

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

Unofficial Minutes of April 20, 2017

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

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Betsey Landis, Environmental Organization Representative
Mike Mohajer, General Public Representative
Ron Saldana, California Waste and Recycling Association

COMMITTEE MEMBERS REPRESENTED BY OTHERS:

Craig Beck, rep by Charlie Tripp, Long Beach Public Works Department
Mark Pestrella, rep by Carlos Ruiz, County of Los Angeles Dept. of Public Works
Enrique Zaldivar, rep by Reina Pereira, City of Los Angeles Bureau of Sanitation
Cynthia Harding, rep by Maurice Pantoja, County of Los Angeles Department of
Public Health
Grace Hyde, rep by Sam Shammas, County of Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles
County

COMMITTEE MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:

Sam Perdomo, Business/Commerce Representative
David Kim, City of Los Angeles
Rafael Prieto, City of Los Angeles
Wayne Nastri, South Coast Air Quality Management District
Jack Hadijinian, League of California Cities-Los Angeles Division
Margaret Clark, California League of Cities-Los Angeles Division

OTHERS PRESENT:

Rob Sherman, Republic Services
Elena Goodhall, Republic Services
Dale Sargent, City of Santa Clarita
Joe Vitti, SCL-CAC
Wayde Hunter, NVC/SCL-CAC/GHNNC
Kumari Gossai, LEA
Lena Wiegahel, CalRecycle
Dan Lafferty, County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works
Bahman Hajjaliakbar, County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works
Patrick Holland, County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works
Clark Ajwani, County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works
Kristin Keating, County of Angeles Department of Public Works
Tranette Sanders, County of Angeles Department of Public Works
Morena Guardado, County of Angeles Department of Public Works

I. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 1:16 p.m. by Ms. Betsey Landis. There was no quorum.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR MARCH 16, 2017

Approval of the March 16, 2017, minutes was postponed until the next meeting due to the lack of a quorum.

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

Mr. Clark Ajwani provided a report from the ATAS meeting. He stated the 2017 Conversion Technology Workshop originally scheduled for May 3, 2017, was postponed until an unspecified date due to internal discussions at the Department of Public Works on the need for the workshop.

Mr. Ajwani also reported that the Southern California Waste Management Forum will be holding its annual business meeting on May 17, 2017, in the City of Yorba Linda. One of the main topics at the forum will be the discussion of conversion technology specifically in regards to anaerobic digestion, which will be presented by OC Waste and Recycling. Two other workshops will also be held that day; Renewable Natural Gas Symposium in the City of Riverside, hosted by the University of Riverside, and SB 1383 in the City of Sacramento, hosted by CalRecycle. The Waste Conversion Technology Conference is scheduled for the month of August in the City of San Diego.

Finally, Mr. Ajwani provided an update on the development of the potential digestion project at the Calabasas Landfill. The Department of Public Works met with the Los Angeles County Sanitation District to discuss a strategy for presenting the feasibility of the project to the County's Board of Supervisor's 3rd District office. Staff is preparing for the presentation.

IV. REPORT FROM THE FACILITY AND PLAN REVIEW SUBCOMMITTEE (FPRS)

Ms. Betsey Landis provided an update on the Facility and Plan Review Subcommittee (FPRS) meeting. She stated Mr. Rob Sherman and Ms. Elena Goodhall of Republic Services provided a presentation on the Sunshine Canyon Landfill Odor Mitigation Action Plan Update.

Ms. Landis also reported the total number of complaints made to the South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) hotline regarding odors at Sunshine Canyon Landfill (SCL) from February 2017 to March 2017 increased by 8 percent from 254 to 274 complaints. In comparison with March 2016, the number of

complaints increased by 48 percent, from 185 to 274. The total number of complaints received by SCAQMD in 2017 is 728. As of April 20, 2017, SCAQMD issued six Notices of Violation (NOV) to SCL for the month of March.

