

Los Angeles County Solid Waste Management Committee/
Integrated Waste Management Task Force

Unofficial Minutes of October 17, 2013, Informal Meeting

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

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Margaret Clark, California League of Cities-Los Angeles Division
Betsey Landis, Environmental Organization Representative
Mary Ann Lutz, California League of Cities-Los Angeles Division
Mike Mohajer, General Public Representative
Ron Saldana, Los Angeles County Disposal Association (Formerly GLASWMA)

COMMITTEE MEMBERS REPRESENTED BY OTHERS:

Gail Farber, rep by Pat Proano, County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works
Dr. Jonathan Fielding, rep by Cindy Chen, County of Los Angeles Department of
Public Health
Dr. Barry Wallerstein, rep by Ed Pupka, South Coast Air Quality Management District

COMMITTEE MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:

Grace Chan, County Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County
Carl Clark, Institute of Scrap Recycling Industries, Inc.
Michael Conway, City of Long Beach Public Works Department
Mitchell Englander, City of Los Angeles
David Kim, City of Los Angeles
Gerry Miller, City of Los Angeles
Sam Perdomo, Business/Commerce Representative
Eugene Sun, California League of Cities-Los Angeles Division
Enrique Zaldivar, City of Los Angeles Bureau of Sanitation

OTHERS PRESENT:

Gabriel Arenas, County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works
Armine Kesablyan, County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works
Jason Jones, County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works
Patrick Holland, County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works
Wayde Hunter, NVC/GHNNC
Karlo Manalo, County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works
Walter McKinney, Clean Water Tech
Jacqueline McMillen, Clements Environmental
Tobie Mitchell, County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works
Carlos Ruiz, County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works
Lisa Scales, Los Angeles County Sanitation Districts
Chris Sheppard, County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works
Coby Skye, County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works
Emiko Thompson, County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works
Jennifer Wallin, CalRecycle
Julia Weismann, County of Los Angeles, County Counsel
Peter Woodfill, CHZM Hill

I. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 1:12 p.m. Due to the lack of a quorum, no actions were taken. Per Julia Weismann of the County of Los Angeles, County Counsel office, this is considered an informal meeting, and minutes from this meeting are not official.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF AUGUST 15, 2013, MINUTES

Approval of minutes postponed until the next meeting.

III. REPORT FROM THE FACILITY PLAN & REVIEW SUBCOMMITTEE (FPRS)

Ms. Betsey Landis reported the subcommittee considered the potential impacts of Assembly Bill 1126 on the Countywide Siting Element (CSE), and stated it would require minor changes throughout the CSE. The Engineered Municipal Solid Waste (EMSW) sites will not be helpful to conversion technologies but could be sited under the predetermined siting for conversion technologies in the industrial zones throughout the County. She also reported on the odor update at the Sunshine Canyon Landfill and stated the sewer connection will not be built until Spring 2014 due to permitting issues. There were about 130 odor complaints of which, 50 were reviewed and related to trash or landfill issues, and the remaining 80 weren't reviewed. Ms. Landis also reported on the Interagency efforts and stated subcommittee members are concerned that the correspondence sent out to the Community Advisory Committee (CAC) may not reflect the concerns of the entire Interagency Task Force. The Subcommittee will be asking for timelines for all the remedies for the problems at the landfill and encourage the CAC to send more comment letters. Lastly, Ms. Landis reported that the City of Whittier has submitted a request for the FOC process for the Savage Canyon Landfill.

IV. REPORT FROM THE ALTERNATIVE TECHNOLOGY ADVISORY SUBCOMMITTEE (ATAS)

Mr. Gabriel Arenas reported that the Southern California Waste Management Forum will be held November 6, 2013, at the Sheraton in Pomona. The theme is "Looking Into the Future Without a Crystal Ball." Alternative Resources Incorporated (ARI) is currently reviewing the responses to the Request for Expression of Interest that was released in June 2013. The website is also being updated to reflect the new conversion technology companies that submitted information. There were 19 new respondents, which will be added to the database. Mr. Mike Mohajer reported that SWANA is writing a technical paper on CTs for adoption by their international Board. The subcommittee recommended that the Task Force send a comment letter to SWANA expressing their concerns with the paper and reiterating their previous position on CTs. At the end of August, the CEC issued a grant solicitation to fund centers for alternative fuel and advance vehicle technology. The County's concept for a

web-based Conversion Technology center would potentially be eligible for the grant but is not well positioned to receive funding. Mike Swartz of Waste Management and Davie Zerniack of County Sanitation Districts (CSD) presented their pilot program to process 84 TPD of food slurry in an anaerobic digester at the CSD's Carson waste water treatment plant. Lastly, Mr. Chris Sheppard of LA County Public Works gave a presentation on conversion technology legislation including, the impacts of AB 1126 and the veto of SB 804.

