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BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Michael Frost, Chairman

Wesley Chesbro, Vice Chairman

Jesse Huff

Kathy Neal

Paul M. Relis

STAFF PRESENT:

Andrea Thomas, Board Secretary

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P R O C E E D I N G S

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2 BOARD CHAIRMAN FROST: Good morning. Welcome to
3 the second day of the monthly meeting of the California
4 Integrated Waste Management Board.

5 Could we start by calling the roll, please.

6 BOARD SECRETARY THOMAS: Board Members Chesbro.

7 BOARD VICE CHAIRMAN CHESBRO: Here.

8 BOARD SECRETARY THOMAS: Huff.

9 BOARD MEMBER HUFF: Here.

10 BOARD SECRETARY THOMAS: Egigian, absent.

11 Neal.

12 BOARD MEMBER NEAL: Here.

13 BOARD SECRETARY THOMAS: Relis.

14 BOARD MEMBER RELIS: Here.

15 BOARD SECRETARY THOMAS: Chairman Frost.

16 BOARD CHAIRMAN FROST: Here.

17 I'd like to start by saying is there any
18 unfinished business from yesterday's Board meeting that any
19 Board Member would like to raise at this time?

20 BOARD VICE CHAIRMAN CHESBRO: Yes; Mr. Chairman.

21 BOARD CHAIRMAN FROST: Mr. Chesbro.

22 BOARD VICE CHAIRMAN CHESBRO: I don't remember the
23 item number, but it is the annual report consideration.

24 You may recall that we held one paragraph in
25 suspense for discussion today and I have a proposed

1 modification to that paragraph to present to the Board and
2 ask for your approval.

3 The trouble is, I have to read to you and I don't
4 think you all have it in front of you.

5 I have spoken to the Board's counsel and the staff
6 in the Permits Section and the Executive Director to get
7 their concurrence and they agree that this would be the best
8 way to address it.

9 Let's see. I'll start in the middle of the
10 paragraph.

11 "Generally, Board comments on draft
12 CEQA documents are considered by lead
13 agency for a project and addressed
14 within the final CEQA document.

15 "The Board has, depending on the
16 degree to which a final CEQA document
17 addresses the Board's comments, take
18 additional actions ranging from" -- just
19 a second -- "ranging from commenting on
20 an environmental document as a
21 responsible agency up to declaring the
22 Board's intent to become lead agency and
23 prepare a subsequent environmental
24 impact report on the project."

25 BOARD CHAIRMAN FROST: Okay.

1 BOARD VICE CHAIRMAN CHESBRO: I would move that.

2 BOARD CHAIRMAN FROST: Okay. Moved.

3 BOARD MEMBER RELIS: Second.

4 BOARD CHAIRMAN FROST: Seconded.

5 Any discussion?

6 Call the roll, please.

7 BOARD SECRETARY THOMAS: Board Members Chesbro.

8 BOARD VICE CHAIRMAN CHESBRO: Aye.

9 BOARD SECRETARY THOMAS: Huff.

10 BOARD MEMBER HUFF: Abstain.

11 BOARD SECRETARY THOMAS: Egigian, absent.

12 Neal.

13 BOARD MEMBER NEAL: Aye.

14 BOARD SECRETARY THOMAS: Relis.

15 BOARD MEMBER RELIS: Aye.

16 BOARD SECRETARY THOMAS: Chairman Frost.

17 BOARD CHAIRMAN FROST: Aye.

18 Okay. Thank you.

19 Now, if there's no further business from
20 yesterday's Board meeting at this time, Board is meeting
21 today to hear reports from local officials regarding
22 implementation of the Integrated Waste Management Act and to
23 hear more about that effort in the newly designed recycling
24 market development zone.

25 At this time it is my pleasure to introduce the

1 first of five speakers this morning, Mr. Dean Hill, who
2 serves as chair of the Butte County local task force.

3 Mr. Hill.

4 MR. HILL: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

5 We would like to welcome the Board here to come to
6 the City of Oroville.

7 The task force felt that this is a great
8 opportunity for not only you to get out and see what's
9 happening around you on trying to meet the requirements of
10 the mandate, but also a chance for us to give you some of
11 our input and especially some of the problem areas that we
12 face, some of the good things that's happened that we have
13 accomplished so far, and I'm sure that are somewhat
14 interested in that.

15 As a task force chair, I'm just going to give you
16 an overview of where we started, the process we went
17 through, and where we are basically to date.

18 And we've got the other people that are going to
19 be your speakers today will give you a little bit of a
20 background into these items.

21 The task force started about 1990, somewhere in
22 February, I believe.

23 And the first thing that the task force did is get
24 all the cities and counties together and decided that, you
25 know, we would be much better off if we hired one consultant

1 for the entire county and did a plan for each of us.

2 And that proved to be very cost effective.

3 I think it also proved to make sure that our plans
4 meshed together much better.

5 So we had one consultant that did our plans for
6 all the agencies in the county and the county and that
7 worked very well for us.

8 From that point, to date we've approved all of our
9 plans, you've approved our plans, so our plan has been
10 adopted by all the agencies and we've made that step so far.

11 One of the things that the City of Oroville
12 applied for market development zone, which will be an
13 official talk to you about that today, the recycle market
14 development zone.

15 The City of Oroville is also an enterprise zone.

16 So we feel that through the process that we've
17 made that we got our area of the city in line to bring some
18 industry and to help us meet some of the mandates of AB 939
19 to this process, getting some people in to use recycled
20 products.

21 As you know, we also applied for a grant for our
22 household hazardous waste facility and was awarded that
23 grant by the Board of \$57,300.

24 And I'm sure we hope to take you on a little tour
25 there today.

1 It's almost complete. We should have the building
2 inspector down there trying to final that for us.

3 But we had started a temporary facility early on.

4 I'll talk about some of the steps that we went
5 through on that process, because we started a couple of
6 years ago in the permitting process in trying to get a
7 temporary facility.

8 There was some difficulty in that and I'll bring
9 that to your attention just in a short time to see if the
10 Board wouldn't help in the areas that's going to go through
11 this permitting process.

12 We started out -- we have started the temporary
13 facility. We are accepting waste through the City of
14 Oroville right now.

15 We've also jointly using that facility to --
16 there's a plan, probably will go to our council next meeting
17 and then to the board of supervisors, to get an agreement
18 with them to share in our responsibility for that facility
19 so that customers outside the City of Oroville can also use
20 that household hazardous waste facility. So we're expanding
21 that.

22 Because we're probably ahead of most agencies
23 around here, we may expand to even outside cities in the
24 county like Chico and Paradise that haven't got their
25 household hazardous waste programs started yet.

1 We may enter into some agreement to let ours
2 handle some of that waste and get it out of the county
3 properly handled prior to them getting theirs going.

4 These are some of the processes.

5 But we've already got the agreement and probably
6 go to our council for approval to let the customers that are
7 served by our franchisee bring their household hazardous
8 waste to our facility and process it.

9 I think that the city -- in the city we started,
10 and the reason we're heading in the direction that we are
11 right now with the AB 939 requirements on recycling is that
12 we did some pilot programming on curbside a couple of years
13 ago and trying to meet your goal of 50 percent by the year
14 1990 seemed to be something that we weren't going to be able
15 to do just with the curbside and then some of the programs
16 that we worked on.

17 So the City of Oroville is proposing, our
18 franchise, in fact, we've already had meetings in putting a
19 material recovery facility located in the City of Oroville
20 at our transfer station now.

21 And by that means the steps that we took to sort
22 out which direction we wanted to go by doing the pilot
23 programs and looking what we had to recycle in the city.

24 This is where we feel that we're going to be able
25 to meet and exceed and hope to exceed the requirements and

1 reduce the amount of material going to the landfill.

2 We think that for -- that that may end up at this
3 end of the county, the south end of the county, and we'll be
4 handling more than just the city's waste and reducing that
5 amount.

6 I think the next step that we're going to take,
7 and I think it's by far the most challenging, and then that
8 is to get all the cities within the county to agree on how
9 we're going to meet all the requirements of AB 939.

10 So we're kind of holding a -- we're calling it an
11 implementation committee type and we've asked each agency to
12 provide two council members and board members from the board
13 of supervisors to a meeting scheduled for about the 10th of
14 February in which we plan to use that as an information and
15 a problem solving process.

16 And like I said, I think this is the part, doing
17 the plans, setting up the plan, hasn't been an easy task in
18 a sense. It's been long, it's been hard getting there, but
19 we're at the point now when we're going to deal with
20 political issues that are really going to be the crunch for
21 us.

22 And we know that it's going to be difficult, but
23 we're also positive and think we can solve it.

24 So we're starting on that process and we know that
25 if we're going to get our goals met by 1995 that we got to

1 start pretty quick.

2 So we think we're on track in that direction.

3 I think some of the major problems, and that will
4 be discussed by some of the things later, is like the City
5 of Oroville, Gridley, and Biggs have franchise garbage
6 services and mandatory collection, which provides us an
7 easier mechanism to spread the cost properly, the user pays
8 and to accomplish our task.

9 Whereas two larger cities within the county have
10 several haulers and understandably that's going to make a
11 difficult process to make the whole thing mesh together.

12 The city, we feel, we're stepping in the right
13 direction, the facilities we're going to build, we're going
14 to be able to handle it immediately.

15 As a task force we need to look at our landfill,
16 we need to look at the county as a whole.

17 And that's some of the process.

18 I'd also want to leave you with some thoughts of
19 what we think your Board could assist us.

20 And one of the problems that we really do face up
21 here in the rural county area is the fact that the City of
22 Oroville will be able to meet its requirements for recycling
23 because we have all the recycling material in the city
24 jurisdiction.

