

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

Minutes for May 17, 2018

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
Robb Cohn, Institute of Scrap Recycling Industries
Mike Mohajer, General Public Representative
Sam Pedroza, California League of Cities-Los Angeles Division
Ron Saldana, California Waste and Recycling Association

COMMITTEE MEMBERS REPRESENTED BY OTHERS:

Grace Hyde, rep by Sam Shammas, County of Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles
County
Wayne Nastri, rep by Jason Aspell, South Coast Air Quality Management District
Dr. Barbara Ferrer, rep by Shikari Nakagawa-Ota, County of Los Angeles Department of
Public Health
Mark Pestrella, rep by Carlos Ruiz, County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works

COMMITTEE MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:

Mitchell Englander, City of Los Angeles
Jack Hadijinian, League of California Cities-Los Angeles Division
David Kim, City of Los Angeles
Betsey Landis, Environmental Organization Representative
Sam Perdomo, Business/Commerce Representative
Rafael Prieto, City of Los Angeles
Craig Beck, Long Beach Public Works Department
Enrique Zaldivar, City of Los Angeles Bureau of Sanitation

OTHERS PRESENT:

Martins Aiyetiwa, County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works
John Bollinger, California State University, Long Beach
Elijah Carder, County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works
Suk Chong, County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works
Morena Guardado, County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works
Patrick Holland, County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works
Wayde Hunter, North Valley Coalition
Dave Nguyen, County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works
Carol Oyola, County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works
Margarita Quiroz, County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works
Saeid Shirzadegan, County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works
Jennifer Wallin, CalRecycle

I. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 1:08 p.m. by Ms. Clark.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR APRIL 19, 2018

A motion was made by Mr. Mohajer and seconded by Mr. Cohn to approve the April 19, 2018, minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Bollinger, a professor from California State University of Long Beach, spoke about Assembly Bill (AB) 901, which will go into effect in January 2019. Mr. Bollinger has been conducting research for the past five years in the area of recycling, demolition, construction, and solid earth materials. He has interviewed public officials, haulers, and manufacturers. Mr. Bollinger's focus area is construction and demolition waste (C&D), which leads him to address two questions to the Task Force (TF) committee:

1. What is the County doing to prepare for this new upcoming change that AB 901 will bring regarding recycling?
2. What are some of the usable markets for recycling, and what is being done creatively to identify markets and produce the demand sufficiently to meet the supply of recycled materials generated by C&D waste?

Ms. Clark added that TF continuously works on finding solutions to issues such as this. Mr. Ruiz added that one of the responsibilities of the TF task is to coordinate solid waste management issues on a countywide basis and topics like this are discussed once a month during the TF meetings. Task Force members welcomed Mr. Bollinger and offered him their support and encouraged him to participate in their future TF meetings.

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

Mr. Holland provided a report from the ATAS meeting. He said that Ms. Karen Bertram from Integrated Energy, LLC, gave a presentation on her pyrolytic thermal waste conversion project at the Fort Irwin military base outside Barstow. He briefly mentioned the many challenges faced with contractors and

the military leading the project to be decommissioned. However, the military is releasing a new Request for Proposal (RFP for a new waste conversion project. Mr. Holland will continue to receive updates from Ms. Bertram on the project and will keep the TF informed.

Mr. Holland reported they received an update from Alternative Resources, Inc. (ARI) consultants regarding helping the Sherriff's Department implement a small -scale organic waste processing project at the Pitches Detention Center. He also mentioned that consultants are working on updating a list of small-scale aerobic digesters that can be used for on-site organic waste processing.

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

Mr. Mohajer provided a report from the FPRS meeting. FPRS meeting discussed the Finding of Conformance for the Chiquita Canyon Landfill. At this time, there are some questions that need to be addressed. Staff will work on obtaining responses to questions and provide them during the next TF meeting.

Mr. Mohajer reported that the Subcommittee voted to send a letter to the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board requesting clarification regarding the Board's requirement for the disposal of untreated leachate and gas condensate at the Sunshine Canyon Landfill. Mr. Mohajer's motion to send the letter was seconded by Mr. Ruiz and the motion passed unanimously.

