

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

Minutes for June 16, 2022

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

WEB CONFERENCE

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Jorgel Chavez, League of California Cities
Margaret Clark, League of California Cities
Eddie De La Riva, League of California Cities
Bernadette Halverson, City of Los Angeles Bureau of Sanitation
Betsey Landis, Environmental Organization Representative
Mike Mohajer, General Public Representative
Rafael Prieto, City of Los Angeles
Jordan R. Sisson, Los Angeles County Disposal Association
Jim Smith, City of Los Angeles

COMMITTEE MEMBERS REPRESENTED BY OTHERS:

Robert Ferrante, rep by Sam Shammass, Los Angeles County Sanitation Districts
Barbara Ferrer, rep by Dorcas (Dee) Hanson-Lugo, Los Angeles County Public Health
Mark Pestrella, rep by Emiko Thompson, Los Angeles County Public Works

COMMITTEE MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:

Jeff Farano, Institute of Scrap Recycling Industries
Eric Lopez, Long Beach Public Works
Wayne Nastri, South Coast Air Quality Management District

OTHERS PRESENT:

Jennifer Ang, Los Angeles County Public Works
Josephine Chen, Los Angeles County Public Works
Charles Darensbourg, Los Angeles County Public Works
Patrick Holland, Los Angeles County Public Works
Carol Oyola, Los Angeles County Public Works
Aric Rodriguez, Los Angeles County Public Works
Jeffrey Zhu, Los Angeles County Public Works
Wayde Hunter, North Valley Coalition of Concerned Citizens
Joseph Ramussen, California Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery
Jennifer Wallin, California Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery

I. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 1:03 p.m. by Mr. Sam Shammass. Mr. Shammass introduced new Task Force Member, City of Bell Gardens Mayor Pro Tem, Mr. Jorgel Chavez, who was appointed by the League of California Cities, Los Angeles County Division.

II. APPROVAL OF THE APRIL 21, 2022 MINUTES

Ms. Betsey Landis made a motion to approve the minutes, and Mr. Mike Mohajer seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

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

Mr. Charles Darensbourg reported the following at the ATAS meeting:

- The ATAS was to receive a presentation from the City of Los Angeles on sludge management at the Hyperion Water Reclamation Plant. However, the presenter was unable to attend the meeting, so staff gave a [presentation](#) on a draft strategy for refocusing the Conversion Technology (CT) Program and opportunities for Public Works (PW) and the Subcommittee to collaborate and foster the development of CT facilities to assist with Senate Bill (SB) 1383 compliance.
- Tetra Tech continues to support PW in SB 1383 planning efforts, completed an initial evaluation of closed landfill sites for potential organic waste processing facilities, and has provided recommendations for expanding the evaluation to additional sites in the County.
- PW released a Request for Proposals for an anaerobic digestion facility at the Calabasas Landfill on June 9, 2022. PW expects to select a developer by the end of August 2022 and obtain Board approval to enter negotiations before December 2022.
- The United States Environmental Protection Agency is seeking input on Bipartisan Infrastructure Law efforts. PW is preparing a response for the Solid Waste Infrastructure Request for Information to emphasize that organic waste management is a priority in California due to SB 1383 requirements.
- There was an update on upcoming conversion technology events and conferences that may also be found in the [Conversion Technology Newsletter](#).

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

Ms. Betsey Landis reported the following at the FPRS meeting:
Chiquita Canyon Landfill (CCL) update:

- Zero Notice of Violations (NOVs) were reported for May 2022.
- Lawsuit parties are currently engaged in settlement discussions for both lawsuits against the County.
- South Coast Air Quality Management District (AQMD) Order for Abatement meeting summary was presented. Staff reported that there was one NOV issued by the Los Angeles County Fire Department (Fire Department) on April 29, 2022, for detection of hazardous wastes. The Landfill has taken required action to correct the problem. Since the Local Enforcement Agency (LEA) has reported that it is not taking any action since it is not a State minimum requirement, the Subcommittee requested a report from the LEA to confirm their involvement regarding the Fire Department's NOV.

Sunshine Canyon Landfill (SCL) update:

- There were 17 odor complaints in May 2022 and zero NOVs issued. Total number of odor complaints for 2022 is 355. Staff provided status update regarding Regional Planning's NOV for failure to have soil cover on the working face during the weekends.

