

# Roadmap to a Sustainable Waste Management Future Subcommittee Meeting

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Los Angeles County Department of Public Works  
900 S. Fremont Ave, Alhambra CA 91803  
Conference Rooms B & C

Thursday, October 13, 2016  
9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

## MEETING SUMMARY

### Welcome and Introductions

Vanessa Olivas, Public Works

- Attendees were welcomed and participants introduced themselves.
- The Roadmap to a Sustainable Waste Management Future effort will receive a 2016 California Association of Counties (CSAC) Challenge Award. CSAC at an upcoming Board of Supervisors meeting.

### Roadmap Annual Report to the Board Update & Summary

Vanessa Olivas, Public Works (Presentation begins on slide [#3](#))

- Comments on the Annual Report were requested from the group.
- The new reporting period begins this month therefore goal setting for the next reporting year will be a topic of discussion for the breakout sessions.
- Priority issues mentioned in the Report include Extended Producer Responsibility, organics, mass debris management, conversion technology among others.

### Recap of Titus Tour

Clark Ajwani, Public Works (Presentation begins on slide [#4](#))

- Several members of the Working Group attended the Titus facility tours in September. A recap was provided for those who did not have an opportunity to attend.
- Titus is a secondary Materials Recovery Facility (MRF), which receives residual materials from primary single-stream MRFs and bails of mixed plastics. Secondary MRFs such as Titus use technology and manual labor to extract additional recyclables from these residuals.
  - The technology used includes optical sorters, magnets, and air blowers.
- The facility has been in operation for 2-3 years in South Los Angeles.
- Titus processes about 1,000 tons a month. They have been able to divert 50 percent of the materials they receive.
- Titus manufactures the equipment used at the facility and uses the facility to show and sell their equipment to other MRFs.

## Resource Recovery Centers

Amy Hammes, City of Burbank (Presentation begins on slide [#5](#))

- Film/television production sets generate an enormous amount of waste. An example of two television show sets was presented, showing a set that was trashed versus a set that was auctioned with proceeds going to charity. Advance planning and strategic partnerships can cut waste while benefitting others.
- Most of the items discarded from film/television sets can be reused or repurposed by others, such as artists, teachers or wildlife sanctuaries.
- A proposed model for reuse and reduce is one in which there is a public/private partnership. Examples of such a model include:
  - L.A. Shares in Los Angeles
  - Last Chance Mercantile in Monterey County
  - Materials for the Arts in New York City
- It is important for reuse centers to have both an online and brick-and-mortar presence. Having a physical location encourages people to reuse items they might not have thought about.
- EcoSet achieved a 93 percent diversion rate on their sets, with 57 percent of that diversion rate being reuse.

### Discussion:

- An overview of the County Surplus program was given for new members. Public Works and Internal Services Department are looking into incorporating LACoMAX, the Los Angeles County Material Exchange program, as the last option to the County Surplus program before trashing unwanted County property.
- Most County staff are not aware of who their department's Surplus coordinator is. A list of County Surplus coordinators will be provided on the Roadmap website.

## Breakout Sessions

- County Unincorporated Communities – Discussed opportunities for Resource Recovery Centers in CUC (Strategy 1, Initiative A).
  - Issues
    - Although it is ideal to develop resource centers within existing facilities, public safety is an issue due to truck traffic.
    - May experience less participation from facility operators due to lack of profitability.
    - Staffing and liability.
    - Lack of public participation due to safety concerns.
  - Recommendations
    - Include a requirement in facility permits regarding the development of resource centers for new facilities.
    - Provide grants or any other financial assistance for the development and maintenance of the Resource Centers.

- Work with facilities in designing the footprint wherein the Resource Center will be located away from truck traffic.
  - Identify locations for specific types of reuse stores based on materials that are needed in that community (for example, art material in an arts district).
  - Organize community swap meets or yard sales.
  - Utilize the existing drop-off events organized by local waste haulers and incorporate a pick-up event wherein interested residents can also go through and salvage items that were dropped off. (Recovery Days instead of Dumpster Days)
  - Encourage Reuse Centers to utilize sites such as LACoMAX to advertise materials available.
  