Ms. Landis reported Chiquita Canyon Landfill (CCL) has been receiving contaminated soil, and the Subcommittee has asked staff to provide information on where the soil is going once it has been sent to the landfill. The Subcommittee also discussed the different conditions of CCL under the old Conditional Use Permit (CUP) and the new CUP, and staff will be preparing a table for the next Subcommittee meeting highlighting the changes between the 2 CUP's. Staff will also be providing the Subcommittee with specific information on the tonnage limits approved by the County of Los Angeles Regional Planning Commission (Commission).

Mr. Ron Saldana stated that he attended the April 19, 2017, public hearing held by the Commission to discuss CCL's new CUP. Mr. Saldana expressed concern that new CUP and the County mandates approved by the Commission to have increased the various fees at the landfill by approximately 587 percent. He further stated that if the fees stand, the landfill may shut down. This led to an extensive conversation regarding the proposed fees and their purpose. Mr. Carlos Ruiz stated for the record that Public Works is an agency that advocates for more in-County disposal capacity provided doing so is technically and environmentally feasible.

V. SUNSHINE CANYON ODOR MITIGATION ACTION PLAN UPDATE

Mr. Rob Sherman and Ms. Elena Goodhall of Republic Services provided the attached [PowerPoint presentation](#) on the Sunshine Canyon Landfill Odor Mitigation Action Plan Update and their [2017 Sunshine Canyon Landfill Action Plan](#).

Some of the highlights of the presentation were in regards to the reduction of odor issues and the steps that Republic Services is taking to improve the landfill gas collection system at Sunshine Canyon Landfill. Republic Services will be adding more than 150 gas wells, installing water pumps in more than 250 gas wells; and enhancing the intermediate cover by testing the installation of closure turf, spray-on cover, and hydroseeding with a vegetative cover with a new seed mix. Ms. Landis cautioned that the hydroseed mix needs to be watered for it to be successful. Republic Services will also closely monitor gas exceedances and modify their action plan as necessary.

Mr. Ruiz commented for the record that a statement on slide 4 of the presentation regarding "odors from fugitive gas emissions resulted from requirements to deviate from industry standard operating procedures" is inaccurate. The Los Angeles County Department of Public Works utilized

enforcement measures stipulated in the Landfill's Conditional Use Permit only when Republic Services failed to address the odor issue.

VI. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Mr. Clark Ajwani gave an update on current legislation and reviewed items on the attached [legislative table](#). Due to lack of a quorum, all bills will be watched until the next Task Force meeting on Thursday, May 18, 2017.

AB 890 (Medina) – Local Land Use Initiatives: Environmental Review.

AB 1158 (Chu) – Carpet Recycling.

AB 1219 (Eggman) – Food Donations.

AB 1342 (Flora) – Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund Appropriations.

AB 1374 (Salas) – Diesel Taxes: Biofuel.

AB 1572 (Aguiar-Curry) – Integrated Waste Management Plans: Source Reduction and Recycling Element – Review Service.

AB 1659 (Low) – Food Services Packaging.

SB 168 (Wieckowski) – Beverage Container Recycling Act of 2017.

SB 705 (Allen) – Solid Waste – Disposable Food Service Containers.

SB 775 (Wieckowski) – California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006: Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reduction.

AB 332 (Bocanegra) – Vehicles: local regulations: street closures.

AB 655 (O'Donnell) – California Renewables Portfolio Standard Program.

AB 920 (Aguiar-Curry) – Electricity: integrated resource plans.

AB 1180 (Holden) – California Tire Recycling Act.

VII. CALRECYCLE UPDATE

Ms. Lena Wiegand provided an update from CalRecycle. She stated that the period for applications 2016-17 Recycled Fiber, Plastic, and Glass grant is officially open. Applications are due by May 25, 2017. Questions regarding the application need to be emailed to CalRecycle.

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comments.

IX. NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 18, 2017, in conference room B.

The meeting adjourned at 3:05 p.m.

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