25 We've got three major cities and two smaller

1 cities that have all the recyclable products, the ones that
2 are easier to recycle today.

3 The county is going to have to meet the 50
4 percent, a large portion, probably by household garbage
5 refuse, which is going to make it much more difficult for
6 them. They're much more rural and spread out.

7 So I think that there is some bills or some
8 legislation being worked on to work toward that. It's my
9 understanding at this point.

10 But I think that the Board needs really in a rural
11 areas, needs to be aware of that, that the rural county area
12 outside the hubs of the cities is a real task.

13 And how we do that, we haven't got the answers,
14 but I think we really need to spend some time and do some
15 work on that area.

16 I think the other area that we need as a
17 government agencies and especially being a small cities and
18 counties is we need the technical assistance here on new
19 businesses coming into our community.

20 We need technical assistance on source reduction.

21 These are some of the areas that we don't have the
22 expertise on and that some of the areas that the Board or
23 the State could lend us assistance.

24 In that direction I would think that if we had
25 some people that were interested in looking at that, if we

1 bring them out, we need to have some resources to bring
2 technical people that are educated in the recycling market
3 and have them people come to this company and work with them
4 to help them start processing, how to develop new techniques
5 or what technology is out there to recycle products.

6 And through our zone that we have here in
7 Oroville, we have been working on a couple of them, and Mike
8 will go over them later with you.

9 I think there could be -- if -- and knowing that
10 the State, the funding ability of the State right now and
11 all of this is going to be difficult, but grants for new
12 entrepreneurs and businesses coming into the community in
13 the recycled area need to be a target.

14 And I really -- I think expediting permit
15 processing is -- I think you probably received some letters
16 from me early on a year or two ago when we started our
17 household hazardous waste program.

18 It was very difficult getting through State
19 agencies because there was so many agencies that were on
20 that one little permit that had to be handled. It was very
21 difficult to get going.

22 And it almost gets to the point where you lose
23 interest.

24 But it worked through.

25 And I think because we were up in the front and

1 early on, the processes weren't really ironed out.

2 But I think them processes, if we're going to make
3 the household hazardous waste programs and these types of
4 facilities and permitting facilities, need to be an easier
5 means to get through it. And maybe there needs to be
6 somebody to guide that process through.

7 But overall we're positive up here in Northern
8 California that we're going to be able to do it and we know
9 it's going to be difficult.

10 And we thank the Board for reaching out and coming
11 up and hearing some of the good things that's coming in this
12 and some of the problems we face.

13 So thank you very much.

14 BOARD CHAIRMAN FROST: Thank you very much,
15 Mr. Hill.

16 Any questions?

17 BOARD MEMBER NEAL: Yes.

18 BOARD CHAIRMAN FROST: Mr. Hill.

19 MR. HILL: Sure.

20 BOARD MEMBER NEAL: It sounds like you're doing
21 some really positive things and I understand that you're one
22 of the early or first folks in the state to deal with some
23 household hazard waste collecting centers and I commend you
24 for that.

25 I was wondering if the county or the city or the

1 cities are doing anything to help educate some of the
2 population on how to prevent the generation of waste in the
3 first place. Are you doing a lot of recycling collections?

4 MR. HILL: We haven't done a whole lot on that,
5 but there has been -- our franchise sends out -- and there's
6 been some media, we've done some media on it and that's
7 probably one of our major goals now.

8 The reason that we didn't want to on the household
9 hazardous waste push it real hard now, because we had a
10 temporary facility with limited storage capability and it
11 was only the 90 day. We didn't want to deal with the 90
12 day. We wanted to have that year's collection be able to
13 store that for years. So the facility we have now will
14 store that and we feel that's the cost effective way.

15 BOARD MEMBER NEAL: I'm talking about on some of
16 the solid waste, not households.

17 What I heard you say, I think, is that the bulk of
18 the activity is going to have to take place in the household
19 in terms of recycling and focusing on the wastes that are
20 generated.

21 So, you know, you may want to look at whether
22 there's some cost effective, because I know money is a
23 consideration, ways to just get the message out about
24 generating less solid waste, because there's certainly a lot
25 of ways.

1 MR. HILL: Yes; there was.

2 We have some in that area. We've had programs in
3 the schools where we went to the schools and our franchisee
4 would go out and pick up at the schools a couple times a
5 month and that was the recycle days and the kids brought the
6 things and they actually got the recycle revenue back into
7 the schools.

8 So we have done some of that through our process.
9 As you see we went through looking at the curbside program.

10 And right on we felt that the two and a half
11 percent that we actually were pulling out of that on that
12 program isn't going to get us to 50 percent in the year 2000
13 and so we started thinking in a different direction and we
14 said we need to go to a material recovery, we need to pull
15 it out in one location that we can do a better job at it.

16 And I think we're right in that direction so that
17 may be some of the things that we don't do.

18 But we also got a newspaper curbside program going
19 that people set it out and it's collected separately.

20 And we do have for our businesses a tremendous
21 amount of recycling capability that's going on right now,
22 has gone on for several years.

23 BOARD VICE CHAIRMAN CHESBRO: Couple of questions.

24 Now, do you view the movement towards material
25 recovery facility as replacing the curbside effort or are

1 you going to try to do both?

2 MR. HILL: No. In the city, as far as I'm
3 concerned, the direction we're heading, that's going to --
4 you may still have the newspaper and you may have other
5 substances, but I think the basic role is not to do the
6 curbside, because of the cost effectiveness of it. You got
7 different trucks, more manpower.

8 If we have a facility that filters it all and
9 picks out what you need, and we feel that's where -- that's
10 where we're going to end up.

11 I am sure that we will do some separating and I
12 think that needs to go along with it. The easier things to
13 separate.

14 But the end result if you're going to reach the
15 goal, you need the material recovery facility as far as I'm
16 concerned is the answer.

17 BOARD VICE CHAIRMAN CHESBRO: The other thing I
18 wanted to mention, I hope when we go and look at that
19 facility you can address this in more detail, but I'm real
20 interested in hearing more specifics about what you had to
21 go through, what you had to deal with with the State and I'm
22 not sure we have the time to hear it all now, but maybe --

23 MR. HILL: I think very quickly I can hit a couple
24 of them.

25 I think the significant thing was the permitting

1 process.

2 I think we had -- because -- I don't think there
3 was real clear guidelines for the financial responsibility.
4 I had a hard time getting the two State offices to talk to
5 one another. I want to get rolling on it.

6 And initially I think that was a problem.

7 As we worked through that, I think that problem
8 started solving.

9 And what I'm seeing now and them things are
10 working through and very -- they were major hurdles.

11 The first time that we dealt with this, sure, it's
12 going to cost you 25,000 bucks for the liability insurance
13 just to run your household hazardous. I said that's more
14 than it's going cost us to run it.

15 So we were new. We were front runner. We were up
16 ahead of the first ones and so --

17 BOARD VICE CHAIRMAN CHESBRO: As far as I know,
18 there's only three or four in the state so far, but
19 obviously there's got to be a lot more. So the experience
20 you've had is real important to understand in terms of
21 assisting other local governments in getting going on
22 solutions.

23 MR. HILL: Right.

24 We was in the process of that hazardous waste
25 management plan, and in our hazardous waste management plan

1 we sited a small collection facility in Oroville, one in
2 Chico, one in Paradise, and one in Gridley.

3 There needs to be a process to see this happen for
4 the other places that work through much easier.

5 BOARD MEMBER RELIS: Mr. Chair, on that point I've
6 had direct experience with the problems of siting household
7 hazardous facilities and to the extent that our Board has
8 put this forward, we're responsible for this program, I
9 think we must be doing more to assist this effort,
10 understand where barriers are, communicating to local
11 government that this is a statewide activity, and that these
12 types of facilities are to be facilitated, not viewed as
13 somehow -- I mean, this is something we want to accomplish.

14 It's not -- and it's often being viewed as we
15 don't want these facilities.

16 And the cost involved in permitting and siting
17 them is utterly disproportionate to both the risk and to the
18 operation and it's a serious problem.

19 MR. HILL: Yes.

20 BOARD MEMBER RELIS: I think you're right in
21 asking us to help you with it.

22 MR. HILL: In that respect, we've been dumping our
23 hazardous waste that's not accepted in the landfill anywhere
24 in our garbage cans all these years.

25 Now we've got a process to take that garbage in a

1 confined controlled environment and we're expected to pay
2 horrendous amounts of liability insurance for cleaning up
3 what we've already done.

4 And that is the one that I have a harder problem
5 dealing with it.

6 Wait a minute, we're just cleaning up everything
7 we've been destroying our environment for years and now
8 you're going to charge us double for it, because we didn't
9 pay for it before.

10 We're going to pay in the long run. We know that.
11 I listened to you, what you went through yesterday.

12 So that's now that we control it, that's the point
13 I think that needs to be made that now that we control it,
14 we need to be easier on the process, not more restrictive,
15 and less costly, really.

16 BOARD CHAIRMAN FROST: I agree with you.

17 I'm afraid that a lot of that has been a result of
18 court decisions and the court system and probably a limit to
19 how much we can affect liability law and liability
20 insurance.

21 But you're right, it makes no sense.

22 BOARD MEMBER HUFF: The statutes require of us
23 that we require of you that you have liability insurance.

24 MR. HILL: Well, you know, statutes are laws and
25 laws are out there and I think it's just like if you have

1 justification for why it was there, maybe it needs to be
2 changed now and we need to go back and change some of them
3 laws.

4 BOARD MEMBER HUFF: You're right. Okay.
5 But you got me going here.

6 Legislature passed the requirement to have
7 operating liability, not once, but twice. It was signed
8 into law twice.

9 And when we went about designing regulations on
10 this issue I publicly said that I thought that the law was
11 misguided.

