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**SANTA FE SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT AGENCY
SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE (SWAC)
MEETING #16**

JULY 15, 2015

1:30 P.M.

**NANCY RODRIGUEZ COMMUNITY CENTER
1 PRAIRIE DOG LOOP
SANTA FE, NM 87507**

- I. Call to Order**
- II. Roll Call**
- III. Approval of Agenda**
- IV. Approval of Minutes for Meeting #15 – March 18, 2015**
- V. Matters from the Public**
- VI. Matters from the Agency**
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- VIII. Matters from the County**
- IX. SWAC Subcommittee Reports**
 - a. Public Education & Outreach Subcommittee**
 - b. Composting and Food Waste Subcommittee**
 - c. Commercial Recycling Subcommittee**
- X. Matters from the SWAC Membership**
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**SANTA FE SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT AGENCY
SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING #16**

Nancy Rodriguez Community Center

1 Prairie Dog Loop

Santa Fe, New Mexico

Wednesday, July 15, 2015

I. CALL TO ORDER

A meeting of the Solid Waste Advisory Committee of the Solid Waste Management Agency (SWAC) was called to order by Vice Chair Lisa Randall, at approximately 1:30 p.m., on Wednesday, July 15, 2015, at the Nancy Rodriguez Community Center, 1 Prairie Dog Loop, Santa Fe, New Mexico.

II. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Vice-Chair Lisa Randall, Santa Fe Public Schools

Randall Kippenbrock, Executive Director, SWMA

Cindy Padilla, Director, Santa Fe Environmental Services Division

Robert Martinez, Operations & Maintenance Division Director, Santa Fe County

Louise Pape, Sustainable Santa Fe Commission

Selina Robinson, Waste Management of Central New Mexico

Karen Sweeney, County At-Large Resident

[Vacancy] City at Large

[Vacancy], Recycling Advocacy Organization

[Vacancy] Caja del Rio/Las Campanas Area

MEMBERS EXCUSED:

Chair John Lopez, County At-Large Resident

Simon Brackley, Chamber of Commerce

Olivar Barela, Solid Waste Division Manager, Santa Fe County

Tijender Ciano, Executive Director, ReUnity Resources

Larry Dennis, Facilities Manager, St. Vincent Hospital, Institutions

Mary Jane Park, City-at-large

Tim Gray, Outreach & Administ. Section Mgr., NMED/Solid Waste Bureau, State of NM

Kim Shanahan, Santa Fe Area Home Builders Association

Ted Swisher, Habitat for Humanity

Barbara Witt, Capital Scrap Metal

OTHERS ATTENDING

Adam Schlachter, SWMA

Danita Boettner, SWMA

Elizabeth Martin, for Melessia Helberg, Stenographer.

There was not a quorum of the membership in attendance for the conducting of official business. Vice-Chair Randall opened the meeting for receiving of reports only. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 3:30 p.m., with no official business having been conducted.

III APPROVAL OF AGENDA

No action.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR MEETING #15 – MARCH 18, 2015

No action.

V. MATTERS FROM THE PUBLIC

Ms. Sweeney asked if we have the minutes from last meeting.

Mr. Schlachter said he received the minutes, but failed to send them out.

Mr. Eigner, Eldorado Recycles, said in the last two weeks the City and County programs have experienced set backs on the march to single stream. He said we are losing Cindy Padilla and they are very sorry to see her go. He said, in a very short time, she has advanced the efforts to recycle and single stream considerably. At the Public Works Committee meeting the recommendation about glass recycling was voted down 3 - 2, and he is unsure how to revive that.

Mr. Eigner said at the last Board of County Commissioners meeting a huge army of people attended who are opposed to establishing franchise districts appeared, noting they were very angry. He said the Commission then backed down and delayed action. He said most of the objections came from a small hauler and his supporters. He said hauler had "out serviced and out performed others and objected to the exclusive franchise idea." He said two people spoke in favor of the plan, Mr. Schlachter and himself. He said 30 people spoke in opposition. He said one mistake was not publishing the RFP, because it is unclear what the cost would be and there were no details. He said the future of that effort is now unclear.

Mr. Kippenbrock asked Mr. Eigner if he spoke to the Commissioners about possibly bringing it back.

Mr. Eigner said yes, commenting that there was no one from SWAC in attendance at the meeting.