VI. REPORT FROM PUBLIC EDUCATION AND INFORMATION SUBCOMMITTEE (PEIS)

Mr. Mohajer provided a report from the Public Education and Information Subcommittee. The following articles will be included in the next inside solid waste issue:

- Senate Bill (SB) 1383 addressing the regulations along with comments from cities, counties, and other agencies of what CalRecycle has proposed
- County recycling market development zone
- City of Agoura Hills talking about their organic waste collection program
- Bring Your Own (BYO) utensils to promote waste reductions
- Chiquita Canyon Landfill
- City of Santa Monica and their waste study

Mr. Mohajer stated since May 4, 2018, China stopped receiving any recyclable materials from the United States until June 4, 2018. There is no information on what will happen after June 4.

VII. CONSIDERATION ON CHIQUITA CANYON LANDFILL FINDING OF CONFORMANCE

Item discussed in item V.

VIII. UPDATE ON SB 1383 IMPLEMENTING REGULATION

Mr. Chong provided the attached "[Senate Bill 1383 Update \(May 17, 2018\)](#)" to the TF. The presentation included an overview of CalRecycle's to develop and adopt regulations for organic waste reduction. He also provided information about the organic waste collection and the different statewide standardization of color containers. Mr. Chong mentioned the new requirements for jurisdictional inspection and enforcement that will take effect on January 1, 2022, with enforcement (i.e. penalty) starting January 2024. The time between 2022 and 2024, is for education and outreach.

Ms. Clark asked who will be responsible to conduct inspections and make sure people are throwing the trash in the correct containers? Mr. Chong responded the jurisdictions would have to conduct the inspections and take necessary actions to bring generators into compliance.

Mr. Ruiz asked what would happen if materials are placed in the wrong containers, causing contamination? Mr. Chong indicated that the jurisdictions are to conduct an audit of the route where the contaminated load came from and determine the source of the contamination and work with the generator(s) to have them comply with the new requirements. Mr. Mohajer added that the containers are color-coded. For example, black bins are used for trash and blue bins for recyclables. One concern is that different cities color-code their containers differently and to make every city uniform will be expensive. Ms. Clark also asked, how will jurisdictions know who to issue the penalty to? Mr. Ruiz and Mr. Saldana added that there is a process in the regulations which includes taking a picture and record the time and location where the trash was collected. Mr. Saldana added that system is very expensive and not only will they need to purchase the equipment, but they will need to hire more staff to do

the work. Task Force will continue to monitor SB 1383 and obtain more clarification to their questions and concerns.

A motion was made by Mr. Pedroza and seconded by Mr. Cohn to create an ad hoc committee to further address and work towards issues with SB 1383. The motion passed unanimously. Mr. Mohajer added that this new committee is subject to compliance with both the Brown Act and the American Disability Act regulations. Members will work along with staff with this new project.

IX. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Mr. Cortez gave an update on current legislation and reviewed items on the attached [legislative table](#).

AB 3178 (Rubio) – Integrated waste management plans: Source reduction and recycling element: Diversion requirements. Bill is in the consent agenda assembly floor.

AB 3232 (Friedman) – Zero-emissions building and sources of heat energy. Mr. Mohajer made a motion to send a letter of opposition as amended on May 1, seconded by Mr. Pedroza. The motion passed with two abstentions.

SB 1440 (McCarty) – Energy: Biomethane: Biogas and Biomethane Procurement Program. Staff recommended to watch the bill at this time.

AB 1993 (Maienschein) – Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund: Recycling infrastructure projects. Mr. Mohajer made a motion to send a letter of support if amended to specify the original \$200 million from the greenhouse reduction fund, seconded by Mr. Saldana. The motion passed unanimously.

AB 444 (Ting) – Medical Waste: Home-generated medical waste. Did not required a motion.

SB 212 (Jackson) – Medical Waste. Did not required a motion.

X. CALRECYCLE UPDATE

Ms. Wallin gave a brief update on CalRecycle. She encouraged attendees to send any comments and/or complaints regarding SB 1383 to

SLCP.Organics@calrecycle.ca.gov. Ms. Wallin also stated that the last day to apply for the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Loan Program is on August 1, 2018. Lastly, she mentioned the upcoming workshops:

- May 25, 2018, Synthetic Turf Scientific Advisory Panel in Sacramento, CA
- June 4, 2018, Workshop on International Recyclable Commodity Markets in Sacramento, CA

XI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 2:22 p.m. The next meeting date is scheduled for Thursday, June 21, 2018, in Conference Room B.

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