

Sustainable Solid Waste Management Future Roadmap Implementation Working Group: County Operations Subcommittee

Los Angeles County Department of Public Works
900 S. Fremont Ave, Alhambra CA 91803
Alhambra Room

Thursday, October 22, 2015
9:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.

MEETING SUMMARY

1. Welcome and Introductions

- Attendees were welcomed and participants introduced themselves

2. Recap Previous Meeting

- Presentation by Susana Ortega, Internal Services Department (ISD), on their waste hauling contract
- Presentation by Patrick Holland, Public Works, on the County Departmental Recycling Program and recycling survey
- Presentation by Beverly Jones, Public Works, on the Public Works' HQ organics pilot
- Sustainability Council structure update

3. Trash and Recycling Service at County Departments

Strategy 1- Initiative A; Strategy 2 – Initiative B and C

Chris Sheppard, Public Works, presentation (starts on slide [#3](#))

- There are about 600 County sites receiving service and 3 haulers left providing service through the ISD contract
- The list of facilities serviced by ISD will be email to the group to confirm 1) the current addresses and that the facility still needs service, 2) add facilities if necessary, and 3) obtain the main contact at that the facility who is responsible for waste and recycling services
- Christopher Sheppard provided an overview of the County Facilities Map which can be accessed at the following link <http://www.easymapmaker.com/map/54f26fdb514af7fcb3a5b7327b11653>
- The list of facilities and the map are continually being updated as facilities are added and removed from contract services on a regular basis.

4. Waste Assessments at County Facilities

Strategy 2-Initiative A

Chris Sheppard, Public Works, presentation (starts on slide [#6](#))

- Department of Health Services volunteered to be one of the first sites to do an assessment
 - They use Ambit for paper recycling and SafeShred for shredding sensitive documents
 - Shredding costs money, while paper recycling pays
- A lot of paper waste, mostly paper towels and plates instead of office paper
- The cafeteria contributed 66% food waste
- Composite materials made from different material are problematic waste
- CRV recycling was not in waste stream
- Discussion and suggestions
 - Encourage cafeteria to give discount for employees who bring their own cups/dishware
 - Look into health regulations issues of bringing reusables
 - Cafeteria at the Hall of Administration deters to-go containers by charging 15 cents
 - Per Sanitation Districts, collecting plastic film doesn't make sense financially
 - Currently the market value for 3-7 rigid plastics is near zero

5. Surplus Program/LACoMAX Presentation and Discussion

Strategy 1-Initiative A; Also CUC Strategy 1-Initiative A

Candelaria Rodarte, ISD, presentation (starts on slide [#14](#))

- Surplus warehouse was closed in 1997, replaced with a Surplus [website](#), with items posted by surplus coordinators
- Everything that leaves the warehouse has to have management approval
- There are two options for surplus items, auction or donation to Board-approved agencies
 - Items for donations are packaged in a lot; the entire lot must be taken
 - Items are picked up at a centralized pick-up area only
- Personal property (cell phones, keys, wallets etc.) from different departments goes to auction
- Value of items are determined by the Surplus coordinators
- Vehicles are handled by Fleet Management

Armando Aguilar, Public Works, presentation (starts on slide [#25](#))

- LACoMAX was the first website launched by Public Works' Environmental Programs Division, introduced in 1998 to help reach the diversion requirements of AB 939
- It's main goal is to divert usable goods and materials that would otherwise be sent to landfills
- LACoMAX is a free service where users can post and browse listings for unwanted goods and materials; users contact each other to complete an exchange, the County is not involved in the transaction

- All items must be free, it is not a marketplace
- Various types of items are available such as furniture, electronics, construction materials, etc.
- We would like to work with the County Surplus program to be an option for any items that cannot be sold or donated
- Discussion on how other County departments could advertise the site on their social media sites such as Twitter
- Goodwill is also an option, they are not zero waste but they reuse and recycle as much as possible

6. Open Discussion and Next Steps

- The group decided to forgo the November subcommittee meeting and have the Working Group meet in December

7. Next meeting tentatively scheduled for January 14, 2016.

MEETING PARTICIPANTS

Name	Department
Violet O. Contreras	Alternate Public Defender
Frank Estrada	Animal Care and Control
Carlos Zimmerman	Beaches & Harbors
Marjorie Santos	CEO
Mark Tawadros	District Attorney
Dan Zenarosa	Fire Department
Candelaria Rodarte	Internal Services
Lillian Fong	Internal Services
Lois Giron	Internal Services
Paul Vagnozzi	Internal Services
Susana Ortega	Internal Services
Ted Lo	Internal Services
Martin Juarez	Probation
Carmen Izaguirre-Gomez	Regional Planning
Nick Morell	Sanitation Districts

Name	Department
Adrienne B Ferree	Sheriff
Richard Sigur	Sheriff
Angelica Gunderson	Public Works - EPD
Armando C. Aguilar	Public Works - EPD
Christopher Sheppard	Public Works - EPD
Clark Ajwani	Public Works - EPD
Coby Skye	Public Works - EPD
Gabriel Arenas	Public Works - EPD
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