



## Antelope Valley Illegal Dumping Task Force (AVIDTF)

### Meeting Summary of September 9, 2015

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

#### Attendees:

Christine Borzaga, Supervisor Antonovich's Office  
 Doug Burgis, Quartz Hill Town Council  
 Dave Campbell, District Attorney's Office  
 Frank Chin, Department of Public Works  
 Bob Curry, Resident  
 Mackenzie Domann, Department of Public Works  
 Renee Eng, Time Warner Cable News  
 Josie Gutierrez, Department of Public Works  
 Kristin Holloway, City of Palmdale  
 Vincent Jauregui, Department of Weights/Measures  
 David Jones, City of Lancaster  
 Tom Lapworth, AV Board of Trade  
 Benjamin Lucha, City of Palmdale  
 Chris Mastro, Department of Public Health  
 David Pang, Department of Public Works  
 Doug Parham, Resident  
 Debbie Pepe, Department of Parks & Recreation  
 Guy Randles, Green Valley town Council  
 Jackson Piper, Department of Regional Planning  
 Kerstin Schlegel, Department of Regional Planning  
 Scott Short, County of Los Angeles Sheriff Department  
 Donald Watkins, City of Lancaster

<u>Item</u>	<u>Action</u>
City of Palmdale Illegal Dumping Tracking System	Benjamin Lucha will update the AVIDTF on the effort
Bob Curry's Letter to the Board of Supervisors	Send out to everyone on the AVIDTF to read, review, and provide comments

#### **Pledge of Allegiance**

- Everyone stood up and said the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **Self-Introductions**

- Self-introductions of all attendees.

### **Checking Account – Doug Burgis**

- Doug Burgis provided the balance in the checking account. The current balance is \$62,254.60.

### **Adopt-A-Highway Honoree, Antelope Valley Rehabilitation Center – Doug Burgis**

- Adopt-A-Highway Honoree not present. Scroll will be mailed to honoree.

### **Illegal Dumping Report – David Pang**

- David Pang provided statistics for Illegal Dumping Incident report.

### **Illegal Dumping Subcommittee Report – David Pang**

- David Pang provided summary of the AVIDTF Subcommittee meeting. The following items were discussed:
  - Mattress/Box Spring Recycling Event is this coming Saturday, September 12, 2015.
  - Monthly task force meetings were discussed. There is consideration to have the meetings on a quarterly basis. This will be discussed further and to be voted on by the subcommittee.
    - Bob Curry and Doug Parham commented that the meetings should be held monthly.
  - Quarterly Newsletter will discontinue. There will be flyers instead to advertise and highlight events in the Antelope Valley community when the events are scheduled.
  - David Pang will follow up with communities that responded to the AVIDTF letter regarding their needs to address and curtail illegal dumping.

### **Free Mattress/Box Spring Recycling Event – David Pang**

- David Pang mentioned the Free Mattress/Box Spring Recycling Event will take place this coming Saturday, September 12, 2015. There will be a \$5.00 gift card incentive for each household that brings a mattress/box spring to the collection event, up to a \$30.00 gift card maximum or 6 pieces of mattress/box spring.

### **Letter to Board of Supervisors on Trash Service – Bob Curry**

- Bob Curry's letter to the Board of Supervisors is regarding implementing a waste management system that provides trash service as a public service funded through taxation. Bob Curry's letter states the current system relies on individuals who contract with private waste haulers has proven to be ineffective.

- Bob Curry wants support from the AVIDTF to convince the Board of Supervisors to have residents pay taxes to government for trash service and let government pay the waste haulers they franchise with.
- Benjamin Lucha from City of Palmdale and Donald Watkins from City of Lancaster indicated that their Cities are already under a Franchise system, and that Bob Curry's idea for taxation of entire Antelope Valley would not work for their respective Cities since the residents of these cities are already paying for their franchises system.
- Bob Curry requested his letter be sent to everyone in the AVIDTF.

#### **Open Discussion/Public Comment**

- Doug Parham asked District Attorney David Campbell if there was any illegal dumping case to report or updates for the AVIDTF. David Campbell responded that there were none.
- Doug Parham asked who enforces the Trash Responsibility Ordinance (TRO). Department of Public Health enforces the TRO. However, Chris Mastro from Department of Public Health indicated that there is no mechanism to ensure residents have trash service.
- Doug Parham mentioned again about his lengthy wait time experience of 4 hours to dispose trash at the Palmdale Landfill. No one from Waste Management Inc. was present to address his comment.
- Benjamin Lucha will talk about the City of Palmdale's Illegal Dumping Tracking System in the October 2015 meeting.

**Next Meeting: October 14, 2015**