

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

**Minutes of May 21, 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  
Sam Pedroza, California League of Cities-Los Angeles Division  
Cathy Warner, 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 Pat Proano, 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 Paul Prestia, County Sanitation Districts of  
Los Angeles County  
Enrique Zaldivar, rep by Bernadette Halverson, 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  
David Kim, City of Los Angeles  
Michael Conway, City of Long Beach Public Works Department  
Mitchell Englander, City of Los Angeles

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Dale Sargent, City of Santa Clarita  
Brenda Eells, CH2M Hill  
Joe Vitti, SCL-CAC  
Jennifer Wallin, CalRecycle  
Carlos Ruiz, County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works  
Tranette Sanders, County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works  
Coby Skye, County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works Jason  
Jones, County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works Kathy  
Salama, County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works Carlos  
Slythe, County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works Chris  
Sheppard, County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works Jon  
Emelson, City of Redondo Beach  
Wayde Hunter, NVC/GHNNC  
Veronica Nvale, DCTS-HR

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Meeting called to order at 1:08 p.m., by Ms. Margaret Clark.

**II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR OCTOBER 16, 2014, MINUTES**

A motion was made to approve the February 19, 2015, minutes as corrected. The motion passed with five abstentions (Mr. Mike Mohajer, Mr. Ed Pupka, Mr. Sam Pedroza, Mr. Paul Prestia, and Ms. Cathy Warner). A motion was made to accept the April 16, 2015, minutes. The motion passed with three abstentions (Mr. Pupka, Mr. Villalobos, and Mr. Pedroza).

**III. REPORT FROM THE PUBLIC EDUCATION AND INFORMATION SUBCOMMITTEE (PEIS)**

Mr. Mike Mohajer reported the PEIS reviewed a number of articles to be covered on the next issue.

- 2014 State Waste Characterization study
- State of Recycling and Disposal in CA
- CalRecycle Hosts AB 1826 Workshops and Introduces FAQs Webpage
- Draft EIR and Proposed General Waste Discharge Requirements for Composting Operations
- Finalizing Proposed Changes to Statewide Composting Regulations
- Beverage Container Recycling Campaign
- State Assembly Member Mullin Proposes new Legislation (AB 45)
- Update on Alameda County/Pharmaceuticals
- Legislative update

Mr. Mohajer also reported that there was a discussion on AB 45 oppose position. Mr. Pat Proano added that Public Works is aware of AB 45 and staff is following it.

**IV. REPORT FROM THE ALTERNATIVE TECHNOLOGY ADVISORY SUBCOMMITTEE**

Mr. Gabriel Arenas reported that Soukos Environmental USA gave a presentation on their technology process which has been in operation in Greece for over five years. Their technology separates, sorts, and cleans recyclable material and converts the rest into pellets which can be used for energy creation, as well as building material.

ARI, Inc., Public Works' Conversion Technology Technical Consultant reported that they are continuing to finalize the agenda for the Conversion Technology

(CT) conference slated for late July or early August. The event may take place at either UCLA or at Public Works' headquarters in Alhambra.

ARI is working on preliminary analysis for a food waste and green waste digestion project at Pitchess Detention Center. Results of the analysis will be available by the end of this month.

Public Works is developing a scope of work for a Request for Proposal for outreach efforts as well as technical services. The contract will include services towards the broader goals of the Roadmap which includes a CT component.

Mr. Mohajer mentioned the Governor's budget revision proposal that was released the week prior which included an increase in funding from the Cap and Trade fund for waste diversion activities including grant incentives for organic composting and digestion, recyclable material manufacturing, and food waste prevention.

Next month's ATAS meeting will take place at the Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County's Waste Water Treatment Facility in Carson.

Mr. Proano asked Staff the status of the White Paper. Per Mr. Coby Skye it is being finalized and will be sent to TF members for review. Mr. Proano gave a brief description on the White Paper.

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

Ms. Betsey Landis gave her report from the Facility Plan & Review Subcommittee (FPRS). She reported that the Subcommittee discussed the odor complaints for the Sunshine Canyon Landfill (SCL) in the month of April, of which 60 complaints were called in. In comparison to the previous month, the number of complaints decreased by 80 percent. Compared to April 2014, the number of complaints this April decreased by 51 percent. Ms. Landis also discussed graphs prepared by the Air Quality Management District and by the staff depicting recently updated odor complaints charts.

Ms. Landis reported that the Subcommittee discussed recent grading issues at the Landfill . She mentioned that the Landfill personnel may not be fully aware of areas at the site that have been active and inactive, and suggested that Public Health inspectors provide simple maps that can be duplicated by landfill personnel showing City and County boundaries and areas where activities have taken place at the Landfill.

Ms. Landis also reported that the Subcommittee discussed the First Quarter 2015 Vegetation Report for the SCL and the progress the landfill had made regarding the vegetation requirements.

