



**ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
(ESAC)  
Waste Diversion, Collections and Education  
Subcommittee**

**Legal Action Report**

Wednesday, July 15, 2015, 12:00 p.m.  
Ward 6 Offices, West Conference Room  
3202 E. 1<sup>st</sup> Street, Tucson, Arizona

**1. Roll Call**

Meeting was called to order by committee member Kristin Ginter at 12:02 p.m. Ms. Ginter noted that she was sitting in place of the Chair for this meeting. Those present and absent were:

**Present:**

Kristin Ginter  
Lisa Shipek  
Dan Uthe

Representative, City Manager's Office  
Representative, Mayor's Office  
Representative, Ward 6

**Absent:**

Kieran Sikdar

Representative, Ward 3

**Staff Members Present:**

Fran LaSala  
Cristina Polsgrove  
Pat Tapia

Environmental Manager, ES  
Public Information Officer, ES  
Acting Deputy Director, ES

**2. Approval of Legal Action Report of April 29, 2015**

Committee Member Ginter made a motion to approve the LAR of April 29, 2015.  
Committee Member Uthe seconded the motion. Minutes approved by voice vote of 3 - 0.

**3. Chairperson's Report**

No report to share.

**4. Director's Update**

No report to share.

**5. Collections – Pat Tapia**

- **CNG Trucks** – 12 new trucks delivered bringing to a total of 41 CNG vehicles.

- **CNG Plant** – Mr. Tapia provided an update on the construction process. Expected finish date is December 2015. Mr. Tapia discussed the cost of fuel; 75% is City fuel and the remainder is off site fuel as necessary during this construction process. This is a small increase in cost. The new CNG plant will be slow fill and tanks will fill with more fuel with this process. This will be a cost savings to the city. ES will have approximately 90 vehicles on CNG fuel. Mr. Tapia stated the project is on budget.

## 6. Public Outreach – Cristina Polsgrove

- **Know Where to Throw Event** – The event will take place at Armory Center on November 14th from 9 A.M. to 1 P.M. Ms. Polsgrove expects about 500 people to attend this event. Items dropped off for recycling will be accepted without charge, except for televisions. Activities will include a presentation of home composting, crafting, a fashion show, adult and children’s activities and an information center. Ms. Polsgrove has not finalized the marketing for this event. She will continue to update the committee members on this event.
- **Waste Diversion Online Customer Service Highlights** – Ms. Polsgrove handed out highlights of the questions and responses to the survey. There were 800 respondents to this survey. Ms. Ginter stated she had concerns about the wording on the questionnaire. She noticed the survey asked about “trash” vs. “recycle”. The committee would like the full results of the survey.

## 7. Waste Diversion – Fran LaSala

- **Contamination Study** – The study will begin on Friday, July 17, 2015. Most contaminant days are Monday and Friday. Mr. LaSala provided a map to the committee of the areas being reviewed. A sampling of the blue barrels will be checked in each of the regions of high contamination. Door hangers will be placed in the contamination areas and the same residents’ blue barrels will be rechecked to see if the amount of contaminants is reduced. Ms. Shipek asked about fines or repercussions of households that contaminate the blue barrels. Mr. LaSala and Mr. Tapia stated that a can is tagged; the resident is notified and after three repeated failures to comply with proper recycling, the blue barrel is picked up and replaced with a green barrel. The resident is then charged for the extra green barrel. Mr. LaSala stated that this is just a study and these barrels will not be tagged if not in compliance.

## 8. Call to the Audience

None

## 9. Future agenda items for Next Meeting (August 20, 2015)

- Know Where to Throw Event
- Paint Program Update
- Waste Diversion Online Customer Service Survey Results

## 10. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 12:43 p.m.