

CITY OF GARDEN GROVE

Garden Grove Sanitary District Advisory Commission

The meeting of the Garden Grove Sanitary District Advisory Commission was called to order on Wednesday October 15, 2008.

Present: Chair Mitchell, Commissioners: Boess, LeClair, and Nguyen

Absent: Commissioner Lucas

Also Present: A. J. Holmon, Commission Advisor, Brent Hayes, Public Works, Monica Neely, Finance, and Raquel Manson, Recording Secretary

Commissioner Mitchell led the Pledge of Allegiance

Minutes: Chair Mitchell moved, seconded by Commissioner Boess to move the approval of the minutes to the latter part of the meeting.

The motion was approved.

LIMITED SOLID WASTE TRANSFER STATION INSPECTION

Each commissioner received County of Orange Memo with the criteria for the Solid Waste Transfer Station.

BMP's were great. The inspection was very good. Inspections will be conducted every month for one year; then it will be quarterly.

City of Garden Grove is considered a limited transfer station because the most that can be on site at any one time is 30 cubic feet; which Mr. Holmon logs in daily.

Commissioner Mitchell inquired if there were any cost benefits to the City for being considered a limited solid waste transfer station and what occurred prior to transfer from MCS to becoming a Limited Transfer Station.

There is no cost benefit to the City of Garden Grove. The criteria and inspections have been on the books for a very long period of time. However, the County has been issued a directive to now enforce the inspections.

SANITARY SEWER /SEWAGE SPILL UPDATE

The City has a handle on the businesses as far as sewer overflows. However, the City continues to work with the restaurants to get them to adhere to Best Management Practices, which prevent sewer overflows.

Staff is concentrating on residential and high occupancy areas. There are many plumbing issues with the high occupancy buildings, as they

tend to move a bit slower due to money constraints. Staff is working with apartment managers and residents in controlling sewer overflows.

Staff is getting the word out regarding "FOG" fats, oil, and grease by using several venues; Channel 3, City of Garden Grove website, school children by using give aways. The City is always proactive in trying to keep sanitary sewer overflows to a minimum.

Commissioner Mitchell inquired if spills are being kept to a minimum as compared to other cities.

Brent Hayes noted that the City is on the low side with only four (4) this year, other cities have had up to 7 or 8.

The community is responding favorably to the City's message regarding "FOG", which in turn is what helps keep the spills down.

Commissioner Mitchell inquired if there was any plan in place to start eliminating garbage disposals used in single and multi family homes.

Mr. Holmon commented that not at this time nor does he believe that may ever occur, as there are privacy issues at hand.

Brent Hayes commented that staff is concentrating on the larger commercial/restaurants and high occupancy areas that may have large spills; over hundreds of gallons.

Mr. Holmon gave an explanation of the maps that staff uses to keep a handle on spills.

Brent noted that updated capacity maps would be issued when more of the scheduled projects are completed.

SHARPS DISPOSAL PROGRAM

This program is only for residential use only. The Health Care Agency has taken it upon themselves to put together this program so that cities do not have to come up with their own program. (Document attached)

Commissioner Mitchell inquired if the City has offered a "roundup" by using a school or the MSC for the residents to bring their household hazardous wastes to.

Staff noted not at this time. It is more cost effective to use Garden Grove Disposal; they have a household hazardous waste collection point and there are county facilities for this purposes as well.

MATTERS FROM COMMISSION ADVISOR

NONE

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Commissioner LeClair said there was a good response from City Workers after the earthquake.

Commissioner Mitchell inquired if the Redevelopment Agency has borrowed 1.5M from the Sanitary District.

Finance will do research and come back next meeting with the information.

Mr. Holmon reminded the Commission that if they have Internet capabilities they are able to view the City Council meetings in their entirety, with the exception of closed sessions.

MINUTES

Commissioner Mitchell inquired about item regarding the ratio of recyclables and non-recyclables.

Mr. Holmon commented that this report has not been put together because this is a very difficult task. Items that staff may consider recyclable may not necessarily be and there is no technology available at this time for these items. I.E. plastic plant containers; the green ones are recyclable but the black one are not. Many items are co-mingled due to the fact that not everyone recycles the same way. MURF – separation by hand. Staff assured the commission that all items that are recyclables are recycled. Diversion rate is above 50%, which supports the fact that items are being recycled. The City of Garden Grove is in compliance.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 3:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted
Rosemarie Jacot