

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

Minutes of January 18, 2018

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
Robb Cohn, Institute of Scrap Recycling Industries

COMMITTEE MEMBERS REPRESENTED BY OTHERS:

Craig Beck, rep by Charlie Tripp, Long Beach Public Works Department
Mark Pestrella, rep by Phil Doudar, County of Los Angeles Dept. of Public Works
Enrique Zaldivar, rep by Bernadette Halverson, 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
Wayne Nastri, rep by Laurance B. Israel, South Coast Air Quality Management District

COMMITTEE MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:

Sam Perdomo, Business/Commerce Representative
David Kim, City of Los Angeles
Rafael Prieto, City of Los Angeles
Jack Hadijinian, League of California Cities-Los Angeles Division
Mitchell Englander, City of Los Angeles
Margaret Clark, California League of Cities-Los Angeles Division
Sam Pedroza, California League of Cities-Los Angeles Division

OTHERS PRESENT:

Landon C.G. Miller, Aemerge Redpak
Adam Seger, Aemerge Redpak
Chris Coyle, Republic Services
Dale Sargent, City of Santa Clarita
Jennifer Wallin, CalRecycle
Ben Lucha, City of Palmdale
Patrick Holland, County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works
Clark Ajwani, County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works
Saeid Shirzadegan, County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works
Nam Doan, County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works
Gerald Ley, County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works
Gladys Gallardo, County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works
Tranette Sanders, County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works
Morena Guardado, County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works

I. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 1:07 p.m. by Ms. Betsey Landis.

II. APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER 16, 2017, MINUTES

Mr. Phil Doudar made the motion to approve the November 16, 2017, minutes as corrected, seconded by Mr. Mike Mohajer. The motion passed unanimously.

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

Mr. Clark Ajwani provided updates from the ATAS meeting. Mr. Ajwani mentioned that the Department of Public Works is preparing a survey to gather input from stakeholders to enhance the Conversion Technology newsletter, website and other resources.

Mr. Ajwani mentioned Republic Services is partnering with Agromin in Orange County for food waste composting expecting to compost 75 tons of organic waste per day.

Mr. Ajwani conveyed that CalRecycle has entered into contract with Matt Cotton to conduct organics market analysis and study on organics infrastructure barriers.

Mr. Ajwani also provided an update on the following upcoming events:

- February 6, 2018: Rethink Methane (Sacramento, CA)
- February 12–13, 2018: Global Waste Management Symposium (Palm Springs, CA)
- March 6-7, 2018: SWANApalooza (Denver, CO)
- March 7, 2018: SoCal Waste Management Forum (Downey, CA)
- March 21, 2018: SB 1383 Organics workshop (Sacramento, CA)
- March 22, 2018: SB 1383 Organics workshop (Carlsbad, CA)
- March 26-28, 2018: BioCycle West Coast (San Diego, CA)

Mr. Mike Mohajer commented that SB 1383 requires CalRecycle to evaluate the market for organic materials by 2020, and they have awarded a contract to Matt Cotton's consulting firm to prepare the analysis report for the evaluation. Mr. Mohajer questioned whether the selection criteria included requirements regarding potential conflict of interest as Mr. Cotton has represented the composting industry for many years and is now consulting for the industry in anaerobic digestion. Mr. Mohajer also stated if CalRecycle nominates a committee to oversee the report, this committee should include representatives from the local jurisdictions. He mentioned that during today's ATAS meeting a

motion was unanimously adopted to send a letter to CalRecycle inquiring about the selection criteria regarding conflict of interest and the advisory committee involving representatives from the local government. During the Task Force meeting Mr. Phil Doudar revised the motion to send a letter to CalRecycle stating if an advisory committee is formed to develop the report, this committee should include representatives from local jurisdictions. Once the report is drafted, it should be reviewed by the advisory committee before it is released to the public. The motion was seconded by Mr. Charlie Tripp, and passed with an abstention by Mr. Sam Shamas.

