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**Regional Recycling Task Force Meeting
Thursday, February 4, 2010, 10:30 a.m.
Brookfield Town Hall
Second Floor Conference Room**

MINUTES

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order late at 10:45 a.m. due to C. Reedy locking her keys in her car. Those present included L. Kulowiec (RE), T. Cutsumpas (DA), B. Germinaro (BE), A. Miles (NE), S. Von Holt and T. McSherry (NM), E. Rossini (RI) and C. Reedy (HRRA). Also attending were Dave Dunleavy (RTI) and Scott Tenney, Steve Hastings, and Chris Coty from Hudson Baylor.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by T. Cutsumpas, second by T. McSherry, to approve the minutes of January 7, 2010 as presented. **Vote:** All voting in favor.

2010 Earth Day Poster Contest

Again, there were no major concerns with the progress of the poster contest to date. E. Rossini reported problems getting information about the contest into the Acorn Press that serves Ridgefield.

Ideas for New Regional Recycling Program

Most, if not all, members present indicated their support for expanding the number of items collected at curbside and providing the option for single stream recycling. Additional items that could be collected include all types of paper, plastics #3 - #7, and aseptic packaging such as juice boxes, milk cartons, etc. Members thought that single stream recycling would significantly increase recycling in the region due to its convenience for consumers. Other aspects of a new recycling program that were discussed included the RecycleBank program that allows consumers to earn coupons for local businesses based on how much they recycle, having the MSW collection and tipping fee subsidize recycling collection and processing, charging MSW customers based on the size of the garbage can they use, and the need for more recycling public education such as showing the life cycle of a recyclable from first use until it is made into a new product on the HRRA website. The region continues to wait for the sale of RTI so that discussions can start with a new owner about enhancing the regional recycling program.

Items Raised by Members

- E. Rossini reported that the Facilities Director for the Ridgefield Public Schools has been asked to become a member of the RRTF.
- C. Reedy passed out information about the Coca Cola Bin Grant Program that is open again this year.

Adjournment

Without objection the meeting was adjourned at Noon.