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JOINT MEETING OF THE ESSEX COUNTY SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COUNCIL and MUNICIPAL RECYCLING COORDINATORS.

May 27, 2025 – at Garibaldi Hall, Roseland

Mr. Waterman, Chairman, Verona, called the meeting to order at 1:05pm. The Open Public Meetings Statement was read by Mr. DeFeo.

Roll Call was taken and seventeen Members or Municipal Representatives, One from the Essex Regional Health Department and two from DeFeo Associates were present. There were no members of the public present

The minutes for the March 25, 2025, meeting were approved with no changes.

Chairperson's Comments – Mr. Waterman, announced and presented a Resolution from Verona appointing Rich Williamson as the Municipal Recycling Coordinator.

Committee Reports:

A. DeFeo Associates – Legislative update.

- a. DeFeo reported that there is a holdup on S-1040, a Bill that would exempt community gardens composting on-site from certain DEP permits under certain conditions. DEP Air and Water sections concerned over waiving of their fees.
- b. He also mentioned A-4549 Bill that would eliminate the prohibition on single-use paper bags. It is opposed by The NJ Food Council and ANJR remains neutral on the subject.
- c. He stated that HHW and Ewaste events were busy. Participants HHW 1,680, Ewaste 1,200
- d. In a related items he announced that there is another Solar Panel recycling facility in the state located in Phillipsburg. It is called Commercial Solar Panel Recycling. Mr. DeFeo emphasized the importance of the Paint Care bill. He noted that if the bill became law, it would reduce the money spent on paint disposal, especially latex paints at the HHW events statewide.

B. Health Department Report

Mr. Pilas – Reported on their activities which included follow up on plastic bag complaints

C. Facilities Reports:

- a. **AERI** – No report - No representative in attendance.
- b. **Reworld** – No Report - No representative in attendance
- c. **Waste Management** – No report - No representative in attendance.

Mr. DeFeo reported that new contracts with Reworld and AERI are in effect. Reworld is a contract extension, and it will accept both Municipal and Commercial Type Processible 10 MSW as of January 1, 2026. Bulky Waste will be directed to AERI until a



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new contract has been awarded based on bid results. Results will be reported before the next meeting.

D. Old/Continuing Business:

- a. **Markets Report** - Mr. DeFeo reported that the markets are still reacting to the Tariffs and will be until the issue is resolved, they will be very unpredictable.
- b. **MTG** – Mr. D’Altilio reminded the MRCs to respond to comments on their MTG from the DEP and they only have until June 15, 2025, to respond to any inquiries from the NJDEP.

E. New Business:

- a. Passing of longtime MRC and SWAC Member Brenda Anderson from the City of Newark.

Member’s Comments: - There was discussion on the recycling and disposal of Lithium-ion Batteries. This is still a problem and one that requires continuous education.

Public Comments: - None

Adjournment - A motion was made and seconded and the Meeting was adjourned at 1:41 pm.

Next meeting is scheduled for **July 22, 2025, in MAIN BUILDING “GLASS ROOM” of the Environmental Center.**