

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

**January 15, 2026**

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

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Ed Chen, League of California cities  
Jorgel Chavez, League of California Cities  
Jeff Farano, Sr., Institute of Scrap Recycling Industries  
Jordan R. Sisson, California Waste and Recycling Association  
Jim Smith, Teamster Local 396, City of Los Angeles

COMMITTEE MEMBERS REPRESENTED BY OTHERS:

Robert Ferrante, rep by Sam Shammas, Los Angeles County Sanitation Districts  
Barbara Ferrer, rep by Felicia Truong, Los Angeles County Public Health  
Bob Dowell, rep by Erin Rowland, City of Long Beach Energy and Environmental  
Services Department  
Mark Pestrella, rep by Cid Tesoro, Los Angeles County Public Works  
Barbara Romero, rep by Bernadette Halverson, City of Los Angeles Bureau of Sanitation

COMMITTEE MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:

Margaret Clark, League of California Cities  
Wayne Nastri, South Coast Air Quality Management District  
Rafael Prieto, City of Los Angeles

OTHERS PRESENT:

Jonathan Brazile, Office of County Counsel Los Angeles County  
Michael Dudley, Antelope Valley Landfill  
Wayde Hunter, North Valley Coalition of Concerned Citizens  
Adylene Gonzalez, California Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery  
(CalRecycle)  
Siya Araumi, Los Angeles County Public Works  
Charles Darensbourg, Los Angeles County Public Works  
Perla Gomez, Los Angeles County Public Works  
Anna Gov, Los Angeles County Public Works  
Michael Harmon, Los Angeles County Public Works  
Tran Kiem, Los Angeles County Public Works  
Dave Nguyen, Los Angeles County Public Works  
Shawntelle Phillips, Los Angeles County Public Works  
Miguel Portillo, Los Angeles County Public Works  
Carol Saucillo, Los Angeles County Public Works  
Emiko Thompson, Los Angeles County Public Works

## **I. CALL TO ORDER**

Meeting called to order at 1:05 p.m. by Mr. Cid Tesoro who served as Chair, representing Director Mark Pestrella.

## **II. APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER 20, 2025, MINUTES**

Mr. Jim Smith made a motion to approve the November 20, 2025, minutes, and Mr. Jordan Smith seconded. Minutes were approved unanimously.

## **III. ANTELOPE VALLEY LANDFILL EXPANSION**

Mr. Michael Harmon provided a presentation on the Antelope Valley Landfill Expansion Project. Mr. Sisson made a motion and Mr. Smith seconded, for the Task Force to send a letter to the Landfill Operator stating that a Finding of Conformance is required and to request that the Landfill Operator submit a Finding of Conformance application to the Task Force for the Antelope Valley Landfill Expansion. Motion passed unanimously with all voting yes (Mr. Sisson, Mr. Smith, Mr. Jorgel Chavez, Mr. Ed Chen, Mr. Jeff Farano, Ms. Bernadette Halverson, Ms. Erin Rowland, Mr. Sam Shammas, Mr. Tesoro, and Ms. Felicia Truong).

## **IV. REPORT FROM THE FACILITY AND PLAN REVIEW SUBCOMMITTEE**

Ms. Emiko Thompson reported the following from the FPRS meeting:

### Sunshine Canyon Landfill (SCL)

- In December 2025, there were 530 odor complaints reported to South Coast Air Quality Management District (AQMD), an increase from the 298 odor complaints reported in November 2025.
- In December 2025, SCL received 19 Notices of Violation (NOVs) from AQMD related to odor.
- Discussion on the cleanup of illegal dumpsite in Agua Dulce conducted by Public Works (PW). Written protocol for clearing illegally dumped construction debris is currently in development and will be provided to the Subcommittee when it is available.

### Chiquita Canyon Landfill (CCL)

- In December 2025, CCL received 4 NOVs from the AQMD, related to odor, compared to the 8 NOVs reported in November 2025.

- CCL continues to be under the Stipulated Order for Abatement, last modified in December 2025. The next status hearing is scheduled for May 2026.
- In June 2025, PW issued 3 NOVs to CCL for performing grading work at the landfill without a grading permit. CCL appealed the NOVs in August 2025.

