

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

March 19, 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
Margaret Clark, League of California Cities
David Fahrion, California Waste and Recycling Association
Jeff Farano, Sr., Institute of Scrap Recycling Industries
Jim Smith, Teamster Local 396, City of Los Angeles

COMMITTEE MEMBERS REPRESENTED BY OTHERS:

Robert Ferrante, rep by Sam Shammass, Los Angeles County Sanitation Districts
Barbara Ferrer, rep by Felicia Truong, Los Angeles County Public Health
Wayne Nastri, rep by Philip Crabbe, III, South Coast Air Quality Management District
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:

Bob Dowell, City of Long Beach Energy and Environmental Services Department
Rafael Prieto, City of Los Angeles

OTHERS PRESENT:

Jonathan Brazile, Office of County Counsel Los Angeles County
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
Joe Bartolata, Los Angeles County Public Works
Ana Diaz, Los Angeles County Public Works
Perla Gomez, Los Angeles County Public Works
Anna Gov, Los Angeles County Public Works
Tran Kiem, Los Angeles County Public Works
Darren Kwan, Los Angeles County Public Works
Aaron Nolan, Los Angeles County Public Works
Shawntelle Phillips, Los Angeles County Public Works
Carol Saucillo, Los Angeles County Public Works
Emiko Thompson, Los Angeles County Public Works
Caleb Yun, Los Angeles County Public Works

I. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 1:10 p.m. by Mr. Cid Tesoro who served as Chair, representing Director Mark Pestrella.

II. APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY 19, 2026, MINUTES

Mr. David Fahrion made a motion to approve the [February 19, 2026](#), minutes, and Mr. Ed Chen seconded. Minutes were approved unanimously.

III. LEGISLATIVE PROCEDURES

Mr. Siya Araumi provided the following update on Legislative Procedures:

The Task Force may review and discuss State and Federal legislation at public meetings and provide recommendations through the County's established legislative process.

Legislation must be properly agendaized for any action. While members may raise and discuss items not on the agenda or Legislative Table, no vote may be taken on those items until they are agendaized for a future meeting.

The Task Force's role is advisory. Any recommended position is transmitted through the Chief Executive Office - Legislative Affairs and Intergovernmental Relations (CEO-LAIR), which conducts review and coordination, including preparation of a Memo of Findings (MOF), as appropriate. The Task Force does not communicate directly with the Legislature.

Further clarification was noted that the process for reviewing and advancing legislative recommendations may require additional steps and coordination with CEO-LAIR and County Counsel to ensure compliance with County policies.

Ms. Margaret Clark inquired whether the Task Force must resubmit advocacy requests to the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors (Board) after receiving a MOF. Mr. Araumi responded that this depends on whether the County has taken a position. If no County position exists, or if the Task Force's position aligns with County policy, the Task Force may vote to recommend a position, after which Task Force staff would submit a memo to the CEO-LAIR requesting advocacy.

Discussion ensued regarding the agendaing of bills for potential action by the Task Force. Additionally, a bill must have a MOF to be eligible for a vote, and the Task Force may not act on bills where the Board has taken a contrary position.

It was further clarified that the MOF serves to identify County policy positions and potential conflicts, as determined through the CEO-LAIR's legislative review process. The Task Force is prohibited from recommending advocacy on bills that conflict with established County positions.

Regarding specific legislation, Mr. Smith noted that Senate Bill (SB) 811 and SB 501 had MOF. Mr. Araumi initially indicated only SB 811 could be voted on due to being agendaed, but County Counsel clarified that SB 501 could also be voted on because a MOF was available.

Ms. Clark requested written procedural guidance and suggested revising the Legislative Table language for clarity. Mr. Brazile indicated the current language allows flexibility but did not object to adding clarifying language regarding MOF.

In conclusion, Mr. Crabbe asked whether delays in obtaining an MOF would require postponement of action. Mr. Araumi confirmed that without a MOF, the Task Force may discuss a bill but cannot take a formal vote.

