

MINUTES OF AUGUST 16, 2007
PUBLIC EDUCATION AND INFORMATION SUBCOMMITTEE
Los Angeles County Solid Waste Management Committee/Integrated Waste
Management Task Force

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

SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mike Mohajer (Chair), Integrated Waste Management Task Force and Laura Cronin, City of Santa Monica.

SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:

Glenn Acosta, Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County; Cynthia Vant Hul, Waste Management; Angela Williams, City of Inglewood; and Michael Burk, Los Angeles County Department of Public Health.

OTHERS PRESENT:

Vanessa A. Lopez, County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works.

I CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 9:05 a.m. by the Chair.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of May 17, 2007 were approved.

III. NEWSLETTER ARTICLES - See Attachments

City of Torrance – The article, *Business Offers the Community Free Electronics Recycling*, was approved with minor edits.

City of Torrance – The article, *Trash for Reaching – The Art of Reuse*, was approved with minor edits.

City of Diamond Bar – The article, *The City of Diamond Bar & Ken's Ace Hardware Innovative Recycling Partnership*, was approved with edits.

City of Rancho Palos Verdes – The article, *Recycler of the Month Awards*, was reviewed and approved with minor edits.

City of Calabasas – The article, *Summary of City of Calabasas Recycling Activities*, was approved with changes. Specifically, it is to be written in article form and include program names.

Mike Mohajer asked Public Works staff to prepare additional articles covering the areas listed below for publication in an upcoming newsletter:

- Sunshine Landfill (previously written)
- Legislative Update
- Conversion Technology Update
- Financial Assurance for Landfills Post-Closure and Corrective Actions
- School Programs and Household Hazardous Waste or other Activities on Solid Waste
- Management of Sharps in Reference to Senate Bill 1305
- Proposed Increases on Solid Waste Management Fees

IV. TASK FORCE MEETING DEBRIEFING, Mike Mohajer

The Task Force met on May 17, June 21, and July 19, 2007. At the meetings, they discussed legislative proposals at the State level as well as receiving update from staff on conversion technologies.

Task Force has also expanded its activities to monitor implementation of AB 2296 (2006) in re to the adequacy of the existing financial assurance mechanism for a landfill closure, 30-year post closure maintenance and corrective action(s). As required by AB 2296, the Waste Board has selected a private firm/contractor to evaluate the existing system as well as identifying measures for improvement. The Waste Board has also formed a “working group” to review the contractor’s proposals/work products with comments to the Waste Board. Mike Mohajer is the Task Force’s representative on the working group.

During the past quarter, the Task Force also received presentations from the City of Los Angeles, Waste Management Inc., 1-800-Got Junk, the Countywide Siting Element update and the Sanitation Districts regarding their Waste by Rail Project with an estimated tipping fee of \$70 per ton.

V. NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting is to be determined.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:53 a.m.

Attachments