

Minutes of the
Alamo Area Council of Governments
Regional Solid Waste Management Plan Public Meeting
In-Person-Virtual/GoToMeeting
Plaza Temporary Board Room
Tuesday- July 13, 2021
8200 Perrin Beitel Rd, Suite 101
San Antonio, Texas 78218

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
David McDaniel, CoSa
Councilman James Blakey, New Braunfels
Heather Hansen, JBSA
Jayson Lang, Waste Management

AACOG STAFF:

Diane Rath, Executive Director
Dr. Stella Garcia, Senior Director of Operations
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. Elizabeth Cook called the public meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.
2. 20 Year Regional Solid Waste Management Plan Draft 2022-2042 – Presentation by Texas State University, Dr. Rebecca Davio and Matthew Pantuso.

Dr. Rebecca Davio, Matt Pantuso, Haley Tacker, Eric Alper and Molly Allred gave a presentation on the 20 Year Regional Solid Waste Management Plan Draft 2022-2024. Discussion included a brief preview of the draft which includes, the background, demographics, solid waste management, areas of concern, regional action plan and looking ahead. The background of the RSWMP involves a TCEQ required Volume I form which is five (5) pages long. There is also a TCEQ required Volume II form which is eighteen (18) pages long. There will also be series of attachments that will explain methods, demographics and provide additional context that will help fully understand

the data that informs the goals. TSU has approached the RSWMP by doing surveys, subject matter expert interviews, regular engagement with the Resource Recovery Committee, geospatial and statistical analysis and best practices research. AACOG has 13 counties in the Region, made up of fifty-five (55) member cities with a total population (2019): 2,663,491. For managing solid waste, the EPA has developed a waste management hierarchy. Source reduction and Reuse, Recycling/Composting are at the top and Energy Recovery and Treatment and Disposal are at the bottom. There are currently seven (7) landfills, three (3) HHW, fifteen (15) recycling facilities and ten (10) citizen collection stations in the AACOG Region. The areas of concern include solid waste literacy, problematic wastes (including HHW), local solid waste plans, source reduction and recycling and illegal dumping. 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 public for feedback. The 2022-2024 RSWMP 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.

3. Public Comments. There were no public comments

This time is for anyone to comment on items related to the draft 20 Year Regional Solid Waste Management Plan 2022-2042. Time allowed is at the discretion of AACOG, with three (3) minutes being customary. Per person/group.

4. Adjournment. Elizabeth Cook adjourned the public meeting at 6:16 p.m.