

Minutes of the
Alamo Area Council of Governments
Resource Recovery Committee Meeting
In-Person-Virtual/GoToMeeting
Plaza Temporary Board Room
Wednesday- June 30, 2021
8200 Perrin Beitel Rd, Suite 101
San Antonio, Texas 78218

MEMBERS:

David McDaniel, Chairman, CoSA
Mike Mundell, New Braunfels, Vice Chair
David Barrera, Kerrville
John Raney, Pleasanton
Tim Pittman, CoSA
Reagan Givens, Kerr County
Fred Reyes, Frio County
Maggie Hernandez, Keep San Antonio Beautiful

Alternates:

Daniella Valdez, Seguin

GUESTS:

Dr. Rebecca Davio, Texas State University
Matthew Pantuso, Texas State University
Haley Johnson, Texas State University
Molly Allred, Texas State University
Haley Tacker, Texas State University
Eric Alper, Texas State University

AACOG STAFF:

Claudia Mora, Regional Services Director
Elizabeth Cook, Environmental Conservation Program Coordinator
Crystal Campos-Rosales, Communication Specialist
Shauna N. Duff, Administrative Assistant

1. Meeting called to order. Meeting called to order by Chairman David McDaniel at 2:30 p.m.
2. Roll call. At 2:30 p.m., a quorum was not achieved. Chairman McDaniel recessed the July 30th RRC meeting for 5 minutes until a quorum was achieved. At 2:35 p.m., Chairman McDaniel reconvened the RRC meeting due to a quorum being achieved.
3. Public Comments. There were no public comments.
4. Update from the Environmental Conservation Program.

Elizabeth Cook reported on an update on the Environmental Conservation Program. FY2021 awarded grantees are finishing up their projects, and are expected to be completed by July 30, 2021. Site visits have already started and will continue over the next few months. Wilson County was awarded additional funds in the amount of \$18,796.00 as part of the expansion of their citizen collection station. The RRC did not have to take action on this item due to on January 6, 2020 a motion was made that any additional funds would go to Wilson County. AACOG received a few notices and at this time does not require any action from the RRC. AACOG staff is currently waiting to hear back from TCEQ on funding amount for implementation projects for FY2022 & FY2023. On July 13th at 5:30 p.m. AACOG will be hosting a Public Meeting on the new 20-year RSWMP.

5. 20 Year Regional Solid Waste Management Plan First Draft Presentation – Texas State University, Dr. Rebecca Davio and Matthew Pantuso.

Matthew Pantuso gave a report on the RSWMP. The purpose of the RSWMP first draft presentation is to preview draft goals, objectives, and action plan. The presentation is also to provide insight as to why TSU developed the RSWMP and ask the RRC for feedback. Matt presented on the area concern, which consists of solid waste literacy, problematic waste (including HHW), local solid waste plans, source reduction and recycling and illegal dumping. For the 2022-2042 RSWMP; the plan includes four (4) goals, nineteen (19) objectives, forty-nine (49) action steps. The four (4) goals include maximize beneficial resource use, responsibly manage problematic waste, maximize proper disposal and lead regional planning. The first goal-maximize beneficial resource use has three (3) objectives which are, to improve access to diversion opportunities, improve community participation and to provide education. The second goal-responsibly manage problematic waste has three (3) objectives which are to improve access to problematic waste collection, provide education and to collect data. The third goal-maximize proper disposal has six (6) objectives which are, improve access to solid waste drop-off opportunities, increase community participation, provide education, collect data, increase illegal dumping prevention efforts and increase illegal dumping enforcement. The fourth goal-lead regional planning has seven (7) objectives which include, collaborate, optimize funding decisions, oversee facility-planning, review and update solid waste management plans, make continuous improvements, collect data and plan for disaster waste.

6. Discuss and provide comment on the first RSWMP draft.

There was a lengthy discussion on the first RSWMP draft. Some of the discussion included involving Goal 1-maximize beneficial resource use. When it comes to improving

access to diversion opportunities, would this include garbage pick-up. David Mc Daniel had some concerns when it comes to exploring innovative ways to increase the volume of materials diverted. Some of the concerns involved a higher political authority getting involved regionally. For Goal 2- responsibility manage problematic waste, Mike Mundell mentioned that he would like to see communities take responsibility for problems that they have when it comes to HHW events. He would like the RSWMP to include, how to come up with a routine plan for communities to come up with materials. For Goal 3-maximize proper disposal. Fred Reyes would like see how objective 3.A.2-promote establishment of additional municipal and county collection center would be done.

7. Next Meeting Date: Wednesday, August 4, 2021

8. Adjournment. Chairman David McDaniel adjourned the meeting at 4:00 p.m.