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

Ms. Betsey Landis provided a report from the FPRS meeting. She reported on the total number of complaints made to the South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) hotline regarding odors at Sunshine Canyon Landfill (SCL). During the month of December, a total of 18 complaints were made, and 10 of the 18 complaints had no field response. In comparison to November 2017 the number of complaints received in December decreased by 18 percent from 22 to 18 complaints. In comparison with December 2016, the number of complaints decreased by 69 percent from 59 to 18 complaints. The total number of complaints received by SCAQMD since 2009 was 11,001. The total number of complaints received by SCAQMD in 2017 was 1,028. The total number of Notice of Violations (NOV) issued since 2009 is 214 as of January 18, 2018. SCAQMD issued no NOVs for the month of December.

Ms. Landis provided updates on the Alternative Daily Cover and SCAQMD activities at SCL. The hearing held by SCAQMD reported that the Landfill is complying with the Abatement Order and they may continue activities. She also stated the Department of Public Health provided an update to their NOV recommendation based on the Order to Abate dated November 9, 2016.

Ms. Landis stated a motion passed during the FPRS meeting requiring staff to distribute to all Task Force members any letters or studies received from any agency or the Community Advisory Committee addressed to Ms. Margaret Clark and/or the Department of Public Works.

Ms. Landis made a motion to send a letter to the Antelope Valley Landfill Operator requesting an FOC Application for the Task Force's consideration. The motion was passed with two abstentions from Mr. Laurance Israel and Mr. Sam Shamas.

V. UPDATE ON THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY EPR ORDINANCE

Mr. Patrick Holland reported on the County EPR Ordinance. He stated that on November 16, 2017, the Board of Supervisor passed a motion asking the Department of Public Health in collaboration with the Department of Public Works to consult with technical experts on the accuracy of the Ordinance that has been presented to require the pharmaceutical industry to fund a take back program for the safe collection and disposal of pharmaceutical drugs and sharps. This collaboration will allow four different technical groups addressing the environmental as well as the public health issues.

VI. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Mr. Clark Ajwani gave an update on current legislation and reviewed items on the attached [legislative table](#). He also commented about the Governor's proposed budget for 2018-2019, which does not include any Cap and Trade proceeds. Usually a portion of these proceeds are allocated to CalRecycle. The Governor will address these changes at the end of January.

Mr. Ajwani stated this is the second year of the two-year legislative session, with no changes other than the introduction of AB 1884. The following bills are key bills to watch this year.

AB 444 (Ting) – Medical Waste: Home-Generated Medical Waste. The Task Force opposed this bill due to being State funded rather than being an industry funded program.

AB 655 (O'Donnell) – California Renewables Portfolio Standard Program. The Task Force supported this bill as it supports conversion technology.

AB 1288 (Eggman) – Solid Waste: Management Funding. Staff recommended to watch the bill at this time.

AB 1884 (Calderon) – Food Facilities: Single – Use Plastic Straws. Staff recommended to watch the bill at this time.

SB 100 (De Leon) – California Renewables Portfolio Standard Program: Emissions of Greenhouse Gases. The Task Force opposed this bill due to the mention of zero carbon electricity. Staff will closely monitor this bill.

SB 168 (Wieckowski) – Beverage Container Recycling Act of 2017. Staff recommended to watch the bill at this time.

SB 705 (Allen) – Solid Waste: Expanded Polystyrene Food Service Containers. The Task Force supported this bill last year.

Mr. Mike Mohajer indicated that Governor Brown has taken 26 million dollars from the tire recycling fund and allocated the funds to the State Fish and Game. He explained that those funds are generated mostly by the County of Los Angeles and removing these funds will make a significant impact on the rubberized asphalt to pave the streets. Mr. Mohajer motioned sending a letter voicing the Task Force's concerns stating that these funds were solely designated for specific purposes, motion approved.

VII. CHIQUITA CANYON LANDFILL FINDING OF CONFORMANCE

Mr. Saeid Shirzadegan provided an update on the Chiquita Canyon Landfill's (CCL) Finding of Conformance (FOC). Chiquita Canyon Landfill submitted the FOC application on October 26, 2017. Staff reviewed the FOC application and found that the package is incomplete. Consequently, on December 6, 2017, the Task Force sent a comment letter to the Landfill and requested that they revise and resubmit the application for review by January 15, 2018. On January 17, 2018, CCL informed staff that they will provide a revised FOC application on or before January 31, 2018. Staff will provide an update on this matter once the information is received.