## **V. REPORT FROM THE ALTERNATIVE TECHNOLOGY ADVISORY SUBCOMMITTEE (ATAS)**

Mr. Siya Araumi reported the following from the ATAS meeting:

PW staff provided a [presentation](#) on the ATAS goals and priorities, which also included the history and creation of the Subcommittee.

Tetra Tech provided an update on their continued conversion technology (CT) project development work.

PW staff also provided an update on upcoming CT events and conferences that may be found in the [CT Newsletter](#).

## **VI. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**

Mr. Siya Araumi provided the following State Legislative Update:

Key deadlines:

- January 16, 2026, is the last day for policy committees to hear and report on fiscal bills to the Appropriations Committee in their house of origin.
- January 23, 2026, is the last day for any committee to hear and report to the floor any bills introduced in their house in 2025. It is also the last day to submit bill requests to the Office of Legislative Counsel for the new 2026 legislation.
- January 31, 2026, is the last day for both the Assembly and the Senate to pass two-year bills.

Update of the Governor's proposed budget:

- The 2026-27 proposed budget marks the beginning of formal negotiations between the Governor and the Legislature. Lawmakers are tasked with passing a final budget by June 15, 2026, to ensure the start of the new fiscal year on July 1, 2026.
- The Governor's budget proposal for Fiscal Year 2026-2027 is \$348.9 billion, which includes \$39 billion for climate and environmental investments,

\$792 million for continued investments that improve water storage and water-related infrastructure, and \$14.5 billion is proposed to the Natural Resource Agency.

The California Legislature's primary focus is on two-year bills. PW staff provided an update on each of the nine two-year bills shown on the [Legislative Table](#) that were introduced in 2025.

Mr. Araumi also provided an update regarding the California Air Resources Board (CARB) Landfill Methane Regulation (LMR) amendments which the Task Force inquired about at the November 20, 2025, meeting:

- In November 2025, CARB approved significant amendments to the LMR that will take effect on January 1, 2027.
- New standards for monitoring subsurface temperatures and oxygen levels were introduced to prevent landfill fires and include gas wells maintained below 145 degrees Fahrenheit with enhanced monitoring required for any well within 200 feet of a temperature exceedance, reduction of installation timeline for Gas Collection and Control Systems from 18 months to six month following plan approval, and active working faces requiring active gas collection beginning once waste reaches a dept of 15 vertical feet.
- The LMR includes monitoring and enforcements such as the use of advanced technologies for areas previously excluded due to safety concerns, landfill operators legally mandated to investigate and mitigate methane plumes detected by CARB satellites and aerial monitoring programs, and initial leak repairs must be initiated within three days of detection with a 10-day follow up to confirm success of repairs.
- The LMR mandates the creation of a public dashboard that will provide residents and regulators with real-time transparency into landfill performance and compliance.

Ms. Halverson asked if the proposed amendments are applicable to closed landfills. Mr. Araumi did not have that information available but would look into it.

Mr. Sisson asked if there was a fact sheet with the proposed amendments that could be disseminated to the Task Force. Mr. Araumi responded yes, and that it would be forwarded to Ms. Carol Saucillo for dissemination to the Task Force. Ms. Halverson also asked if the information could include the differences between the existing and prior regulations.

Mr. Sisson clarified that the amendments in the LMR were adopted in November 2025; therefore, are no longer proposed. Ms. Halverson asked when the amendments go into effect. Mr. Araumi responded that they go into effect on January 1, 2027.

In reference to the Governor's proposed budget, Mr. Tesoro asked if \$39 billion was for climate related items. Mr. Araumi responded the amount was \$39.1 billion for climate and environmental investments. Mr. Tesoro also asked what the budget was for CalRecycle and landfill issues. Mr. Araumi responded \$1.95 million is proposed to CalRecycle for oversight, cost recovery, and assisting local governments with landfill related issues.

## **VII. CALRECYCLE UPDATE**

Ms. Adylene Gonzalez provided an [update](#) to the Task Force.

## **VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT**

No public comments.

## **IX. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 1:41 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled to be held on Thursday, February 19, 2026, at 1 p.m.