



WMI PRODUCT STEWARDSHIP SUBGROUP
Monday, March 24, 2008

MEETING SUMMARY

Attending:

Dustin Clark	Sunnyvale	Roberta Dunlap	San Jose
Karin North	Palo Alto	Sharon Newton	San Jose
Kate Slama	SCVWD	Vishaka Atre	SCVURPPP
Melody Tovar	San Jose		

Action Items:

#	DATE	DESCRIPTION	WHO	DUE DATE	STATUS
1.	2/25/08	Send comments on Charter to Melody	All	3/3/08	Pending. Melody to send out latest draft.
2.	2/25/08	Contact local agencies regarding status on CPSC participation	Roberta, Trish		In Progress
3.	2/25/08	Evaluate feasibility of WMI/San Jose application for CARE Grant	Melody, Sharon	3/17/08	Done. Not feasible this year.
4.	2/25/08	Share info on cost of medical waste hauling	Rob, Karin		
5.	3/24/08	Distribute Subgroup contact list	Melody	4/28/08	
6.	3/24/08	Talk to Julie and Trish re Chair interest	Karin, Melody (respectively)	4/14/08	
7.	3/24/08	Share info on USPS green rate offer	Karin	4/14/08	
8.	3/24/08	Distribute PA triclosan fact sheet	Karin	4/14/08	

Subgroup Charter

Final input pending Melody distributing latest draft.

Goal Updates & Work Plan Ideas

Pharmaceutical Take-back Program

Pharms in water supply garnered lots of recent media attention.

Los Altos PD announced plans to pick up pharms upon request.

<http://www.paloaltodailynews.com/article/2008-3-21-la-drugs>

Water District provided a response to the media coverage.

http://www.heynoah.com/Water/Clean_safe_drinking_water.shtm

CIWMB / SB966 Implementation. Karin presented at their March meeting.

CIWMB effort is understaffed and slow moving.

The funding aspect of the original legislation will not come through as by definition these wastes are not “hazardous” which is required to tap into the funding linked to the legislation.

Senator Simitian’s office (Caroll Mortensen, consultant on the Environmental Quality Committee) working on potential clean up legislation to address the Medical Waste Mgmt Act and the Pharmacy Board Code. (This could bring costs to within \$1.50/lb for disposal.)

Opportunity to support such legislation for WMI and CPSC (and their members)

Berkeley group called Teleosis also participated. They advocate for Green Health Care. See www.teleosis.org for more info.

Product Stewardship Institute roundtables begin June 19 & 20 in Sacramento.

1st of 4 roundtables, a two-day roundtable discussion with an audience of interested parties. May be webcast. Karin may be participating; Jen Jackson (EBMUD) also participating. NACWA also participating.

http://www.productstewardship.us/associations/6596/files/PSI_Pharmaceuticals_Prospectus_02-25-08.doc

San Jose was not able to secure meeting with Kaiser in advance of EPA grant deadline; will meet next month. Karin noted that at a recent meeting, a Kaiser rep mentioned they are looking at pharm take back for their organization statewide.

Karin shared that Rob D'Arcy, through the grant for the sharps program, is offering to medical groups to purchase containers for pharmacies for sharps and pharm collection.

Statewide campaign for pharmaceutical collection, scheduled for October, will be marketed as "no controlled substances."

CPSC Support

Water District approved support of CSPC, including contribution of \$3,000

Melody distributed tracking matrix to be used for documenting CPSC support by local agencies.

CPSC is soliciting support for AB 2347 for Hg Thermostat Recycling. Can WMI support? Can at least distribute info to members to consider action.

Product Actions

Group discussed various examples of product actions the group could work on, and evaluated the options for the type of action for each, with an emphasis on action in the next 18 months.

Group concluded that Triclosan and bottled water had the highest potential for group implementation while many actions had opportunities for sharing info and creating fact sheets to promote individual agency action. (See following summary table)

Subgroup Structure

Distributed info on Chair role. Opened the idea of Co-Chairs. Roberta expressed interest. Karin said that Julie may be interested. Trish was also suggested.

Next Meeting:

April 28, 2008, 10:00 – 11:30

San Jose Watershed Protection Office (170 W San Carlos), Evergreen Conference Room

Collaborating on Product Actions

WMI Role*	Action	Current Action/Interest
A, B, C?	Bottled Water Ban (by agency)	WD ban implemented SJ in progress
A, B	Plastic Bags Action by municipalities; WD Support?	PA – ban to be considered by Council by Earth Day SJ – plan for action to be taken to Council by Earth Day Sunnyvale?
A	Restaurant Food Packaging Links to solid waste contracts and services	PA – under study SJ – under study
A, B, C	Triclosan (eliminate agency use)	PA – Done SJ – Done at Plant; expansion citywide underway Partner with SCC on fact sheet?
A	Vendor selection using EPR as criteria	Part of “Green Purchasing” Included in EPR Resolution?
Radar	Local retail take-back by ordinance e.g., Fluorescents, pharms, thermostats	Partnership first Regional, statewide preferred Kinks have to be worked out
	USPS Universal Waste green rate for UW mail back	KN to get info

*** WMI Role – What can WMI do?**

B - Fact Sheet on Agency experiences (why and what to do?)

A - Info sharing

- Help promote

- Partner w/interested parties on the above (e.g., TAC for Solid Waste – add SCVURPPP or WMI seat)

C - Group implementation

- Build network for channeling actions (e.g., SW TAC)