

Los Angeles County Solid Waste Management Committee/  
Integrated Waste Management Task Force

**Minutes of February 19, 2015**

County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works  
900 South Fremont Avenue  
Alhambra, California

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Margaret Clark, California League of Cities-Los Angeles Division  
Mayor Mary Ann Lutz, California League of Cities-Los Angeles Division  
Mike Mohajer, General Public Representative  
Betsey Landis, Environmental Organization Representative  
Ron Saldana, Los Angeles County Disposal Association

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS REPRESENTED BY OTHERS:**

Gail Farber, rep by Carlos Ruiz, County of Los Angeles Dept. of Public Works  
Cynthia Harding, rep by Gerardo Villalobos, County of Los Angeles Department of  
Public Health  
Grace Robinson Hyde, rep by Chris Salomon, County Sanitation Districts of  
Los Angeles County  
Enrique Zaldivar, rep by Reina Pereira, City of Los Angeles Bureau of Sanitation  
Barry Wallerstein, rep by Ed Pupka, South Coast Air Quality Management District

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:**

Dr. Sam Perdomo, Business/Commerce Representative  
Carl Clark, Institute of Scrap Recycling Industries, Inc.  
David Kim, City of Los Angeles  
Michael Conway, City of Long Beach Public Works Department  
Mitchell Englander, City of Los Angeles

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Kevin Best, Real Energy  
Stephen Beitz, Real Energy  
Jennifer Wallin, CalRecycle  
Christine Arbogast, TetraTech BAS  
Tranette Sanders, County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works  
Coby Skye, County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works  
Christopher Sheppard, County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works  
Clark Ajwani, County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works  
Dale Sargent, City of Santa Clarita  
Carlos Slythe, County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works  
Jason Jones, County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works  
Karlo Manalo, County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works  
Anna Gov, County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works  
Gabriel Esparza, County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works  
Russell Bukoff, County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works  
Dave Nguyen, County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works  
Kawsar Vazifdar, County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works  
Wendy Dunlap, CalRecycle  
Kathy Salama, County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works  
Angelica Gunderson, County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works  
Mark Patti, Mattress Recycling Council

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Meeting called to order at 1:13 p.m., by Ms. Margaret Clark.

**II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR JANUARY 15, 2015, MINUTES**

A motion was made to approve the January 15, 2015, minutes with corrections. The motion carried unanimously.

**III. REPORT FROM THE PUBLIC EDUCATION AND INFORMATION SUBCOMMITTEE**

Mr. Mike Mohajer reported that the Public Education and Information Submitted met and considered a number of articles for the next Inside Solid Waste Newsletter, which will be going out in two weeks. The articles include:

- Alameda Pharmaceuticals Lawsuit Updates
- Countywide Environmental Programs
- KOST Campaign
- CalRecycle workshop in reducing landfill packing
- Two years of PaintCare Stewardship
- Statewide Composting Regulations
- Walt Garrison in Memoriam
- Mattress Recycling Council
- Sunshine Canyon Landfill
- Legislative Table

On the next ISW Issue:

- Legislative Table
- Update on the Mattress
- Carpet Stewardship Program
- Composting regulations that the Water Board wants to adopt
- Composting regulations that CalRecycle wants to adopt

**IV. REPORT FROM THE ALTERNATIVE TECHNOLOGY ADVISORY SUBCOMMITTEE (ATAS)**

Mr. Clark Ajwani reported that the ATAS discussed the Board of Supervisor's approval of Public Works' contract with Alternative Resources Technology Incorporated to continue facilitating the development of conversion technology projects. It was also discussed that the following upcoming conferences may be of interest:

- March 3 – Waste to Biogas and Clean Fuels Summit, Santa Clara
- Mid-April - BioCycle West Coast Conference, Portland, Oregon
- Public Works CT conference, pending approval

The ATAS discussed a potential site visit after the completion of the CR&R facility.