12 The author of the bill will tell anyone that his
13 inspiration was the operating industry's situation down in
14 Southern California, which was not a landfill, which was not
15 a recycling site, which was not -- it was a stinking Class
16 II facility, unlined, where people brought drums of junk,
17 unlabeled and just parked them.

18 And the lawsuit now totals \$600 million or
19 something.

20 That was his inspiration. So he wrote a law that
21 applies to solid waste facilities.

22 And all of the assembled lobbying power in
23 Sacramento on behalf of cities, counties, landfill
24 operators, et cetera, have not been able in the nine years
25 since that law was first passed to convince the Legislature

1 to change it.

2 And we're getting nasty letters from the
3 Legislature, why aren't you enforcing it.

4 MR. HILL: One other quick comment.

5 Our franchisee is a partner in a larger
6 corporation, that is Norcal.

7 There's only about .005 percent of the hazardous
8 waste that's handled through these facilities since it is
9 not processed, but ends up going into the barrel in the
10 Class I dump and store.

11 So we are eliminating it. It's being taken care
12 of through process matters.

13 And I think that's a key importance that this
14 program, we're not going to be storing it.

15 And people think it's hazardous waste, it's going
16 to be stored in the landfill, and you're going to dump it in
17 the landfill.

18 .002 or five percent, I'm not sure of the figure.
19 We can get it for you.

20 But it's nil, the amount of material that's
21 actually having to go to a Class I dump for storage. It's
22 all being processed.

23 So I think we're going ahead, technology is moving
24 ahead for us in that area.

25 BOARD CHAIRMAN FROST: Okay. Thank you very much.

1 MR. HILL: Thank you very much.

2 BOARD CHAIRMAN FROST: I'd like to call on
3 Mr. Mike Crump, the public works director for the City of
4 Oroville and the recycling market development zone
5 coordinator.

6 MR. CRUMP: Good morning.

7 As you said, I'm the recycling market zone
8 coordinator as well as the enterprise zone coordinator and
9 the public works director, so I've got a lot of
10 opportunities to really have an oversight on just what the
11 development opportunities problems and issues are in a small
12 town like Oroville.

13 First of all, Oroville is a -- has two goals in
14 regards to what we're talking about today.

15 One, of course, to meet our goals on AB 939 and to
16 develop a economic stability in Oroville. Historically,
17 we've had a lot of highs and lows. We're very timber
18 related and we've experienced every major recession the
19 state has plus some of our own which haven't really affected
20 the state.

21 In light of this, the City, back early '80s
22 started a program to develop the basic infrastructure in our
23 community that would hopefully stabilize this.

24 The first step was developing redevelopment agency
25 and with that money we developed over a thousand acres of

1 industrial land with a majority of the infrastructure,
2 sewer, water, and so on.

3 And we've recently hired over the last few years
4 an industrial recruiter, Chabin Concepts, to do industrial
5 recruiting for us to bring the manufacturers to town and we
6 can then offer them local incentives that hopefully we'll
7 have them relocate here.

8 In November of '91 we were designated a state
9 enterprise zone, which provides some very beneficial state
10 tax incentives to industries that locate here,
11 manufacturers.

12 And, of course, we've just been designated a
13 recycle zone, which will help us meet the needs of AB 939.

14 With all this discussion on material recovery
15 facilities and so on, we all know now we have to find a way
16 of utilizing this material that everyone is pulling out of
17 the waste stream.

18 And I think that's one of the reasons for these
19 market development zones.

20 And Oroville has a very unique opportunity with
21 the enterprise zone that provides some state tax incentives
22 for manufacturers as well as the recycle zone benefits to
23 attract businesses to Oroville and help us implement the
24 939, as well, I think, help the industries make a go at
25 trying to -- trying to utilize this material and make a

1 value added product afterward.

2 The reasons we can be beneficial are the ones I've
3 just stated, the enterprise zone, recycle zone, but we've
4 also got some of the things that Dean Hill mentioned.

5 We have a franchise waste hauler that we can work
6 directly with us. Rather than having a splintered approach,
7 we can have a single approach.

8 We -- the whole concept of the City went through
9 with our enterprise zone and recycle zone was a team
10 approach. And we have kind of gathered in a number of
11 different agencies, the City, County, the staff of the Waste
12 Management Board, the waste hauler, CSU Chico. University
13 here in Chico gave us some technical assistance.

14 And with this team approach we really can go out
15 and offer a lot of valuable insights and help the industries
16 when they come into Oroville and want to locate here.

17 Our recycle zone had two approaches.

18 The first phase was to work with existing
19 businesses in Oroville that were ready to try to recycle and
20 create a value added product.

21 Our second phase was to expand on that to some
22 other industries already existing in Oroville that weren't
23 quite ready, that had the potential to it.

24 In regards to the first phase, we're now working
25 with a -- we have a plastic manufacturer who makes plastic

1 film. The stuff you buy at Macy's when you put their bags
2 in for whatever you buy.

3 And he's very interested in developing a recycle
4 capability to recycle existing waste plastic film from a
5 number of different sources.

6 And the City is now working with the University,
7 Tri County ABC, in making the application for CDBG technical
8 assistance grant that will help us identify exactly what the
9 issues are, what's existing, what kind of equipment is out
10 there existing.

11 We feel we have already done some preliminary
12 research in there. We don't feel that there's anything
13 really out there that will meet the needs.

14 But then develop the technology or technology
15 transfer technical assistance to make this recycle process
16 work for this one manufacturer.

17 And I think it has some effects that could go out
18 widespread, not only for Oroville, but for everywhere else.

19 Again, the way we're doing this is with a team
20 approach using the Board's staff, the Chico State
21 University, as well as anyone else we can grab onto and
22 bring to a meeting.

23 With all this, we are -- we're still feeling our
24 way, as I think Integrated Waste Management Board and staff
25 is, on how this recycle zone will actually work.

1 We've had very good success in communications with
2 your staff and you've been very helpful in every step of the
3 way.

4 We still think there's room for improvement.

5 We're still learning exactly what some of the
6 issues are out there.

7 We're a small rural town and some of our needs are
8 smaller than the metropolitan areas throughout California.

9 And we've identified some possible benefits that
10 we think the Board could help us with and I'll pass this
11 along while I read over those and you can maybe read along.

12 These are some of the issues that we found that
13 from the companies we've talked to recently that are small
14 and have essentially a niche market and don't have the
15 capabilities, resource, financially, technology to get it
16 off the ground. We're talking sort of like a mom and pop
17 who has a good idea but might not have the resources to get
18 it off and we think that the Board could help us on that.

19 And I'll read over these briefly and we can
20 discuss them if you need.

21 We think there's some need for some seed funding
22 for product development, research and testing.

23 Small companies do not have the capability or
24 capital capacities to do research for market viability or
25 acceptance of the product.

1 Small working capital loans for soft costs of
2 preparing market feasibility studies, contract preparation,
3 start-up cost.

4 Methods to test for market acceptance of product.

5 Technology transfer for product development and
6 testing of products using post-consumer waste to meet the
7 market's product specifications.

8 We know and we appreciate your staff's assistance
9 on our technology assistance.

10 Right after this meeting we're going to go to
11 another meeting on this very subject using some of your
12 staff's help and resources.

13 But we think there's room for improvement and
14 expansion on these, especially for these small users.

15 Technical assistance as well as financial in
16 adapting or retrofitting equipment.

17 Ability to obtain long-term source of
18 post-consumer waste in the condition needed for processing.

19 These smaller companies, if they're going to have
20 a -- if they're going to get into the business of recycling
21 material, we've going to have to get in the long-term
22 contracts for this -- for their source, for their material,
23 their product.

24 And they're very apt -- not really prepared to get
25 into the legal implications of these long-term contracts or

1 possibly get into the competition of some of the brokers or
2 larger contracts that may utilize some of this material.

3 We think there can be some help that the Board can
4 provide us, as well as these small companies, in working out
5 some of these legal problems, as well as some of these
6 procedural problems that can get these small guys going.

7 We think that's -- as with a lot of businesses,
8 the small person is where a lot of the innovation is going
9 to occur and in these rural counties is where a lot of
10 this -- that's the only way we're going to meet our goals.

11 BOARD VICE CHAIRMAN CHESBRO: May I comment on
12 that?

13 This is one point which has occurred cross over
14 relative to the quality question, which you mentioned, you
15 used the phrase "in the condition needed for processing."

16 But one of the real important things for people
17 planning MRFs or any recycling program, curbside, too, is to
18 think in terms of marketing and think in terms of the users,
19 just like if you were producing a virgin resource trying to
20 get it in the condition that's necessary to sell it, setting
21 up your collection system or your separating system,
22 whatever it is, with that in mind.

23 And I assume you've already made that connection
24 from the fact that you're working together in a relatively
25 small town here.

1 But a lot of folks who were in the resource
2 extraction side of this business haven't -- or coming from a
3 government program standpoint and haven't quite figured out
4 that it's a marketing issue and that's where quality --
5 where the recycling market development meets the collection
6 and processing program.

7 It's both a consistent supply, but also a
8 consistent supply that has the quality necessary.

9 MR. CRUMP: That's a good point.

10 And that's one we'll have to really fully explore
11 when we work with the solid waste hauler for the material
12 recovery facility, because hopefully we're in a position now
13 where everything seems to be falling in place. There's
14 still a lot of questions and a lot of work, but it seems
15 like we have all the chips on the table and now we have to
16 put them in the right position, and hopefully get us to a
17 point --

18 BOARD VICE CHAIRMAN CHESBRO: A lot of communities
19 are getting into these MRFs and other things and seemingly
20 logically, one step at a time. First you deal with
21 collection and then you deal with the processing and never
22 worry about marketing.

