

**NM Roadrunner Chapter of SWANA
October 13, 2010 Regional Roundtable Meeting**

Overview: Chapter President Marcia Pincus welcomed the attendees and explained that the Chapter would like to broaden participation of the membership, and include input from those that are not able to attend Chapter meetings due to travel distances. She indicated that the Chapter plans to continue hosting these types of Roundtable meetings in the future if they are successful and the membership wants to continue them.. Approximately 20 people attended the Roundtable discussion.

Chapter President Marcia Pincus then introduced the Meeting's guest speaker, Patrick Peck, Director of the South Central Solid Waste Authority.

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I. Presentation by Patrick Peck: "Adding Green to Your Business Plan" (12 slides; presentation has been posted on the NM SWANA website; www.nmswana.com)

- Green Labels – much more attractive than those usual garbage terms
- Oil heaters for used oil – great use of local resources
- Joe King recognized for early awareness of environmental issues and educating as many as he could
- Las Cruces and Doña Ana County trying to recognize local volunteers and recruit additional community involvement
- Timeline of Developing the South Central Recycling Partnership (SCRaP)
 - Initial awareness and efforts to meet started winter 2008; regional approach with common goals suggested
 - Spring 2008: formation of recycling task force
 - Fall 2008: group names itself; designs logo and establishes goals (i.e., SCSWA is born)
- Outreach and Meetings Continue with Potentially Interested Partners in City and County
 - NASA, WSMR, City of Las Cruces, Doña Ana County, Las Cruces Public Schools, Gadsen Independent School District, Friedman Recycling, Southwest Disposal, NMSU
 - Evaluate demographics, current resources, and establish goals
- Education Events and Presentations Made
 - Events: Earth Day, America Recycles Day, School Assemblies
 - Presentations: City Council, County Commission, Civic Groups
- Timeline (continued)
 - Summer 2009: SCSWA successfully takes over City's recycling and County's solid waste operations (therefore, size of operations doubles)
 - Winter 2009/2010: SCSWA awards processing contract to Friedman Recycling (and collection goes to single stream)
 - SCSWA begins green waste and recycling program at community collection centers in county
- Spring/Summer 2010: SCSWA issues RFP for curbside recycling and awards contract for servicing an estimated 28,000 homes

- Financing:
 - Majority of initial funding come from revenue earned from Solid Waste Operations
 - Authority was successful in obtaining several grants
 - New curbside program will be funded via rate increase
 - County funding comes from General Fund and monies collected for tipping (new coupon system)
 - Additional budget info on page 9 of attached slide presentation
- Overall observation from Patrick: Grass roots support from community residents made a big difference in getting City Council to approve residential curbside collection

II. Open Discussion – facilitated by Tom Parker, CDM

A. Recycling Participation

- Klaus Kemmer, Solid Waste Operations Administrator, City of Las Cruces - in past 5 years, participation in recycling has increased from 10% to ~70%
 - Media exposure has helped
 - New people moving into area that are more progressive
 - For businesses or municipalities to obtain LEED Certification, points can be earned for having a recycling program
 - Had problem with trying to sell compost. Dept. of Agriculture imposed fees on compost, therefore, the City stopped charging for compost. This issue is state-wide and should be resolved in the near future in order for facilities to recycle green waste.
- Lee Wilson, District Manager, Camino Real and Lea County Landfills - many haulers now have 2 bins (1 for MSW, 1 for recyclables)
 - Some baling is done at Camino Real Landfill
 - Some C&D material delivered to Camino Real Landfill goes to El Paso

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Might say in summary

B. Recycling Terminology - Information provided by Connie Pasteris, NMED/SWB, Outreach Section

- Terms and definitions can vary widely (e.g., recycling, diversion, beneficial use)
 - Can be confusing when preparing Annual Report
- Composting of sewage sludge or offal is considered diversion (per composting definition NMED is using)
- Auralie Ashley-Marx: not all states calculate recycling and diversion the same way
 - Therefore, comparing data among states may not be appropriate (e.g, California is one example)
- Auralie Ashley-Marx: is pleased with how NM is doing with recycling and diversion

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C. Regulation of Composting

- Klaus Kemmer, in reference to Las Cruces Compost Operation:
 - Dept. of Agriculture says if compost is sold, it must be tested
 - Since testing requires additional manpower and cost, Las Cruces had decided to give compost away
 - Las Cruces will also use compost as mulch while installing final cover at the City Las Cruces LF
- Tom Parker: Organics workgroup within NMRC may take a new look at USDA regulations for compost (regulations are likely 40 years old)

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- Workgroup may consider developing revisions to regulations that support beneficial use of compost and more regulatory flexibility

D. Tires

- 2009 was first year in NM when more tires were recycled than disposed
- State Rubber in Denver City TX (near Hobbs) accepts used tires to make crumb rubber
- Estimated cost is about \$1/tire for transportation to State Rubber in Denver City, TX
- Auralie Ashley-Marx: Solid Waste Rules for a Tire Monofill will be revised in future (because current Rules are impractical to construct a tire monofill)
- El Paso, TX sends its tires to Chaparral Sand & Gravel for management
 - Activity is considered mine reclamation
 - El Paso has been doing this for at least 6 years
 - Can't bury tires in TX
- Cerro Colorado LF is still burying tires
 - However, there's an increasing number of illegal tire dump sites around the state
- A number of tire grants were awarded this year for various types of use /recycling of tires (i.e., removal of illegal tire dumps as well as engineered applications of tire bales)

E. Revisions to NM's Solid Waste Management Rules

- Next Stakeholders Meeting scheduled for October 26, 2010, from 9 am – 3 pm at Roundhouse in Santa Fe
- Possible revisions in the near future include:
 - Part 2 Definitions & Requirements
 - Changes to definitions and how terms are cross-referenced in Rules
 - Changes should allow regulatory parts to be amended individually
 - Proposed changes will be made in “track changes” format
 - May or June 2011 is estimated date to submit proposed Rule changes to EIB
 - Part 7 Operator Certification
 - Possible changes to certification requirements and process
 - For example, certification categories might be expanded to include Operator 1, Operator 2, and Landfill Manager. If expansion of certification categories is approved, training classes for each category would need to be developed.
 - 3-year re-certification cycle likely to remain the same
 - SWB is finding out that landfills are not being properly managed with respect to Financial Assurance
 - Part 9 Groundwater Monitoring

F. Miscellaneous

- SWB considering minimum quarterly internal meetings between enforcement inspection officers
- SWB would like to inspect each permitted facility at least once/yr
- Pharmaceutical waste – not currently included in definition of solid waste. Auralie updated the audience by stating that drugs are presently being handled by the State through “take back programs”.
- Per Terry Nelson - the Solid Waste Bureau in conjunction with stakeholders plans to introduce revised Solid Waste Rules to the EIB sometime next year (2011) depending on the status of the EIB under the new Governor