#### **V. REPORT FROM THE FACILITY & PLAN REVIEW SUBCOMMITTEE (FPRS)**

Ms. Betsey Landis gave her report from the Facility and Plan Review Subcommittee. During the month of January a total of 259 complaints were made to the Air Quality Management District (AQMD) hotline. In comparison with December 2014, the number of complaints decreased by 6 percent (from 277 to 259). Compared to January 2014, the number of complaints increased by 710 percent (from 32 to 259). Ms. Landis shared the odor complaint charts provided by Mr. Karlo Manalo that depict number of odor complaints, surface gas emissions, and leachate generated at the Sunshine Canyon Landfill. She also mentioned that Mr. Rob Sherman of Republic Services requested the Subcommittee to include information on the intensity of odors based on AQMD inspection reports on these charts.

Mr. Ed Pupka commented on Mr. Sherman's request to the Subcommittee and stated that AQMD inspection reports are available for anyone to obtain through a Public Records Request Act.

Ms. Landis also reported that the Task Force letter to the Regional Water Quality Control Board regarding the Regional Board's Monitoring and Reporting Program for the Sunshine Canyon Landfill was sent out. In regards to the Fourth Quarter Vegetation Report for the Sunshine Canyon Landfill, Ms. Landis reported that according to a recent vegetation meeting she and Mr. Russell Bukoff attended at the Landfill, the sage mitigation areas seemed to have shown more plant growth especially with the recent rain events. Additionally, she reported noticing traces of wildlife returning to these areas of the Landfill. This is good news since it is one of the goals of mitigation.

Ms. Landis also reported that Ms. Anna Gov discussed Finding of Conformance (FOC) reports from various facilities. She mentioned that Mr. Mike Mohajer inquired about other Landfills that may have a FOC but are not reporting to the Task Force. Consequently, staff was asked to look into which facilities need to submit FOC reports to the Task Force.

Mr. Mohajer brought up an important topic discussed during the meeting regarding Republic's definition of temporary slopes, permanent slopes, and non-permanent cut slopes, which was discussed in detail. He emphasized that the County's Conditional Use Permit and City's Zoning Ordinance have specific requirements with regards to these types of slopes that Republic would have to follow. Ms. Landis added that Sunshine Canyon Landfill staff has not been able to map the different types of slopes of the Landfill.

## VI. MATTRESS STEWARDSHIP PRESENTATION

Mr. Mark Patti from Mattress Recycling Council gave the [attached presentation](#) to the Task Force giving an overview of the Used Mattress Recovery and Recycling Act SB 254 and SB 1274.

Ms. Landis asked about the mattresses infested with fleas and bed bugs. Per Mr. Patti, fleas and bed bugs die at 113 degrees and in addition the mattresses are fumigated before they go to the trailer and recycler. Mr. Pupka asked about the air quality of the facility to put into place. Mr. Patti was going to look in to that question. Mr. Ron Saldana questioned where they get the estimate of 2.1 million recycled mattresses. As far as a total capability of recycling mattress, Mr. Patti does not have the information. Mr. Saldana asked, "Will they be profitable?" Mr. Patti said yes, as to how profitable, it will be known after they receive the RFPs. Ms. Reina Pereira asked "Are you open to work with municipalities to work on a cost?" Mr. Patti answered, "absolutely." Mr. Gerry Villalobos asked how and who will determine the level of contamination, per Mr. Patti answered that it would be the recyclers.

Mr. Patti added that the retailers have a contractor to take the old mattress. The retailer does not receive any funding. Consumers will pay a mattress recycling charge for the purchase of a new mattress and the monies would be remitted to MRC. The retailer cannot charge a haul-away fee for taking back a used mattress. It is required that the retailer tag the mattresses. A white tag means it's a new mattress, red tag means it's been sterilized, a yellow tag means it's refurbished materials.