Mr. Mohajer mentioned the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors approved the Honor Ranch Project in Santa Clarita last Tuesday, which involves approximately two million square feet of development and includes 3,400 houses. Because of the project's close proximity to CCL, Mr. Mohajer recommended that PW staff monitor the development and keep the Task Force informed.

V. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Mr. Darensbourg provided the legislative update and noted the following key dates: June 13, 2022, the State Senate and Assembly passed the budget for 2022/2023; June 15, 2022, was the deadline for legislature to pass the budget bill. Once the Governor approves the budget proposal, PW staff will provide the Task Force with an update on all budget allocations.

Staff gave an update on [Legislative Bills](#) that the Task Force previously took positions on, and the status of where they are in the process.

- AB 1747 (Quirk) – Contractors: disciplinary action. The bill would enforce disciplinary action against a contractor that deliberately disregards any state or local law. The Task Force position was to support.
- AB 1817 (Ting and Cristina Garcia) – Product safety: textile articles: perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS). The bill would prohibit manufacturers from distributing and selling textile articles in the State that contain regulated PFAS. The Task Force position was to support if amended/oppose unless amended.

- AB 1857 (Cristina Garcia) – Solid waste: This bill would repeal the provision of the law that allows jurisdictions to include up to 10 percent of the waste sent to transformation towards the 50 percent diversion requirement. The Task Force position was to oppose.
- AB 1985 (Robert Rivas) – Organic waste: recovered organic waste products procurement targets: list of available products. This bill requires CalRecycle to compile and maintain a list of entities that have organic waste products available on the market across the State. The Task Force position was to support, but the bill was amended on June 13, 2022, to include place holder language. More amendments are expected. Mr. Mike Mohajer made a motion to send a letter to oppose bill unless amended, adding some necessary provisions. Ms. Betsey Landis seconded the motion. Motion passed with seven voting yes and five abstaining.
- AB 2048 (Santiago) – Solid waste franchise agreements: database. This bill would require a jurisdiction or public agency to post on its internet website all current franchise agreements between the contract or the franchise solid waste and recycling haulers, and jurisdictions and public agencies. This bill would also require CalRecycle to create and maintain the database. The Task Force position was to support.
- AB 2208 (Kaira) – Florescent lamps: sale and distribution: prohibition. This bill would prohibit the sale of compact and linear florescent lamps starting January 1, 2024. The Task Force position was to support.
- AB 2374 (Bauer-Kahan) – Crimes against public health and safety: illegal dumping. This bill would increase fines for illegal dumping of commercial quantities and requires any person convicted of illegal dumping to remove or pay the cost of removing that waste. The Task Force position was to support.
- AB 2440 (Irwin) – Responsible Battery Recycling Act of 2022 is a companion bill to SB 1215. These bills would create a responsible battery recycling act which requires producers of covered batteries and covered battery-embedded products to establish a stewardship program for the collection and recycling of batteries. The Task Force position was to support.
- AB 2784 (Ting and Irwin) – Solid waste: thermoform plastic containers: postconsumer thermoform recycled plastic. This bill would require establishing minimum recycle content requirements for thermoform plastic. The Task Force position was to support.
- SB 38 (Wieckowski) – Beverage containers. This bill would require beverage manufacturers to establish a beverage container recycling program to replace the current program. The Task Force sent a letter of concern to Senator Wieckowski regarding how the beverage container stewardship organization would manage the program. SB 45 (Portantino) – Short-lived climate pollutants: organic waste reduction goals: local jurisdiction assistance. This bill would require CalRecycle and California Air Resources Board to provide assistance to local jurisdictions on complying with specific

