



**GO GREEN TEAM
MINUTES
YOUNTVILLE TOWN HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS – 6550 YOUNT STREET
September 22, 2015 – 4:30 P.M.**

1. **ROLL CALL:** Present: Sherry Breitigam, Janet Gotch, Billie Hewitt, Allyssa Wickstrom, Town Council Member Marita Dorenbecher, Vice Mayor Richard Hall
Absent: Davio Santos
2. **PUBLIC COMMENT ON MATTERS NOT LISTED ON THE AGENDA**
None
3. **APPROVAL OF MNUTES:** The minutes of August 25, 2015 were approved. M/S: Gotch/Breitigam. Ayes: All.
4. **SCHEDULED MATTERS**
 - A. Review of Clover Flat Landfill and Upper Valley Resource Materials Facility tour. The group reviewed the tour of the local landfill and recycling center. Highlights of the tour included:
 - a. In 2014, Upper Valley Disposal & Recycling (UVDS) began operating a power generation plant at the Clover Flat Landfill that collects methane from the landfill and converts it to electricity. The power plant runs 24 hours a day, 365 days a week, and currently produced 700 kilowatts of power per hour, or about 6,132,000 kWh per year.
 - b. Green waste is used for erosion control or is composted. Woodchips are used for biofuel.
 - c. UVDS collects and composts food waste from most commercial customers, including hotels and restaurants. They plan to expand their composting operations to include residential food waste customers by 2020. They will need a “depackager” in order to collect food waste from grocery stores.
 - d. UVDS diverts about 75% of all waste from the landfill. About 50% of construction and demolition debris is diverted.
 - e. UVDS is considering converting its fleet of trucks from diesel to Compressed Natural Gas (CNG). They are also considering electric vehicles.

Janet Gotch noted that Clover Flat Landfill is very progressive and, from a sustainability viewpoint, is one of the best landfills in the State.
 - B. Discussion of draft local actions to take to reduce greenhouse gas emissions in the Waste sector. The group discussed potential waste reduction, reuse and recycling programs for the CAP, including: working with UVDS to implement a pilot project that requires residents to place organic waste in the green can for composting; improving hazardous waste collection programs; providing workshops on composting; developing a community garden with composting area; providing compost bins at public facilities; requiring private events using public facilities to provide recycling bins and compostable dishes and cups; installing water bottle refillers at public restrooms, parks, the community hall, and other locations accessible to trails; providing incentives for reverse osmosis systems in order to reduce

purchase of plastic water bottles; adopting CALGreen Tier 1 standards that require a 65% diversion rate for construction and demolition debris.

- C. Discussion of draft local actions for the Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy sector. The group discussed energy efficiency Tier 1 requirements for residential construction. The group supported the actions as drafted.

5. REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS BY MEMBERS AND STAFF: None

6. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 6:05 p.m. M/S: Gotch/Hewitt. Ayes: All.

Respectfully submitted,

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