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FOOD SAFETY ADVISORY GROUP MINUTES

January 14, 2020 ❖ 9:30 – 11:30 A.M.
TAHOE ROOM ** 202 MIRA LOMA DRIVE, OROVILLE

I. Preliminary Items

A. Call to Order

Jennifer Veilleaux called the meeting to order at 9:32 a.m.

B. Roll Call and Determination of Quorum

Steve Kenny (community event organizer), Richard Coon (farmer's market/local food), John Campbell (large market), Dean McKelvey (small market), Jacqueline Deadmore (school nutrition), Jesse Shepherd (Citizen at large) and Phil Sydenstricker (large restaurant) were present.

John Rawlings (Citizen at large) did not attend.

Note: Phil Sydenstricker from Enloe Medical Center was added as the Large Restaurant committee representative.

C. Introduction of Guests

Emily Porter from the Bank Club mobile food facility attended. Jennifer Veilleaux, Elaine McSpadden, Jenifer Kovacs, Tayjes Patel, Jackie Mealer, Doug Danz, Kim Haas and Lisa Almaguer attended the meeting on behalf of the Public Health Department. Eric Miller & Valerie Meza from Butte County Public Works were also in attendance.

D. Review of what occurred at our last meeting held on September 11, 2018

Some minor changes were made to the By-Laws as suggested by Roger Wilson with Butte County Counsel. Steve made a motion to accept the changes to the By-laws, John seconded, and the Group voted unanimously to accept the changes made to the By-laws (See By-Laws Updated 9/11/18). We discussed AB 626 Microenterprise Home Kitchens and AB1383- Food Waste Diversion Law.

**This Committee did not meet in 2019 due to the large amount of new responsibilities placed on Environmental Health during the Camp Fire Response and Recovery. Environmental Health had the responsibilities of inspecting the evacuation shelters daily, Staffing the re-entry points with safety bags and safety equipment once Paradise and Magalia were allowed to repopulate, Re-opening food facilities once power and water was restored, Contaminated water issues in Paradise, the Alternative Debris Removal Program for fire cleanup, and the staffing of the Local Assistance center and then the Debris Removal Operation Center.



II. Action Items

A. Committee Membership

The committee needs to find a replacement for a “Small/medium size restaurant” representative, since Jim Flanagan from Mamma Celeste’s lost his restaurant in the Camp Fire and has moved out of the area. Michael Thomas from Tres Hombres has never attended a meeting, so he is being replaced by Phil Sydenstricker, the Executive Chef from Enloe Medical Center as the “Large restaurant” representative. Jennifer will be calling the other members who have not attended the last few meetings to inquire if they still want to remain on the committee.

III. Informational Non-Action Items

- A. SB 1383- Organic Waste Diversion & Composting—Signed into law in Sept. 2016
Eric Miller and Valeria Meza from Butte County Public Works gave the group a presentation on this new law and how it may effect food facilities and the County as a whole. This law requires the reduction of organic waste disposed of into landfills. There are also requirements to address edible food recovery. In January of 2022, the enforcement and penalties will begin on Counties that do not comply. By January 1, 2025, the state must achieve a 75% reduction in the level of statewide disposal of organic waste from the 2014 level, and not less than 20% of currently disposed edible food must be recovered for human consumption. Butte County Public Works has applied for a \$3 million grant from CalRecycle in order to create the infrastructure needed for a food composting facility at the Neal Road Landfill. The total cost of the project would be about \$7 million, so it would be the Board of Supervisor’s (BOS) decision whether or not they will fund the rest of the project. If they are not awarded the grant, then Butte County BOS would have to decide if they will fund the entire project. Part of the grant would include a temperature controlled van that could be used to deliver edible food from retail food facilities to food banks or shelters.
-Richard brought up the fact that ranchers and farmers need compost on their land, and that maybe the final product of the Butte County Public Works composting facility could be given to farms that need it.
- B. According to Kim Haas with the EH Solid Waste program, it would be hard for a farm or high school to take on a large amount of food waste composting themselves. There are State laws that dictate who can take on food waste composting, and the amount that an individual could take on without needing a composting permit is very limited.
- C. Richard Coon brought up the Farm to Fork events that sometimes occur on farms throughout the County. These events are technically not legal unless they can become events that we permit as Community Events (There are requirements and laws that specifically pertain to Community Events). AB 626 which is the Microenterprise Home Kitchens Law would allow people to make up to 30 meals per day of potentially hazardous foods for the public, with minimal oversight. However, this is an “Opt-In” law for counties, meaning a county would not have to allow these kitchens to operate in their County unless they pass an Ordinance that adopts the law. Only one county in California is adopting it so



far, since it is a law that is not protective of public health and safety. Butte County is not planning to adopt this law at this time.

IV. Agenda Preparation for Next Meeting

- A. The Group would like to take a tour of the Butte County Neal Road Landfill for our next meeting.
- B. Food Safety Award of Excellence- This award was put on the back-burner a few years ago, but we will bring the requirements back to the group to discuss at another meeting

The next meeting will be a tour of the Butte County Neal Road Landfill, on March 25th from 9:30-11:00 am.

Tentative FSAG Meeting Schedule for 2020

Tahoe Room at 202 Mira Loma Drive

9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

- March 25, 2020 – Neal Road Landfill tour
- June 24, 2020
- September 23, 2020
- December 16, 2020

V. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at about 11:30 pm

Minutes provided by Jennifer Veilleaux, Program Manager