23 But unfortunately that may not work if you get
24 locked into a system that doesn't turn out to produce --
25 either be flexible enough to change or guarantee the quality

1 necessary to market it or to attract the businesses that you
2 want to attract --

3 MR. CRUMP: That's a good point. We'll keep that
4 in mind.

5 BOARD MEMBER NEAL: If I can sort of add a
6 postscript, I don't know how you're structuring all of your
7 collections agreements, but you may want to think about the
8 cities and counties, however it's structured, retaining some
9 ability to direct whether recyclable -- out of locally
10 first, before they go outside of the area.

11 I'm not an attorney, I can't tell you the details
12 on how to do that, but that might be something else you can
13 consider.

14 MR. CRUMP: Correct.

15 I think we have that benefit, although being a
16 rural county sometimes the resources just aren't there.

17 We're probably going to have to go outside the
18 area, certainly outside our market area, which is very
19 small, just the City of Oroville.

20 But we do have opportunities in Butte County.

21 And but that is always a problem when you look at
22 the number of different waste haulers and their varying
23 degrees of needs or wants.

24 And that's one thing that is going to be a problem
25 for the small guy of trying to stabilize his in-sellers, his

1 market.

2 I think that's all I have.

3 I'd be happy to answer any questions.

4 Again, I'd like to thank your staff in its support
5 in working with us.

6 And we hope to be able to make this zone a success
7 not only for its own sake and for AB 939, but hopefully it
8 will create the jobs we need in the City of Oroville.

9 BOARD MEMBER RELIS: I'd like to thank Mr. Crump
10 for putting his thoughts down in writing for us. It's a
11 real nice statement of needs and we'll be getting back to
12 you on it.

13 MR. CRUMP: Great.

14 BOARD MEMBER NEAL: And I think a real logical
15 list.

16 MR. CRUMP: Thank you very much.

17 BOARD CHAIRMAN FROST: Thank you very much,
18 Mr. Crump.

19 Now I'd like to call on Mr. Eric Miller, who is
20 Butte County solid waste manager.

21 MR. MILLER: Good morning. Thanks for coming,
22 Mr. Chairman and members of the Board.

23 Welcome to Butte County and Oroville.

24 It's really quite a pretty area. Of course, you
25 can't see it, it's foggy outside, but this time of year the

1 hillsides are very green and hope you come on back.

2 I'm relatively new to the county. Came here from
3 Yolo County five months ago, so it's been a little bit of a
4 change and adjustment for me.

5 I've learned some things that I cannot say here
6 that I could pull off down in the land of Davis and what
7 not, especially these two words and three syllables, state
8 mandates. That's a good way to get shot up here.

9 BOARD VICE CHAIRMAN CHESBRO: Can't you see we're
10 wearing bulletproof vests?

11 MR. MILLER: Yes. Good advice. Maybe two at a
12 time.

13 I do have a handout I've provided for you, kind of
14 a canned presentation that I have been going out to and
15 talking to service groups and communities, why is garbage a
16 big deal, something you can refer to.

17 Attached to that is a California map of rural
18 county tipping fees and also a copy of our newsletter, the
19 "Daily Disposal," which is our first wave of propaganda
20 recycling blast that we have had occasion to release so far.

21 It's been fun, though.

22 Let me just quickly give you some information so
23 that you can better appreciate what we're looking at as far
24 as solid waste management planning in Butte County.

25 If you kind of follow with me on the general

1 information on the Neal Road Landfill, it's the one and only
2 sanitary landfill in Butte County. We do have two transfer
3 stations.

4 But as far as the facility, solid waste facility
5 for accepting garbage, it is the only one.

6 Located about seven miles south of Chico.

7 It was open in 1970 and the county -- or the
8 property is owned by the County and the actual landfill
9 operations are contracted out to Neal Road Landfill Company.

10 And you'll be hearing one of my associates
11 actually come back from Neal Road Landfill Company a little
12 later this morning.

13 They've been in operations or we've privatized
14 operations since 1978.

15 Approximately 100 acres will become landfill.

16 We receive roughly 400 to 500 tons of garbage per
17 day. That's about 145,000 tons per year.

18 We also accept septage with liquid waste elements.

19 But there's a way to reduce the amount of septage
20 coming in, that would be a physiological feat, I think.

21 We have approximately 15 years or so of landfill
22 capacity remaining. Our forecasting takes us to about 2007,
23 roughly, as far as available capacity.

24 Some -- now here's some big facts for you to --
25 I'm actually will be seeking your advice when I'm kind of

1 done talking here.

2 Some facts that we in the solid waste management
3 planning are looking at some figures.

4 The county overall has a total population of
5 around 200,000 residents. Roughly 100,000 live in the
6 unincorporated rural part of the county.

7 Oroville, Chico, and the town of Paradise do have
8 quite densely populated urban area, but there are patches
9 and islands of unincorporated county within the actual
10 jurisdiction limits. So that's kind of confusing.

11 We have approximately 10 or 11 refuse haulers in
12 Butte County.

13 One of them in three communities have franchises,
14 Oroville, Gridley, Biggs.

15 And you'll be touring the permanent household
16 hazardous waste facility.

17 So we have essentially nine or so other refuse
18 collectors or waste collectors in the county and it's right
19 now -- hopefully nobody else is here -- unregulated.

20 Our tipping fees at Neal Road Landfill are at a
21 whopping 9.50 a ton.

22 We'll go into that effective February 1st.

23 We did experience a controversial rate conversion
24 from volume to weight, one of the arguments to do so, and
25 install the scales was per AB 2494, disposal waste diversion

1 to county, and also all the financial and business
2 transactions that we are paying to our solid waste disposal
3 fee at the Board of the Equalization.

4 So it was one strategy to levelize the playing
5 field. Hopefully there was the impacts on the haulers, and
6 because some of them have gained a more competitive
7 advantage due to their various compacting ratios.

8 But that was one big hurdle. It was tough, but --

9 BOARD VICE CHAIRMAN CHESBRO: If it's anything
10 like Humboldt County, where I come from, it might have an
11 amazing effect on the accuracy of the measurement, too, and
12 the revenue to the County.

13 MR. MILLER: Well, I think it's going to actually
14 help us in the big picture for business planning, what we
15 would like to get into, wood waste recovery at the landfill,
16 yard waste composting. We can measure instantaneous
17 seasonal effect on what is coming in, which we're working
18 with inventory, unprocessed inventory coming in and we know,
19 but the scales will lie, hopefully.

20 At any rate, so some things we're considering to
21 fund 939 programs.

22 I have a copy of the source reduction recycling
23 element for Butte County. Actually all the jurisdictions,
24 Gridley, Oroville, Chico, Paradise and Biggs have adopted
25 theirs within the last two months.

1 It's really easy to put down on paper that you
2 will raise tipping fees or establish franchise service
3 districts or assess parcel fees, but in reality it's tough.

4 It's a burden on our elected officials.

5 And what the local task force is trying to do is
6 divert some of that -- I don't know -- frustration from the
7 community and help them make the decisions that are
8 required.

9 This isn't easy, but things have to be said and
10 they have to be heard and we're proceeding forward with
11 them.

12 So I ask that the Board bear with us and our
13 timing and developing some type of infrastructure. We're
14 not going to make the 1995 goals in unincorporated Butte
15 County.

16 The county currently has a waste diversion level
17 of seven percent.

18 Oroville, Chico, Gridley, all between 17 and 20
19 percent waste diversion.

20 You've heard Oroville describe what some of
21 their -- what their processes are involving.

22 Chico does have a leaf composting program, but
23 that's operated seasonally.

24 And the other, Biggs, Gridley, small communities.

25 If you have ever driven up 99, you know there's a

1 sign that says Biggs and then East Biggs. So there's a
2 Thomas Guide out there for Biggs, too, I'm sure.

3 Some problems unique to Butte County.

4 BOARD CHAIRMAN FROST: I wonder how they vote.

5 MR. MILLER: Yeah.

6 Over ten percent unemployment. The local economy
7 is really pressing on hard times, so I'm not a desensitized
8 local government bureaucrat who wants to gouge the
9 community. I'm very sensitive to what their needs are up
10 there.

11 We're over 90 miles from major recycling
12 commodities markets. There is some brokering opportunities
13 in Redding. That's roughly 75 miles to the northwest.
14 We're kind of off the beaten track here. We don't have the
15 luxury on being on the I-5, I-80 corridor, catch a boat to
16 Taiwan or wherever some of the materials are being sent to.

17 Explained that I cannot really -- my driving force
18 in talking to the public is not to emphasize state mandated
19 programs, it's just give a description on what is happening
20 and occurring nationally with the RCRA Subtitle D, the
21 federal landfill regulations kicking in, phasing in this
22 year.

23 And by the way, we are recycling 25 percent by
24 1995.

25 I'm trying to figure out some type of presentation

1 format that -- so I can finish the presentation in reality.

2 And we do have, because of -- I'm just being
3 totally honest here.

4 A large portion of independent garbage haulers, if
5 you want we can go to the health department and pay for a
6 permit, bring a broom, shovel, fire extinguisher, and start
7 a business for hauling refuse.

8 This is another intervention point that I don't
9 know what's going to transpire as far as the SRE describes
10 implementing some type of licensing.

11 The hammer, I don't know if hammer is a good word,
12 but mechanism to collect funding from the haulers to help
13 pay for programs.

14 Several of these haulers have a vision and are
15 providing extra services, household hazardous waste
16 collection programs, investing in recycling bailers,
17 investing in curbside recycling bins.

