

CDC Technical Council Meeting Minutes 6/8/09

Present:

Marianne Bithell – Chairperson – Pacific Builders
Mary Williams – City of San Francisco
Lori Marra – City of Fremont

Clay Reigel – City of San Jose
Bonnie Butler – City of Ontario

1. Introductions & Announcements: **Remember to vote in the elections before 6/15/09**
2. Approve Minutes: Motion Approved by Mary Williams to approve minutes for 4/13/09
3. TC Business – Website is updated with minutes on the Meeting Schedule page where the highlighted dates can be double clicked on to find the minutes. The minutes for March 9, 2009 need to be corrected so they will be presented for approval at July meeting.

4. Markets & Market Development:

A. Development of a Gypsum Recycling Facility in Richmond - Mary Williams spoke about New West Gypsum Recycling proposing a new facility to be developed in partnership with National Gypsum in Richmond. The recycling facility would be located on the site of National Gypsum. The raw material collected from new and possibly used drywall (wallboard) would be feedstock for the National Gypsum drywall facility. Large construction companies, like Swinerton Builders in San Francisco, are encouraged to contact them for consultation of depositing materials for this new venture. Contact information is located below if you are interested in meeting with them next week for more information. You can also contact Mary if you have questions. They have operations in Canada, WA, & NV:

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B. Asphalt Shingles - Clay had a question in regards to a partnership that is developing in San Jose between a paving company and an asphalt manufacturer for recycling asphalt shingles into asphalt paving material. The main problem is with the Caltrans specifications that are so specific that they are not allowing reclaimed or recycled materials to be used. It was mentioned that there may be an air quality issue due to asbestos in the older shingles but it was thought that was not the case in California. Asphalt shingles are being used in paving material in states like Georgia, Arizona, Florida, etc.(Google Asphalt shingle recycling) but it is only manufacturer scrap. Trying to get Caltrans to approve recycled content into their specs will require new specifications, procedures to be written, testing, testing in the field, etc (see CIWMB – Asphalt Roof Shingles in Asphalt Pavement). In other words, it will take much time. Local jurisdictions can approve their own specifications on projects that do not need to meet the above Caltrans specifications. Not sure if anyone in CA is doing this at this time. All information is referring to Nov. 2007. Need to find more current information. Maybe partnering with jurisdictions or businesses promoting crumb rubber content in asphalt paving may be a way to get a faster response to changing Caltrans specs. Mary mentioned legislation in the state of Oregon – HB 2773 that is calling for 5% content of recycled shingles as a possible comparison for investigation of future legislation here in CA.

C. Carpet Recycling – A new location for San Francisco Carpet Recycling will be San Jose as they are moving their facility to a location at Goodwill Industries. There is a need to develop more markets for used carpeting. Since the bottom fell out of the construction industry, there is not enough new carpet being used, especially recycled carpet, making it harder to recycle used carpet. Bonnie mentioned around Ontario, Los Angeles Fiber Company in Vernon collects carpet from their commercial customers and sends it back to the manufacturers (323-589-5637). The collection of carpet would be up to the installers for returning to the manufacturers of which some are actually taking back carpet now. The problem of course is the cost of shipping it back.

Lori mentioned that Ferma Corporation is creating a separate location (separate company?) for a debris box service especially for LEED projects. SRDC, which is a Ferma Company, is the facility that was recently registered by San Francisco to accept mixed C&D material. More discussion of this at our next meeting.

The City of Richmond is starting to talk about a C&D ordinance and would appreciate any information or input from our members. An invitation will be extended to attend our next meeting. Their contact information is:

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Next Meeting 7/13/09 – Recycling Facility Certifications & How to deal with different kinds of operations with Clay Reigel – City of San Jose