Mr. Mohajer gave a scenario, if a Public Worker takes a mattress to the transfer station, will the Stewardship Program pay the local government? Mr. Patti answered that only if they have an MRC bin. Mr. Mohajer asked Ms. Jennifer Wallin, how the Mattress Recycling Council's request for jurisdictions to locate mattress collection containers at their yards/facilities would be considered in relation to existing regulated limits on the amount of material that can be stored on site. Ms. Wallin will get back to the Task Force on that question.

Mr. Carlos Ruiz asked several questions, "Isn't the motivation for having a Stewardship Program to reduce the cost to municipalities?" Answer: It is. If you want to participate in the program, MRC will provide municipalities with a bin. Isn't CalRecycle developing regulations for the program? Answer: Yes, MRC will be implementing the program based on the regulations. Is this MRC's proposal in terms of reducing costs to municipalities and have you received feedback from CalRecycle if your proposal will be consistent with their regulations? Answer: MRC has been in discussions with the Mattress Advisory Committee of which one of DPW employees (Frank Chin) is a member along with other stakeholders, and they are aware of the steps MRC has undertaken thus far. The mattress

recycling plan still needs to be submitted to CalRecycle for approval; it is due July 1.

In addition, there are educational materials being produced to send out to the public to let them know about the Program. Mr. Mohajer offered to help out with distributing the educational information by including an article on the Inside Solid Waste newsletter.

## **VII. CALRECYCLE UPDATE**

Ms. Jennifer Wallin reported the following:

### **WORKSHOPS AND RULEMAKING**

#### AB 1826 Mandatory Organics Recycling (MORe) Implementation and AB 1594 Guidance

CalRecycle is still developing the implementation/guidance for the recently signed mandatory organics recycling laws. Information about AB 1826 can now be found at <http://www.calrecycle.ca.gov/Recycle/Commercial/Organics/>, and a comprehensive F.A.Q. resource about the law will be available shortly. In April, CalRecycle will hold spring workshops that will discuss the implementation process in great detail and provide an opportunity for additional questions:

#### Mandatory Commercial Organics Recycling Workshops (AB 1826)

- April 16, 2015, Sacramento (CalEPA Headquarters Building) 9 am to 3:30 pm
- April 28, 2015, Southern California (exact location TBD) 9 am to 3:30 pm

Interested parties can join the Mandatory Organic Recycling listserv at [www.calrecycle.ca.gov/listservs/Subscribe.aspx?ListID=138](http://www.calrecycle.ca.gov/listservs/Subscribe.aspx?ListID=138) to receive the most up-to-date information on implementation. Information regarding AB 1594 will also be provided online shortly.

#### Organic Materials Management Regulation Revisions

After receiving comments from a series of informal stakeholder workshops discussing 14 issues to be addressed in the rulemaking process, staff developed proposed regulations and completed an Economic and Fiscal Impact Analysis of the proposed regulations and Initial Statement of Reasons between October 2013 and September, 2014. The proposed regulations, Economic and Fiscal Impact Analysis, and Initial Statement of Reasons were subsequently filed with the Office of Administrative Law to initiate the formal rulemaking process.

CalRecycle began the formal rulemaking on October 10, 2014. A public hearing to receive oral and written comments was held on December 10, 2014. CalRecycle will hold an informal workshop on March 3, 2015, to discuss potential changes to the proposed regulations in response to stakeholder comments. The workshop will be held from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. at CalEPA Headquarters. You will be

able to join the meeting and view the presentation online. Registration is required.

## **GRANTS AND LOANS**

Grants Updates at - [www.calrecycle.ca.gov/Grants](http://www.calrecycle.ca.gov/Grants). Please note that “Open Applications” for grant and payment programs are now announced at the top of the Grant, Payment, and Loan Programs home webpage. Try the Cool California Funding Wizard at [www.coolcalifornia.org/funding-wizard-home](http://www.coolcalifornia.org/funding-wizard-home)

## **GRANT UPDATES**

At the February 17, 2015, Public Meeting, the Eligibility Criteria, Evaluation Process, and Funding Allocations for the Local Conservation Corps Grant Program (California Beverage Container Recycling Fund, Electronic Waste Recovery and Recycling Account, California Tire Recycling Management Fund, and California Used Oil Recycling Fund, Fiscal Year 2015–16) were presented. The total funding amount is \$21,414,454. Eligible applicants for this grant program are Corps that is designated by a county to perform litter abatement, recycling, and related activities, and that are certified by CCC.