18 But the competition is not in all cases, so
19 there's a huge disparity of services throughout the county.

20 And it's another issue that we have to work around
21 and hopefully with the haulers work out a solution, rather
22 than myself having to jump in there and dictate what will
23 happen.

24 So let's see.

25 We are trying our very best up here. Very few of

1 the cities have solid waste staff, so our resources are few.

2 New regulations are always challenging for us.

3 Most recently the tire disposal regulations that we are

4 currently setting aside waste tires in the Neal Road

5 Landfill now, but I understand that there might be some

6 approval method that the Board will endorse to handle the

7 tires, whether they are quartered, shredded or incinerated

8 as what other options there might be.

9 I would like some insight on that if you have any.

10 The cities are in, as I mentioned before, varying

11 stages of AB 939 implementation.

12 The County is pretty much starting ground up.

13 There's a lot of opportunity. So it's opportunity

14 is how we're hitting the picture here. We're trying to

15 build an infrastructure, giving it our best shot, but really

16 we're being clobbered sometimes.

17 And what I would like to suggest is something I

18 thought about when I was at Yolo County, but I know there's

19 several various branches and entities of the Integrated

20 Waste Management Board. I think it would be a neat idea to

21 have one person dedicated to Butte County and help us mature

22 through these processes and maybe attend some of our

23 jurisdictional meetings and city council meetings and the

24 board of supervisors meetings and just observe and see what

25 we're doing, perhaps provide real life feedback to you all

1 down there.

2 And we are very reliant on grant funding. We are
3 in the process -- the public works department is preparing a
4 household hazardous waste nondiscretionary grant. So I
5 understand there may not be funding available in that
6 particular coffer, but we're going to shoot for it anyhow.

7 I'll be glad to answer any questions.

8 Don't know if you want to bring out the violin for
9 me or not, but really these are some issues that are real
10 life and respect your experiences in the situations where
11 you may have been at and similar to mine and appreciate your
12 advice really.

13 BOARD VICE CHAIRMAN CHESBRO: One thing I would
14 mention, although it's easy to say from Sacramento, and it
15 doesn't always work on the ground out in the real world, but
16 we do have in 2494 the 250,000 or less population regional
17 approach that can be invoked.

18 And that all depends on the relationships between
19 the local entities whether that's feasible at all.

20 It seems like from the County's standpoint it's
21 certainly worth considering or looking at trying to figure
22 out ways to make the -- especially since you're starting
23 from a level with, how shall I say it, you said it better
24 than I can, but a relatively low level of infrastructure to
25 support all of this that --

1 MR. MILLER: That's correct.

2 BOARD VICE CHAIRMAN CHESBRO: -- that casting in
3 together with some of the cities might have some value and
4 ought to be considered, you know.

5 Especially with one of the communities having been
6 designated a market development zone, it seems to me that at
7 least regional planning for waste stream utilization or
8 inventory utilization, I don't like using that word, that's
9 another word that I haven't really used but I think makes
10 some sense, dealing with waste management.

11 It just seems like there is -- there are probably
12 some opportunities there to help.

13 But I also understand, having been a local
14 government official, that, you know, it really varies widely
15 around the state on how easy it is to get entities to work
16 together on one set of issues when they may have conflicts
17 over other issues.

18 And I don't know whether that's the case in Butte
19 County or not, but it is the case in the county that I came
20 from, Humboldt.

21 MR. MILLER: Well, I think the actual landfill,
22 every community except for the two smaller communities south
23 of us, Gridley and Biggs, everyone's garbage pretty much
24 goes to Neal Road Landfill.

25 So we have a uniform -- we have some type of

1 paternity and I think it's going to bring us together right
2 into this landfill but -- and I don't mean to be facetious.

3 But that's actually what I observed being at Yolo
4 County, where the landfill really tied in the community as a
5 whole and the elected officials.

6 BOARD VICE CHAIRMAN CHESBRO: Transcends other
7 differences.

8 MR. MILLER: Yeah. Transcending experience.

9 BOARD MEMBER HUFF: Transcendental landfill.

10 BOARD VICE CHAIRMAN CHESBRO: Especially with --
11 again, I don't want it to be appearing to be -- I mean, I
12 don't know much about Butte County so, you know, I don't
13 want to come across as interloper, but there's going to be
14 an investment, significant investment going on, such as we
15 heard in the earlier presentation, that investment, any
16 investment, becomes less costly per unit if you're involving
17 more people, more volume, more activity.

18 So it just seems to me -- plus you mentioned that
19 you had some urban population that is unincorporated that's
20 close in to.

21 Having half your population in the county or more
22 outside of the incorporated cities is a significant amount
23 of your population and if they are close in to these cities
24 that are going to be setting up programs, the cost
25 effectiveness, all whatever the political cooperation

1 conditions exists, putting those things aside from the cost
2 effectiveness standpoint, close-in unincorporated population
3 throwing in its lot with the incorporated community, it's
4 going to save everybody money if it can work.

5 MR. MILLER: Yeah. I think that's what I
6 understood and we recognize there are efficiencies built
7 into developing memorandums of understanding and other
8 jurisdictional agreements.

9 But it's going to take us some time to develop
10 this infrastructure and we're not going to be able to move
11 as fast as what would be desired of the Board, possibly, and
12 we're giving it our best shot.

13 So read the papers. I think it will be
14 interesting.

15 BOARD MEMBER NEAL: Quick question.

16 Do you have any idea of the composition of the
17 solid waste that's being disposed of at Neal Road?

18 MR. MILLER: Yes. That's one thing I failed to
19 mention that the great -- because of many portions of the
20 county are within other jurisdiction, we don't have so much
21 of the commercially and industrially generated waste
22 streams, the metals, the cardboard. A lot of it's
23 residential milk jugs, Campbell soup cans, things that
24 aren't quite as valuable.

25 I think at least a quarter or 25 percent of the

1 waste stream is paper.

2 And yard waste, some industries prominent in the
3 area would be agricultural.

4 BOARD MEMBER HUFF: Lot of ag waste, I would
5 guess.

6 MR. MILLER: Agricultural waste.

7 We have some timber facilities here.

8 Lot of tourism.

9 Transient population during the summers, and
10 hunting and fishing seasons.

11 BOARD MEMBER HUFF: Think compost.

12 MR. MILLER: Excuse me?

13 BOARD MEMBER HUFF: Think compost.

14 BOARD VICE CHAIRMAN CHESBRO: I would also mention
15 relevant to my past experience that -- and I represent a
16 rural county, trying to get recycling going, and the
17 difference is that it got started quite a while ago.
18 There's been a lot of time to develop it, long in advance of
19 the deadlines local governments are facing.

20 But the argument that I used to take around to the
21 Kiwanis Clubs and the Chamber of Commerce and the Taxpayers
22 League had to do with the cost of replacing landfill
23 capacity in the future.

24 And the idea that the cost of recycling today even
25 if markets aren't great yet, which we all hope they will be.

1 But trying to get people to look at it as
2 deferred -- cost avoidance.

3 And it's hard for the average person, although I
4 hope with folks who are more involved in economics with your
5 business community and the Taxpayers League and others, you
6 can get this point across that you may be spending money
7 today, but the landfill space you conserve in your current
8 landfill is so much less expensive than landfill space that
9 you'll have to secure in the future to replace it in most
10 cases.

11 I'm talking here like I know a lot about Butte
12 County landfill, I don't.

13 But I'd say in most cases the replacement cost is
14 so much higher, that what you have now in your hand is very
15 much worth conserving and that's a way to help the taxpayers
16 understand and your business league communities and your
17 Taxpayer League and groups like that understand the
18 importance, not just because it's a state mandate, but
19 because in the long term it's beneficial to the county's
20 economic condition.

21 MR. MILLER: I appreciate that.

22 And that is kind of experimenting, you've got to
23 get a feel for what will be received. And that has been a
24 method that's been more than successful in especially the
25 Chamber of Commerce, the businessmen who can understand

1 opportunity cost and cost avoidance and things of that
2 nature.

3 BOARD MEMBER NEAL: It seems to me also since such
4 a large volume of your waste is residential, need to really
5 examine ways how you get information to the rural population
6 around here.

7 I mean, I don't know what delivery mechanisms for
8 information are. I'm sure that at least local -- the
9 elected officials know how to get information when it's time
10 to campaign, so you may want to look at them and how they do
11 some of their information dissemination.

12 And use some of those same mechanisms to just
13 educate some of these households on, first of all, the cost
14 of their behavior.

15 And then, again, how they can reduce those costs
16 through the daily practices.

17 You know, because we all operate with sort of -- I
18 think it's just sort of ingrained behavior that runs counter
19 to what we're trying to accomplish here.

20 And oftentimes, people just -- they're not even
21 aware of the impact of their behavior.

22 And with some folks all you need to do is make
23 them aware and they begin to seek out solutions. Other
24 folks you got to hand them the solutions.

25 But however you get that information to them and

1 get them to come along, I think it might be a good idea to
2 really explore that.

3 I mean, incorporate it into talks when you go talk
4 to community groups, get elected officials to do the same.

5 If you've some ways to -- public notices that go
6 out, et cetera.

7 I mean, I think we can be a lot more creative in
8 the ways that we educate our population than we're doing
9 right now.

10 That will help solve some of the problem.

11 MR. MILLER: We're starting a crusade. It's going
12 to be a slower process, but I think it will happen.

13 BOARD CHAIRMAN FROST: Couple points.

14 I assume Chico State is a fairly large generator?

15 MR. MILLER: They are. I'm not sure what portion
16 of that particular waste stream is from Chico State.

17 BOARD CHAIRMAN FROST: But they do -- I think are
18 developing programs within the CSU system to try to minimize
19 the waste on campuses.

