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**MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING ON TUESDAY, APRIL 26, 2022,  
BEGINNING AT 10:00 A.M. IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE PUBLIC WORKS  
BUILDING, 1834 EAST MAIN STREET, QUINCY, CA 95971**

1. Ms. Graham called the meeting to order at 10:00 am and took roll call. Present: John Sciborski, John Forno, Marsha Roby (teleconference)
2. The following Plumas County Public Works staff were present: Sean Graham, Solid Waste Program Manager; John Mannle, Director of Public Works; Rob Thorman, Assistant Director of Public Works; John Kolb, Interim Solid Waste Program Manager (for the first half of the meeting)
3. The following members of the public were present: Bethany Rouse and Sally McGowan from the Plumas County Fire Safe Council; Ryan West, Feather River Disposal; Richard Ross, InterMountain Disposal; Anne and Steve Graffweg from the Chester Public Utility District.
4. There was no public comment.
5. The SWTF considered the draft minutes for the SWTF meetings of November 4, 2021 and January 25, 2022. Forno motioned to approve both minutes and Roby seconded the motion. The task force voted unanimously to approve the minutes.

6. Graham opened the meeting for discussion on the recent rate increases. Graham explained that IMD received 2.5% rate increase for Transfer Station disposal fees on March 1, 2022 and that FRD received a 7.29% rate increase for curbside pickup on February 15, 2022. She then went on to explain that the rate review process for the fiscal year of 2022/2023 would now need to be considered by the task force and that an independent audit determined that IMD and FRD were due a 6.41% and 6.39% rate increase respectively. Finally, Graham explained that, through conversation between IMD and Solid Waste staff; it was agreed that IMD would not pursue the 2.5% rate increase for curbside pickup for the fiscal year of 2021/2022, instead choosing to add it into the curbside rate increase for the fiscal year of 2022/2023. Forno asked if the Task Force should not approve the rate increase for FRD as their audited financial statement were received on March 16, one day after the due date stipulated by the Franchise Contract. Mannle explained that County Legal Counsel said the rate increase was still valid as the financial statements were mailed before March 15. Mannle went on to say that this ambiguity should be clarified within the contract moving forward. Roby motioned to approve both rate increases and Forno seconded the motion. All members of the task force voted to recommend the rate increases to the Board of Supervisors.
7. Graham opened the meeting to discussion on recent developments for SB 1383. Graham explained that Plumas County's SB 619 Notice of Intention to Comply with SB 1383 regulations was under consideration by Cal Recycle. She explained that, if approved, this would exempt Plumas County from any penalties relating to SB1383 for the calendar year of 2022. Additionally Graham explained that she recently submitted the County's first SB 1383 progress report. She went on to explain that grocery stores within the county already have food waste diversion practices in place that are complaint. She did, however, elaborate that these practices were largely informal and would need to be formalized. Sciborski asked if these regulations only applied to grocery stores. Graham explained that the regulations apply to grocery stores currently and will apply to any premises with food facilities (Schools, Hospitals, Fairground) starting in 2024. Mannle asked how other rural counties are handling SB 1383 regulations. Graham explained that her perception was that other counties have had difficulties in delegating responsibilities between county agencies. Mannle asked West how SB 1383 regulations are affecting counties that are not exempt from curbside pickup. West said that rates are increasing in these areas and that these jurisdictions have added language to franchise agreements to reach compliance. He goes on to explain that complications have arisen in sorting green waste from organic waste. Ross stressed that he believes a Materials Recovery Facility would be crucial in meeting Plumas County's organics recycling needs. Mannle asked Ross how the facility would be paid for. Ross explained that it would be paid for upfront by IMD initially and paid off through tipping fees. He went on to say that a portion of these tipping fees would be set aside such that the County would eventually own the facility.
8. Graham opened the meeting to discussion on cooperation between the SWTF and the Plumas County Fire Safe Council (PFSC). Graham explained that she had met with Bethany Rouse and Sally McGowan and discussed ways in which the FSC and SWTF could cooperate. McGowan explained that the FSC's mission is to reduce loss of property and natural environment through pre fire activities such as prepping and clearing properties. She went on to explain that most folks