Ms. Sweeney asked if recycling is mandatory for those hauling trash in the County, and there was no answer to her question.

Ms. Sweeney said thanked everyone who attended the County Commission meeting on behalf of SWAC.

Vice-Chair Randall said they just got back from Victoria, British Columbia. The airport there had separate compost bins for paper towels. She said there is buy-in and acceptance from the populace in terms of recycling, and it is a part of their daily life. She said there were signs on the light rail in Seattle saying it is illegal to put food in bins. She said we are working to achieve our goals in different ways.

VI. MATTERS FROM THE AGENCY

Mr. Kippenbrock said we have a SWMA Board meeting tomorrow. The Friedman Recycling contract is on the agenda for approval by the Board. The Board will also be discussing the composting contract with Payne's Nursery. He said they are still working with the environment department on that and moving forward. He said we are amending our operation plans and we received our first set of comments from the NMED last week. He said they also will be talking about green waste grinding, noting they are waiting for a large accumulation to start that process, which probably will be about a month from now.

Vice-Chair Randall asked if new items now accepted for recycling will be discussed by the Board at that meeting, and asked Mr. Kippenbrock to speak to items now accepted for recycling.

Mr. Kippenbrock said the contract calls for what we accept now and additional items. He said glass, branches, food waste and trash are not accepted for recycling. He said we aren't following the Albuquerque model in terms of accepting small electronic items, commenting they will accept no monitors. He said it is conventional recycling.

Vice-Chair Randall said she spoke with Mr. Schlachter about amending "our guides and dumpster stickers to what it is now." She asked Mr. Kippenbrock if he has any reason to think there will be a delay in the vote by the SWMA Board.

Mr. Kippenbrock said only if there is a lack a quorum, commenting he believes there will be a quorum. He said it is on the Consent Agenda, but feels it will be pulled for discussion, commenting, "I can't imagine it will not pass."

Vice-Chair Randall asked when the Friedman Contract will begin.

Mr. Kippenbrock said August 1, 2015.

Cindy Padilla, Director, City Environmental Services Division, said when there was discussion about expanding the acceptable items, it was decided that we need to have public education as well as to make sure we have consistent messaging. However, that didn't happen. The Agency started to take a few more things curbside, mostly paper products. She said glass will always need to be separate. She said the expanded recyclable materials will not include rigid plastic, appliances, pots and pans and such. She said we will be accepting 3-7 plastics, milk cartons and milk cartons. She said they will issue a press release, but will wait to do that until the formal vote tomorrow evening on the Friedman contract.

Ms. Pape said she was worried about containers. She said they have three carts for twenty eight homes, noting they separate the 3-7 plastics. She said adding paperboard has caused overflowing and they need increased capacity. She said it is a real mess, commenting that they need to increase the size of everyone's carts.

Mr. Eigner said the rigid plastic item is confusing to him, and believes avoiding that term would be a good thing to do, commenting that they should be more specific.

Ms. Padilla said that can be done.

Ms. Padilla said those with commercial accounts can get additional containers, noting they have placed an emphasis on increasing commercial recycling. She said it is fine if you need additional bins, but she is concerned about the residential overflow.

Responding to Ms. Pape, Ms. Padilla said they are serviced as a commercial account.

Responding to Mr. Eigner, Mr. Kippenbrock said no Styrofoam will be accepted.

Vice-Chair Randall said we have to be careful in our messaging and labeling. She said we sometimes use language that a lot of people don't use or understand.

VII. MATTERS FROM THE CITY

Ms. Padilla said she will report the facts, and the Committee can draw its own conclusions about what happened at the City.

Ms. Padilla said the Governing Body adopted a Resolution in April directing City staff to form an automated recycling program. She said they came up with two options about how to handle glass. She said at the last Public Utilities Committee meeting, she explained those options, talked about the Waste Characterization Study, gave them the staff recommendation and asked for a final recommendation from the Committee. She thanked the members of SWAC and the subcommittee for all of its help. She said staff recommendation was for automated single stream recycling with dropoff point for glass.

Ms. Padilla said a budget of \$3.8 million was projected to implement automated single stream, and looked at financing \$1.4 million dollars. She said the funding recommendation included a no-interest loan from the Water Fund with a 10 year payback, as well as borrowing additional funds from the Water Division to pay for the compressed natural gas station.

