

Expanded Polystyrene Policy – Recommendation Process & Timeline

Meetings / Tours

- 1) **Dec. 2009 – Recycling and Waste Reduction Commission (RWRC) meeting**
 - included study of Expanded Policy (EPS) in RWRC’s annual work plan in response to request by stakeholders to consider recommending regional policy.
- 2) **Sep. 30, 2010 – DART Facility Tour in Lodi, CA**
- 3) **Dec. 13, 2010 – RWRC meeting**
 - received staff report; directed additional research on EPS alternatives, include information on successful EPS programs, strategies used by successful programs, education and outreach, waste water impacts, infrastructure required to accept alternatives to EPS, and the cost to implement.
- 4) **Jan. 27, 2011 – Source Reduction and Recycling Subcommittee (SRRS) meeting**
(SRRS is a subcommittee of the RWRC’s Technical Advisory Committee or TAC)
- 5) **Feb. 24, 2011 – SRRS meeting**
- 6) **Feb. 28, 2011 – RWRC meeting**
 - received staff report; directed staff to focus on foam food and beverage containers.
- 7) **Mar. 24, 2011– SRRS meeting**
- 8) **Apr. 25, 2011 – RWRC meeting**
 - received staff report; directed staff to model on Green Building effort with tiers, enabling cities to adopt at various tier levels, with goal of all being able to adopt at some level.
- 9) **Apr. 28, 2011 – SRRS meeting**
 - discussion of proposed tiers; American Chemistry Council rep requested that report include information on recycling options (request honored).
- 10) **May 26, 2011 – SRRS meeting**
 - presentations by DART Container Company rep on polystyrene recycling, highlighting school lunch program in southern California.
- 11) **Jun. 23, 2011 – SRRS meeting**
- 12) **Jun. 27, 2011 – RWRC meeting**
 - received staff report with staff recommendation; presentations by reps from American Chemistry Council, Save Our Shores, Clean Water Action; received public comments.
 - RWRC unanimously voted to recommend that County Board and Cities/Town Councils adopt levels 1 and 2 and consider level 3, as appropriate for their jurisdiction:
 1. Begin outreach and education and adopt a policy prohibiting EPS food and beverage containers in all County/City cafeterias, facilities and events and prohibiting the use of EPS by anyone or any group utilizing County/City facilities/parks (adopt by January 1, 2012).
 2. Adopt an ordinance banning EPS food and beverage containers at all food vendors County/Citywide and/or consider adopting an ordinance requiring that all food vendors within the jurisdiction use only containers that are accepted and processed through the City’s/County’s landfill diversion program with the understanding that EPS will not be collected for recycling (adopt by July 1, 2012).
 3. Strongly consider adopting long term plan (in accordance with the jurisdiction’s franchise agreements) requiring all food vendors within jurisdiction use only containers accepted and processed through City’s/County’s landfill diversion program with the understanding that EPS will not be collected for recycling (adopt by January 1, 2013).

Stakeholder Involvement

The following attended at least one SRRS, TAC and/or RWRC meetings in person or by phone:

- 1) Adam Turrey, City of San Jose
- 2) Aiden Rodriguez, Smurfit Stone
- 3) Alex Ontiveros, Hispanic Chamber of Commerce Silicon Valley
- 4) Allison Chan, Save the Bay
- 5) Amalia Chamorro, CA Restaurant Association
- 6) Andria Ventura, Clean Water Action
- 7) Anthony Eulo, City of Morgan Hill
- 8) Bob Loreen, PAMS
- 9) Bruce Olszewski, San Jose State Univ.
- 10) Cat Tucker, City of Gilroy; Commissioner, RWRC**
- 11) Chanthavy Sivongxay, SCC Fleet and Facilities
- 12) Cheri Donnelly, City of Cupertino
- 13) Cheryl Schmidt, DART Container
- 14) Chuck Page, Allied Waste/Newby Island
- 15) Clay Reigel, City of Palo Alto
- 16) Clifton Chew, County of Santa Clara
- 17) Cory Black, Public Policy Solutions
- 18) Cynthia Palacio, City of Mountain View
- 19) Dave Staub, City of Santa Clara
- 20) Elizabeth Constantino, County of Santa Clara
- 21) Elizabeth Koo, City of Milpitas
- 22) Elizabeth Sanford, Office of Supervisor Wasserman
- 23) Emy Mendoza, City of San Jose
- 24) Evan Low, City of Campbell, Commissioner, RWRC**
- 25) Heidi Melander, Sierra Club
- 26) Holly Lofgren, Habitat for Humanity
- 27) James Duran, Hispanic Chamber of Commerce Silicon Valley
- 28) Jamie McLeod, City of Santa Clara; Commission Chair, RWRC**
- 29) Jeremy Daviner, Valley Recycling
- 30) Jim Griffith, City of Sunnyvale; Commissioner, RWRC**
- 31) Jo Zientek, City of San Jose
- 32) John Colburn, Habitat for Humanity
- 33) John Koncoli, HOPE Services
- 34) Kansen Chu, City of San Jose; Commissioner, RWRC**
- 35) Karen Gissibl, City of Sunnyvale
- 36) Kevin Chiapello, Recology Silicon Valley
- 37) Kris Wang, City of Cupertino; Commissioner, RWRC**
- 38) Laura Kasa, Save Our Shores
- 39) Lauren Tacke, City of Cupertino
- 40) Linda LeZotte, Santa Clara Valley Water District; Commissioner, RWRC**
- 41) Lisa Rose, County of Santa Clara
- 42) Lori Topley, City of Mountain View
- 43) aija McDonald, ACTERRA
- 44) Mark Bowers, City of Sunnyvale
- 45) Marty Pardun, Valley Recycling
- 46) Mary Lindemuth, City of Sunnyvale
- 47) Matt Cucuzza, McGovern Consulting/ACC
- 48) Matt Wynkoop, World Centric
- 49) Michelle Yesney, David J. Powers & Associates
- 50) Mike Wasserman, County of Santa Clara; Commissioner, RWRC**
- 51) Miriam Gordon, Clean Water Action
- 52) Natalie Henry, City of Cupertino
- 53) Pat Showalter, Santa Clara Valley Water District
- 54) Paul Ledesma, City of San Jose
- 55) Richard Gertman, Cascadia Consulting/CRRA
- 56) Rick Simonson, HFH
- 57) Rob D'Arcy, County of Santa Clara
- 58) Ronit Bryant, City of Mountain View; Commissioner, RWRC**
- 59) Ryan Kenny, American Chemistry Council
- 60) Skip Lacaze, City of San Jose
- 61) Stephen Knight, Save the Bay
- 62) Steve Garcia, HOPE Services
- 63) Laura Kasa, Save Our Shores
- 64) Sue Vang, Californians Against Waste
- 65) Susan Garner, City of Monte Sereno; Commissioner, RWRC**
- 66) Terri Ramirez, San Jose State Univ.
- 67) Tony Eulo, Cities of Morgan Hill & Gilroy
- 68) Walter Lin, City of San Jose
- 69) Wendy Fong, County of Santa Clara
- 70) Wendy Hediger, City of Palo Alto