Ms. Landis reported that at the April FPRS meeting, a discussion took place on the South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD)'s Pneumatic Testing Study that was done at Sunshine Canyon Landfill and comments were provided to staff. The Subcommittee further discussed this study and made a motion to have the Task Force send a comment letter on this report to the SCAQMD. Mr. Mohajer seconded the motion. The motion passed with three abstentions (Mr. Ed Pupka, Mr. Gerry Villalobos, and Mr. Paul Prestia).

Ms. Landis also reported that the Subcommittee discussed the Quarterly Reports on the Finding of Conformance from various landfills, and suggested the Task Force pay close attention to the current legislature that may affect the County's ability to handle the waste.

Mr. Wayne Hunter commented that the County used to require the Landfill operator to report on cell grids to identify areas that have been inactive for more than 180 days. He also mentioned that the Sunshine Canyon Landfill Community Advisory Committee had a presentation at its last meeting on a supplemental waste characterization study conducted by Tetra Tech, in conjunction with the Sunshine Canyon Landfill Local Enforcement Agency that may be useful to designing the landfill gas recovery system. He added that transfer stations in City of Los Angeles that deliver waste to Sunshine Canyon Landfill may have waste that contains a large organic waste composition.

## **VI. 2013 COUNTYWIDE INTEGRATED WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN ANNUAL REPORT**

Mr. Joe Bartolata gave the [attached presentation](#) on the 2013 Annual Report to the Countywide Integrated Waste Management Plan. Following the presentation, Mr. Pat Proano reminded the TF that staff is updating the Preliminary Draft Siting Element (Draft CSE) to reflect new data as well as changes to existing legislation. Mr. Mohajer suggested that staff prepare and submit the Draft CSE to the Subcommittee for review followed by the TF. Among other things, Mr. Mohajer made a motion for staff to prepare a separate document that would supplement the Countywide Integrated Waste Management Plan, and would serve as a resource to the cities to address organic waste management, conversion technology, recycling mandates, and changes to solid waste management since the time the existing Countywide Integrated Waste Management Plan was approved in 1999. Mr. Proano seconded the motion. The motion was passed with one abstention (Mr. Pupka). Ms. Cathy Warner requested an electronic copy of the presentation.

In addition, Mr. Proano made a motion for Public Works to conduct a workshop highlighting recent legislation, conversion technology, organic waste management, and Siting Element for all the Cities and key stakeholders to attend

before the end of the year at Public Works' Headquarters. The motion was passed with one abstention (Mr. Pupka).

Task Force members introduced themselves to the two new members.

#### **VII. CALRECYCLE MANDATORY ORGANICS RECYCLING GUIDELINES (AB 1826)**

Mr. Clark Ajwani gave the [attached presentation](#) on CalRecycle's Mandatory Organics Recycling Guidelines (AB 1826).

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

Mr. Coby Skye gave an update on the [attached legislative table](#). At this time in the Task Force meeting several members had left so a quorum was no longer present, so staff was directed to review previous positions the Task Force has held and to draft letters accordingly.

Mr. Pat Proano recommended to have the Legislative Update at the beginning of the Task Force Agenda and use a different format to streamline the summaries.

#### **IX. 2014 CALRECYCLE WASTE CHARACTERIZATION STUDY**

This item was not discussed and will be discussed at a future TF meeting.

#### **X. CALRECYCLE UPDATE**

Ms. Jennifer Wallin reported the following:

- AB 1826 Mandatory Organics Recycling (MORe) Implementation- CalRecycle is developing implementation/guidance for the recently signed mandatory organics recycling law. It is hoped that a majority of the tools and resources discussed at the workshop will be posted online by the end of May/early June. Rurals: Jurisdictions that wish to be exempt must submit their resolution to CalRecycle **prior to June 30, 2015**, to be considered for an exemption from implementation of the law on January 1, 2016.
- AB 1594 Guidance - In September 2014, Governor Brown signed AB 1594 mandating that as of January 1, 2020, the use of green material as Alternative Daily Cover (ADC) will no longer constitute diversion through recycling and will instead be considered disposal in terms of measuring a jurisdiction's annual 50 percent per capita disposal rate. A webpage, including an FAQ page, for AB 1594 has been developed.

- 2012-2013 Jurisdiction Review - Jurisdictions that are part of the 2-year review cycle, 2012-2013, will be part of the May 19, 2015, public meeting agenda.
- 2014 Annual Report - When it is time to submit the Electronic Annual Report (EAR), jurisdictions file the EAR using the Local Government Information Center (LoGIC) reporting system.
- CalRecycle reporting assistance - LoGIC users may check the most up-to-date disposal tonnage information on the lower half of their EAR landing page, after selecting their jurisdiction on <https://secure.calrecycle.ca.gov/LoGIC/External/AffiliationList.aspx>. May 15th is the deadline each year for submitting corrections to DRS.
  - Jurisdictions will be able to access and begin completing their 2014 EAR beginning on or about June 15, 2015
  - Staff responsible for completing the Jurisdiction's EAR might wish to participate in the "How to file the EAR" review webinar, please save the date for Thursday, June 18th from 10-12 p.m.
  - The 2014 EAR due date is August 3, 2015, due to August 1 being a Saturday.
- Mattress Stewardship - CalRecycle has completed a 45-day comment period and a subsequent 15-day comment period and is currently evaluating stakeholder comments received. The request to adopt the proposed regulation was heard at the May 19, 2015, public meeting. If adopted, the regulation package will be sent to the Office of Administrative Law. The Mattress Recycling Council is required to submit their Plan for implementing the program by July 1, 2015.

