

**TOWN OF SILVER CITY RECYCLING ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES OCTOBER 10, 2013**

Held at, Annex II, (old Shamrock station) Silver City, NM

Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 3:00 PM. Members in attendance: Terry Timme, acting chair, Connie Glenn, Jane Riger, Amy Hart, Alan Archer, Ron Groves, Gordon West. absent: Tommy Ogas, Genevieve Morgan. Visiting, Steve Passmore

Minutes: Minutes from previous meeting approved by voice vote.

SWSWA Report (given by Terry T.)

The baler has had mechanical problems and has not been functional for the last 2 ½ weeks. A representative from Action Compaction has replaced parts, fuses and made other repair attempts, to date to no avail. Concerns include:

- What are fall back positions for backed up recyclables which are piling up at the landfill.
- Possible use of a grapple loader for filling trailers with loose material?
- Health issues – rodents etc. attracted to piles of material
- Maintenance training on bailer for SWSWA workers
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Update from Office of Sustainability (Terry Timme)

- Terry represented Silver City at the recent NM Recycling Coalition . Education and training opportunities presented : videos on recycling for schools, festivals etc. which are being used in Las Cruces; Tor C has a parade featuring baled cardboard and contest to guess weights of bales, recycled art etc.
- Friedman Recycling is interested in our recycling might be able to offer a deal to pick up and transport SC recycling to Albuquerque.
- Organic waste: there is no designated site for composting organic waste. Discussion of space at detention center and also San Vincente farm site.
- Booth at Mimbres Harvest Fest not well attended.

New Business

Fall Leaf collection discussion of coordinating with PNM tree giveaway and America Recycles Day.

Plastic bag ordinance discussion:

- Rationale – environmental effects, litter reduction, green house gas reduction, hard to recycle,
- Historical perspective – 100 billion bag produced yearly ; only 2% recycled
- Types of bans in use / procedures for enacting ban or phase out in SC. Approach preferred by committee – encourage use of reusable bags, charge for paper; phase out plastic
- Next steps – talk to town attorney and businesses

Adjournment, Next Meeting - Meeting adjourned at 4:00PM. Next meeting **Thursday, November 14, 3:00 pm.**