



Antelope Valley Illegal Dumping Task Force (AVIDTF)

Meeting Summary of March 11, 2015

Fire Station No. 129, Training Center
42110 6th Street West
Lancaster, CA 93534

Attendees:

Michelle Aroidson, GAVAZ
Christine Borzaga, Supervisor Antonovich's Office
David Brackin, Department of Weights/Measures
Doug Burgis, Quartz Hill Town Council
Bob Curry, Resident
Louis Darbeau, Department of Public Works
Josie Gutierrez, Department of Public Works
Lisa Hemenway, Waste Management Inc.
Tom Lapworth, AVBOT
Eve T. Lopez, Department of Public Works
Ben Lucha, City of Palmdale
Josh Mann, Waste Management Inc.
Chris Mastro, Department Public Health
David Pang, Department of Public Works
Doug Parham, Resident
Debbie Pepe, Department of Parks & Recreation
Guy Randles, Green Valley Town Council
Kerstin Schlegel, Department of Regional Planning
John White, Los Angeles County Sheriff Department
Samantha Zelaya, Supervisor Antonovich's Office

<u>Item</u>	<u>Action</u>
Community Clean-Up	AVIDTF to host and provide resources
Illegal Dumping Education and Prevention Grant program "2 nd Round" of applications accepted	Guidelines and Application will be available on the County DPW website

Self-Introductions

- Self-introductions of all attendees.

Checking Account – Doug Burgis

- Doug Burgis provided the balance in the checking account. The current balance is \$28,328.86. An additional amount of \$43,000.00 will be transferred from the DPW Trust Fund Account upon DPW approval of the request for funding memo.

Illegal Dumping Report – Eve T. Lopez

- Eve Lopez provided statistics on the illegal dumping cases for the Antelope Valley.

Illegal Dumping Subcommittee Report – Eve T. Lopez

- Eve Lopez provided summary of the AVIDTF Subcommittee meeting. The following items were discussed:
 - The Community Clean-Up was discussed to explore the activities and resources to be delivered. Vouchers, roll-off bins, surveillance cameras, and illegal dumping signs will be available. The Subcommittee plans to host a mattress recycling event in the Antelope Valley.
 - Eve Lopez announced the available flyers for the Free Waste Tire Event and Free Disposal Day Event in English and Spanish. Eve Lopez announced the current issue of the Newsletter is available. Eve Lopez also announced the Illegal Dumping Education and Prevention Grant is still available for a “2nd round” for the current cycle. The Subcommittee decided to do a “2nd round” of applications for the current cycle of the Grant. The maximum amount of \$2,000 is available. Updated guidelines and application will be on the website.

Educational Grant – Christine Borzaga

- There was only one grant application received. The applicant was Hinterculture – DESHART. Josh Mann from Waste Management Inc. mentioned that the current applicant was also a previous recipient of the grant in the past. The group will receive \$3,870. Christine Borzaga informed everyone that the AVIDTF will conduct a “2nd round” of applications for this current cycle. Award amount for the “2nd round” is up to \$2,000. Due date for applications is April 30, 2015. Updated guidelines and application will be available on the website.

Adopt-A-Highway – Louis Darbeau

- Current Adopt-A-Highway honoree, Rally Auto Group, was not present at the meeting.
- Louis Darbeau from Department of Public Works Road Maintenance Division presented the Adopt-A-Highway Program. The purpose of the Adopt-A-Highway program is to beautify the environment. There are 114 available locations in the north unincorporated Los Angeles County area which includes the Antelope Valley for adoption. Each adoption location averages about 2 miles. Of the 114

locations, 60% are within the unincorporated areas of Palmdale and Lancaster. There is no cost to participate in the Adopt-A-Highway program. Once a person or a group of people adopt a location, there are terms and conditions to fulfill the agreement. A minimum of 2-years is required to adopt a location under the terms of the agreement. Applicant will receive an encroachment permit to be allowed to do clean-up at a designated location. They are also provided safety equipment to assist in their clean-up efforts. After several years of continuous service, an applicant may receive an award for their contribution to the program during the AVIDTF meeting and their group will be featured in the AVIDTF Local Trash Talk Newsletter.

Open Discussion/Public Comment

- Ben Lucha from the City of Palmdale announced the AV Pride Month Insert will be six pages long instead of the traditional four pages. The insert is anticipated to be in the AV Press Newspaper on March 29, 2015. Ben also mentioned an AM 1470 Radio interview about illegal dumping by him will be held on March 25, 2015. DPW will be sending a representative to do the radio interview on the events and activities for AV Pride month.
- Christine Borzaga mentioned that Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich's Office will be sending out the approved letter to the Town Councils and local Chamber of Commerce offices regarding the Community Clean-Up Events.
- Lisa Hemenway from Waste Management Inc. mentioned that a press release is going out from Waste Management Inc. regarding the Free Disposal Day event at the Lancaster Landfill on April 11, 2015.

Next Meeting: April 8, 2015