collected from 88 residents on the September 12, 2015 event. The event

was successful. Participants of the event received a \$5.00 gift card to a retailer of their choice (Target, Walmart, or Starbucks), for every mattress/box spring recycled up to 6 pieces. In a survey conducted, participants indicated, they would like to see more of these events in the Antelope Valley community.

DEHSART Presentation on Final Project – Karyl Newman

- Karyl Newman presented DEHSART's project on education on the issue of illegal dumping using art. DEHSART's project has reached many individuals through their various strategies.

City of Palmdale Illegal Dumping Tracking System – Benjamin Lucha

- Benjamin Lucha presented the City of Palmdale's Illegal Dumping Tracking System. They quantified their data and identified that one of the root causes of illegal dumping is behavior. They used community-based social marketing to influence behavior change. Their data shows majority of illegal dumpers were from renters. City of Palmdale developed a strategy by hosting bulky item collection events at the various apartment complexes. Through these collection events, the City of Palmdale collected 15 tons of bulky items.

Presentation of Scrolls and Gift Cards to Volunteers – Christine Borzaga

- Frank Chin, Eve Lopez, and Brett Stanton from the Department of Public Works each received a scroll and gift card for volunteering at the Mattress/Box Spring Recycling Event on September 12, 2015.
- Annamarie Dyemartin, Lydia Piceno, and Megan Piceno each received a scroll and gift card for volunteering at the Mattress/Box Spring Recycling Event on September 12, 2015.

Quarterly AVIDTF Meeting Voting – Doug Burgis

- The entire task force was presented an option to either host monthly meetings or quarterly meetings. The topic was brought to vote by present participants at the task force meeting. Measure passed by majority, only 3 votes were for continuing having monthly meetings. The remaining 22 majority voted to have quarterly meetings. The first official quarterly meeting will begin on December 2, 2015. The quarterly meetings will be held on the first Wednesday of each of the following months: March, June, September, and December.

Letter to Board of Supervisors on Trash Service – Bob Curry

- Bob Curry's letter to the Board of Supervisors is about implementing a waste management system that provides trash service as a public service funded through taxation. Bob Curry's letter states the existing trash collection system relies on individuals to contract with private waste haulers which has proven to be ineffective.

- Bob Curry wants support from the AVIDTF to convince the Board of Supervisors to have residents pay taxes to government for trash service and let government pay the waste haulers they franchise with.
- Steve Milewski from the Department of Public Works commented that even through such an established system proposed by Bob Curry such as the Garbage Disposal District (GDD) exist in the Belvedere community, it has not eliminated nor resolved the issue of illegal dumping.
- Karyl Newman commented that Benjamin Lucha's presentation indicated that illegal dumping is not coming from homeowners, rather it is coming from renters from apartments. Therefore, Bob Curry's proposal to tax all homeowners for such a system would not be feasible.
- On December 2, 2015 meeting, there will be a vote among the AVIDTF member to see if there is consensus to support Bob Curry's letter for recommendation to the Board of Supervisors action regarding his proposed idea for trash service.

Open Discussion/Public Comment

- None.

Next Meeting: December 2, 2015