

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

Unofficial Minutes of February 15, 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

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 Bernadette Halverson, City of Los Angeles Bureau of Sanitation
Cynthia Harding, rep by Daniel de la Cruz, 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:

Robb Cohn, Institute of Scrap Recycling Industries
Sam Perdomo, Business/Commerce Representative
David Kim, City of Los Angeles
Rafael Prieto, City of Los Angeles
Jack Hadjiniian, League of California Cities-Los Angeles Division
Mitchell Englander, City of Los Angeles
Margaret Clark, California League of Cities-Los Angeles Division
Wayne Nastri, South Coast Air Quality Management District
Sam Pedroza, California League of Cities-Los Angeles Division

OTHERS PRESENT:

Jennifer Wallin, CalRecycle
Wayde Hunter, NVC/SCL-CAC/GHNNC
Phil Doudar, County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works
Clark Ajwani, County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works
Carlos Slythe, 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
Tanya Sanchez, County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works
Charles Darensbourg, 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 1:15 p.m. by Ms. Betsey Landis.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR JANUARY 18, 2018

The approval of the January 18, 2017, minutes was postponed until the next meeting due to lack of a quorum.

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

Mr. Clark Ajwani provided a report from the ATAS meeting. He reported Mr. Landon Miller, Chief Operational Officer with Aemerge, gave a presentation that highlighted anaerobic thermal conversion of medical waste at Redpak, a facility in Hesperia, California. The process evaporates medical waste into a synthetic gas that is combusted to generate power via a steam generator, producing electricity that qualifies for renewable energy credits.

Mr. Ajwani also reported that the County Sanitation District of Los Angeles County announced the closure of their Commerce facility, which is expected to be closed by June 30, 2018. The City of Commerce will determine the land use after the facility's closure. A brief discussion took place among the members regarding ideas for the land use.

Finally, Mr. Ajwani mentioned the following upcoming events:

- April 4, 2018: SB 1383 Organics workshop (Sacramento, CA)
- April 6, 2018: SB 1383 Organics workshop (Carlsbad, CA)

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

Ms. Betsey Landis provided a report from the FPRS meeting. She gave an update on Sunshine Canyon Landfill (SCL) starting with the report on the total number of complaints made to the South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) hotline regarding odors. During the month of January, a total of 32 complaints were made, and 15 of the 32 complaints had no field response. In comparison to December 2017, the number of complaints received in December increased by 78 percent from 18 to 32 complaints. In comparison with January 2017, the number of complaints decreased by 84 percent from 200 to 32 complaints. The total number of complaints received by SCAQMD since 2009 was 11,033. The total number of complaints received by SCAQMD in 2018 is 32. The total number of Notice of Violations (NOV) issued since 2009 is 214. As of February 2018, SCAQMD issued no NOVs for the month of January.

Ms. Landis reported that an NOV was issued on January 30, 2018, for sulfur content and an incident with the flowrate that occurred on May 4, 2017. The reasons for the NOV being issued at a later date is unknown.

She stated the vegetation is looking well, and the native plants at the pilot project are thriving. Also, Republic is currently working on Deck B and C but not A because Decks B and C had contaminated soil.

There was no update to report from Department of Public Health regarding their NOV recommendation based on the Order to Abate dated November 9, 2016. There was also no information to share regarding Dr. Nordella's Aliso Canyon/Porter Ranch Health Study presented on October 13, 2017.

There were some concerns regarding the Sonoma Technologies, Inc., Air Monitoring Contract and related correspondence. There was a motion to send a letter requesting City Planning and County Regional Planning to review the Ninth Annual Ambient Air Monitoring Report and the related correspondence; however, it was postponed due to the lack of quorum.

Ms. Landis also reported that the Antelope Valley Landfill Permit revision application is still pending, as well as the Chiquita Canyon Landfill Finding of Conformance (FOC) since the submitted FOC package is still missing the required information for staff to complete the application review.

V. REPORT FROM PUBLIC EDUCATION AND INFORMATION SUBCOMMITTEE

Mr. Mike Mohajer reported on the Public Education and Information Subcommittee meeting. He stated the Inside Solid Waste (ISW) edition for Spring 2018 will include the following articles:

- Culver City's adopted ordinance to ban the food industry from providing Styrofoam to their customers
- CalRecycle's implementation of organic waste
- China's national sort
- Six Questions Every City Manager Should Ask
- Updates on Sunshine Canyon Landfill and Chiquita Canyon Landfill
- Closure of Sanitation Districts' Commerce facility and its impact
- Updates on Antelope Valley Landfill
- Summary on SB 1383 proposed regulations by CalRecycle
- Summary on Legislation

VI. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Mr. Clark Ajwani gave an update on current legislation and reviewed items on the attached [legislative table](#). He highlighted the following bills; however, no action was taken due to the lack of quorum.

AB 1884 (Calderon) – Food Facilities: Single – Use Plastic Straws. Staff supports this bill.

AB 1933 (Maienschein) – GHG Reduction Fund: Appropriations Recycling Infrastructure. Staff supports this bill.

AB 2094 (Kalra) – Hazardous Waste Facilities: Inspections. Staff recommended to watch the bill at this time.

AB 2097 (Acosta) – Carpet Recycling: Annual Reports. Staff recommended to watch the bill at this time.

AB 2277 (Mathis) – Solid Waste Facilities: Home Generated Pharma. Staff recommended to watch the bill at this time.

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

VII. AB 901 DRAFT REGULATION BY CALRECYCLE

Mr. Carlos Slythe provided an update on the AB 901 Draft Regulation by CalRecycle. He reported on a notice of the proposed regulations published in the California Regulatory Notice Register by the Office of Administrative Law on January 26, 2018, and provided the [attached copy](#) to the Task Force. This notice begins the formal 45-day public comment period of the rulemaking process. Interested persons, or their authorized representative, may submit written comments relevant to the proposed regulations to the Department of Public Works. A public hearing to receive comments has been scheduled for March 14, 2018, in Sacramento. The written comment period closes at 11:59 p.m. on the same date. The contact person to submit your comments to is on page 3 of the notice. Staff will complete its review of the latest draft regulations and will send a draft letter with comments to all members for review and comments by March 1, 2018.

VIII. OVERVIEW OF THE CALRECYCLE REVIEW PROCESS FOR REVIEW PROCESS FOR COMPLIANCE WITH AB 341 AND SB 1826

Mr. Charles Darensbourg provided the attached presentation on [CalRecycle's review process for compliance with AB 341 and SB 1826](#). Topics included a summary of CalRecycle's Statutory Authority, the Review and Compliance Orders process, and Public Hearing Notices on CalRecycle's website.

IX. CALRECYCLE UPDATE

Ms. Wallin gave information about the following grant programs: Household Hazardous Waste Grant Program (FY2018-19) HD30 is due on March 6, 2018; Local Government Waste Tire Amnesty Grant Program (FY2018-19) HD30 is due March 8, 2018; and the funding request due date for the Beverage Container Recycling City/County Payment Program is April 9, 2018.

Ms. Wallin also mentioned a public hearing to receive public comments on the proposed regulations for recycling and disposal facility reporting has been scheduled for March 14, 2018, and the new dates for the SB 1383 Short-Lived Climate Pollutants workshops are April 4, 2018, in Sacramento and April 6, 2018, in Carlsbad.

X. PUBLIC COMMENT

No Public comments

XI. NEXT MEETING DATE

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

The meeting adjourned at 3:03 p.m.

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