## **OPEN GRANT/LOAN CYCLES**

### Solid Waste Cleanup Grants and Loans Program Loans to Local Governments

The application period for solid waste cleanup loans to local government is continuous. For information on the loan program and the grant application visit: [www.calrecycle.ca.gov/LEA/GrantsLoans/SolidWaste/LocalLoans/default.htm](http://www.calrecycle.ca.gov/LEA/GrantsLoans/SolidWaste/LocalLoans/default.htm).

### Used Oil Competitive (UOC) Grant Program (FY 2015-16)

The purpose of this grant program is to reduce the potential for illegal disposal by increasing used oil and filter collection, recycling opportunities, public education, source reduction, reuse of used oil, and the prevention of stormwater pollution from used oil. For local government agencies, the UOC Grant Program provides additional funding to augment or expand oil and filter collection and informational programs established by funding they receive from CalRecycle’s Oil Payment Program.

Applications will be evaluated and scored by a review panel of CalRecycle staff, based on the attached Scoring Criteria.

Eligible applicants for this cycle include the following entities:

- California cities and counties
- California joint powers authorities (JPA) and special districts, responsible for solid waste management, sanitation, or stormwater management
- Nonprofit organizations (not including private schools) with the support of a local jurisdiction
- Regional programs (consisting of two or more eligible entities)

Eligible applicants may apply individually or as a participant in a regional application that involves more than one eligible entity. An applicant may not submit multiple applications. One entity must be identified as the lead applicant to act on behalf of itself and its participating applicants.

The focus of the grant cycle is based on a survey of stakeholders conducted in August 2014. Survey results indicated a greater interest in priorities consistent with the focus areas below. All applicants must include one or more of the focus areas in their application to be eligible for this cycle:

- Public education and outreach to inform the public of local used oil and filter recycling opportunities and ways to prevent stormwater pollution caused by used oil
- Implement or expand a used oil and filter collection program (includes, but is not limited to, local facilities, marinas and curbside)
- Mitigation projects preventing used oil stormwater pollution (only available to those entities with an approved stormwater management plan)

#### *Proposed Changes*

1. *Include JPA's as Eligible Applicants*  
Joint powers authorities (JPAs) and special districts have been included as eligible applicants for this cycle.
2. *Decrease Maximum Grant Award Amounts*  
Due to a decrease in available funding, the maximum award amounts have been reduced from past cycle. Individual applicants may request up to \$100,000 and regional applicants (e.g., two or more eligible applicants) may request up to \$250,000 for their proposed projects.
3. *Revise Scoring Criteria*  
A project description category has been added to the Scoring Criteria to assess project scope and the point distribution has been adjusted.
4. *Revise Non-Profit Requirements*  
Non-Profit organizations are required to submit a letter of support from their local jurisdiction.

Application due date February 26, 2015

#### Local Government Waste Tire Enforcement (TEA) Grant (FY 2014/15)

CalRecycle receives an annual appropriation from the California Tire Recycling Management Fund to administer the Tire Recycling Act (Senate Bill 937, [Vuich, Statutes of 1990, Chapter 35]) and related legislation. This specific grant provides funding to city, county, and city and county agencies in California for waste tire enforcement activities. Applications are due March 3, 2015

#### Tire Amnesty Grant Program

This program is a competitive grant program designed to help divert waste tires from landfill disposal and prevent illegal tire dumping. Funds are used to hold collection events in convenient locations for the public to bring their tires, in non-commercial quantities, at no charge. California cities, counties, special districts, Qualifying Indian Tribes, and other political subdivisions and jurisdictions joined together by formal agreements are eligible to apply.

