

## Placer County

# Wastewater Advisory Committee

County Environmental Health • 3091 County Center Dr. Suite

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# **MINUTES**

July 17, 2012

CDRA Cypress Room

### I. Call to Order

Chairman Rick Bluhm called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

## **II.** Preliminary Items

- A Roll Call and Determination of Quorum, Joe Olsen, Rick Bluhm, Kevin Bell, Mark Navo, Guy Ostenson, David Honeycutt, Mike Broyer, Marc Lindbloom, Chris White, Ken Denio, Dave Buck. A quorum was established.
- B Introduction of Members and Guests

Rick, Ben and Robin McCauley from SOS Onsite Bill Carpenter Sr. & Bill Carpenter Jr. from Envirocycle System

Ken Stuart, Mohan Ganapathy, Laura Rath, Diane Gereke and Jane Fahning attended the meeting representing Environmental Health.

Jim Holmes, attended the meeting representing Placer County Dist 5

Christiana Darlington, attended the meeting representing Placer County County Counsel

Jane Crue, attended the meeting representing Placer County District Attorney

#### C Minutes Review

Rich Bluhm made a request to approve the May 01, 2012 minutes as written. Ken Denio made a motion to approve and Mike Broyer seconded the motion. The vote was all in favor and no opposing votes.

D Correspondence and Public Comment

An email received at 3.57 PM on July 17, 2012 from Bill Carpenter Jr responding to the staff report included with the Agenda item and was distributed.

#### E Agenda Review

Kevin Bell made a motion to approve the agenda as written and Mark Navo seconded the motion. The vote was all in favor and no opposing votes. It was recognized that there was a Quorum.

### **III.** Non-Action Items

A. Water Quality Control Policy AB885 signed June 19, 2012. Implementation will begin six months after adoption. The individual counties have 3 years to submit their

LAMP (Local Agency Management Plan) to the RWQCB for review and approval. Prior to the final hearing, Placer County submitted comments to the RWQWB regarding the minimum effective soil depth for pretreatment systems and the maximum percent slope allowed. The RWQWB responded that these items would not be modified in the regulations. The regulations have a 24 inch effective depth requirement below the leachtrench and current Placer County Sewage Disposal Ordinance requires 18 inches. The issue with previously approved lots using the 18 inch requirement will have to be determined at the time of implementation.

#### IV. Action Items

- 1. Minutes of the May1, 2012 meeting Approved in Preliminary Items section
- 2. Consideration of Removal of Envirocycle from the Placer County Experimental Program -

Prior to the discussion regarding removal of the Envirocycle system from the Placer County Program, it was asked if anyone would like to abstain from voting. The following members volunteered to abstain from voting: Guy Ostenson, Marc Lindbloom, and Mark Navo.

Mohan Ganapathy provided a staff report to the WAC detailing the noncompliance issues of Mr. Carpenter Jr. Mr. Ganapathy also provided information on how the WAC and County decided on the final number of systems to be in the experimental program and the 2 year timeline for testing. Mr. Ganapathy included a narrative on the reasons why Mr. Carpenter's proposal for using out of County data was rejected. The reasons discussed included not knowing the permitting requirements of each of those counties, not knowing the conditions in which those systems were installed, not having inspected any of the installations of these systems, and not knowing whether these were commercial or non commercial systems. Under the Placer County Experimental program, the systems being evaluated had specific guidelines that they had to follow to ensure to the greatest extent possible some uniformity in the sample taking and sampling frequency. The staff report also discussed the fact that two other treatment systems had successfully gone through the experimental program. These two treatment systems had the same conditions of approval and complied with them. The report and narrative by staff discussed the current status of the Envirocycle system and the lack of compliance with the permitting and sampling requirements as agreed upon by Mr. Carpenter in 2003.

Bill Carpenter Jr. provided arguments on why the Envirocycle System should not be removed from the Experimental Program. These arguments included statements that the Placer County Code for systems were not scientifically justified and economic hardships placed on the company as well as property owners to complete the required

testing. Bill Carpenter Sr voiced similar objections to the Code requirements for experimental systems.

Rick McCauley made comments regarding the conditions of approval for the inclusion of systems in the Experimental Program. Mr. McCauley indicated that Envirocycle should meet the same testing criteria that other systems in the Experimental program were given.

There was additional discussion by Bill Carpenter Jr., Bill Carpenter Sr., Environmental Health Staff and members of the WAC about the experimental program criteria and history.

Ken Denio made a motion, seconded by Mike Broyer, to accept the staff report and recommend to the Director of Environmental Health that Envirocycle be removed from the Placer County Experimental Program. The motion carried by a roll call vote of 8 in favor (Joe Olsen, Rick Bluhm, Kevin Bell, David Honeycutt, Mike Broyer, Chris White, Ken Denio, Dave Buck), none opposed and 3 abstentions (Mark Navo, Marc Lindbloom, Guy Ostenson).

- **3.** Changes to the draft Placer County On-site Sewage Ordinance and Manual A handout was provided by the Environmental Health Department regarding potential changes to the Placer County Onsite Sewage Disposal Ordinance and Manual. It is proposed that Chapter 25 Experimental System Requirements be removed and replaced with the proposed New Supplemental Treatment system. Kevin Bell made the motion to table the item to the next meeting. Marc Navo seconded the motion. The item will be on the agenda for the September 11, 2012 meeting
- **4. Additional Items -** David Honeycutt requested that a discussion on the Contractor's List be added to the agenda for the September 11, 2012 meeting as well.

## V. Agenda Preparation for Next Meeting

Meeting Date: September 11, 2012 Location: Cypress room at the CDRC

Time: 4:30 PM to 6:00 PM.

## VI. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 PM