

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

**Minutes of June 16, 2016**

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  
Betsey Landis, Environmental Organization Representative  
Ron Saldana, Los Angeles County Disposal Association  
Mike Mohajer, General Public Representative  
Jack Hadijinian, League of California Cities

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS REPRESENTED BY OTHERS:**

Craig Beck, rep by Charlie Tripp, Long Beach Public Works Department  
Gail Farber, rep by Carlos Ruiz, County of Los Angeles Dept. of Public Works  
Enrique Zaldivar, rep by Reina Pereira, City of Los Angeles Bureau of Sanitation  
Cynthia Harding, rep by Jeanne Biehler, County of Los Angeles Department of  
Public Health

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:**

Sam Perdomo, Business/Commerce Representative  
David Kim, City of Los Angeles  
Mitchell Englander, City of Los Angeles  
Sam Pedroza, League of California Cities  
Rafael Prieto, City of Los Angeles  
Wayne Nastri, South Coast Air Quality Management District  
Grace Hyde, County of Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Dale Sargent, City of Santa Clarita  
Nick Morell, LACSD  
Lena Wiegand, CalRecycle  
Wayde Hunter, SCL-CAC  
Coby Skye, County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works  
Patrick Holland, County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works  
Clark Ajwani, County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works  
Angelica Gunderson, County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works  
Jason Jones, County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works  
Kawsar Vazifdar, County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works  
Kristin Keating, County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works  
Tranette Sanders, County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Meeting called to order at 1:06 p.m., by Ms. Margaret Clark.

**II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR MAY 19, 2016**

A motion was made to approve the May 19, 2016, minutes. The motion passed with one abstention (Ms. Jeanne Biehler).

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

Mr. Clark Ajwani provided a report from the ATAS meeting stating there was a presentation from William Skinner of Hitachi Zosen Inova U.S.A. (Hitachi). Mr. Skinner presented specifically on fully integrated organic waste to biogas systems. They have partnered with Kompogas Technology to take source separated organic waste or municipal solid waste and extract out the organic fraction of that waste to put in an anaerobic digestion system and collect the biogas. Hitachi is working on a project in San Luis Obispo County, which is expected to be in operation by early 2018 and will provide a recycling solution for all organic waste in San Luis Obispo.

Mr. Ajwani also provided an update on the Southern California Conversion Technology Conference, which will be held Friday, July 29, 2016, at 900 S. Fremont Avenue, Alhambra, CA, registration starting at 7:30 a.m. Senator Lara will be the afternoon Keynote speaker. The Conference will have various speakers including technology providers, public agencies, and academia.

**IV. REPORT FROM THE FACILITY AND PLAN REVIEW SUBCOMMITTEE (FPRS)**

Ms. Betsey Landis provided an update on the Facility and Plan Review Subcommittee (FPRS) meeting. Ms. Landis stated so far this year there have been 684 odor complaints for Sunshine Canyon Landfill (SCL). In May 2016, a total of 30 complaints were made to the South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) hotline relating to odors at SCL. In comparison with April 2016, the number of complaints decreased by 83 percent, from 181 to 30. When compared to May of 2015, the number of complaints increased by 150 percent. Of the 30 complaints received in May 2016, 4 complaints were called in from nearby schools or parents of students that attend a nearby school. No Notices of Violation were issued by SCAQMD as of June 16, 2016.

Ms. Betsey Landis reported that SCAQMD has been holding town hall meetings in the community regarding the odor nuisance situation. At the latest town hall meeting, SCAQMD indicated that an Order of Abatement could be issued against SCL, which may include a reduction of daily throughput tonnages allowed in the landfill, shorter operational hours, etc. The draft Abatement Order is still being discussed with various regulatory entities.

She reported that there was a discussion on the Intermediate Cover Enhancement Pilot Project. At this time, the pilot project has not been started and the subcommittee asked for updates on the project and where the Posi-Shell mix material would be used.

She reported that staff had given a presentation on the 2016 Semi Annual Spring Waste Characterization for the Lancaster and the Antelope Valley Landfills. Staff also discussed the status of the Finding of Conformance application for the Calabasas Landfill.

Regarding the vegetation at the Sunshine Canyon Landfill, Ms. Landis reported that the Vegetation Working Group suggested that since the coastal sage shrub pilot project was so successful, Republic should continue the project in other areas of the landfill as well. The Group recommended Deck A as the next location for the pilot project because it is located at the upper most of three decks, and seeds would most likely work its way down to the other decks. However, SCL wants to do the project on Deck B.

Ms. Landis also indicated that there was discussion about revegetation requirement for the closed portion of the landfill. She made a motion to send a letter to CalRecycle asking if the old landfill in the City of Los Angeles is officially closed, and if not, why has it not been officially closed and revegetated as required. The motion was seconded by Mr. Mike Mohajer and passed with three abstentions (Jeanne Biehler, Jack Hadijinian, and Ron Saldana).

## **V. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**

Mr. Clark Ajwani gave an update on current legislation and reviewed items on the attached [legislative update](#).

- AB 45 (Mullin) – Ms. Betsey Landis made a motion to re-send a letter opposing AB 45, and also send a letter to cities with a sample letter from the California Product Stewardship Council requesting the cities send their own letters of opposition. The motion was seconded by Mr. Mike Mohajer and passed unanimously.
- AB 1103 (Dodd) – Letter of opposition was sent on June 13, 2016. Will send a letter to the Governor if the bill makes it off the Senate Floor.

- AB 1669 (Hernandez) – Letter of opposition was sent on June 2, 2016. No action needed at this time.
- AB 2153 (Williams) – Mr. Mohajer made a motion that if the bill is still alive to send a letter of support and amend. The motion was seconded by Mr. Carlos Ruiz and passed unanimously.
- AB 2206 (Williams) – Mr. Mohajer made a motion to send a letter of support and amend seconded by Ms. Landis. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Mike Mohajer also stated that staff should watch bills AB 1063 and SB 1383.

#### **VI. CALRECYCLE UPDATE**

Ms. Lena Wiegand reported that the 2015 Annual Report is now open, and the login information was sent out on June 15, 2016. The 2015 Annual Report is due Monday, August 1, 2016.

Ms. Wiegand also reported the Beverage Container Grant is open, and there is \$1.5 million to be awarded. The deadline to apply is Thursday, July 7, 2016.

#### **VII. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mr. Mike Mohajer recommended that staff contact SCAQMD asking for the correct projection year on the life expectancy of the Sunshine Canyon Landfill. He also stated that Mr. Rob Sherman of Republic Services will be attending the July 21, 2016, Task Force meeting, and Dr. Cyrus Rangan will be attending the August 18, 2016, Task Force meeting.

#### **VIII. NEXT MEETING DATE**

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, July 21, 2016, in conference room B.

The meeting adjourned at 2:19 p.m.

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