### **Grants and Loans**

Grants updates at [www.calrecycle.ca.gov/Funding](http://www.calrecycle.ca.gov/Funding). 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.

### **Grant Awards**

Awards for the Local Government Waste Tire Enforcement Grant Program (Tire Recycling Management Fund, FY 2014–15) were heard at the May 19, 2015 public meeting.

Greenhouse Gas Reduction Revolving Loan Fund, FY 2014-15 - loan awards for Harvest Power and Nursery Products, LLC were heard at the May 19, 2015 public meeting.

### **Open Grant/Loan Cycles**

LEA Grant Program - Notice of Funds Available. The due date for the fiscal year 2015/16 application is May 21, 2015. Applicants are limited to LEAs and Regional LEAs that are certified by CalRecycle pursuant to Public Resources Code, Section 43200 and Title 14, California Code of Regulations, Chapter 5, Article 2.1, LEA Certification Requirements. Total funding is \$1,500,000, subject to funding availability, passage and enrollment of the Fiscal Year 2015–16 Budget Act. \$96,000 is set aside for LEA training and outreach. The remaining \$1,404,000 will be distributed among grant applicants on a pro-rata basis.

Beverage Container Recycling Grant and Payment Programs City/County Payment Program - The Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle) is distributing \$10,500,000 to eligible cities and counties specifically for beverage container recycling and litter cleanup activities. Funding Request due date is June 23, 2015.

Greenhouse Gas Reduction Loan Program -. Cycle 2 is available for applications through June 30, 2015. The purpose of this program is to lower overall greenhouse gas emissions by providing loans to expand existing capacity or establish new facilities to process California-generated green or food materials into new value-added products. Application is due June 30, 2015.

Solid Waste Cleanup Grants and Loans Program Loans to Local Governments - The application period for solid waste cleanup loans to local government is continuous.

Recycling Market Development Zone Loan Program - The application period for the revolving loan program is continuous.

### **Upcoming Grant/Loan Cycles**

Greenhouse Gas Reduction Grant and Loan Programs - The Governor's 2015-16 Proposed Budget includes \$60 million in fiscal year 2015-16 for CalRecycle to administer. Application materials for the organics grant program for fiscal year 2015-16 will tentatively be available late May or early June 2015 and will include a \$2 million set-aside for projects from rural areas.

### **Additional Funding Opportunities**

Closed Loop Fund Website Launch, Loan Applications Now Available – The website has officially launched, and began accepting applications from municipalities for zero interest loans and private companies for below market interest loans.

The purpose of this \$100 million loan pool is to help create recycling infrastructure projects, as well as spur private and public funding for the

improvement of recycling. This funding may provide assistance to jurisdictions to either create new recycling systems, or improve those already in existence. The loan terms will vary from 1 to 10 years, and the loan size will vary from \$250,000 to \$5,000,000, although there will be exceptions to this when deemed appropriate.

### **Events**

- EPA's SMM Web Academy: Pay-As-You Throw: Growth & Opportunity for Sustainable Materials Management – May 21, 2015
- US Zero Waste Business Council: Zero Waste Business Training – June 8, 2015, Lincoln, CA
- CalRecycle Packaging Workshop: Manufacturers' Challenge - Moved to September 16, 2015, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., CalEPA building, Byron Sher Auditorium, 2nd floor, 1001 I Street, Sacramento, CA 95814
- Northern California Household Hazardous Waste Information Exchange, June 17, 2015, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Tehama County Administration, Tuscan Room, 727 Oak St. Red Bluff, CA 96080
- Southern California Household Hazardous Waste Information Exchange- June 25, 2015, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., City of Thousand Oaks Municipal Service Center, 1993 Rancho Conejo Blvd., Newbury Park, CA 91320
- California Resource Recovery Association (CRRA) Conference - August 4-7, 2015, "Lights, Camera – Zero Waste in Action," Millennium Biltmore Hotel, Los Angeles, California
- 2015 CalRecycle Tire Conference – August 19-20, 2015, Capital Plaza, 300 J. Street, Sacramento

Next month public meeting is scheduled for June 16, 2015.

### **XI. PUBLIC COMMENT**

No public comments.

### **XII. NEXT MEETING DATE**

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 18, 2015, in Conference Room B.

The meeting adjourned at 3: 25 p.m.

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