Ms. Padilla said the Public Utilities Committee did not select either option, commenting there was a lot of discussion. She said the Committee didn't suggest a glass option, and did not vote to fund the program as proposed. She said she doesn't know where we go from here.

Ms. Padilla said she did get information from the New Mexico Finance Authority, which has a low interest rate loan which would be affordable, but it would require a rate increase. She said she is discussing this with the Department Director with regard to how and when to go back to Public Utilities.

Ms. Padilla continued, saying staff was directed by the Public Utilities Committee to bring forward a proposed pay-as-you-throw program. She said that is done currently for commercial accounts, and the Committee asked for some information as to what that would involve for residential accounts. She said the research done by the subcommittee was presented at the subcommittee meeting which was attended by two Councilors, both of whom said we shouldn't implement it because it is too costly.

Ms. Padilla said the information on pay-as-you-throw will be presented at the August meeting – what it can and can't do, and the results in other cities that have implemented this program.

Ms. Padilla said it is necessary to have the infrastructure in place to help customers implement other programs such as backyard composting.

Ms. Padilla said she will amend the contract with the rate analysts out of Denver to do the study, noting there will not be a rate study in August.

Ms. Padilla said the Environmental Division is being overwhelmed at curbside, noting we are at capacity with what we are doing curbside. She said we need more curbside bins, more trucks and personnel, to increase curb bins, add trucks and people, but that they simply don't have the capacity to increase curbside pickup and implement pay-as-you-throw.

Ms. Padilla said, "I am not sure what direction we need to take at this point." She said her successor will inherit these problems.

Ms. Pape said the City of Boulder does all carts and there are no bins.

Ms. Padilla said that Boulder is not afraid to charge for the services they provide. She said she appreciates the example, but we nowhere near Boulder. She said we have to get the funds to implement the program, and part of the problem is increasing the rates to implement the program.

Ms. Sweeney said the two Councilors who attended the subcommittee meeting sounded as if they wanted to force glass into those containers which cannot be done here. She asked if either of the Councilors is willing to come forward to say lets redo this.

Vice-Chair Randall said they did not have any suggestions.

Ms. Padilla said they wanted us to bring forward pay as you go. She said at Public Utilities meeting, Councilor Bushee said automated recycling is not ready for prime time. She said Councilor Bushee was quoted in the paper as saying we were raiding the water fund.

Ms. Padilla said their recommendations were not made lightly, however, perhaps there was just too much going on for them to make the recommendation.

Ms. Sweeney asked if an Interim Environmental Services Director has been appointed.

Ms. Padilla said no, noting they are trying to do interviews and make recommendations by the end of July. However, realistically a Director won't be selected until the middle of August. She said the Public Utilities Director, Nick Schiavo is well versed on everything. .

Mr. Eigner said, to follow up on Ms. Pape's comments about using 3 carts, that will cost about \$15 a month. He doesn't see how the City can manage until there is a realistic charge for the program.

Ms. Padilla said a no interest loan from the Water Division was considered by staff to be as gentle on the ratepayer as possible.

Mr. Schlachter asked if there is the potential of moving something forward. He suggested the Committee and Governing Body might be amenable to a pilot program prior to moving forward with full implementation.

Ms. Padilla said they had not thought about that, and said anything can be on the table. She said she thinks doing a pilot program could be even more confusing for the ratepayers. She said operating a dual operation would be difficult from an administrative perspective.

Mr. Schlachter said Albuquerque had a pilot program on this for two years.

Ms. Padilla said Environmental Services applied for and was awarded a grant in the amount of \$264,000, with \$100,000 dedicated toward the purchase of curbside recycling carts, \$25,000 in cash for public education and outreach, and \$139,000 of in-kind services for education and technical support and assistance. She said under the grant, they need to see a rollout for the cart delivery by May 1, 2016, so there are some timelines associated with the receipt of the grant. She said they contacted the grant provider to discuss the situation, and because of the strength of the grant application they gave the City a six month extension to come forward with new time line and program description, noting December 31, 2015, is our new deadline. She said if the City doesn't make the deadline, the grant will be rescinded.

Ms. Padilla said the Public Utilities Committee took exception with the term single-stream, saying it really isn't single-stream, commenting that it is important to keep our semantics clear. She said we are at a crossroads, but she believes it will move forward. She said she doesn't think the new funding recommendation will be presented to the Committee at its August meeting.