20 And I don't know the degree to which Chico State
21 is involved in that. I know some campuses are pretty active
22 in that.

23 But it seems to me that would be one thing to
24 explore with the officials over at the University as to how
25 they could get themselves involved in what is already a

1 CSU -- internal CSU program to reduce waste.

2 The other thing, and you can comment or not
3 comment, it seems to me that in a county like Butte County
4 where you do have small cities, Gridley and Biggs in
5 particular, small cities, and while they were incorporated,
6 I'm sure they don't have staffs devoted to recycling or
7 solid waste or public works, even that broadly.

8 There are other communities like Durham,
9 Thermalito, that are not incorporated but they're roughly
10 the same size.

11 That would, it seems to me, would fit into the
12 same system. And I'm not sure why they don't. But fit into
13 the same system as the real small incorporated cities like
14 Biggs and Gridley.

15 MR. MILLER: Well, I think Biggs and Gridley are
16 fortunate in that they have a service provider collecting
17 waste materials. They are both franchised.

18 MR. HILL: Yes.

19 MR. MILLER: And a lot of that public education
20 and campaigning has been passed on to the franchisee, or
21 "sor," the holder of the city hauling.

22 BOARD CHAIRMAN FROST: What would a community like
23 Durham, how would they handle it?

24 MR. MILLER: Well, gosh, right now it's the
25 County's responsibility.

1 MR. HILL: County's responsibility.

2 MR. MILLER: Right.

3 And I think a few of the local waste collectors
4 are getting more into installing some type of tidbits on
5 their garbage billings, others more than their competitors.

6 It's a process and informing them on what's
7 happening also.

8 And these guys are hard workers. They get up
9 early and we don't see -- well, I won't say.

10 But lot of them have grown up with the business,
11 they're independents. They're small and that's their
12 livelihood.

13 And while the actual art of collecting garbage
14 hasn't changed, but what we do with it really has, and how
15 well could they conform to what needs to be done, I'm
16 sensitive to that and that's a tough one.

17 BOARD CHAIRMAN FROST: Mr. Relis.

18 BOARD MEMBER RELIS: I appreciate the table you
19 prepared or the list on garbage disposal fees.

20 You know, we often see that expressed, because we
21 deal with many of the urban areas in terms of urban -- or
22 commercial and residential rates.

23 And I just want to be clear, are the rates that
24 you have in here by commercial, these are the commercial
25 account rates or are these --

1 MR. MILLER: These are commercial; yes.

2 BOARD MEMBER RELIS: So these do not include
3 residential?

4 MR. MILLER: I was -- I have the actual rate
5 schedule for each that I compiled and tabulated. I can send
6 that to you.

7 BOARD MEMBER RELIS: I think it would be good for
8 our Board to have that, because it -- to keep a master list
9 of rates around the state, because it's important.

10 And on the 9.50 a ton that you currently are
11 charging or that your tip fee, does that include the funding
12 for the level of 939 diversion activity?

13 MR. MILLER: No.

14 BOARD MEMBER RELIS: Going now?

15 Where does that money come from?

16 MR. MILLER: Actually we are in the process of
17 building those kinds of programs and the question is if -- a
18 good example is the facility you will see today at Oroville
19 Solid Waste, their permit facility. It's not fair for us to
20 fund household hazardous waste collection program through
21 landfill disposal fees if the customers served by Oroville
22 Solid Waste already pay into it now.

23 So the answer to the question is, no, there's
24 very -- no money allowed now for AB 939 programs that the
25 County --

1 BOARD MEMBER RELIS: But you've had a curbside
2 program in the city?

3 MR. MILLER: Several of the cities have passed
4 ordinances and some types of measures for the haulers to --
5 the refuse haulers to -- it's not mandatory garbage
6 collection in Chico and Paradise also.

7 They can charge an extra few dollars per household
8 or account to accommodate curbside recycling.

9 So what we're going to look at on the county is to
10 work with the landfill contractor and to study the waste
11 stream coming in. You mentioned the composting. We've been
12 talking about that.

13 Of course, I guess when the permit by rule of
14 compost regulations come out, we'll know exactly what is
15 required of us also.

16 As far as siting or acquiring property for that,
17 we are in a canyon fill. There's not a whole lot of room
18 for us to work right now.

19 But during calendar year 1993-94, we hope to
20 incorporate some AB 939 programs, household hazardous waste
21 load checking program, that we just don't have funding for
22 now and it's really disheartening to know that we need to do
23 some things, but we just don't have the money.

24 And we would love to be able to control our own
25 destiny, but we've got some hurdles that we need to proceed

1 through first and that's where we really ask for the State's
2 understanding, not to be soft on us, but just say, hey, what
3 can we do to help more.

4 BOARD MEMBER RELIS: When do you think you'll have
5 your figures on what your MRF is expected to cost and you're
6 clarifying those?

7 MR. HILL: As far as the City of Oroville we have
8 developed them right now. In fact, our first meeting with
9 some figures extension of -- this is a proposal that goes to
10 the council, extension of the franchise to extend that out
11 to ten years so it gives time to pay for this and a rate
12 increase to the users to pay for this.

13 Right now we pay 25 cents a month for the
14 household hazardous waste facility.

15 We feel we will operate that.

16 The MRF is another dollar and a half, dollar
17 seventy-five, that is going to have to operate that.

18 So we're looking at a rate increase that we will
19 be taking to the city council for their approval to get,
20 but, see, we're just a small part of this county.

21 But that's going to handle Oroville part of it.

22 And I think the key issue he talked about is
23 because they have some haulers doing some things and some
24 not, and customers he has in the county can be picked off as
25 he increases charges. It makes it difficult.

1 So this is the problem we face going to the
2 communities and say, hey, we need to solve this problem.

3 BOARD CHAIRMAN FROST: We need to move along.

4 Thank you very much.

5 Mr. Huff.

6 BOARD MEMBER HUFF: What is Subtitle D going to do
7 to you?

8 MR. MILLER: We're trying to sort that out.

9 So that is a big driving hammer for us, that
10 mentality or thinking that this is a nationwide issue, solid
11 waste, and what's happening here will be happening in
12 Oklahoma, Florida, and people are more receptive if they
13 realize that it's a nationwide issue.

14 BOARD MEMBER HUFF: I suggest to you that we the
15 State are going to be sending to US EPA our application.
16 There is some aspects of our application where EPA to date
17 has voiced some concern.

18 We will be having a workshop on Subtitle D in
19 February.

20 And it seems to me that counties such as Butte and
21 many of your neighbors here have a real vested interest in
22 what goes on, because the areas where the federal EPA is
23 questioning California's edification, I believe have
24 significant cost applications for you if the feds prevail.

25 MR. MILLER: Absolutely.

1 BOARD MEMBER HUFF: If we prevail, you still have
2 to deal with us, but at least we're only 60 miles down the
3 road and not 3,060.

4 MR. MILLER: That's -- it would be nice -- love to
5 have you as a shield, but I know you've got to proceed
6 along.

7 But thank you very much for coming and enjoy the
8 rest of your visit here in Oroville and come on back.

9 BOARD CHAIRMAN FROST: Thank you very much,
10 Mr. Miller.

11 I'd like to call upon Tom Reid.

12 Before I do that, I noticed this earlier, there's
13 an old red pickup, like a Datsun, parked down the side
14 street with the lights left on, and I didn't know if that
15 was anybody's in here or not.

16 Mr. Tom Reid, Butte County environmental health
17 director.

18 MR. REID: Good morning, Chairman Frost and the
19 Board.

20 My name is Tom Reid. I'm the environmental health
21 director for Butte County.

22 We also function as the LEA.

23 If you note my appearance, I haven't gone through
24 a cloud of landfill gas on the way here. I'm going through
25 some topical treatment for sun damage that's been there for

1 some time.

2 I'm going to keep my comments short, partly
3 because I'm not an expert in solid waste and also because we
4 have Charles Bird here, who is our solid waste expert and
5 will be able to give you some firsthand experience what it
6 is to be the person up front doing the LEA function.

7 I'd also like to thank the Board for choosing
8 Butte County as a place to have their meeting.

9 I hope that in addition to seeing the developed
10 area, that maybe you see some of the problems we have here,
11 too.

12 Principally I'm speaking to the poverty that we
13 have here in our rural areas and the roadside dumping and
14 that type of thing, the litter problems that just become
15 rampant in some of our rural areas.

16 Partly it's due to the fact that we don't have
17 mandatory universal pickup. It's a problem we're going to
18 have to work on and hope we can solve sometime in the
19 future.

20 I'd like to give some special things to your LEA
21 staff. Mary Coyle and her group, they were just great.
22 They helped us through the LEA certification process. They
23 spent a lot of time with us.

24 Your field staff, your Compliance Section, Elaine
25 Novak is here. She's been a considerable help to our group.

1 You have other people in the departments such as
2 Martha Vazquez, who is a wealth of information, is very
3 knowledgeable, and I think you need to be proud of these
4 people and we appreciate working with them.

5 If you look at Assembly Bill 939, Sher's bill, I
6 think we note that there's a tremendous amount of task and
7 responsibilities.

8 Fortunately for the bill it's one of these few
9 mandates that built into it some measure or some level of
10 funding automatically. There's the funding that comes from
11 the landfill gate fees.

12 Unfortunately for rural counties, and I assume
13 your urban counties too, a good percent of that goes into
14 the state functions and the part that comes back to the
15 counties is in the form of some grants and some special
16 assistance.

17 This means that from the local level we're forced
18 to spend a fair amount of our time, so to speak, scrounging
19 for money to operate our programs.

20 As an LEA for instance we have to meet the minimum
21 of one staff person to have the program and to perform our
22 responsibilities.