- organic waste recycling programs. The Task Force position was to support in concept. Ms. Margaret Clark made a motion to send a letter to Senator commending him on his support to fund local government. Mr. Mohajer seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
- SB 54 (Allen, Stern, and Weiner) – Plastic Pollution Producer Responsibility Act. This bill would prohibit producers of single use disposable packaging or single use disposable food ware for sale. The Task Force position was to support.
 - SB 833 (Dodd and Stern) – Community Energy Resilience Act of 2022. This bill requires the California Energy Commission to develop and implement a grant program for local governments to develop community resilience plans to address power outages. The Task Force position was to support.
 - SB 1046 (Eggman and Gonzalez) – Solid waste: precheckout bags. This bill prohibits stores from providing a precheckout bag to customers unless the bag is compostable or a recycled paper bag. The Task Force position was to support if amended. The bill was amended on June 13, 2022, regarding the testing of bags.
 - SB 1187 (Kamlager) – Fabric recycling: pilot project. This bill requires CalRecycle to establish a three-year pilot project located in Los Angeles and Ventura Counties partnering with garment manufacturers to study and report on feasibility of recycling fabric and textiles. The Task Force position was to support.
 - SB 1256 (Wieckowski) – Waste management: disposable propane cylinders. This bill prohibits the sale of disposable propane cylinders on January 1, 2028. The Task Force position was to support. To date, there is minor amendment on the bill, but it will not change the position of the Task Force.

Mr. Mohajer commented that the Legislature will not be in session from July 1 to August 1, 2022. Therefore, bills may be rushed, but generally if there is an amendment on a bill that is still in line with the goals of the Task Force, a position letter from the Task Force will be sent indicating the Task Force's position for the new amended bill.

VI. ADVANCED CLEAN AIR

Staff presented on the California Air Resources Board (CARB) Draft [Advance Clean Fleet \(ACF\) Regulations](#) and how it will protect the health of Californians, as well as slow down global warming and achieve climate stability. The presentation focused primarily on ACF Regulations for High Priority and Federal Fleets which includes heavy-duty refuse trucks.

Ms. Landis asked if the CARB analyses noted the cost of ownership per year for fleet operators. Mr. Darenbourg responded he believed it was for the life of the

vehicles and that for conventional combustion engine vehicles they are allowing 18 years, but it depends on the vehicle.

Ms. Landis asked how many miles a garbage truck can travel, and if it was over 100 miles. Mr. Darensbourg mentioned there are a variety of trucks such as a Class 7 vehicle that does the transferring of materials from a transfer station to a landfill, but most being mentioned in the presentation are heavy duty refuse trucks, front loaders and side loaders whose routes and operating hours vary. Mr. Mohajer heard that the weight of the battery itself can run between three to five tons, which would take away from the total weight capacity of the vehicle. There is concern with recharging of the battery, which cannot be done in an hour. In addition, travel distance of an electric vehicle can be reduced by 50 percent. Mr. Shammass mentioned that there are some companies that are working on small renewable natural gas generators, which can be put onto an electric truck with minimal emissions that will charge batteries in about an hour. Details and concerns ensued about the need for electricity and infrastructure.

Mr. Jordan Sisson brought up concerns about capital costs and resiliency of the electric grid and what individual facilities have to do when they are looking to electrify and recharge their fleet, as well as challenges with the optional milestone phasing in of vehicles. Mr. Sisson also recommended an update at the next Task Force meeting regarding coalition meetings between CARB, CalRecycle, and EPA.

Mr. Jordan Sisson made a motion to circulate the February 22, 2022 comment letter from a Coalition of Waste Management Providers Implementing California's Short-Lived Climate Pollutant Reduction Strategy to CARB regarding the Draft ACF Regulation and for the Task Force to consider preparing a similar comment letter to be submitted to CARB as well as an update at the July 21, 2022 Task Force meeting on various meetings between CARB and stakeholders to the ACF Regulations. Ms. Clark seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

VII. CALRECYCLE UPDATE

Ms. Jennifer Wallin reported the following from CalRecycle:

- Mr. Joseph Ramussen was introduced and will be the new CalRecycle representative attending future Task Force meetings.
- Effective June 1, 2022, CalRecycle moved a portion of their local assistance team to their enforcement team, called Jurisdiction and Agency Compliance and Evaluation (JACE) Branch. Local jurisdictions have been notified.
- Waste Tire Market Report Workshop is on June 22, 2022.
- County Capacity Planning Report Webinar is on June 22, 2022.

- Used Oil Payment Program application due on June 28, 2022.
- Annual Electronic Annual Report Q&A Session is on June 28, 2022.
- Household Hazardous Waste Grant Program application due on June 30, 2022.
- Tire Incentive Program application due on July 28, 2022.

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT

Task Force members thanked Ms. Wallin for her years of service in providing updates to the Task Force on behalf of CalRecycle.

No public comment.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 3:01 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled to be held on Thursday, July 21, 2022, at 1 p.m.