



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

Legal Action Report

Tuesday, March 1, 2016, 12:00 P.M.
Ward 6 Council Office East Conference Room
3202 East 1st Street, Tucson, AZ

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Garcia at 12:04 p.m. Those present and absent were:

Present:

Daniel Uthe	Representative, Ward 6
Kristin Ginter	Representative, City Manager's Office
Margot Garcia, Chair	Representative, City Manager's Office

Absent:

None

Staff Members Present:

Pat L. Tapia	Deputy Director, ES
Cristina Polsgrove	Public Information Officer, ES
Fran LaSala	Environmental Manager, ES

2. Approval of Minutes for February 1, 2016

The minutes of February 1, 2016 were approved by a voice vote of 3 to 0 with an amendment to Item 8 clarifying the amount of funding awarded to Tucson High School and the number of water stations that would be purchased.

3. Chairperson's Report

None.

4. Director's Report

- South Tucson Update
Pat L. Tapia, ES Deputy Director, announced the City of South Tucson approved the refuse and recycling service Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with the City of Tucson. The City of Tucson would consider the IGA at

the March 8, 2016 Council Meeting, and service would begin in April. Notifications of the service changes would be sent to South Tucson residents by the City of South Tucson and the City of Tucson. Discussion was held regarding the services to be provided.

- **Code Enforcement and Graffiti Abatement Programs**
Mr. Tapia provided an update on the incorporation of the Code Enforcement Program into Environmental Services. He indicated the program would likely continue to be funded through the General Fund. He also indicated the City was still considering whether the Graffiti Abatement Program would be moved to ES or not.
- **CNG Fueling Facility**
Mr. Tapia announced refuse collection vehicles had been moved from the upper employee lot off Park Avenue to the new CNG parking area. The project was still being finalized but staff had already seen an improvement in the fueling process.

5. ReCommunity Materials Recovery Facility Monthly Update

Committee members reviewed and discussed the most recent ReCommunity invoices. Fran LaSala, ES Environmental Manager, explained how the third-party host fee and excess residue surcharge were determined. Pat L. Tapia indicated a recycling surcharge was being considered by ES. Discussion was held regarding the potential surcharge.

6. Recycling at Civic Events

Fran LaSala explained ES would be partnering with the University of Arizona Compost Cats to pilot recycling/food scrap collection at Fiesta Grande, Juneteenth, Tucson Meet Yourself, and Firefighters Chili Cook-Off events. Divided bins had been ordered to collect refuse, recycling, and food scraps. On-site staff would provide guidance to attendees on the appropriate bins to use.

7. Waste Diversion

- **TreeCycle Recycling**

Fran LaSala indicated tree recycling collection had continued on a downward trend. Discussion was held about the program and it was suggested that ES staff informally poll tree vendors on whether they had experienced a corresponding decrease in sales.

- Contamination Audit

Discussion was held regarding recent audits of contamination observed in residential recycling bins. Committee members discussed Styrofoam and plastic film's contributions to recycling materials contamination and indicated more education would benefit recycling efforts.

8. Public Outreach

- Los Reales Landfill and ReCommunity MRF Tour

Cristina Polsgrove, ES Public Information Officer, indicated the February 2016 tour of the Los Reales Landfill and ReCommunity Materials Recycling Facility was well attended. Another tour was tentatively scheduled for October, although ES would consider hosting another tour sooner if there was enough demand from the public.

- Earth Day at Cyclovia

Ms. Polsgrove indicated ES would have an Earth Day booth along the Cyclovia route.

- Master Recyclers

Ms. Polsgrove announced the Master Recyclers program had been revamped and students of the program had graduated the previous night and had committed to volunteering with ES or Tucson Clean and Beautiful for twenty hours throughout the year.

9. Future Agenda Items for Next Meeting

The following topics were submitted for the next subcommittee meeting:

- Residential Rate Increase Overview
- Recycling Surcharge
- Household Hazardous Waste Update
- Tire Maintenance Update

Subcommittee members agreed to tentatively schedule the next subcommittee meeting for April 11, 2016 at 12:00 p.m.

10. Call to the Audience

None.

11. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 1:05 p.m.