23 If you look at it from a practical standpoint,
24 that isn't a lot of people and it's going to be very
25 difficult for us to do all the tasks assigned to us.

1 If I could maybe leave one thought with you, I'd
2 like the Board to consider some sort of a priority
3 arrangement or some priority agreement with the local
4 entities.

5 If you look at the responsibilities for the LEAs,
6 new permits, revised permits, landfills, transfer stations,
7 compost piles, tire sites, abandoned sites, inactive sites,
8 illegal sites, littered vehicles, closures, post-closures,
9 hearings, regulation and training, and we look at all these
10 technical responsibilities and assign them, say, to one
11 individual and we expect them to all be done at once, we're
12 really facing an impossible task.

13 I really strongly recommend that if the Board
14 isn't doing it already, that they work with your staff to
15 develop something, at least on an informal basis, so the
16 local jurisdictions such as Butte County and others can
17 prioritize the responsibilities.

18 It isn't unusual for us to have maybe three or
19 four calls in one day from different sections of the
20 Integrated Waste Management Board all needing something at
21 the same time.

22 And unless we're able to prioritize these
23 functions, it could give us a bad mark or black mark,
24 because it would appear that we weren't doing our job.

25 So anyhow that's my principal request.

1 I would also recommend that you make every effort
2 to keep the grants coming in. Some of our counties, smaller
3 than Butte County even have to pool their grants in order to
4 come up with a staffing to meet the minimum mandate to
5 operate their program.

6 Again, I'd like to thank you for the time.

7 And I did want to keep my comments short to give
8 some time for Charles Bird, but I'll be in the audience if
9 you have any questions.

10 MR. BIRD: Good morning. My name is Charlie Bird
11 and I am the local enforcement agent here for Butte County.

12 As Eric Miller noted, we have about 200,000 people
13 in this county and we have basically five solid waste sites
14 that serve the county.

15 We have one Class III municipal landfill.

16 We have two transfer stations.

17 We have one leaf composting operation, which is
18 run by the City of Chico.

19 And then we have a private wood waste landfill
20 south of town here that belongs to Louisiana Pacific
21 Corporation.

22 939 basically is looked on by most people as a
23 recycling law. But in my instance, of course, it had some
24 very heavy things on the enforcement side.

25 And I'd like to talk to you a little bit about

1 that, what I like and what I don't like about it and what I
2 need.

3 First of all, let's talk about the good things
4 that came out of 939 for me.

5 Your hiring of personnel down there was welcome
6 because for two reasons.

7 Number one, the people you hired seemed to stay
8 there.

9 Before the California Integrated Waste Management
10 Board was formed, people would come through and the ink, was
11 barely dry on their business cards before they were gone to
12 some other agency or out of the state or somewhere.

13 I felt like the welcome wagon every time a new
14 person came to town.

15 So you got people to stay in place and they're
16 people I know and people I can contact and get answers from.

17 And from my standpoint they're good people. They
18 know what they're doing and they know who's my enforcement
19 contact. Very knowledgeable. Very helpful. We get along
20 well and work together.

21 You have management down at the Board that I can
22 actually get decisions from. That's a new one.

23 Now, it wasn't that the old people were
24 incompetent or anything, there was just not enough of them.

25 Now you have enough people down there. I can

1 phone people like Mary Coyle or Martha Vazquez and get
2 answers to my questions and they give me some help. That's
3 really been good for me.

4 I have good communication with these people and I
5 don't have any problem getting in touch with them.

6 Certain state agencies, and I'm not going to give
7 any names here, but they're kind of like phantoms. You call
8 and either they're not in or nobody ever heard of them or
9 it's a wrong number.

10 That's not true with the Board. I can call down
11 there and get a hold of who I want and get some answers. So
12 we have good communication.

13 And, of course, as Tom mentioned, we love the
14 enforcement grants. They help us up here. We're a county
15 that's continually a financial disaster zone. So the
16 enforcement grants have been really good for us. They've
17 helped us implement 939.

18 Okay. Now to the bad things. Things that I don't
19 like.

20 I get an awful lot of paper with California
21 Integrated Waste Management Board on top of it.

22 I had pile of these documents on a bookcase in
23 back of my desk and the other day they fell over and they
24 trapped a couple of people behind them and it took us three
25 days to dig them out. But they're okay now and it all came

1 out pretty good.

2 BOARD VICE CHAIRMAN CHESBRO: We try to print it
3 on recyclable high-grade white paper so you can sell it.

4 BOARD CHAIRMAN FROST: Actually, it's all
5 hazardous waste.

6 MR. BIRD: Glut in that market.

7 BOARD VICE CHAIRMAN CHESBRO: We're trying to
8 create a glut.

9 MR. BIRD: But anyway, on the more serious side,
10 sometimes they asked me to do things that are not very
11 productive for me.

12 We went through a long series of document writing
13 here in order to get certified. And some of the things in
14 there I could understand why they wanted, but I'm still
15 trying to figure out why they wanted to know how many side
16 loading garbage trucks North Valley Disposal has. I don't
17 know if that's going to do them any good to know that in
18 Sacramento or not, but we gave it to them anyway.

19 Lot of the city ordinances. They asked us to give
20 them all the city ordinances. I'm not sure they want to
21 know what the City of Biggs' solid waste ordinance is, but
22 we included that too.

23 They asked us to write a enforcement program plan
24 and they had a guide here for it, but really when you got to
25 looking at it, it would have probably taken a professional

1 technical writer to write a document that was really useful
2 to anyone.

3 I went down and viewed a couple of documents and
4 one safety plan I came across from San Joaquin County, I
5 think part of their safety plan was to advise new trainees
6 not to put their hands in their mouth after they handled
7 garbage. That was a dangerous thing to do.

8 I have to agree with them, but I'm not sure it's
9 part of a very good safety plan.

10 My point here is that simply I don't think the
11 local jurisdictions are really capable of writing those
12 kinds of good plans. We don't have the professional people
13 available to write an effective training or safety plan.

14 Okay. We look to the State to provide that sort
15 of thing for us. All right.

16 BOARD VICE CHAIRMAN CHESBRO: Can I interrupt you?

17 That would be a very good suggestion to write to
18 us. I mean, to make a formal suggestion and request either
19 directly or through the Environmental Health Directors'
20 Association or whatever vehicles you have to, you know, to
21 formalize requests, because I think it has a lot of merit.

22 MR. BIRD: Yes. I will certainly do that. Okay.

23 The last thing I'd like to say there, couple
24 things.

25 Number one, I do wish that we would get a little

1 more consultation from the people who are actually working
2 the problems, the solid waste, when they started formulating
3 rules.

4 Now, I know they formulate something and they send
5 it out and they say, well, you have 45, we got 75 days to
6 comment on it.

7 But I would really like to get together with you
8 beforehand before that and sit down with you and say here
9 are the problems that we have. You can make an outline of
10 what you're planning here to formulate a rule. But let us
11 give you some input about the really day-to-day problems
12 that we find with taking this or that in.

13 Composting, you know, that's a good example.

14 If they require us to have a ten to the minus six
15 surface to compost leaves on for the City of Chico, it's
16 going to put us out of business. Okay.

17 BOARD MEMBER RELIS: Fortunately we've -- I think
18 we're close to resolving that in your favor.

19 MR. BIRD: That's great. I hope we do.

20 Because, heck, we're only five foot of separation
21 between raw sewage and groundwater. That's all the Water
22 Quality Control Board recommends. And surely we don't have
23 nearly that threat from municipal leaves.

24 We would like to get in on some of this.

25 BOARD MEMBER HUFF: Let me say that we got that

1 from the Water Board.

2 MR. BIRD: You did?

3 BOARD MEMBER HUFF: We didn't dream it up on our
4 own.

5 MR. BIRD: They decided?

6 BOARD MEMBER HUFF: They thought of it and we've
7 been in discussions with them ever since.

8 MR. BIRD: That's good. I'm not privy to all the
9 things that are going on. I got the information -- I'm the
10 last man on the totem pole.

11 But anyway -- I hope -- that could be a problem.
12 Sometimes, when you're making rulings and may rule us right
13 out of the picture.

14 Our main goal here is not only to -- we have two
15 main goals.

16 We want to protect the environment.

17 And we also want to provide a service for our
18 citizens here where they can get rid of their garbage and
19 their unwanted things.

20 We don't want to make the rules so tough that they
21 give the Northern Californians tendency to throw stuff out
22 the car window as you go by. We don't want to do that. We
23 want to make it easier to take it to the landfill. Okay.

24 The last thing I'd like to talk about in that
25 respect are the permit desk manuals. I know that the Board

1 has put out two permit desk manuals for permitting landfills
2 in the last three years.

3 And I hope the last one is the one they're going
4 to stick with. Okay. Because we need to get something in
5 place that we'll use and that won't continually be changing
6 the format of the permits or the information that's
7 required.

8 I think this last one is a good one and I think
9 the form is great. Let's keep it at that if at all
10 possible.

11 Now I'm through with carping and whining now.
12 I'll just tell you what I need, okay.

13 I need more and better training from you. I need
14 more seminars and I need -- when you present a seminar, give
15 me a professional seminar. Get somebody here who's really
16 got some aids with them. Don't send somebody up who is
17 going to read to me from their notes for an hour and a half
18 or something. Think it out. Get some aids, some diagrams,
19 bring them up and let's really talk about the things that we
20 need to talk about.

21 I could use seminars right now in the CEQA
22 process, landfill gas monitoring, the laws concerning
23 landfill gas, alternate covers, and performance standards at
24 landfills, leachate systems, the filter systems that are
25 with them, the testing that's required, landfill safety. I

1 could stand to certainly have some good training on landfill
2 safety.