Ms. Padilla said, additionally, in May, a Resolution sponsored by Councilor Ives was adopted by the Governing Body. The Resolution directed staff to develop proposals for alternative methods to dispose of solid waste. She said excavating older landfills was one of the ideas. She said she is working on language for an RFP to go out in the next thirty days to explore those options, noting whatever is presented could have an impact on the Agency.

Responding to Mr. Kippenbrock, Ms. Padilla said they did present options on glass and the Public Utilities Committee said no.

Mr. Kippenbrock said he thinks a drop off point would be better, along with a more viable funding mechanism and a rate increase.

Ms. Padilla said the Public Utilities Committee has heard all of that before from staff. They discussed a potential rate increase when the City adopted the Resolution. She said there was a good discussion on all those things in the subcommittee which was attended by Councilor Bushee and Councilor Lindell. She said perhaps it may be heard again by the Committee in September. She said the new Director will have discussions and perhaps come back here for the next steps. She said staff tried to set up one-on-one meetings with the Councilors, but Councilor Maestas was the only one who responded. She reiterated that they did a lot of research and hard work on this.

Ms. Sweeney said she is sorry there is not a volunteer group to weigh in. She asked about some sort of a campaign, such as letters to the editor from people who are frustrated about the City not moving forward with this – a public people plea. She asked if SWAC could have a role in something like this.

Ms. Pape said she lives “in an area of the city where we are doing it. It does take an effort.”

Ms. Sweeney said the Sierra Club does not seem to be into recycling, and asked Ms. Pape if people in her community would be willing to speak up.

Ms. Pape said she is sure she could get a few people to come to a meeting.

Ms. Sweeney said they met with Commissioner Liz Stephanics about this, and she understands that it is important to hear from the people using the service.

Mr. Schlachter said staff discussed community meetings in all of the Council Districts, but that was not accepted well from a political perspective.

Ms. Padilla said currently 38% of the waste taken in is residential, and we recycle about 15% of that, noting we are recycling only 2% of commercial waste. She said the City has a commercial recycling program, noting she has dedicated one staff person to commercial recycling in addition to their other duties. She said Councilor Bushee liked that and wants to see the metrics on it.

Ms. Padilla said she, Mr. Kippenbrock and Mr. Schlachter have discussed this, and they have agreed that we can use some of Mr. Schlachter's time on education for commercial recycling.

Mr. Eigner asked what is the current rate of recycling in commercial.

Ms. Padilla reiterated that it is 2%. She said the more successful we are, the more staff she has to hire – new trucks and new staff, commenting it all has a cost, but they are moving forward to increase commercial recycling.

Mr. Marco said the education and advertising done by SWMA has failed miserably in being able to create any kind of snowball of participation. He said recycling registers with the kids, but not the parents. If there was a way that snowball could come from the children and spread through the community that would be great. He said until that happens people are too diverted to care. He said it can work. He said he and Ms. Randall have talked about a program they started in the schools. The kids painted recycling signs and we put them up throughout the community, and it relayed a message. He doesn't know if it increased recycling. He said it needs to be ten times or a hundred times what they did. He said we need people to be talking about it.

Ms. Padilla said she doesn't think members of SWAC can schedule meetings with City Councilors, although that would have an impact. She said the Recycling Partnership has offered to come out and present to the Councilors, and she is hearing from other sources that would be helpful.

Ms. Sweeney said maybe this Committee should draft a letter to the City Council, talking about what we have been through with working on this and how distressed we are. She asked if there would be any impact from an official communication from this Committee.

Ms. Padilla said she thinks so. She said this Committee is advisory to SWMA, and perhaps a letter to the SWMA board would be a good thing to do. She noted the SWMA Board is composed of 3 City Councilors and 3 County Commissioners, reiterating that she thinks that would be appropriate.

Vice-Chair Randall asked Ms. Padilla for the information and recommendation she gave to the Public Utilities Committee, which could be used the basis of our letter.

Ms. Padilla said yes, and she will provide that to the Vice-Chair.

Vice-Chair Randall said she thinks a letter would have some teeth. She commented that there are very few groups who spent this much time in a formal way on this issue. She said Councilor Bushee and Councilor Lindell want what their constituents want, which is not a vision for the City. She said they have the same issue with the School Board, and they need to have a lot more study sessions. She said there is a need to become educated, commenting it always takes more work to do what is right, because what is wrong is easier and quicker. What is cheap and easy touches every part of the American life. She said maybe we should do an Op-Ed for the newspaper of 600 words to get something out there.