IV. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Mr. Siya Araumi provided the following State Legislative Update:

- The deadline for introducing new legislation for the current session passed in late February 2026.
- To date, approximately 1,800 bills were introduced, with about 1,200 from the Assembly and 650 from the Senate.
- Of the 1,800 bills, approximately 600 are currently "spot" or "placeholder" bills awaiting substantive amendments before they can proceed through the committee process.
- There appears to be a projected \$42 billion revenue increase over the budget window with Legislation currently balancing "rainy day" fund deposits against competing calls for expanded social services.
- Spring recess begins on March 26, 2026, with Legislature reconvening on April 6, 2026.
- The deadline for fiscal bills to clear their respective policy committees and be referred to the Appropriations Committee is on April 24, 2026.

There are nine active bills on the [Legislative Table](#) that are moving through the second half of the legislation session. Mr. Araumi provided brief updates on the following bills that were requested at the February Task Force meeting, which may be found behind the [Legislative Table](#):

- SB 561 (Blakespear) – Hazardous Waste: Emergency Distress Flare Safe Disposal Act
- AB 762 (Irwin and Wilson) – Disposal, battery-embedded vapor inhalation device: prohibition
- AB 1606 (Nguyen) – Personal Income Tax Law: Corporation Tax Law: credits: cleanup costs
- AB 2462 (Pellerin) Unsafe products: disposal: penalties
- SB 501 (Allen) – Responsible Battery Recycling Act of 2022: covered batteries.
- SB 936 (Alanis) – Nitrous oxide: sales

Mr. Araumi informed Task Force members to indicate to staff if they would like to add a bill to the Legislative Table or agendize a bill for next month's meeting. Mr. Smith requested MOF for all bills noted on the Legislative Table that have no County positions. Mr. Araumi made note of the request.

V. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON SENATE BILL 811 (CABALIERO)

Mr. Siya Araumi provided a presentation on SB 811. Ms. Clark raised concerns regarding the bill's community notification requirement, noting that English-only notices may not be effective in multilingual communities. She also inquired whether the Task Force could take a position if the County holds a "watch" position. Mr. Araumi indicated a vote could proceed based on the MOF, and if approved, Task Force staff could submit a recommendation to the CEO-LAIR. Ms. Clark further asked about available lists of supporters and opponents. Mr. Araumi stated he would research this information.

Mr. Jeff Farano made a motion to recommend a position of support for SB 811 to the CEO-LAIR. Ms. Clark proposed an amendment to include multilingual notification requirements; the amendment was not supported. The original motion was seconded by Ms. Clark and passed unanimously, with nine votes in favor (Mr. Farano, Ms. Clark, Mr. Jorgel Chavez, Mr. Chen, Mr. Fahrion, Mr. Sam Shammass, Mr. Smith, Mr. Tesoro, and Ms. Felicia Truong) and one abstention (Mr. Crabbe).

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

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

The Subcommittee received a virtual [presentation](#) from Way2H on their hydrogen and carbon products from organic feedstock. Ways2H is aiming for their operation to be in place for the Los Angeles 2028 Olympic Games.

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

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

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

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

Chiquita Canyon Landfill (CCL)

- In February 2026, CCL received 4 Notices of Violation (NOVs) from the South Coast Air Quality Management District (AQMD), related to odor, compared to the 4 NOVs reported in January 2026.
- To date through March 2026, AQMD issued 3 NOVs.
- CCL continues to be under the Stipulated Order for Abatement, last modified in December 2025. The next status hearing is scheduled for May 2026.

Sunshine Canyon Landfill (SCL)

- In February 2026, there were 568 odor complaints reported to AQMD, a decrease from the 673 odor complaints reported in January 2026.
- In February, AQMD issued 14 NOVs related to odor.
- To date though March 2026, AQMD issued 8 NOVs.
- Vegetation growth is good based on recent rains.
- Native shrubs and plants were observed, as well as non-native plants at various locations.
- There was discussion regarding the applicability of the Finding of Conformance (FOC) requirements.
 - Any new landfill or expansion of an existing landfill must obtain a FOC from the Task Force.

- The Task Force would consider and make findings on whether or not the new or landfill expansion proposals are in conformance with the [Countywide Siting Element](#) and its Siting Criteria.
- The context of the FOC requirement pertains more to a siting of landfills and is not regulatory in nature.
- There was an [update](#) on PW Construction Debris, Illegal Dumping Cleanup Protocol, which included comments from the FPRS which were incorporated.

VIII. CALRECYCLE UPDATE

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

IX. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comments.

X. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 2:05 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled to be held on Thursday, April 16, 2026, at 1 p.m.