

PUBLIC EDUCATION AND INFORMATION SUBCOMMITTEE
Los Angeles County Solid Waste Management Committee/Integrated Waste
Management Task Force

Minutes of February 15, 2024

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

SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Nick Morell, Los Angeles County Sanitation Districts
Vanessa Olivas, Los Angeles County Public Works
Angela Williams, City of Inglewood

SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:

Dorcas (Dee) Hanson-Lugo, represented by Karen Gork, County of Los Angeles Public Health
Mike Mohajer, Integrated Waste Management Task Force
Teri Muse, Waste Management

OTHERS PRESENT

Vigen Abramyan, Los Angeles County Public Works
Josephine Chen, Los Angeles County Public Works
Darren Kwan, Los Angeles County Public Works
Genevieve Osmena, Los Angeles County Public Works
Carol Saucillo, Los Angeles County Public Works

I. CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Vanessa Olivas called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE AUGUST 17 AND NOVEMBER 16, 2023, MEETINGS

There was no quorum, so approval of the minutes was postponed to the next Subcommittee meeting in May.

III. NEWSLETTER ARTICLES

The following articles proposed for the Spring 2024 edition of Inside Solid Waste were provided to the Subcommittee for review. Mr. Mike Mohajer submitted his edits to staff to share with the Subcommittee:

- CalRecycle Recycling Market Development Zone Works Conference
 - Add "promote the use of" in first sentence of second paragraph.
 - Spell out the number four to read "four" percent in first sentence of third paragraph.
 - Include the number of years for loans that the RMDZ programs offer in the first sentence of third paragraph.
 - Replace "fights hunger and prevents" with "promotes hunger reduction and prevents" in first sentence of Food Forward bullet.
 - Replace "They have" with "Food Forward has" in the second sentence of Food Forward bullet.
- City of Alhambra Receives Grant Towards San Gabriel Valley Regional Food Recovery Program
 - Add to article that San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments were partners with the City of Alhambra and the grant application.
 - Replace "Receives Grant Towards" with "Receives Grant Funds" in the title of article.
 - Add "was created in response to" and delete "comes because of" in first sentence of third paragraph.
 - Add "(2016)" after Senate Bill 1383 in first sentence of third paragraph.
- Tier 2 Businesses Launch Edible Food Recovery Efforts in 2024
 - Add "in the City of Malibu" to article title.
 - Add "(City)" after City of Malibu in first sentence of first paragraph.
 - Add "(Clean Bay Restaurant Program)" to end of first sentence of first paragraph.
 - Replace "on" with "at" in the second to the last sentence of first paragraph.

- Replace "correct" with "appropriate" in second sentence of second bullet.
- Rearrange words to read "the fight against food insecurity and addressing issues of food waste" in last sentence of third bullet.
- Replace "sure" with "certain" in last sentence of second to the last paragraph.
- Local Creative Reuse Organization Fights Textile Waste
 - Add "in 2016" after SB 1383 in first sentence of first paragraph.
 - Add the definition of textiles in either the first or second paragraphs.
- Update – County's Long-Term Solid Waste Management Plan and Countywide Siting Element
 - Add Los Angeles to article title.
- Chiquita Canyon Landfill Odor Nuisance
 - Replace "for the calendar year 2023" with "in the 2023 calendar year" in third sentence of first paragraph.
 - Combine last two sentences in first paragraph to read "The Landfill Operator believes the odors are most likely due to an unexpected increase in the production of landfill gas and liquids at the landfill, as well as increase in landfill gas production and liquids due to a subsurface chemical reaction taking place within a portion of the landfill's waste mass."
 - Delete "on" in first sentence of fourth paragraph, after bullet list.
 - Add "within" to the ninth bullet before closing paragraph.
 - Replace "also set up" with "established," and replace "inbox" with "address" in first sentence of last paragraph.
 - Replace "dial" with "call" in the last sentence of last paragraph.

IV. CHAIR REPORT ON TASK FORCE ACTION ITEMS

There was no update on Task Force action items due to absence of Subcommittee Chair.

Ms. Olivas informed the Subcommittee that the eGov System is being utilized for Task Force and Subcommittee meeting notices.

Ms. Angela Williams asked if Subcommittee meetings will continue being held in person. Ms. Carol Saucillo responded that Subcommittee meetings are still in person, and that the Executive Office recently hosted a Brown Act refresher training for commissioners with possibly a second one in the future so to understand Brown Act requirements and Assembly Bill 2449, which permits commissioners to attend meetings virtually under emergency circumstance or just cause.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comments.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:41 a.m. The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for Thursday, May 16, 2024, at 9 a.m.