Mr. Kippenbrock said SWAC is an arm of SWMA, and we first need to bring our concerns to that Board before sending anything to the newspaper.

Ms. Sweeney asked if it would be possible to do that at tomorrow's SWMA Board meeting.

Mr. Kippenbrock said it is a public meeting and anyone can speak. He said the SWMA meeting is tomorrow, July 16, 2015, at 5:00 p.m., in the Legal Conference Room, at the Old County Courthouse.

Vice-Chair Randall said then we can speak as individuals and indicate our membership in SWAC at that meeting.

Mr. Schlachter said he would recommend an official SWAC presentation to the SWMA Board which meets every month.

Vice-Chair Randall said that is a good point.

Mr. Schlachter reiterated it should be brought first to the SWMA Board to give them a chance to understand your position and to react to that position, pointing out that SWAC is designated by SWMA.

Ms. Pape asked if it would be good if she could get a young person to speak tomorrow at SWMA.

Ms. Padilla said Councilors Bushee, Lindell and Maestas all sit on that board. She said it is in the best interest of the Agency, in light of the new contract with Friedman, to increase the number of recycled materials. She said it would be a financial benefit both to the City and to the County.

Mr. Kippenbrock said he feels the City Council and the County Commission are obligated to spread the word to other elected officials.

Mr. Eigner said asked if the data from the study that you did has been published, or is ready to be published.

Ms. Padilla said yes. However, they have not finalized the report but she is happy to give him a draft. She said the study was four-day sort with various types of collections, noting they learned quickly that it was overwhelming. She said they put the sort in piles and got a good picture of what is being thrown away – 46% paper, 27% plastic, 2.2% metal, 2.2% glass and 14.9% green waste. She said the complete report will have all of the numbers. She said Keep Santa Fe Beautiful and their summer employees helped them with this study.

Mr. Kippenbrock said if the Friedman contract is approved, Friedman will do a composite waste study and determine the contamination rate, and hopefully it will be closer to 10% than 15%.

Ms. Padilla said she is concerned about curbside, because not having a plan we could quickly become overwhelmed at the curb. It is very important to have a plan.

Vice-Chair Randall said if the Friedman contract is accepted it will force the City to look at the amount of recyclable materials that you can't handle because the Council has not given you the tools and the hands to do it. You then will be in crisis instead of planning and implementation, and nobody operates well from crisis.

Ms. Padilla said she thinks the City of Santa Fe, the County and the Agency have the infrastructure to be successful at diversion, commenting we own the entire system. She said our goal and mission is not to raise money but to provide the best service possible and conserve resources and energy. However, it does cost money to do this. Once everything is in place, we can then move forward.

VIII. MATTERS FROM THE COUNTY

There were no matters from the County.

IX. SWAC SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Schlachter said the subcommittees haven't met since February 2015. He said he is going to set up meetings of subcommittees starting next week, noting he has sent out emails asking for priority dates and times for the meetings. He said the very reason for forming the subcommittees was to spread-out the work of this Committee. He said we are going to move forward with the 3 subcommittees, and will be sending meeting notices to the members of those subcommittees.

Responding to Ms. Sweeney, Mr. Schlachter said the subcommittees haven't met formally since February 2015, but each subcommittee has met once.

Ms. Padilla said subcommittees are important and valuable and they give us time to brainstorm. They give us the opportunity to talk through things and explore all options. She said we need to check with the membership of SWAC to ascertain their commitment to attending the SWAC meetings and the subcommittee meetings.

Mr. Schlachter said in an earlier meeting, Tim Grey said we should revise the bylaws to

require each member of SWAC to participate on one subcommittee. He said staff will make that suggestion to SWMA. He said we asked everyone if they want to serve on their assigned subcommittee, and if they are committed to participating, and everyone said yes. He said we asked City Councilors to recommend people to serve, but got no response. He said if it's just the same 10 people all the time, it just doesn't work. He said, "I am wondering if SWAC is having the value that SWMA thought it would have."