3 And then just the last couple of things real quick
4 here.

5 Number one, I would like to see the permit process
6 simplified.

7 This came from a waste management document
8 published two years ago. This is how you get a solid waste
9 permit. I mean, it's kind of a monster. Okay.

10 They've broken it down to three different pages in
11 the manual, but basically it's still the same thing.

12 Waste discharge requirements are determined much
13 more rapidly. I don't know that the Waste Management could
14 go to that format, but they have certainly made an attempt
15 to simplify their permit process and I would like to see
16 that occur here, too.

17 And, well, I think that's about it. I've already
18 talked about regulations.

19 So if you have any questions, why, I'd be glad to
20 try to answer those.

21 BOARD CHAIRMAN FROST: Okay.

22 BOARD MEMBER NEAL: Thank you very much.

23 BOARD VICE CHAIRMAN CHESBRO: You made some good
24 constructive suggestions. Appreciate it.

25 BOARD CHAIRMAN FROST: Finally we have

1 Mr. Tom Valentino, who is general manager of the Neal Road
2 Landfill Company.

3 BOARD VICE CHAIRMAN CHESBRO: Incidentally, I'm
4 sorry that John Smith left. Yesterday we had John Smith
5 Landfill and now we have --

6 BOARD MEMBER NEAL: Mine.

7 BOARD VICE CHAIRMAN CHESBRO: -- the Neal Landfill.

8 MR. VALENTINO: We did name it after Kathy.

9 Good morning. Thank you for having your forum
10 here. Appreciate the opportunity to speak.

11 I am the general manager of Neal Road Landfill.

12 It's a new position for me. Started about three
13 months ago, but I've been involved with the landfill as a
14 consulting engineer for the past three years.

15 And a lot of the things that I'm going to say I've
16 summarized in a letter to you this morning, have already
17 been hit on by both Charlie Bird and Eric Miller.

18 My comments will be very very brief.

19 We've all struggled in this county in meeting the
20 AB 939 mandates and the things that have changed since 1989
21 when that Act came into effect.

22 And I think that codifying the regulations was a
23 very important and necessary thing to do, but inevitably
24 there are some problems involved with that.

25 I want to hit on three issues today, just sort of

1 illustrative of what we're trying to do.

2 One of the regulations that's really kind of hit
3 us hard is these tire regs.

4 And I've talked with a lot of people throughout
5 California who are involved in solid waste and it's all over
6 the board as far as what the regulation are and how they
7 affect us.

8 Some people heard that there was regulations in
9 effect, others have not.

10 There's no uniformity throughout and the people
11 that I've talked to need to know exactly what needs to be
12 done with the tires.

13 Some landfills have stopped accepting tires.
14 Other landfills have been able to dramatically increase
15 their disposal fees to allow them to handle the tires
16 properly in accordance with the regulations.

17 But I think that some of the tires that used to go
18 to the landfills may be now being illegally disposed on the
19 roadsides.

20 So there's some problems with that.

21 And what I wanted to suggest from that little --
22 describing that little problem is something in general that
23 perhaps should need to be done, would be to issue summaries
24 to all the landfill owners and operators, just briefly
25 describing what these new regulation are and what they mean

1 to us.

2 I likened it to, when I talked to Elaine Novak
3 about this, something similar to what we get in the voters'
4 handbook for the summaries for the State propositions that
5 would let you see very simply what the regulations are, when
6 they go in effect, and then how we need to comply with it.

7 So that was a suggestion I wanted to throw out
8 there.

9 There are problems that we've got with the tire
10 regs. Both Eric and I are grappling with how to handle
11 that. We're stacking tires neatly in it right now and we'd
12 like to be able to quarter them and dispose of them, but
13 we're not sure, after I've spoken with people on the staff
14 and they really can't answer me, can we just quarter them,
15 do we need to chip them.

16 And so there's some things that we need to get
17 across in very very plain language that we can all
18 understand.

19 The other thing I want to talk about is, again,
20 this has been hit on before, is having patience with us in
21 the rural counties as we seek to implement these 939 goals.

22 I think one of the major steps in this county has
23 been met by hiring Eric Miller on the county side and myself
24 on the landfill side.

25 I've got over eight years experience in landfill

1 engineering and design and operations.

2 So it's a major step forward.

3 But these things take time. We just recently --
4 well, just starting Monday we're going to go into a tonnage
5 basis, weight based system.

6 It took us two years in this county to get that
7 through and you wouldn't believe the crazy arguments that
8 we've got not to do it.

9 And our disposal fees here are just \$9.50 a ton.
10 I defy you to find a lower disposal site in California.

11 We get counties around us, they want to bring
12 their garbage to us, because we're so cheap.

13 And really to do the things that we need to do in
14 this county, our fees should be roughly double -- it really
15 should -- to meet the recycling goals, to manage the
16 landfill properly, set aside if we're going to go to like
17 the Subtitle D base liners, to get the environmental
18 impairment insurance, set aside money for the landfill,
19 future landfill acquisition.

20 Number that I've been kicking around with Eric
21 here is about \$300,000 an acre to develop site permit and
22 develop a new landfill.

23 These are very sobering numbers when you start to
24 look at it.

25 We've got 100 acre landfill now so that's \$30

1 million. It's not chicken feed.

2 The last thing is is please please please do what
3 you can to provide us some relief from Subtitle D.

4 And I'm not so much concerned about the
5 regulations, because I believe that our regulations here in
6 California are very good and they provide good protection to
7 the environment.

8 But what we need to do is make sure that we don't
9 have another layer of bureaucracy.

10 When I have to send things to the State on
11 landfill design or leachate management, I've got to send it
12 to the Regional Water Quality Control Board and the
13 Integrated Waste Management Board.

14 What would really be more difficult is if we have
15 to start submitting and satisfying the feds. It's going to
16 be tough for us.

17 Please do what you can to get us certified.

18 And if we need to incorporate some of the things
19 in Subtitle -- into our Title 14 regulations that are from
20 Subtitle D, let's do that. Let's do whatever we can,
21 because I think the burden of having another layer of
22 bureaucracy, it's really going to hurt us.

23 That's about all the remarks I have today.

24 BOARD MEMBER HUFF: I would invite you to
25 participate with us.

1 MR. VALENTINO: We will.

2 BOARD MEMBER HUFF: Understand, the workshop we
3 will have Region IX, I believe it is, EPA at our workshop,
4 okay.

5 And it's my belief that we're going to have to
6 build a little bit of pressure, have to build a little fire.
7 Because right now, I mean, if you were in Region IX sitting
8 here in Region IX, and knowing that change of administration
9 is coming down, I mean, it's already occurred at the top but
10 it's rolling through all of the bureaucracy, I think that
11 you'd have to be receiving some encouragement in order to
12 make a bold decision such as letting California letting us
13 go.

14 MR. VALENTINO: I've read through the Subtitle D
15 regulations and not in detail, because it's in all the
16 legalese, and that's another reason why I think we need
17 plain language in these things.

18 But I didn't find very much difference in what we
19 are required to do now except for the base liner design.

20 BOARD MEMBER HUFF: Yeah. You don't run afoul of
21 the daily cover?

22 MR. VALENTINO: Well, the daily cover, we're doing
23 it now, and we're also looking at alternative daily covers,
24 tarps, to help extend our landfill out there.

25 So I don't have a big problem with that, if we can

1 extend the life of the landfill and forego these large
2 development costs in the future. I think that makes a lot
3 of sense.

4 But the liner design, I think the thing that I
5 object to specifically on the liner design is it applies to
6 Crescent City same as it applied to Mohave Desert and that
7 just makes no sense to me.

8 BOARD MEMBER HUFF: Well, it was all written by
9 folks who live east of the Mississippi.

10 MR. VALENTINO: And I understand nationwide why we
11 needed some uniformity in our regulations. I guess in
12 states like Utah have very very spartan regulations for
13 solid waste.

14 BOARD MEMBER HUFF: East of where?

15 BOARD CHAIRMAN FROST: East of the Monongahela, I
16 said. East of the Monongahela, they're really east.

17 BOARD MEMBER HUFF: You're just a fount of
18 geographic knowledge.

19 BOARD VICE CHAIRMAN CHESBRO: He once worked in
20 the railroad in Monongahela, Pennsylvania.

21 BOARD CHAIRMAN FROST: No; I never did.

22 Okay. Are we --

23 MR. VALENTINO: Thank you very much.

24 BOARD CHAIRMAN FROST: Thank you very much.

25 Now we need to discuss our remainder of our

1 schedule.

2 We have first of all members of the Board have
3 been invited to an informal tour of the Oroville household
4 hazardous waste facility.

5 Now, this meeting was not formally noticed, so we
6 must keep in mind the rules of quorum, which means four
7 people can't go, and I think that's not a problem, but I do
8 believe our Board members are planning on going to that.

9 We also have business to conduct in a closed
10 session and it's also lunchtime.

11 BOARD MEMBER HUFF: Closed session. Let's get rid
12 of our business. We can eat any time.

13 BOARD CHAIRMAN FROST: All right. Well, we're
14 going to recess.

15 BOARD MEMBER NEAL: Find a private room at a
16 restaurant.

17 BOARD CHAIRMAN FROST: We're going to recess this
18 meeting then and go into closed session at this time.

19 (Thereupon the meeting was
20 adjourned at 11:53 a.m.)

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I, JANET H. NICOL, a Certified Shorthand Reporter of the State of California, do hereby certify that I am a disinterested person herein; that I reported the foregoing meeting in shorthand writing; that I thereafter caused my shorthand writing to be transcribed into typewriting.

I further certify that I am not of counsel or attorney for any of the parties to said meeting, or in any way interested in the outcome of said meeting.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 15th day of February 1993.



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