VIII. UPDATE ON SUNSHINE CANYON LANDFILL ADC AND RELATED SCAQMD ACTIVITIES

No Presentation. Item was addressed in Item IV.

IX. PROPOSED ANTELOPE VALLEY LANDFILL SOLID WASTE FACILITY PERMIT REVISION

Mr. Saeid Shirzadegan provided information regarding the Proposed Revision to the Solid Waste Facility Permit stating that on November 29, 2017, the Antelope Valley Landfill submitted an application for a permit revision to the Local Enforcement Agency (LEA) requesting to increase their maximum daily tonnage from 3,564 tons per day (tpd) to 5,548 tpd. This would increase waste tonnage for landfill disposal of refuse from 1,800 tpd to 3,600 tpd. They also requested changes to the Joint Technical Document including revised tables and sections such as Site History, CEQA Documents, and Site Life Protection.

Mr. Shirzadegan stated the City of Palmdale, as the lead agency, adopted the 2017 Traffic Impact Analysis (TIA), approved the Conditional Use Permit 98-12 Major Modification, and found that the project would not result in any changes to the previously adopted Environmental Impact Report for CUP 98-12 on June 9, 2011. Although the City of Palmdale as lead agency has adopted the TIA, the County is concerned about four jurisdictionally shared intersections between

the City and the County as the traffic study might not be done according to the County traffic study standards.

According to the Local Enforcement Agency (LEA), the revised Solid Waste Facility Permit (SWFP) is still under consideration. The LEA has not set a schedule as to when it would be approved. Based on Countywide Siting Element, Chapter 10, Finding of Conformance (FOC) requirement, a FOC will be required because this is a permit revision. Consequently, staff recommends the Task Force send a letter to the City of Palmdale requesting an FOC application for the Task Force's consideration. As the SWFP has not been approved by the LEA, staff recommends that the Task Force not grant the FOC until the SWFP is approved.

X. SUMMARY OF THE PROPOSED CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA) GUIDELINES' UPDATE

Mr. Nam Doan provided the attached summary of the [California Environmental Quality \(CEQA\) Guidelines' Update](#), which included some of the updated considerations made to the Environmental Checklist Form.

Ms. Betsey Landis indicated she would like staff to add the following considerations: (1) Siting to objects that produce flammable substances that represent a hazard to areas prone to wild fires, (2) High winds and unstable soils, and (3) Water inundations. The request for consideration will be made when the timeframe is available for comments.

XI. LOS ANGELES COUNTY COUNTYWIDE ORGANICS CAPACITY PLAN

Mr. Gerald Ley reported at the October 19, 2017, Task Force meeting, staff informed the Task Force that an electronic copy of the Organics Plan would be sent to all members for review and comments. On October 23, 2017, an email was sent to all members providing a link to the document. A reminder was sent to all members on January 10, 2018, requesting comments on or before February 10, 2018.

Mr. Ley emphasized that Section 2.2 of the Organics Plan addresses some of the concerns raised by the Task Force including topics such as Contaminated Waste and Quarantined areas, Land Application, and Chipping and Grinding.

XII. CALRECYCLE UPDATE

Ms. Wallin gave information about the following grant programs: Tire-Derived Aggregate Grant Program application 2017-18 is due on February 1, 2018. The Illegal Disposal Site Abatement Grant Program 2017-18, the Legacy Disposal Site

Abatement Partial Grant Program 2017-18, and the Farm and Ranch Solid Waste Cleanup and Abatement Grant Program 2017-18. Applications are all due on February 6, 2018. The funding request due date for the Beverage Container Recycling City/County Payment Program is April 9, 2018.

Ms. Wallin also stated two upcoming workshops for SB 1383 Short-Lived Climate Pollutants (SLCP) will be held in Sacramento on March 21, 2018, and in Carlsbad on March 22, 2018.

Mr. Mike Mohajer requested a presentation on the City of Wasco case violation of SB 1826 and CalRecycle's conclusion of the case.

XIII. PUBLIC COMMENT

No Public comments

XIV. NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 15, 2018, in conference room B.

The meeting adjourned at 3:03 p.m.

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