

**TOWN OF SILVER CITY RECYCLING ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES December 6, 2012**

Held at, Town of Silver City Hall Annex II, (1106 N. Pope) Silver City, NM

Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 3:00 PM. Members in attendance: Terry Timme, acting chair, Tommy Ogas, Recycling Supervisor, Jane Riger, Gordon West, Ron Groves, Alan Archer, Members absent: Amy Hart Connie Glenn .
Guests: Genevieve Morgan, Catherine Swain, John Crow.

Minutes: Minutes from Oct. 4, 2012, approved by voice vote.

SWSWA Report(Tommy Ogas)

- Approximately 800-900 SC residents are recycling using bins. 400 new residents have begun recycling in the past 2 years. 110 bins are available for residential use.
- Glass recycling totals 370,000 lbs. since shipping to Turner Bros. began 8 months ago. Some contamination of glass loads with e waste and tires is being investigated. Tommy will contact The Flame for their glass.
- Cardboard recycling : 22 bales to El Paso have been sent. 110 bales are **waiting** for shipment. Going rate for cardboard is \$85.00/ton. Tommy is looking for a buyer who will pay that rate.
- Single stream recycling: 3 loads (75 bales, 40,520 lbs total) have been sent to Tucson. Rate varies from \$15to \$25/ton. Cost of transport is figured at \$2.00/mile. The 8 1/2 hour round trip consumes 50 gallons of diesel.
- Since the new baler was installed the end of August, 420 bales of single stream and cardboard have been processed. This has created a back log of cardboard bales waiting for sale/shipment. Tommy reports that the SWSWA recycling program cannot meet the increased demand in the community without more equipment. He is requesting 15 more 3 cubic yard bins at a cost of \$450.00 each and 5 more roll offs at \$3,500 each in the July, 2013 budget. Money made through recycling sales goes into the general operating budget of SWSWA, not directly to the recycling budget. Discussion re committee members writing letters to the board of SWSWA re this matter.
- The NM Recycling Coalition has formed a co-op for bargaining with purchasing companies to meet a guaranteed market price.
- E waste update: The first load of e waste (approximately 10,000 lbs) was picked up by UNICOR in November. UNICOR wants 30 full Gaylords before the next pick up. They will not take old tv consoles in wood cabinets.

Update from Office of Sustainability(Terry Timme)

- Grant is “finished out” in expenditures.
- Ace is recycling CFL’s.
- Alan and Terry met with the eco-sustainability club at Western and the VP for Student Affairs. WNMU will buy recycling bins for the dorms.

New Business

- SC Business Recycling Recognition effort has been successful and local business owners are very positive about the effort.
- Organic Waste Taskforce: Western is attempting to recycle yard waste; they need a chipper. Gordon has a chipper/shredder – a possible deal?
- WILL class and tour: well received by 15 participants. Very informative hand out on “*Fate of Recycled Plastic Items*” and “*Where to Recycle Things That Don’t Go in the Bin*” designed by Terry for the class.
- Leaf collection at landfill: Genevieve reports 60 bags of leaves are being stored and offered for mulch. She is pleased by the cleanliness of the leaves.
- New education/advertising venues: Advertising for recycling is being aired on CATS TV. General discussion re Facebook opportunities for recycling news.

Adjournment, Next Meeting - Meeting adjourned at 4:50PM. Next meeting January 3rd, 2013, 3:00 pm at the Annex II.