- Regional/Countywide – Incorporating Resource Recovery Centers into Household Hazardous Waste Permanent Centers. Facilitating the development of organics processing facilities. (Strategy 3, Initiative D)
  - Challenges include finding the physical space and labor to staff these facilities.
  - Some cities, such as Burbank, may have “anti-scavenging” policies in place.
    - Public Health will look more into the limitations of these policies.
  - Ways to encourage that reuse/resource recovery centers are built:
    - Look for ways to incorporate into existing locations;
      - Chiquita Canyon Landfill – currently under Conditional Use Permit review for expansion.
      - Partner with County Sanitation Districts.
      - County/City joint partnerships – would require that drop offs remain open to all residents, but cities may wish to limit to residents only (so as to maintain control of the diversion credit).
  - Ways to develop a resource/reuse list that can be shared on LACoMAX, with free alerts that can be sent out. A shared database of contacts would allow for a possible newsletter to reach more people.
  - Initiate conversations with FilmLA to inquire how to achieve less waste on film sets when filming is done (under permit) within Los Angeles County.
  
- County Operations – Maximizing the County Surplus Program
  - Discussed infrastructure and outreach to improve usage of County Surplus Program (Strategy 1, Initiatives A4a & C3a)
    - Infrastructure recommended
      - Picture of available surplus item attached to posting.
      - Approval process.
      - Reporting of cost savings by department.
      - Departments to find ways to reduce workload and time needed to accomplish Program tasks.
    - Outreach recommended
      - Link from Roadmap website to list of department Surplus Program coordinators.
      - Link from department intranet procurement/recycling websites.

- Outreach and Education – Bring Your Own & Beverage Container Campaigns.
  - “Bring Your Own” (BYO) Countywide Campaign
    - Flyer finalized.
    - Reviewed two-phase implementation timeline and determined strategies and mediums. Target audience for the first phase would be County Departments. The second phase would target the general public.
      - Distribute flyers to County department
      - County department coordinators
      - Intranet
      - Payroll
      - Ads
      - Poster for cafeteria
      - LA County channel
      - Holiday Campaign
      - Incorporate BYO with food vendor contracts
  - Update on Beverage Container Program
    - Anticipated launch date in April
    - Discussed logistics

**Next Steps and Open Discussion**

- A representative from each subcommittee provided a brief summary of their subcommittee’s discussions.

**Next Subcommittee meeting is tentatively scheduled for December 14, 2016 at 9:00 a.m.**

**Meeting Participants**

<b>County Operations</b>	
Frank Estrada	Animal Care and Control
Jennifer Lieu	Arts Commission
Carlos Zimmerman	Beaches and Harbors
Maral Tashjian	Beaches and Harbors
Adrian M. Deherrera	Child Support Services
Mike Niewzal	Fire
Jose Mendoza	Health Services
Candy Rodarte	Internal Services
Lois Giron	Internal Services
Wendy Mercado	Internal Services
Inna Sarac	Medical Examiner - Coroner

<b>Outreach and Education</b>	
Bernadet Garcia-Silva	Public Health
Daniel De La Cruz	Public Health
Dorcas Hanson-Lugo	Public Health
Lucy MacDonald	Public Health
Diana Lee	Public Works - EPD
Edna Gandarilla	Public Works - EPD
Jason Jones	Public Works - EPD
Tranette Sanders	Public Works - EPD
Vanessa Olivas	Public Works - EPD

<b>County Operations - Continued</b>	
Sergio Bravo	Mental Health
Tammy Quach	Public Health
Beda Sasis	Public Social Services
Fabiola Carrillo	Regional Planning
Cesar Sevilla	Registrar Recorder/County Clerk
Mark Kitchen	Registrar Recorder/County Clerk
Nick Morell	Sanitation Districts
Rich Sigur	Sheriff
Fernando Rubio	Treasurer & Tax Collector
Arlene Morales	Public Works - EPD
Caren Alvarez	Public Works - EPD
Nilda Gemeniano	Public Works - EPD
Patrick Holland	Public Works - EPD

<b>County Unincorporated Communities</b>	
Mayen Alcantara	Arts Commission
Marge Santos	CEO
Bitá Tishbi	Public Health
Gerry Villalobos	Public Health
Maurice Pantoja	Public Health
Richard Mejia	Public Health
Allen Ma	Public Works - WMD
Kristen Holdsworth	Regional Planning
Chris Sheppard	Public Works - EPD
Christine Wong	Public Works - EPD
Kawzar Vazifdar	Public Works - EPD
Suk Chong	Public Works - EPD

<b>Regional/Countywide</b>	
Amy Hammes	City of Burbank
Maurice Pantoja	Public Health
Greg Nelson	Sheriff
Clark Ajwani	Public Works - EPD
Coby Skye	Public Works - EPD
Gabriel Arenas	Public Works - EPD
Jalaine Madrid	Public Works - EPD
Trishena Robinson	Public Works - EPD