Mr. Pat Proano gave an update on the status of the County sponsored conversion technology bill, SB 804, which the Governor vetoed. He stated it would have been a good step for conversion technologies, and per the Governor's veto message the County will continue to work with CalRecycle on conversion technology legislation. He thanked the Task Force for their support and staff for all their hard work. Mr. Proano also stated staff will be meeting with the Board of Supervisors and County Counsel regarding the next steps for getting legislation passed.

V. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Mr. Chris Sheppard presented the attached [Legislative Summary](#) and reported that the legislative session has ended. The following bills that the Task Force took a position on were signed into law: AB 8, AB 513, AB 1126, and SB 254. One Bill was vetoed, SB 804.

Mr. Mike Mohajer expressed his appreciation to Public Works staff for all their hard work with SB 804. He requested that AB 731 and SB 727 be added to the legislative table for discussion at next month's meeting.

VI. FACILITY REQUIREMENTS GOVERNING RADIOACTIVE WASTE/MATERIALS DISPOSAL

Mr. Karlo Manalo reported on the regulations governing radioactive waste acceptance at landfills and the procedures for proper handling of radioactive material at landfill disposal facilities in response to a Consumer Watchdog article introduced by Ms. Betsey Landis at the August 15 Task Force meeting. The article reported radioactive waste from the Santa Susana Field Laboratory was disposed of at the Azusa Land Reclamation Facility and the Lancaster Landfill, among other facilities.

Subsequently, Mr. Manalo stated that according to the Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC), none of the building material demolished and disposed of under DTSC's oversight from Area IV or any portions of the Santa Susana Field Laboratory site poses a risk to public health or the environment. In addition, none of the cleanup activities have occurred without the required review of the environmental impacts.

VII. 2013 DRAFT AB 32 SCOPING PLAN UPDATE

Ms. Tobie Mitchell provided the attached [presentation](#) on the AB 32 Climate Change Scoping Plan Draft. She stated although some of the Task Force's concerns were addressed, there were still some that were not. A letter will be sent reiterating the Task Force's previous comments.

VIII. STATUS UPDATE ON AB 341 CALRECYCLE REPORT TO THE LEGISLATURE

Ms. Tobie Mitchell provided the attached [presentation](#) on the CalRecycle's Update on the AB 341 Legislative Report. She stated a letter will be sent to CalRecycle reiterating the Task Force's previous comments before the final Report is sent, which is due to the Legislature January 1, 2014.

IX. PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO CALABASAS LANDFILL WASTESHED ORDINANCE

Ms. Emiko Thompson provided the attached [presentation](#) on the Proposed Amendment to the Calabasas Landfill Wasteshed Ordinance. The Amendment would increase the amount of solid waste disposed of at the landfill and ensure the landfill is financially self-sustaining. The Task Force will continue to monitor the progress of the ordinance amendment.

X. STATUS UPDATE ON LOS ANGELES COUNTY COUNTYWIDE SITING ELEMENT

No report given. Item tabled until next month.

XI. STATUS UPDATE ON PAINT STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM

No report given. Item tabled until next month.

XII. STATUS UPDATE ON CARPET STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM

No report given. Item tabled until next month.

XIII. STATUS UPDATE ON COMPOSTABLE MATERIALS/TRANSFER PROCESSING DRAFT REGULATIONS

No report given. Item tabled until next month.

XIV. CALRECYCLE

Ms. Jennifer Wallin reported the following:

- For the 2012 Annual Report, Staff is still following up with jurisdictions regarding how and where to submit information for the mandatory commercial recycling requirements.
- The Beverage Container Redemption program will be eliminate the comingled per pound payment rate effective November 1. The comingled rates for curbside, certified drop-off and collection, and community service programs will not be affected.
- The BCR competitive grant will be awarded in late December.
- City/County payment program for 2013-14 is schedule to release mid-November
- HHW Grant Program and Used Oil Grant awards were announced at the public meeting and are listed online.
- The Used Oil Competitive Grant is now active.
- The Tire Drive Aggregate Grant will be released in November with awards up to \$750,000.
- CARB will host a High Diversion Rate and Compensation workshop will be held November 7 in Lakewood and December 10 in Sacramento.
- The next HHWIE will be hosted by the City of Culver City September 26.
- The Used Oil training conference will be held October 28 - 31 hosted by CalRecycle and DTSC in Sacramento.

XV. PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Mike Mohajer emphasized the need for staff to get *ISW* articles done on time. He also expressed concern about the deletion of an article written by Jennifer Wallin about Steve Uselton and the result of the court case. The Subcommittee and Task Force had forwarded the approved articles to staff to publish. However, the article was deleted from the published newsletter.

He added that the Task Force worked extensively with Steve Uselton for several years, and bringing the Steve Uselton case to a closure was important to the group that is involved in solid waste. As Chair of the Public Education and Information Subcommittee, Mr. Mohajer stated the article will be placed in the next issue of *ISW*. Mr. Ruiz stated he will convey the Task Force's concerns to Administration.

XVI. NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 21, 2013, in Conference Room C.

The meeting adjourned at 2:15 p.m.