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**IMPERIAL VALLEY RESOURCE MANAGEMENT AGENCY (IVRMA)
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC)**

MINUTES

November 16, 2023

Present

Voting Members:

Abraham Campos	City of El Centro
Cedric Cesena	City of El Centro
Frank Pacheco	City of El Centro
Liliana Falomir	City of Calexico
Yvonne Cordero	City of Imperial
Jose Castaneda	Imperial County Public Works

Other Members:

Maricela Galarza	IVRMA
Angelica Gerardo	IVRMA
Atenea Leal	IVRMA
Risa Baron	Republic Services
Jill Larner	Cal Recycle

1. Mr. Campos called the meeting to order at 3:06 p.m. **A quorum was present.** Introductions were made.
 - Hybrid meeting
2. Minutes were reviewed for October 26, 2023, and no comments or changes were requested. Minutes were adopted for October 26, 2023. (Castaneda, seconded by Ms. Cordero) **Motion Carried.**
3. CAPACITY PLAN PROJECTS/ PROPOSALS

Ms. Galarza provided the following updates.

- The SB1383 Capacity Plan/Reports Request For Proposal (RFP) was developed and shared with interested firms.
- Our agency received four proposals from MSW, ReCREATE Waste Collaborative, SCS Engineers, and Solana Center. The proposal basis is for the consultant to do identification of the Edible Food Generator Tiers, and the Outreach to businesses to gather information data for the reports. These four firms have worked on previous projects similar to the one proposed for the Edible food recovery programs Capacity Planning/ Reports that need to be completed in Imperial County. Ms Galarza provided members with a brief presentation of the submitted proposals' specifics. (Attached for reference)

- The proposals are in the process of being scored by four individuals 1st Ms. Galarza from IVRMA, 2nd from SCAG, 3rd from ICTC, and 4th from the County of Imperial. In December's Board meeting, the project/contract will be awarded to the most qualified consultant. The project will initialize from there by having a kick-off meeting.
- Ms. Larner reached out to Ms. Galarza in regards to SB1383 funding. She recommended that all Jurisdictions reach out to the Foodbank as it deals with Tier 1 Edible Food Generators.

4. ORGANICS WASTE CAPACITY REPORT

Ms. Galarza provided the following updates.

- Reached out to Jurisdictions via email to provide guidelines for the reporting. (Attached for reference, page 3)

5. IVRMA UPDATES

Ms. Leal provided the following updates.

- For October 28, 2023, there will be 1 IVRMA Clean-Up event in Niland and 1 IVRMA/REPUBLIC Clean-Up event in Imperial.
- For November there will be 2 Clean-ups events 1 in Holtville and 1 in Ocotillo.
- For December 2nd Clean-ups will be in the City of Heber and for December 9th in Seeley and Bombay Beach for December 16.
- For Community Events, IVRMA outreach participated in Lincoln Elementary School. IVRMA will also be participating in a Community event in the City of Brawley.
- IVRMA will be hosting 11 school presentations for Introduction to Recycle in JW Oakley School and 1 in Ben Hulse School.

6. MEMBER ROUNDTABLE

Ms. Cordero provided the following updates.

- The City of Imperial will be having The Light Parade on December 8, 2023, and for Community events Christmas in a Small Town on December 9, 2023.
- Ms. Cordero reached out to Sara Griffen under the advisement of Ms. Larner to see what the Food Bank needs relating to SB1383 capacity expansion/maintenance. Imperial will be including the Food Bank in the Grant expenses. For the Grant proposal, they have added a Delivery truck lift gate which is approximately \$18,000. Also, Driver wages as additional drivers will be required. Ms. Griffen offered to do a tour of their facility to show jurisdictions how they operate and their storage capacity.

7. ADJOURNMENT

- Mr. Campos adjourned the meeting at 3:46 pm.
- It was discussed and approved among members to move forward in going dark for December TAC. There will be no pending items that can't wait until the January meeting. The proposal procurement process will move forward through the management and Board meeting in December. Ms. Galarza will follow up with an email informing members of the final decision for the Capacity Plan Project.

The next IVRMA TAC meeting is scheduled for Thursday, December 14, 2023. For questions or comments, please call Maricela Galarza at (760) 996-0972, or email at maricelagalarza@imperialctc.org.