require somewhere to dispose of green waste and that ultimately the FSC's long term goal is to leverage more support and gain county allies. Rouse expressed that there is a need for a cheaper green waste disposal option for Plumas County residents. Similarly, she expressed that there needs to be a more permanent solution for green waste disposal. Rouse then went on to share survey results from residents of Plumas County pertaining to green waste. She explained that, most folks have 5 to 10 CY of green waste to dispose of a year and that this is primarily composed of leaves and pine needles. She explained that most folks are only willing to pay \$50 a year for green waste disposal. Finally she explained that most people are only willing to travel 10 miles for green waste disposal. Kolb mentioned that a recent PG and E settlement relating to the Dixie Fire stimulates they provide funds for areas affected. Kolb asked Rouse if those funds would be available for green waste disposal purposes. McGowan explained that the FSC was given \$5 million in compensation but that it will not be given in full. Forno expressed a need for options for individuals with large (100+ acre) lots. Rouse explained that FSC has cost share options for large lots. Addressing Rouse's survey results, Ross explained that they are trying to keep costs low but believes that \$50 per year per person is unrealistic. Ross went on to stress that customers separating woody green waste from pine needle/leaf green waste will be crucial for proper disposal. Forno asked Ross if an air curtain burner can be used on non-burn days. Ross said that it would be able to be used on non-burn days. Finally Forno expressed desire for continued partnership between the SWTF and the FSC.

9. Graham opened the task force to discussion on the Chester Green Waste Program and its administration. She explained that the green waste program would begin accepting waste on Friday, April 29. She went on to explain that eventually FRD would staff the attendant position, with Public Works staff acting as attendant in the interim. West explained that the employee is out on personal leave and that they are hoping to have them ready by the end of the month (May). Forno asked why the Green Waste Program is not open on Sunday. Mannle explained that it would not be financially feasible to keep the green Waste Program open three days.
10. Graham opened the task force to discussion on customer complaints. Graham explained that she recently received a complaint from customers in Beckwourth saying they were not instructed on how to use the new garbage cans for side loader pick-up. Ross explained that there are instructions stamped onto the top of the lids and that instructions were mailed out to customers. Mannle explained that one of the most common complaints received by Solid Waste Staff is that the recycling bins are frequently full when customers attempt to take their recycling in. Graham expressed a need for having an automated alert system to inform customers of the status of the bins. West agreed that this would be useful but that he would prefer to just have the bins cleared more frequently.
11. Graham opened the task force to discussion on a proposal to open a commercial recycling center in Chester. Graffweg explained that during a Chester Public Utilities District regular meeting, Joe Cadelago (FRD) made an appearance and explained that there was a need to reduce contamination from commercial recycling in Chester. Graffweg went on to explain that this was not scheduled on the CPUD meeting and as such, caused confusion. Finally, he explained that one Christian Garcia (FRD) told him that Sean Graham would be the person to coordinate with in

order to open a commercial recycling operation in Chester. West said that there has been a problem with contamination in Chester recycling bins and that an increased educational effort could be a solution. Furthermore, West acknowledged that he understood how Cadelago's appearance caused confusion. Mannle explained that the previous recycling buy-back program in Chester was privately operated. Graffweg said that there used to be a recycling facility operated by Waste Management approximately 10 – 12 years prior. Graffweg explained that CPUD has extra space and manpower to potentially run a recycling facility. Ross explained that Cal Recycle could potentially provide funding for them to do so.

12. Graham opened the task force to discussion on the status of transfer station repairs. Graham explained that she had reached out to staff from Modern Building Company. Modern Building staff said that Transfer Station repairs does fall within the preview of their typical work. Mannle explained that it is still necessary to derive a cost estimate for the Transfer Station repairs. He then goes on to explain that any project costing more than \$10,000 will need to go out to bid.
13. Forno motioned to adjourn the meeting and sciborski seconded the motion. All task force members voted to adjourn and confirm the next SWTF meeting to be July 26, 2022.