CalRecycle has allocated \$1,800,000 for the Local Government Waste Tire Amnesty Grant Program for fiscal year (FY) 2015-16. Applications are due March 5, 2015. For additional information visit:

<http://www.calrecycle.ca.gov/Tires/Grants/Cleanup/FY201516/default.htm>.

#### **EVENTS**

- Monthly Public Meeting - February 17, 2015, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., CalEPA Building, Byron Sher Auditorium (2<sup>nd</sup> floor), 1001 I Street, Sacramento.
- Enforcement Advisory Council Meeting – February 24, 2015, 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Cal/EPA Building, Training Rooms 2 East and West, 1001 I Street, Sacramento.
- Recycling Facility Financing Seminar – February 25, 2015, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., 5050 Clark Ave., Lakewood.
- Informal Workshop on Proposed Compostable – March 3, 2015, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., 1001 I Street, Training Room 1, Sacramento.
- First Informal Webinar workshop for the draft Tire Broker Registration: Rulemaking Process – March 4, 2015, 1:30 p.m.- 3:30 p.m., online webinar only, register at <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/719659311346723074>
- Local Funding and Siting Case Studies, Samples, and Strategies – ILG Webinar "Understanding CEQA Guidelines: What You Need to Know for Recycling Infrastructure Projects:" – March 10, 2015, 10 a.m. to noon, CalEPA Building, 2nd floor
- Annual Used Oil/HHW Training and Conference - April 7-10, 2015, Sheraton Universal Hotel, Universal City, for information visit [www.cce.csus.edu/usedoilhhw](http://www.cce.csus.edu/usedoilhhw).

Please also see the CalRecycle Events Calendar to keep on top of upcoming events at [www.calrecycle.ca.gov/Calendar](http://www.calrecycle.ca.gov/Calendar).

#### **VIII. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**

Mr. Chris Sheppard gave an update on the [attached legislative table](#) and presented the following legislative bills:

AB 190 (Paper Bag Ban) and AB 191 (Paper Bag \$.10 fee) – Mayor Mary Ann Lutz made a motion to send a letter to oppose AB 190 and AB 191, seconded by Ms. Betsey Landis. The motion carried with six abstentions (Mr. Gerry Villalobos, Mr. Ed Pupka, Mr. Chris Salomon, Ms. Margaret Clark, and Mr. Mike Mohajer).

AB 199 (Alternative Energy: Recycled Feedstock) – Mayor Mary Ann Lutz made a motion to send a letter to support AB 199 if amended, second by Mr. Salomon. The motion carried unanimously.

AB 237 (Parcel Taxes: Notice) – Staff recommends a watch position on this bill.

AB 239 (AB 32 Regulations) – Mr. Mohajer made a motion to send a letter to support AB 239, seconded by Ms. Clark. The motion carried with three abstentions (Mr. Salomon, Mr. Villalobos, and Mr. Ed Pupka).

SB 32 (AB 32: Emission Limit) – Mr. Mohajer made a motion to oppose SB 32, seconded by Ms. Landis. The motion carried with three abstentions (Mr. Salomon, Mr. Villalobos, and Mr. Ed Pupka).

SB 47 (Synthetic Turf) – Ms. Landis made a motion to send a letter to oppose SB 47 with an explanation on the body that the Task Force opposes pending further studies, seconded by Mr. Salomon. The motion carried with two abstentions (Mr. Salomon and Mr. Villalobos).

SB 350 (Renewable Energy) – Staff recommends a watch position since the language is not in print.

Mayor Mary Ann Lutz updated the Task Force on the Organics Workshop. The committee will be having a meeting in two weeks and will be discussing the time frame of the conference, sponsors, and location of the workshop.

## **IX. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mr. Kevin Best from Real Energy gave the Task Force a secret code for the Biotechnology Industry Organization Conference on March 3, 2015. The code to register is 152009.

## **X. NEXT MEETING DATE**

The next proposed meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 26, 2015, in Conference Room C, pending a poll from the Task Force members.

The meeting adjourned at 3:10 p.m.

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