Ms. Padilla said perhaps you could ask that tomorrow at the SWMA meeting. You could ask the Board to provide direction and advice on how to elevate the status of SWAC so it becomes more beneficial to the Agency.

a. PUBLIC EDUCATION & OUTREACH SUBCOMMITTEE

No report.

b. COMPOSTING AND FOOD WASTE SUBCOMMITTEE

No report.

c. COMMERCIAL RECYCLING SUBCOMMITTEE

Vice-Chair Randall said she and Tijender Ciano felt that getting the initial step done at Caja del Rio was important before we work toward policy change.

X. MATTERS FROM THE SWAC MEMBERSHIP

Vice-Chair Randall said 12 Schools are collecting their food waste daily, 1,700 pounds daily. She said they train the kids, kitchen and custodial staff, noting there is 3 days of training, and they try to train the whole group at one time. She said they are burdening an already overburdened and underpaid staff of custodians. She will let this Committee know when they do the next training if you would like to come. She said the Schools do composting during the summer, noting that most schools are open year round now.

Vice-Chair Randall said we have a high school student who wants to make composting happen at Santa Fe High, but that is on hold for now. She said they also had a pilot project at Otero School to eliminate the use of plastic forks, noting 14,000 plastic forks wrapped in napkins

were used every day. She said it took five years, but 12 elementary schools will be using metal forks next year, noting this is paid out of her program.

Vice-Chair Randall said the Schools are starting a district-wide Green Team this year and she will do the training. She said they will see what the participation will look like, noting they are ramping-up all of their educational components.

Vice-Chair Randall said she wrote a draft job description for someone to work with the kids everyday, noting LANL has agreed to be a partner, and she has met with the McCune and Frost Foundation representatives and will appeal to PNM as well. She said Thornburg declined to participate. She said, "We are shaking the trees for money." She said they need \$150,000 for the first two years, and then we can demonstrate to the School Board what the position does and how it keeps kids engaged. She said, hopefully they then will find the \$75,000 a year in salary and benefits for future years, commenting, we really need this person.

Ms. Sweeney said she feels strongly that Ms. Randall should apply for that job.

Vice-Chair Randall said she doesn't want it. She said her Sustainability Program is not sustainable if she leaves.

Mr. Schlachter asked if it would make sense for that person to be affiliated with Partners in Education. Ms. Padilla said no, and it helps further the Agency's bottom line to get to more diversion, and the Board might want to consider that.

Vice-Chair Randall said it would help to get into classroom, build partnerships in the community and facilitate experts getting into schools, as well as the local buy in and true collaboration.

Mr. Kippenbrock asked when she needs funding in place.

Vice-Chair Randall said the School District committed \$20,000 and the Climate Leadership Institute committed \$1,500, noting that is all the funds they have right now. She said they need \$75,000 to hire someone in the position. She said she may be able to convince the School Board to make the commitment to hire this person after a year or so. She commented that she is the only one pushing this in the district right now.

Ms. Padilla said maybe Friedman can help with the funding.

Mr. Kippenbrock asked when are you going to train the trainer.

Vice-Chair Randall said around the middle of September 2015, and then they would meet monthly.

Ms. Sweeney said traditionally they have a mini-pancake breakfast in Eldorado on the Fourth of July. She said the past year they couldn't do it, and Eldorado Recycling stepped in and did the pancake breakfast, commenting they served people with almost no waste.

Mr. Eigner said they had total control at this event.

Ms. Pape said they did the same thing at the Commons on Feast Day, where they served more than people with almost no waste.

Ms. Padilla said we can make it happen – zero waste.

Mr. Schlachter said staff has been talking in Monday meetings about focusing on buying recycled. He said they are rethinking having a buy recycled workshop. He said they would need volunteers, noting getting out the word is the biggest thing. He said you need to inform anybody you know who is in a procurement position about this effort.

XI. NEXT MEETING DATE: SEPTEMBER 16, 2015

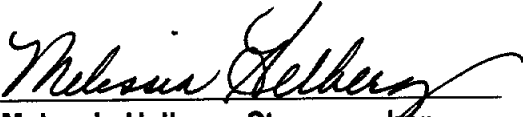
Vice-Chair Randall said all of us will miss Cindy. She thanked her for reinvigorating this process and to all of you for "coming back and not giving up." We are making progress.

Ms. Padilla thanked Acting Chair Randall, commenting that she wants to stay involved, and do volunteer as well as contract work in this regard.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

There was no further business to come before the Committee, and the meeting was adjourned at approximately 3:30.p.m.

John Lopez, Chair


Melessia Helberg, Stenographer