

Sustainable Solid Waste Management Future Roadmap Implementation

Working Group: Regional Countywide Subcommittee

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

Wednesday, May 27, 2015
1:00 PM – 2:15 PM

MEETING SUMMARY

1. Welcome and Introductions

- Restated the Subcommittee Purpose – Implement strategies and initiatives that could be applied on a regional or Countywide basis, including regional programs and services, facilities and infrastructure, and outreach and education needs.

2. Recap Previous Meeting

- Presentation on Conversion Technologies by Coby Skye
- Presentation on the Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County's Food Waste Pilot Project located in Carson by Dave Czerniak.

3. Update on Conversion Technologies

- Coby Skye provided an update on Conversion Technology efforts
 - Public Works is in discussion with the Sanitation Districts about developing a pilot organics program. If we can collect enough material it will justify the Sanitation Districts investing in equipment that can process organic waste.
 - Public Works is partnering with Sheriff's Department at the Pitchess Detention Center to develop an organic waste recycling facility on-site.
 - Public Works is planning a conference on conversion technologies, showcasing successful conversion technology projects from around the U.S. and other countries as well as to discuss a White Paper commissioned on behalf of Public Works which compares greenhouse gas emissions of a typical landfill operation compared to an integrated solid waste processing facility which utilizes conversion technologies for post-recycled residual waste. Public Works is looking to have the conference in late July or early August. Date will be announced on the Roadmap website.

4. Discussion on Sustainable Funding

- Discussed the reduction of revenues collected from the solid waste management fee due to the decrease in solid waste disposal and brainstormed various ways additional funds may be collected.
- Solid Waste Management Fee currently \$1.50/ton for solid waste and \$0.52/cy for inert waste
 - Fee last increased in 2009 from \$0.86/ton for solid waste
- Some solid waste facilities within unincorporated areas such as landfills and transfer stations/MRFs have additional fees to help fund programs such as waste diversion fee, larger landfills help pay for our household hazardous waste (HHW) program.
- The PaintCare stewardship program has likely contributed to decrease in cost of HHW program.
- Martin Aiyetiwa explained the difference between County Unincorporated Communities and Countywide funding sources; Countywide is the focus since it relies on the Solid Waste Management Fee.

5. Brainstorming on Stakeholder Engagement

- Councils of Government (COGs) can help us connect to cities, especially the various committees.
- Public Works has a City Services group since it has contracts with various cities for services.
- Consider piggy-backing on the Countywide Siting Element outreach.
- Regional Planning just finished outreach for the general plan and have many good contacts at the community level.
- The sooner we start outreach, the better.
- Discussion on how we can partner with universities.
- Arts Commission has an education division that works with K-12.

6. Open Discussion and Next Steps

- Update on feasibility study for permanent HHW centers
- Discussion on inviting participation from groups outside the County family; yes should be done
- Field trip to Joint Water Pollution Control Plant (JWPCP) in Carson June 18, 2015 at 9:00 a.m. The facility tours will involve 1-2 miles of walking. Public Works can provide transportation to the food waste site. There is limited wheelchair access for Total Energy Facility (TEF), but the group can do a drive by tour. Dave Czerniak is checking on accessibility at Bixby Marsh. Attendees should wear comfortable clothing suitable for a light industrial environment including closed, comfortable shoes. Facility address is 24501 S. Figueroa St., Carson 90745. Visitors should check in with the receptionist at the main lobby. There is ample visitors' parking.
 - 9:00-10:00 meeting in JWPCP Auditorium. Dave Czerniak will give a presentation on the food waste program and results to date

- 10:00-10:30 walking tour of the food waste facility;
- 10:30-11:00 optional tour of the Total Energy Facility, a 20 MW digester gas-fired power plant
- 11:00-11:30 optional tour of the Bixby Marshland, a wetland set aside next to JWPCP
- The next subcommittee meeting in July is postponed; will communicate via email to get input on the annual report

7. Next Subcommittee Meeting tentatively scheduled for August 27, 2015 at 1:00 p.m.

Meeting Participants

Name	Department
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