

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

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

Wednesday, May 27, 2015
10:30 AM – 11:45 AM

MEETING SUMMARY

1. Welcome and Introductions

- Attendees were welcomed and instructions were conducted.

2. Recap Previous Meeting

- We had new members so we went over short-term priorities for the unincorporated areas, such as Construction and Demolition ordinance, Organics Management Plan, EPR pharmaceutical ordinance and the HHW program.
- We discussed Internal Services Department's (ISD) dashboard website for tracking sustainability metrics and the possibility linking to it to track our own diversion performance.

3. Organics Management Plan and Compliance with AB 1826

- Presented the Master Organics Plan which contains the steps we need to complete, broken down by the three focus areas.
- The commercial franchise section is the lead for the unincorporated communities because a large requirement of AB 1826 is for businesses and multi-family residences to manage their organics.
- Public Works' Environmental Program Division (Commercial Franchise Section) is trying to identify large generators of organic waste in the unincorporated areas. They have identified 1300 accounts, of which about 200 have been visited.
 - The next 300 businesses are being finalized; contractor and industrial waste inspectors will help with 800 more.
- Second phase after identification is developing a larger overall plan.
- We need to find more local markets for compost, most are in Northern and Central California. Parks and Recreation is a potential outlet for organic products.
- County Sanitation Districts have several facilities that can be a resource for businesses for separating and processing their organics.

- County Sanitation Districts' organics plan will be introduced in phases. During the first phase processed organics will be sent to a third party for digestion.
- As tonnage increases, during the second phase they will invest in their own equipment to process the organic material.
- Regional planning gave update on recycling ordinance and plan for permitting facilities.
 - The goal of the ordinance is to clearly define what these facilities are and to allow flexible development standards.
 - Planning to bring draft to this subcommittee in next few months.
- Public Health will take flyers and outreach materials to share to their inspectors who visit kitchens.

4. Review of Organics Options Analysis

- Clark Ajwani reviewed the analysis of options for mechanisms to require haulers to collect and recycle organic waste. It was noted that the options can be customized and can overlap.
- We are looking into possibly creating a recognition program for businesses that participate in organics recycling.
- The Fire Department performs inspections of compressed CO₂ at fast food businesses, can provide referrals and provide educational material.
- Per the Fire Department, cleared brush material is chipped and put back into the environment. It is rare for it to be hauled away.
- It was asked if there were any ordinances that require business to use recycled products; there is no such ordinance currently in place.
- The importance of metrics was emphasized; establishing benchmarks and milestones.
 - The State conducted a waste characterization study that will help establish a baseline. Results will be out in the next few weeks.

5. Open Discussion and Next Steps (5 minutes)

- Focus on Extended Producer Responsibility as the next topic for this subcommittee, specifically a potential ordinance for pharmaceuticals and sharps.
- The next subcommittee meeting in July is postponed; instead we will communicate via email to get input on the annual report.

6. Next Subcommittee meeting is tentatively scheduled for August 27, 2015 at 10:30 a.m.

Meeting Participants

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